

Failure to renew these provisions would lead to unnecessary disruption of financial aid office activities and significant costs to revise system operations. A similar administrative disruption and costs would be visited upon lending institutions.

A college education is becoming increasingly more expensive. These two important provisions make it easier on the student to receive financial aid in a timely manner. Not only is it important that we maximize federal assistance in student financial aid, but we must ensure that the process is not overly burdensome on students or schools.

Renewing these provisions would not only make the daunting task of finding financial aid easier for students. And the cost to the federal government would be minimal.

I urge my colleagues to join with me in renewing HEA Sections 428G(a)(3) & (B)(1) so we can continue benefiting students and avoid disrupting financial aid operations.

HONORING JOHN McCORMICK,
CHICAGO TRIBUNE PAGE EDITOR

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to John McCormick, winner of the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) 2002 Distinguished Writing Award for Editorial Writing.

John McCormick is the deputy editorial page editor of the Chicago Tribune. He joined the Chicago Tribune editorial board in 2000 and was promoted to deputy editor the following year. Prior to joining the Tribune, John worked for several years as the Chicago bureau chief for Newsweek magazine.

On April 12, 2002, John was awarded the 2002 Distinguished Writing Award for Editorial Writing at the ASNE annual convention in Washington, D.C. John has proven his astute writing abilities in various editorials for the Tribune including topics ranging from the September 11th attacks to the poignant circumstances surrounding the death of a Chicago police officer.

ASNE judges stated the following comment on John's abilities as a writer by saying, "he won the editorial writing award for his eloquent commentary on topics including September 11th as well as veteran sacrifices that would be cheapened by efforts to sell the naming rights to a renovated Soldier Field. In a classic editorial writing style, McCormick is a strong advocate without being preachy."

John is joined in this recognition by his wife Dawn and their two sons, who reside in LaGrange Park, Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring John McCormick on his achievements and wish John many years of future success.

LOYALTY DAY

HON. MICHAEL FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, on July 18, 1958, the United States Congress passed

Public Law 85-529 and designated May 1 of each year as "Loyalty Day." I am pleased to join my fellow Americans today in confirming our allegiance to the United States of America by celebrating this important occasion. Now more than ever, it is vital that we stand together as a nation and remain committed to the common good of our people.

As we speak, the courageous men and women of our Armed Services stand firm across the world, protecting our freedom from all those who threaten its existence. Like their predecessors who fought for our nation in years past, today's service men and women need our support and require our loyalty.

However, Loyalty Day should not be confined to support of our military. The spirit of Loyalty Day can extend throughout our daily lives. Strong devotion to our country can be shown through service to fellow citizens and participation in government. By voting, by fighting for a cause and by helping your community, you are showing loyalty to our nation by honoring the virtues our great country was founded on.

An organization exhibiting the true essence of Loyalty Day is the Bay Leaf Post No. 6807 Ladies Auxiliary in Garwood, New Jersey. I commend the ladies of Post No. 6807 for their continuing support of veterans in the 7th District of New Jersey. Their actions to benefit veterans stand as an example of true loyalty to our nation. Organizations such as this are instrumental in keeping the American spirit alive by serving and remaining devoted to our great country.

Today, I commend all the Americans celebrating Loyalty Day and congratulate all those who have served and continue to serve our great country.

HONORING WILLIAM J. KEATING
AS HE RECEIVES THE 2002 METROPOLITAN AWARD

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor William J. Keating, a friend, valued constituent and distinguished former Member of this House, who will receive the Metropolitan Club's 2002 Metropolitan Award on May 21, 2002. Recipients of this prestigious honor are citizens of the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area who have exhibited extraordinary effort toward improving the lives of our community's residents, and have significantly bridged the gap between Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

A native of Cincinnati, Bill Keating has a very long list of accomplishments. As former congressman, newspaper publisher, successful businessperson and judge, his influence can be seen in nearly every major civic project in this area in the past fifty years, including downtown development, arts, education and sports.

After graduating from St. Xavier High School, where he was an All-American swimmer, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during World War II. He returned home and earned two degrees (bachelor's and law) from the University of Cincinnati in just four years. He was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1950,

began practicing law in Cincinnati and helped to found what has become a major Cincinnati law firm in 1954.

Bill's name has been virtually synonymous with public service since 1957, when he became assistant attorney general for the state of Ohio. In 1958, he was appointed judge of the Hamilton County Municipal Court, was elected to that court in 1959 and was presiding judge from 1962 until 1963. In 1964, Bill was elected to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, where he served until 1967. For two terms, Bill was member of Cincinnati City Council, from 1967 to 1970. First elected to the House of Representatives in 1970. Bill served with distinction in the Ninety-second and Ninety-third Congresses representing the First District of Ohio.

