

and football respectively. It is rare enough for a high school to be fortunate enough to have one All-American athlete, for South Grand Prairie to have two Parade All-Americans is an astounding tribute to the school.

Ashley has chosen the University of Tennessee to carry on her education and basketball career. There, she will hopefully be able to continue her domination on the hardwood floor by competing for a team that has won four National Championships in the last 9 years. Equally as important, Ashley is a member of the National Honor Society, and a college education will give her the skills and opportunity to achieve anything she can imagine in her life.

B.J. is considered one of the top three high school wide receivers in the entire country by a variety of sports publications. He has chosen to attend the University of Texas to continue his education and football career. In Austin, B.J. will have the opportunity to baffle opposing Big-12 defenses and graduate from one of the country's elite public universities that produces some of Texas' most innovative and successful people.

In addition to their hard work in the classroom and their heroics on the field, both Ashley and B.J. are model citizens who give back to their schools and communities in the form of volunteerism. As members of the Student Empowerment Team, Ashley and B.J. serve as mentors for area youth in Grand Prairie.

Once again, congratulations B.J. and Ashley on accomplishing so many things to make your parents, school, and community proud.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANN'S CHURCH

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I honor St. Ann's Church and parish on its 100th Anniversary.

St. Ann's Church was canonically erected in Hoboken, New Jersey in May, 1900. The church was originally established to care for the spiritual needs of a small group of Italian-Americans, but it quickly established a multi-cultural parish of noteworthy stature.

During the first half of this Century, St. Ann's church witnessed many changes as it embraced the Hoboken community in an effort to establish a parish with an enduring future dedicated to the love of God and community. The immediate growth of the parish created a need to build a larger church to accommodate the congregation; the support, generosity, and cooperation of the entire community made this a reality. Later, the additions of a parochial elementary school and a convent completed St. Ann's facilities, and established a sanctuary for fostering Christian ideals and values.

The 100-year success of Saint Ann's Church would not have been possible without the great dedication, leadership, and love of numerous pastors. I am proud to honor the many who made this anniversary possible: Reverend John J. O'Connor; Father Felix Di Persia; Father John Rongetti; Father Alphonso d'Angelo; Father Leopold Hofschneider; Father Michael Di Sapio; Father Michael Gori; Father Bernadino Chistoni; Father Mauro Landini; Fa-

ther Seraphin Tirone; Father Gabriel Italia; Father Lawrence Lisotta; Father Achilles Cassiere; Father Richard Baranello; Father Emilio Banchi; Father Casimir Filipkowski; and Father Francis Sariego.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring St. Ann's church and its 100 years dedicated to the love of God and community. Congratulations.

HONORING MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S FLINTSTONES

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, as a Michigan State University graduate, it brings me great pleasure to honor three outstanding members of the Spartan's National Championship Basketball Team. These young men, each hailing from Flint, have reminded us all, through their own dedication, commitment, discipline, and hard work, of what it truly means to be a champion.

Mateen Cleaves was the motivational leader of this talented basketball team and kept them focused all the way to the NCAA National Championship Title. After returning for his senior year, Mateen was sidelined for half the regular season with a foot injury. He came back to lead the Spartans to a Big Ten Championship, #1 seed in the NCAA Tournament, and a National Title. Described by Coach Tom Izzo as the "hardest worker" he has ever coached, Mateen re-injured his foot in the final game of the tournament only to come back into the game and finish as the MVP of the Final Four.

Morris Peterson emerged as one of the conference's top players last year and finished his final season as the Big Ten Player of the Year. Not only did he receive this award but was also voted to his second All-American and Big Ten First Team. Throughout the year, the Spartans turned to "Mo P" to provide leadership and results. He did both. He led the team in scoring and was the consistent "go to guy" when the game was on the line.

Charlie Bell just finished his third year with the Spartan Basketball program. He had to make a very awkward adjustment this year, due to the absence of Mateen. Charlie, a shooting guard by nature, was forced to play point guard for the first half of the season. He not only handled the change well, he led the team to an impressive record while running the Spartan offense. Charlie was elected to the third team All Big Ten and the All Final Four Team. Thankfully, Charlie will be with the Spartans next year as we try to repeat as NCAA National Champions.

