

Again, to fill in the record, Mr. Speaker, the bill is indeed amended, a technical amendment only to designate the facility as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office" rather than "post office building" for the simple fact that the facility is leased by the United States Postal Service and is not owned.

Here, too, Mr. Speaker, we are fortunate that the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. BROWN) is with us. And I am certain she will want to make more complete remarks with respect to this individual's contributions. But we have an example again of someone who leads their lives in ways to which I think all Americans can look for inspiration and for lessons and courage how to overcome.

Simply put, Ms. Steward was a leader of the civil rights movement. Her really single-handed efforts led to the court-ordered desegregation of the schools in Duval County, Florida. She thereafter dedicated her life to the achievement of civil rights for all Americans.

She served as the Florida State president of the NAACP. She served as the Secretary of the Duval County Democratic Executive Committee and, as I mentioned previously, simply led her life in a way that is indeed an inspiration.

So, again, I thank the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. BROWN) for her efforts and express my appreciation for bringing to us such a distinguished individual.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, first of all, once again I want to thank the chairman for his help in moving this bill forward with the amendment and his kind words about Mrs. Eddie Mae Steward.

Eddie Mae Steward was my friend, a community leader, and single-handedly launched the effort that led to the court-ordered desegregation in Duval County's public schools. She was the first female president of the Jacksonville branch of the NAACP and served as the State NAACP president from 1973 to 1974.

She also served as the secretary of the Duval County Democratic Executive Committee. Mrs. Steward was a graduate of Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, and she was truly a dedicated civil rights activist.

It has been said that the face of the civil rights movement in Jacksonville belongs to Eddie Mae Steward. She single-handedly took on the fight for decent school accommodations for children attending Boylan Haven, which was a three-story building declared by the Florida Times-Union as "unfit by any standards as a place to send children to school." Three weeks later, the school board backed down and the students were sent to another school.

Much like those before her who struggled against the injustice of the

status quo, she was referred to as a "troublemaker." However, it was fundamental fairness, strong principles, and the strength of her convictions that led her to become a courageous leader.

Eddie Mae Steward was born in Callahan, but resided in Duval County, Florida for more than 55 years. She was a graduate of Douglas Anderson High School and Edward Waters College. She passed away on March 5th of this year, succumbing to heart disease. She was 61. She is survived by her six children: Venetia Steward, Ervin Steward and Jerry Mims, Carla Purdy, Alta and Angela, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. I am honored to recognize Eddie Mae Steward with this Post Office designation and I urge strong support for this measure, as amended.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, a word of thanks to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. BROWN) for her good work on this issue and for bringing us such a distinguished individual.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of our colleagues to join us in the passage of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4400, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

SAVANNAH COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL VICTORIOUS IN VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, last year I was in Macon, Georgia, for the Girls' State Championship Basketball Game, and it was a great thrill when I saw that the Savannah Country Day girls were victorious.

Last night, unfortunately, I was unable to attend, but many of the same young women were victorious in winning Savannah Country Day's first volleyball championship, which I believe is also the first volleyball championship for Savannah, Georgia.

They do a great job. They work hard and I have, Mr. Speaker, the roster of the young women who played on that team. And I will submit that for the RECORD, as well as the name of the coaches.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to take particular pleasure in bragging about my very own goddaughter, Sarah Sipple, who is one of the team's leaders and one of the great athletes of that school, who was very much in the thick of the action yesterday. I regret I could not have been there in person, but I watched these young women grow up, many since they were 2 years old and 3 years old.

I can tell my colleagues, there are great things going on in Savannah, Georgia, with woman athletics; but even more than that, I am proud to say it is going on nationally.

Athletics is something that teaches us all to be better people, better team players, better citizens in the long run and to take care of ourselves. It makes us more competitive as a Nation, so I am proud to see that Savannah Country Day School is doing its part, and I am especially proud of the coach and all of these young women.

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COUNTRY DAY DEFEATS LANDMARK CHRISTIAN FOR SAVANNAH'S FIRST TITLE

(By Jeff Sentell)

There was too much at stake—the program's first state volleyball championship, Savannah's first title in the sport and the second crown for five well-deserving leaders.

There were too many people counting on them—fans who wanted to experience another title at the school, future players who wanted inspiration and a community that wanted to experience history.

There was their need to fulfill a season-long goal—one that stood so close, yet appeared to be slipping away.

As Savannah Country Day began Game 4 in Wednesday night's state Class AA/A title match, those thoughts raced through the players' minds. Each came to the same decision before completing a 15-7, 15-10, 12-15, 15-13 win over visiting Landmark Christian.

"Losing was not an option," junior Melissa McNaughton said. "We wanted it more than anything, so we refused to lose."

Late in the third game, a long-awaited title for the program and the city, along with state-wide respect appeared a foregone conclusion. The Lady Hornets (29-11) led Landmark 12-8 and owned the serve. They already had impressive victories in the first two games against a team they split two hard-fought matches with this season.

Minutes later, the Lady War Eagles (42-9) unleashed seven consecutive points to win the game and stave off elimination. Momentum shifted as well, and the Lady War Eagles knew it. They strutted onto the court for Game 4 with big smiles and were ready to force a decisive fifth game.

"But we focused on the task at hand," SCD junior Mary Jane Martin said. "We knew what we had to do. We pulled it together, and we pulled it out."

Landmark built leads of 9-5, 11-9 and 13-12 in the fourth game. But an unyielding desire and determination sparked a final surge.

Anne Carson's consecutive kills off Lexa Clark's assists finished the job and set off a wild celebration.

"Oh my gosh—I can't describe what this feels like," Carson said. "I'll never forget this. I'll cherish this for the rest of my life."

"I've never had anything like that happen," Sipple said after escaping a barrage of fans that converged on the team at midcourt. "It's amazing."

SCD's fans provided a spark for the team from the outset. It only took 21 minutes for the Lady Hornets to dispatch Landmark in the first game.

SCD led 9-3 before the Lady War Eagles became comfortable in the match. More important, the trio of Carson (nine kills), Sipple (17 kills) and Clark (44 assists) found their rhythm, and SCD's supporting cast lent a helping hand.

"Anne and Sarah really hit the ball well, but everybody did well," Clark said. "We knew we could get it done as long as we came together."

SCD only trailed twice in the first two games, at 3-2 in Game 1 and 1-0 in Game 2. But Landmark rebounded behind the play of Julie Van't Wout (14 kills, four blocks).

The 6-foot junior's aggressiveness at the net offensively and defensively caused problems for the Lady Hornets, especially in Game 3. So SCD chose to maneuver around her.

"She's an absolutely great player," Carson said. "So we had to be smart. We had to start tipping the ball and going around the blocks." The Lady Hornets also relied on past experiences. They lost a game apiece to Landmark and Athens Academy during last Saturday's Elite Eight tournament. Each time, they rallied to victory.

"That gave us a lot of confidence," Sipple said. "We have been playing so well lately. So we knew we could do it."

McNaughton added, "We didn't give up, because we refused to give up. We wanted to be a part of something special, and this is special."

Elizabeth Eichholz, Betsy Miller, Sarah Sipple—Captain, Julia Train—Captain, Anne Carson, Melissa McNaughton, Mary Jane Martin—Captain, Alison Morris, Lexa Clark, Wendy Mayer, and Sall Sumer.

Jade Aaron, Caroline Baker, Alex Brennan, Katie Coy, Marquin McMath, Lyn Reeve, Ashley Jones, Jennifer Ross, Katherine Royal, and Lizzy Sprague.

Coaching staff: Ben Ladd—head coach, Carol Schretter, and Phillip Schretter.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. YOUNG of Alaska addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FOLEY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. BACA) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BACA addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. HUNTER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Ms. KILPATRICK) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KILPATRICK addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. CHAMBLISS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Ms. CARSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. CARSON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. PHELPS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PHELPS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. SHERMAN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION VERSUS TAX BREAKS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COBURN). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ETHERIDGE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to continue to call on this Congress to pass a real school construction legislation without delay, before our adjournment for the year. We have missed opportunities after opportunities to stop our partisan wrangling and pass a meaningful bill and reach the priorities that we need to reach with this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, as a Congressman from North Carolina's Second Congressional District, I represent an area of the country that has undergone some tremendous growth over the last several years. In communities throughout my district and across this country, our schools are bursting at the seams. Our local communities are struggling to provide resources to build new schools and to repair old ones and get children out of trailers and just fix up old, run-down buildings.

For nearly 4 years now, I have worked with my colleagues in the House on both sides of the political aisle to provide leadership on this important issue and pass a common sense bill that will help our local schools deal with this critical problem. We have come together to support H.R. 4094, the Rangel-Johnson-Etheridge bill that is sponsored by the Republican Congresswoman from Connecticut and my friend from New York. This important bill will provide \$25 billion in school construction bonds for our local communities to build schools for our children. It really provides national leadership on this issue that is critical to the American people.

Mr. Speaker, a clear majority of the Members of this House have supported H.R. 4094. 228 Members, Democrats and Republicans alike, have signed on as cosponsors. The House will pass this bill if we can only get a chance to vote on it. The President has stated that he will sign this important legislation the minute it reaches his desk. We have an opportunity to provide real leadership and pass this measure to help provide educational opportunities for our children.

But unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, the Republican leadership of this House