

and 2,077 yards and 28 scores for the season. He also hauled in nine receptions for 196 yards and three touchdowns.

Fassnacht recorded 120 tackles and a team-high 12 sacks in the team's 13 games. He and his unyielding defensive teammates held Thomas Dale to 149 total yards and 6 first downs in the title game. They also forced 6 interceptions, tying a record set by 1991 Woodrow Wilson team. The Rams defense came up big in key moments to keep the game firmly in their favor. Quarterback Brian Gulley—who makes up for with heart and leadership what he lacks in size—threw for 2 touchdowns and rushed for another.

"All season long, this team has refused to give anything but their best, and this is the culmination," coach Mark Bendorf—50–10 in his five years heading the program—told a local reporter after the title game. "This is the pinnacle of high school football. I'm so happy for this group because a lot of people doubted them. But this was a team of destiny."

Mr. Speaker, this team of young men, considered underdogs during their run through the regional and state playoffs, epitomized all that is good about high school athletics: perseverance, hard work, shared goals, and character. I am very proud to honor this group of dedicated players and their coaching staff, and I ask all of my colleagues to join me in sending them our congratulations on their significant accomplishment.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND A. YOUNGREN, JR.

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 23, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Raymond A. Youngren, Jr., who recently passed away in Beulah, Colorado on January 9, 2002. Raymond, known as Ray, will always be remembered as a dedicated leader and rancher in the community. His passing is a great loss for a community that relied on Ray for his gentle nature and kind disposition.

Ray was a native Coloradan, born on the family ranch in 1933. He attended his local high school, graduated from Pueblo Junior College, and then he went on to serve four years in the United States Air Force. Upon completion of his service in the armed forces, Ray returned to his home and the ranch industry. To complement his western heritage and lifestyle, Ray competed in rodeo with much success for over thirty years. Ray was always ready to serve his fellow residents with compassion and integrity throughout his life. He began his service as a cattle rancher and later went on to serve as postmaster. He was also a member of the County Planning Commission for over twenty years. In this capacity he was responsible for ensuring long range planning and compressive development plans throughout Pueblo County. Ray further dedicated his time and energy as a member of the 2010 County Commission's Task Force, whose mission was to investigate the viability of mixing city and county government.

Mr. Speaker, Raymond A. Youngren, Jr.'s service to his community and his fellow citi-

zens certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress, and this nation. It has always been known that his greatest passion was his love and devotion to his family. Wife Yvonne, sons Jay and Justin, daughter Julie, and four grandchildren survive Ray. It is with a solemn heart that we say goodbye and pay our respects to a patriarch of the Pueblo community. He dedicated his life to the city of Beulah and Pueblo County, and will be greatly missed.

HONORING CANTOR MARK CHILDS

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 23, 2002*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to Cantor Mark Childs who celebrated the 10th anniversary of his investiture as a Cantor on January 11, 2002. In addition, January 11 also marked the 10th anniversary of Cantor Childs' service at the Congregation B'nai B'rith in Santa Barbara, California.

For the last 10 years, the citizens of Santa Barbara have benefited from Cantor Childs love of music. After earning a Bachelor's of Arts degree in music from the University of California, San Diego, and his Master of Sacred Music degree along with an Investiture as Cantor from the Hebrew Union College-School of Sacred Music in New York City, Cantor Childs relocated to Santa Barbara and became Cantor of Congregation B'nai B'rith. Along with his eloquent speaking style, Cantor Childs has shared his extraordinary musical talent with the Congregation and community alike.

As Music Director at B'nai B'rith Cantor Childs is responsible for all liturgical and non-liturgical music in the synagogue. He conducts the adult, teen and youth choirs, and is responsible for music education from pre-school through 10th grades. He also produces full-scale musicals involving the youth of the congregation. Outside the congregation, Cantor Childs has been involved with the San Diego Opera, the Aspen Music Festival Opera, and the Santa Barbara Grand Opera.

Aside from bringing music to B'nai B'rith, Cantor Childs serves the congregation by teaching 6th grade Hebrew and tutors every Bar/Bat Mitzvah student before their services. He additionally leads the weekly service for both Sunday and Wednesday Religious School.

For the last 10 years, Cantor Childs has been an irreplaceable asset not only to Congregation B'nai B'rith but to the Santa Barbara community in general. His talent and warm personality have been appreciated by all and we are so lucky to have him in our midst. I wish to congratulate Cantor Childs on the last ten years of his achievements and thank him once more for sharing his extraordinary talent with the Santa Barbara community.

PROCLAMATION FOR HARRY R. BURGER

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 23, 2002*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize one of New York's outstanding young students, Harry R. Burger. This young man has received the Eagle Scout honor from his peers in recognition of his achievements.

Since the beginning of this century, the Boy Scouts of America have provided thousands of boys and young men each year with the opportunity to make friends, explore new ideas, and develop leadership skills while learning self-reliance and teamwork.

The Eagle Scout award is presented only to those who possess the qualities that make our nation great: commitment to excellence, hard work, and genuine love of community service. Becoming an Eagle Scout is an extraordinary award with which only the finest Boy Scouts are honored. To earn the award—the highest advancement rank in Scouting—a Boy Scout must demonstrate proficiency in the rigorous areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills; he must earn a minimum of 23 merit badges as well as contribute at least 100 man-hours toward a community oriented service project.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of these awards, as their activities are indeed worthy of praise. Their leadership benefits our community and they serve as role models for their peers.

Also, we must not forget the unsung heroes, who continue to devote a large part of their lives to make all this possible. Therefore, I salute the families, scout leaders, and countless others who have given generously of their time and energy in support of Scouting.

It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Steven and bring the attention of Congress to this successful young man on his day of recognition, Wednesday, January 9th, 2001. Congratulations to Harry and his family.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FEDERICA WARNER

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 23, 2002*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to a remarkable constituent who has dedicated her life to serving others, Frederica Warner of Newburgh, NY.

Federica is a living legend in our Hudson Valley for her many contributions to our Orange County communities, especially her outstanding service as founder, Executive Director, and guiding force behind Meals on Wheels of Greater Newburgh, Inc. Under her leadership, Meals on Wheels has served the needs of the Town and City of Newburgh and New Windsor without one dime of government funding for three decades, becoming the personification of the "thousand points of light" alluded to by President George H. W. Bush

years ago when he called for private contributions to improve our nation.

For many years, Frederica served as Operating Manager of the kitchen and dining room at the Powelton Club in the Town of Newburgh, and, along with her husband, Loren, operated their own catering business for many years.

Frederica has dedicated countless hours and held numerous leadership positions for charitable and community causes, including as a Member of the Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh; President of the Board of Directors of McQuade Foundation; Honorary Member of the Board of Directors of McQuade Foundation; Member of the Newburgh Zoning Board of Appeals; Member of the Board of Managers for the Amos & Sarah Holden Home; President of the Liberty Street Day Care Center; Member of the Human Rights Commission of Orange County; Member of the Orange County Professional Advisory Committee; President of the Business & Professional Women's Club; Vice President of the New York State Church Women United; Member of the Advisory Committee of the Church Women United to the United Nations; Campaign Chairperson for the Orange Area United Fund; First Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Orange Area United Fund; Member of the Zonta International of Newburgh; Member of the Washington Street AME Zion Church; and Member of the First United Methodist Church.

Among the many honors bestowed upon Frederica for her commitment to our Orange County community include the Distinguished Service Award from the Newburgh Jaycees; the Black Humanitarian Award, Newburgh Free Academy; the Plaque of Appreciation, United Way of Orange County; the 1989 Citizen of the Year Award, Historic Newburgh; the Trustees Award for Distinguished Service, Mount St. Mary College; the 1992 Outstanding Community Service Leader Award, Temple Beth Jacob; the New York State Senate (39th District) Woman of Distinction Award; and the Ladies of Havana Award, Newburgh Developers Association.

Frederica has been a mainstay of Republican principles and dedication to our party. We are proud to claim her as an activist for Republican causes. In 1980, Frederica served as co-chair of Women for Ronald Reagan for President in New York State. Three years later, she was honored to have lunch with President Reagan, who personally thanked her for all of her community efforts.

Frederica, the descendant of freed slaves who helped organize the Underground Railroad and the Republican Party in the years preceding the Civil War, is the daughter of the late Lafayette & Sarah Flint Hunter. She married Loren M. Warner, a beloved businessperson and citizen of the Newburgh community in his own right. Frederica and Loren are the parents of Maxine Warner Burton, wife of the Honorable V. Eric Burton, former Member of Parliament of the Republic of Antigua-Barbuda in the West Indies.

Mr. Speaker, for her friendship and commitment to our community and our party, the Town of Newburgh Republican Committee will this year honor Frederica as their designee as the "Republican of the Year". Our Hudson Valley and our Republican Party express our sincere thanks to Frederica Warner for being a role model and an ardent supporter of good

government and we congratulate her on this long-overdue recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I invite our colleagues to join with me in congratulating Frederica Warner for this honor and for a job well done.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF MARIA PEREZ

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 23, 2002*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sadness that I rise today to remember and pay tribute to a remarkable woman, Maria Perez, who was taken from us in the early hours of New Year's Day. A member of my Congressional staff for over six years, Maria was one of the most generous, kind-hearted people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. She was only thirty-three years old but she was already a true treasure.

People often thank me for helping them, but what they might not appreciate is how Maria dedicated herself to helping people. She wasted few words but got the job done for hundreds, probably thousands of families. She worked her will with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Social Security Administration and Medicare. She made such a difference it makes me cry. Thankfully, those families are her legacy.

Maria could often be found at the office at all hours of the day and on weekends, making the necessary calls to overseas embassies and consulates to help constituents in need. Her commitment earned her a reputation throughout the many communities of Connecticut's Third Congressional District, with rarely a day going by without someone calling the office because a friend or community member had referred them to her. It is almost impossible to imagine what our office will be like without her.

Maria never gave up her work for the poorer neighborhoods and the Hispanic community, even after she came to me. She worked with the Hill Development Corporation, a neighborhood organization dedicated to building affordable housing in the Hill section of New Haven. She had also worked with the Latino Youth Development and ProPark Enterprises. She participated in a great number of projects with Casa Otonial, an Hispanic senior community; Junta and Centro San Jose, two community based social service organizations; and the Spanish Community of Wallingford. Recently, Maria became involved in a new initiative called Hispanics Give Hope. Developed by the National Marrow Donor Program, this new program is aimed at recruiting more Hispanics to become bone marrow donors.

Maria was a very special person. Her contagious smile and infectious good humor touched the lives of all she knew. It is not often that you find someone like her—a diamond in the ruff. With a seemingly infinite amount of compassion and patience, Maria has left an indelible mark on our community. I know she left an indelible impression on my entire staff. She was a friend to us all.

Though it saddens me beyond words to join the many family, colleagues, friends, and community members that have gathered to honor Maria's memory, I am proud to stand today to

pay tribute to her life. I would like to take this moment to extend my deepest sympathies to Maria's husband, Fernando, her mother, Maria, her sisters; Elizabeth, Nancy, and Daisy, and her brother Edilberto. Maria's memory will always be close to our hearts and her legacy will continue to be our inspiration.

#### IN MEMORIAL OF MR. EVERETTE SUITT

#### HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 23, 2002*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Mr. Everett Suitt, of Harnett County, who died on January 2, 2002. In his passing, Harnett County lost one of its most indefatigable champions. Born in Granville County, Mr. Suitt graduated from Boone Trail High School in Harnett County in 1950, served in the Army during the Korean War, and came home to become Boone Trail area's most outstanding community leader.

Mr. Suitt was a 30-year member of the Boone Trail Advisory Board, was a member of the first Board of Directors of the Boone Trail Emergency Services, and was president of the Western Harnett High School Boosters Club from 1977 to 1995. He was a founding member of the Calvary Baptist Church and was a leading tobacco farmer and lifelong Democrat.

Mr. Suitt is survived by his wife of 48 years, Ernestine O'Quinn Suitt, two daughters, Teresa S. Cummings of Marners, and Carla S. Obiol and husband, his brother, John, of Raleigh; a sister, Lila Allen of Lillington and grandchildren, Allison and David Cummings, and their father, Lewis, all of Lillington, and Alexandra Obiol of Raleigh; and a brother-in-law, Harold Edwards of Rocky Mount.

It was my honor to be asked to offer the following eulogy at the funeral of this good man:

Everett Suitt was my friend, as he was yours. As we gather here today, I hope we can suppress as best we can our sadness at the loss of a good husband, father, grandfather, and community leader and instead concentrate on the celebration of Everett's life and contributions. They are many, and this community and this county are a better place because this good man lived among us.

It has been said that God expects only this of each of us—that we take the world into which we are born and strive to make it a better place in which to live. Everett Suitt certainly did so and did so successfully. Everett loved life and enjoyed it as few of us are privileged to do. He smiled often and laughed long. He had a personality that made us want to be around him, to talk with him, to laugh with him. He was often the sunshine drawing us through dreary days.

I knew Everett for more than 30 years; I don't remember a single time when he was not trying to help me do the right thing for our county and our state. He was one of the men who served as an inspiration to me. I often sought his counsel.

Everett Suitt loved his wife, his two daughters, his grandchildren, and the grandchild on the way who sadly will never know him except through the memories of others.

Everett was a family man in the most pure sense of the word. He loved sports, particularly the teams of Duke University and the New York Yankees. He loved his community: the old Boone Trail High School and, later, Western Harnett High School. And he