Beyond the success of each of you on the court, you three have fully represented the values of "unity", "teamwork", "leadership", and "excellence"—both on and off the court. You have been role models whose contributions have enriched your native Flint, MSU and the State of Michigan, as well as the entire nation.

I wish each of you a future filled with continued success, happiness, and prosperity and I want to thank you for all the excitement and joy that you brought into the lives of Spartans around the globe.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF TIMOTHY S. BRODMAN ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, today I pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Timothy S. Brodman of Republic, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Tim has accepted his offer of appointment and will be attending the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2004. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Tim brings a great deal of leadership and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force cadets. While attending Tiffin Calvert High School, Tim has attained a grade point average of 3.6, which currently places him twenty-second in his class of seventy-five students. Tim is a member of the National Honor Society, the Honor Roll, and has received Academic Letters in each year of high school.

Outside the classroom, Tim has excelled as a fine student-athlete. On the fields of competition, Tim has earned letters in varsity football, basketball, and baseball. Tim was named captain of the football and basketball teams this year. Tim has also been active in the Tiffin Calvert Spanish Club, Students Against Dangerous Decisions, and as a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Timothy S. Brodman. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Tim will do very well during his career at the Air Force Academy and I wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY W. JAMES

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is a distinct honor for me to place this dedication to Dorothy W. James in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Her husband, "Chappie" James, was a fighter pilot's fighter pilot, an Air Force great and a super American. The death of his wife brings back many memories of a great Air Force career backed by an outstanding wife. Her burial in Arlington Cemetery is a fitting tribute for a woman who gave so much to America.

REFLECTIONS ON THE LIFE OF DOROTHY W. JAMES

Dorothy Watkins James was born on June 27, 1921 to James Andrew and Daisy Hicks

Watkins in Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. After a lengthy illness she departed this life on May 2, 2000.

She attended the Chambliss Children's House Elementary School and completed high school on the campus of Tuskegee Institute. Mr. James' mother and father were avid tennis players. Dorothy and her sister Aubrey became involved in the sport at an early age. Dorothy continued to play tennis in high school, and was also a drum major-ette in the Tuskegee Institute Band. Additionally, she played piano and was a student of the daughter of Booker T. Washington.

While attending college at Tuskegee Institute, she met and married her husband of thirty-six years Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr. of Pensacola, Florida and they were married until his death in 1978. As the wife of an Air Force officer, she lived in many locations in the United States, Asia, and Europe. She was involved in numerous charitable endeavors and most proud of her contributions to what is now known as the Air Force Village Retirement Communities. She was a loyal and dedicated supporter of the Air Force community and family support programs.

Dorothy and Daniel were blessed with a daughter and two sons and she guided each through the formative years of their lives. As a result of her love, care and persistence and guidance, each has enjoyed a rich and rewarding life. She will be missed by all who have known her for her quiet selfless dedication to family, friends and community.

She is survived by her daughter Danice D. Berry, son-in-law Dr. Frank W. Berry, Jr.; son Major General Daniel James III, and daughter-in-law Dana M. James; son Claude A. James and daughter-in-law Diane James; granddaughters Jamie Michelle Berry and Brittany Diane James; grandsons Frank W. Berry III, Max S. Berry and Ryan N. James; a sister Aubrey W. Simms and brother-in-law Robert H. Simms; a niece and nephew, and many devoted extended family and friends.

NATIONAL TEACHER DAY—A
TRIBUTE TO MARIANNA MALM

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, this week America observes the 15th annual National Teacher Appreciation Week and celebrates the vital role that teachers play in the lives of our children. Today is also National Teacher Day, and I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all American educators. I would also like to recognize one teacher in particular, Marianna Malm, who teaches English at North High School in Fargo, North Dakota. Marianna was chosen to be the Teacher of the Year from my home state of North Dakota, and on behalf of the entire state, I would like to thank her for her dedication to our children.

All of us, whether as children or as parents, are aware of the positive role that teachers play in our lives. Despite that fact, there is a growing disconnect between our admiration for educators and our willingness to take the steps required to recruit and retrain them. In North Dakota, the recruitment and retention of teachers has rightfully become a dominant topic of discussion, especially after news stories have reported that nearly one-third of the state's public school teachers are older than 50 and nearing retirement.

