

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
GROUNDHOG JOB SHADOW DAY

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2000

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the third National Groundhog Job Shadow Day on February 2, 2000 as an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the importance of students experiencing the workplace firsthand through mentoring and job shadowing.

Local companies will recognize the importance of partnerships between schools and businesses to ensure the economic prosperity of Kentucky and the ability of our students to participate in the global workplace of tomorrow. Students will spend one day shadowing various professions in an effort to see how their classroom lessons are put into action in the workplace.

Mr. Speaker, Job Corps, America's Promise, the National School-to-Work Opportunities Office, Junior Achievement and the American Society of Association Executives have joined together in a national effort to encourage students to explore and experience a wide range of career choices.

My district is fortunate to have two Job Corps Centers participate on February 2, 2000. They are the Earl C. Clements Job Corps Center in Morganfield, KY and the Earl C. Clements Job Corps Center Satellite Operations in Greenville, KY.

Mr. Speaker, I offer this statement as a token of my appreciation for the effort by our Job Corps centers and other organizations to provide this valuable learning experiences to young people in the first congressional district.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2000

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably absent on Tuesday, February 1, and consequently missed a recorded vote on H.R. 764. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 4.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MS. E.
ZIPPORAH THOMPSON

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a wonderful lady, Ms. Zipporah Thompson, on the occasion of her receiving the Image Award, which is given to honor the contributions of community leaders. She is a fine individual and is a model for all of us in Saginaw, Michigan. I invite you, and our colleagues, to join me in honoring her today.

Ms. Thompson was born in Holly Springs, Mississippi. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Mississippi Industrial College. Later, she went on to complete graduate work at Atlanta University and the University of Wisconsin.

Originally, Ms. Thompson taught English and Drama in Brookhaven, Mississippi. She also taught Physical Education, and became one of the most well-known and well-liked basketball and track and field coaches in the state.

We are fortunate that Ms. Thompson decided to move to Michigan, where she has taught for over twenty-three years in the Buena Vista School District. As many generations of young people can attest, Ms. Thompson is both inspirational as a teacher, and as a friend and mentor.

Ms. Thompson has received many awards during her teaching career. She is a charter member and past President of Phi Delta Kappa, one of our nation's finest organizations that honor our teachers. She was awarded the Outstanding Educator Award and Teacher of the Year for Buena Vista School District. She has also received the Mary Bethune Award.

In addition to her teaching career, Ms. Thompson has been very active in the community, for which we are all very grateful. She was instrumental in helping to organize the Xinos Youth Guidance Group and now serves as its advisor. For many years now, Ms. Thompson has coordinated the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Service in Saginaw. She is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Friends of Claytor Branch Library. For her efforts, she has received the Professional Award from the National Association of Negro Professionals and Business Club.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you, and our colleagues, join me in honoring this unique individual. She has chosen a noble profession, and then became the best in her field, as her fortunate students attest. Her contributions to our community are truly extraordinary, and we thank her. I wish Ms. Thompson much success in the future, and congratulate her on the occasion of her receiving the Image Award.