Following his Congressional service, Bill moved into journalism and joined the Cincinnati Enquirer, where he was president and publisher. Later, he serves president of the Gannett Central Newspaper Group, chairman of the Cincinnati Inquirer, executive vice President and general counsel of Gannett Company, Inc. and chief executive officer of the Detroit Newspaper Agency in May, 1986.

Bill is a proven leader. He has been active with numerous causes in our area, including the Cincinnati Business Committee, the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, the Cincinnati Arts Association, and the Bid Development Committee for Olympics 2012. In 2001, he was awarded the covered title of Great Living Cincinnati by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

All of us in the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area congratulate Bill Eating on receiving the 2002 Metropolitan Award, the latest acknowledgment of this remarkable device to our region.

SIXTH DISTRICT IS HOME TO
FOUR STATE ROUNDBALL CHAMPS

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. COLBE. Mr. Speaker, the University of Maryland just won the NCAA college basketball championship, we are deep into the NBA pro basketball playoffs, and the nation's high schools recently completed their basketball tournaments. During this basketball season, I am pleased to report that the Sixth District of North Carolina is the proud home of four state champions—three girls' teams and one boys' squad.

North Carolina is known nationally as a hotbed of basketball—both from a playing standpoint as well as a spectator sport. We know basketball in the Tar Heel State. That is what makes this season so special for the folks back home. We have not one, not two, not three, but four state champions. It has been a special season and one that is worthy of recognition in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

We begin with the Ledford Senior High School girls' basketball team because the Panthers completed a perfect season with a win in the title contest on March 15. The Panthers finished the year 32-0 with a surprisingly easy 73-51 victory over Tarboro High in the 2-A championship game. In fact, every win this year was by double digits; no one could touch the Panthers of Ledford High.

The title game was highlighted by one of the most impressive offensive showings in state history. Senior guard Leslie Hinkle poured in 40 points to lead the Panthers over Tarboro. "I just played my best," Hinkle told *The (Lexington, N.C.) Dispatch*. "I kept shooting, even when my shots weren't falling in the beginning. I also knew when my outside shots weren't falling, I could still penetrate and get to the basket." Named MVP for the championship, Hinkle was remarkable throughout the tournament. She scored 97 points in the final three games of the year. "Leslie Hinkle was a very special player today," Head Coach John Ralls told *The Dispatch*.

Coach Ralls should know something about special players. Ledford High has won four state titles under his tutelage—the others coming in 1995, 1997 and 2000. "This is the biggest team I've had," the Ledford coach told the *Lexington newspaper*, "but we've got a lot of really good players. I don't really know if there is a best team, but this one has to rank as one of the best we've ever had." Coach Ralls knows it takes a total team effort to complete a magical perfect season. Joining him in that effort were his assistants Alan Patterson and David Sands.

Each member of the Panthers did her part on the path to perfection. The squad includes Allyson David, Melissa Fitzgerald, Leslie Hinkle, Kristina Homesley, Jennifer McCarthy, Jamie Montsinger, Katelyn Moore, Kristi Pietsch, Katie Ralls, Mallory Recce, Megan Rogers, Alicia Stoke, and Jesse Taylor. Joining in the celebration are Principal Max Cole, Athletic Director Donald Palmer, the faculty, staff, students, and families of the perfect state champions, the Ledford Senior High Panthers.

Believe it or not, the Sixth District is actually home to two basketball teams that achieved perfect records this year. West Rowan High School completed a remarkable 30-0 season by capturing the state 3-A boys' championship. On March 16, the Falcons completed their dream season with an 80-68 victory over Winston-Salem Parkland High. West Rowan was led by title game MVP Donte Minter; Donte led the Falcons with 29 points in the championship game. What makes the feat all the more remarkable is that the left-handed senior was playing with a broken left wrist! Donte told the *Salisbury Post* that despite his injuries there were no doubts about the outcome. "Never," Minter told the newspaper. "Not at any point did we question ourselves. Here's all you need to know: as a team, we came to play tonight."

In fact, all season long the Falcons came to play. During their perfect season, West Rowan won every contest by double-digit margins. The championship game win culminated a four-year journey for Minter and Head Coach Mike Gurley. In Minter's freshman season, he and Gurley reached the title game against the same school, Winston-Salem Parkland, only to be defeated 101-83. Coach Gurley told the

Salisbury Post, "Donte and I have cried a lot of tears together since that game. But when you have a successful program like ours, you're going to have some tough losses. Yeah, we've got some scars."

Now, however, they have a championship to savor, and they accomplished their goal of winning the title for retiring West Rowan Principal Henry Kluttz. The total team effort was led by Coach Gurley and his assistants Josh Avery, Willie Ellis and Robert Hairston. Each member of the squad contributed to the 30-0 season including Brian Avery, Horatio Everhart, Thomas "T.J." Gaither, Jr., Junior Hairston, Joe Hartsell, Michael Johnson, Donte Minter, Brent Patterson, Darren Ramsey, Blake Searce, Durrell White, Jason Williams, and Phillip Williams. Also contributing to the perfect season were managers Amber Dedoming, LaQuinta Ellerbe, Tamanche Rankin, trainer Larry Sides, and mascot Hayden Gurley. Congratulations to Principal Kluttz, Athletic Director William Ward, the faculty, staff, students and families of the other perfect state champions, the West Rowan Falcons.

As I said earlier, the Sixth District was blessed to win other state titles, too. High Point Central High captured the girls' 3-A title, while Thomasville High secured its first ever girls' 1-A crown. Let's begin with a school that is used to winning—High Point Central. On March 16, the Lady Bison completed their title quest with a 56-53 win over Rockingham County High. The Central girls have won five state championships in the last 10 years. The Lady Bison came into this season with a perfect 30-0 record and almost matched it this year by finishing 31-1. The final outcome was the same though as the Lady Bison brought home another crown to High Point Central.

Leading the way was senior guard and title game MVP Leslie Cook who scored 22 points including the last five to secure the win. "Those last couple of minutes seemed" like they took forever," Cook told the *High Point Enterprise*. "We were thrilled to survive," Head Coach Kenny Carter told the same newspaper. "I told them, 'championship teams will make big plays, and we made big ones when we had to.'"

The team made big plays all year en route to its latest title. Associate Coach Jetanna McClain and assistants Chris Martin, Chris Shafer and Dwain Waddell ably assisted Coach Carter. The members of the winning squad included Elizabeth Adkisson, Lakisha Bryant, Leslie Cook, Kathryn Fulp, Mary Gheen, Erica Green, Brittany Hendley, Shameka Leach, Jillian Martin, Krystion Obie, Brittany Tate, Teshymia Tillman, Nikki Warren, and Sara Wynne. Congratulations should also be shared by Principal Joe Yaegar, Athletic Director Gary Whitney, the faculty, staff, students and families of High Point Central High School.

While High Point Central is used to winning girls' basketball championships, a school just

down the road is still celebrating its first ever girls' basketball title. Thomasville High School won the state 1-A crown with a convincing 68-44 victory over Midway on March 16. Maya Ray, who was named championship game MVP, told the *High Point Enterprise* that the first title is sweetest of all. "Right now, it's just surreal," Ray told the newspaper. "I'm overwhelmed. It's a feeling I can't explain. It's like I'm not even here right now. It's nice that it's us to say we were the first."

The first for Thomasville and one of the best ever. The Lady Dogs finished the year with a record of 28-3. While the outcome of the final game was never in doubt, when Midway cut the lead to 11 with 6:20 to go, Head Coach Eric Radar became worried as all coaches do. "We were concerned," Coach Radar told the *High Point Enterprise*. "We thought we sort of lost our edge. We started playing their style of game a little bit more than we had. We got a little complacent, and I thought we started looking at the scoreboard. Looking back, I'm glad that it happened, because our girls were able to do it twice. That shows how good a team this really can be."

The future is indeed bright for Thomasville High. As we close the books on this season, let's congratulate Coach Radar and his assistant Phil Apple. Each member of the Lady Dogs contributed to the title quest including Brittany Marsh, Erin Crowder, Impris Manning, Katie Myers, Kendra Rutledge, Lavonda Harriott, Lavinia Flowers, Maya Ray, Shae Harris, Shay Harris, Sheena Harriott, Sonya Madsen, and Tyronica Alford. Special thanks also go to managers Pat Jakson, Byron Lattimore and Jaz Tate, scorekeepers Sheena Jenkins and Keisha Alba, and video manager Kendra Sanders. Sharing in the glory are Principal Michael Allred, Athletic Director Woody Huneycutt, the faculty, staff, students, and families of Thomasville High School for winning its first ever girls' 1-A state basketball championship.

All in all, Mr. Speaker, a remarkable high school basketball season in the Sixth District of North Carolina. At the beginning, I mentioned the University of Maryland winning the NCAA championship. I did so deliberately because there are two Sixth District connections there too. One of the assistant coaches is from Greensboro, North Carolina. Matt Kovarik, played for the Terrapins and just completed his first year as an assistant to Head Coach Gary Williams. More importantly, he played his high school ball at Grimsley High School in Greensboro. The entire athletic department is led by a woman from Gibsonville, North Carolina. Dr. Deborah Yow is the athletic director in College Park, and the Sixth District is proud that one of our own led Maryland to its first ever NCAA basketball championship. In addition to our high school champions, we are proud of Matt and Debbie, too.