From my kindergarten days in Valley City all the way through law school at the University of North Dakota, I was blessed to have been influenced by teachers who cared enough about me and their vocation to engage my interest in the vast world opened up by education. As these educators and others begin to retire in numbers we have never before experienced, we must reassess our federal, state and local policies to attract and retain quality teachers.

First and foremost, we need to reevaluate our own priorities. Just as North Dakota's farmers invest in their crops, knowing that better seeds produce a better yield, we as a state must ensure our children's future by investing in high-quality teachers. This nation's greatest natural resource is our children—and those who dedicate their lives to their education should be appropriately rewarded for their commitment.

Keeping four-star teachers like Marianna in North Dakota schools is a challenge, particularly in more rural regions of the state. I have cosponsored legislation, the Rural Teachers Recruitment Act, which would establish grants for rural school districts to develop teacher incentive programs. While the "Information Age" has opened up an entirely new world for rural schools, no computer or internet connection can replace a committed teacher. Every school district, no matter how big or how small, should be built on quality teachers.

The changing face of North Dakota's countryside will continue to affect our classrooms. We should use this time of change to remember the importance of a top-notch education and the teachers who make it happen. We cannot continue the pattern of training our educators in top-quality North Dakota universities only to lose them to other states with higher teacher salaries. There is no profession more important to America's future, and North Dakota's future, than teaching.

During National Teachers Appreciation Week, we need to take the time to say thank you to those who taught us when we were children and to those who teach our children today. This week and every week, we should express our gratitude to our quality teachers like Marianna Malm by working hard to keep them in North Dakota schools.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SISTER M.
JOSEPH BARDEN UPON HER RE-
TIREMENT

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on June 30, 2000, Sister M. Joseph Barden will be retiring after twenty-nine years of faithful service to an entire generation of America's youth. Since 1971 Sister Joseph has led Ascension Catholic School, in Melbourne, Florida as its principal.

Since beginning her commitment to educating children in Catholic schools while living in Ardee, Ireland in 1957, Sister Joseph has touched the lives and influenced the hearts and minds of thousands of children.

During her tenure at Ascension School, enrollment nearly tripled. Sister Joseph oversaw the renovation and construction of a brand

new educational facility, and assisted the school in receiving initial accreditation in 1973 and continuing accreditation three more times.

In 1985, the school received the "Exemplary School Award" from the United States Department of Education, while she continued to help and encourage her students to receive many local, state, and national awards. She initialized prekindergarten classes and "Extended Care Programs," to increase the positive role that religious instruction and educational excellence has on our nation's youth. Sister Joseph enabled teachers and staff to offer at least twenty-four extra-curricular programs serving about four hundred students, encouraging them to use their special God given gifts and talents. Because of Sister Joseph, Ascension remains a school of excellence.

The thousands of students, parents, faculty, and staff, as well as the general public, whose lives she touched, owe Sister Joseph a debt of gratitude. After nearly three decades of service, I want to extend my congratulations and best wishes to Sister Joseph Barden on her retirement from the school.

God has richly blessed Sister Joseph's work, and I pray that He continues to bless her in her future service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, Yesterday I was unavoidably absent on a matter of critical importance and missed the following votes:

On H.R. 3577, increased authorization for north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, introduced by the gentleman from Idaho, Mr. SIMPSON, I would have voted "yea."

On H. Con. Res. 89 recognizing the Hermann Monument and Hermann Heights Park in New Ulm, Minnesota, as a national symbol of contributions of Americans of German heritage, introduced by the gentleman from Minnesota, Mr. MINGE, I would have voted "yea."

On H. Con. Res. 296, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the necessity to expedite the settlement process for discrimination claims against the Department of Agriculture brought by African-American farmers, introduced by the gentleman from Arkansas, Mr. DICKEY, I would have voted "nay."

IN HONOR OF THE CONFERRAL OF
PAPAL HONORS ON REVEREND
MONSIGNOR FREDERICK EID

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Reverend Monsignor Frederick M. Eid for being named a Prelate of Honor of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, a remarkable accomplishment. His conferral of Papal honors is the crowning achievement in a long and illustrious career dedicated to the Catholic faith and the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey.