

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DR. SHAFFDEEN AMUWO, Ph.D. MPH ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT AND ALUMNI AFFAIRS, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2004*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to commend and congratulate Dr. Shaffdeen Amuwo on a very meaningful and successful career as he approaches retirement. Teaching to me has always been one of the noblest and most rewarding of all the professions. I take this position because to me, when you teach you give a part of yourself to others who are attempting to move from one level of being to another.

Dr. Shaffdeen Amuwo migrated to this country from his native Nigeria to attend school in an effort to improve his own life and to be in a position to make life better for others. Never one to shirk responsibility or to miss opportunities, he worked at a number of odd jobs while attending school and eventually earned both Ph.D. and MPH degrees.

Dr. Amuwo understood that education requires more than just activity with the classroom. He took his knowledge and skills out into the community sharing with common and ordinary people. He became a prolific proposal writer and raised substantial sums of money for programs and instructional activities. Through his efforts and as a result of his serious understanding of what public health should really do, Dr. Amuwo helped to open up new vistas of understanding and was indeed a bridge builder between the school and the community as well as between his native African brothers and sisters and the traditional African American community of Chicago.

Although you are retiring in a formal way, we expect to see you at all of the meetings and will continue to make use of your vast knowledge, skill, and commitment. And as you go, in the words of an Irish Proverb, "May the Road rise up to meet you, may the wind always be at your back, may the Sun shine warmly upon your face and until we meet again, may the good Lord hold you in the hollow of his hand."

CONGRATULATIONS CENTRAL CABARRUS HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

**HON. ROBIN HAYES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2004*

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker it is my honor to rise today to congratulate the Central Cabarrus High School Softball team on their victory at the 4A NCHSAA Softball Tour-

namment on June 6th. This is Cabarrus High School's fourth state championship win. The sensational Lady Vikings captured the state championship title in 1993, 2000, 2001 as 3A members and now in 2004 as 4A members.

Coached by Monte Sherrill, the team had an astounding season with an overall record of 32-1. The Lady Vikings claimed their title by beating Cape Fear with a final score of 1-0. The team is now ranked 7th nationally by USA Today and the National Fast-Pitch Coaches Association. Gina Allen was declared the Most Valuable Player in the tournament due to her outstanding job on the pitcher's mound. Allen tossed a five-hit shutout against Cape Fear to lead the team to the title.

The Lady Vikings have reached this level of success by extreme hard work and dedication. Most of the players stay in shape by continuing to play year-round on competitive traveling teams. Cabarrus County has done an excellent job of creating recreational opportunities beyond the high school seasons.

Participating in individual and team sports can offer tremendous social advantages while challenging a young person physically and fostering honest competition. There is also evidence that sports can increase a student's self-esteem and academic performance. Sports allow teenagers to take on leadership roles, handle adversity, and improve their time management skills.

The Lady Vikings of Cabarrus County have succeeded in pushing themselves to be outstanding athletes and have stood up to the challenges placed in front of them. They have come together as a team and shown their peers that commitment and self-sacrifice can lead to success. I congratulate them and wish them continued success next year. We are all proud of their accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD LEWIS

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2004*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to one of Central Massachusetts' most devoted athletic directors and community members, Richard Lewis, who is retiring from his position as Athletic Director of Wachusett Regional High School.

After graduating from the University of Massachusetts in 1966, Mr. Lewis went on to receive his Masters in Education from Worcester State College. He began his career in Western Massachusetts, followed by 10 years at the Marlboro Public Schools, before he graced Wachusett High School with his services in 1978.

Throughout his years at WMS, Mr. Lewis has left an outstanding legacy, not only as the MIAA District E Athletic Chair, but also assisting on several committees such as the MIAA Baseball Committee. Furthermore, he served as the director of both the Softball Tournament

in Central Massachusetts as well as MIAA State Softball.

Along with the many committees Mr. Lewis has devoted his time to, his contributions to both the Massachusetts Secondary School Athletic Directors Association as well as the community of Central Massachusetts have earned him well deserved recognition. He has received the National Interscholastic Award of Merit both statewide and nationally, as well as two John E. Young Awards.

Today I, along with the rest of my colleagues would like to pay tribute to this strong community leader and outstanding Athletic Director, Richard Lewis and we wish him and his family all the best in the years to come.

ADJUSTMENT IN NUMBER OF FREE ROAMING HORSES PERMITTED IN CAPE LOOKOUT NATIONAL SEASHORE

SPEECH OF

**HON. WALTER B. JONES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 14, 2004*

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the House Leadership for scheduling H.R. 205 for floor consideration. This bill would adjust the number of free roaming horses permitted on Shackleford Banks in the Cape Lookout National Seashore. Shackleford Banks is a barrier island off the coast of North Carolina that has been home to a herd of wild horses for over three centuries. In fact, experts believe the herd descended from Spanish stallions that were shipwrecked on the island during colonial times.

Over the years, the Shackleford horses have become an integral part of the natural and cultural fabric of Eastern North Carolina. They are treasured by the local community and adored by the many visitors who come from across the country to see them.

To protect these beautiful creatures, in 1997 I introduced the Shackleford Banks Wild Horses Protection Act which the President later signed into law. The Act directed the Department of the Interior to enter an agreement with a non-profit group—the Foundation for Shackleford Horses—to manage the herd. It also required the Department to allow a herd of 100 free-roaming horses in the Seashore, and it set out terms under which horses could be removed, including a prohibition on removal "unless the number of horses . . . exceeds 110."

As the National Park Service and the Foundation began to implement the Act, disagreement erupted over the law's requirements on the size of the herd. The Park Service interpreted the Act to mean that the herd's population should be kept between 100 and 110. However, as the author of the legislation, I can tell you this interpretation was inconsistent with Congressional intent—which was to allow the herd to hover above 110.

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The Park Service's interpretation also conflicted with the established scientific consensus on the size of the herd. Studies by world-renowned genetic scientists Dr. Daniel Rubenstein of Princeton University, and Dr. Gus Cothran of the University of Kentucky, confirm that in order to maintain the herd's long-term viability, its optimum size is around 120 animals. The experts also agree that the population should not dip below 110 and that it should be allowed to expand periodically to numbers at or above 130 in order to sustain the proper genetic diversity in the herd. It's important to note that these numbers are well within the island's carrying capacity.

After years of disagreement on the herd size issue, the Park Service met in the fall of 2002 with the Foundation for Shackleford Horses, Dr. Rubenstein, Dr. Cothran and other stakeholders. After two days of meetings, the parties emerged with an agreement that largely mirrors the scientific understanding of how the horses should be managed.

H.R. 2055 seeks to codify this scientific consensus into law. It would allow a herd of "not less than 110 free roaming horses, with a target population of between 120 and 130 free roaming horses." It would also clear up confusion on when horses can be removed from the island by mandating that removal can only occur if "carried out as part of a plan to maintain the viability of the herd."

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is supported by the Park Service, the scientific experts, and the local community. It is a legislative fix based on sound science, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

#### H.R. 1811—FAMILY OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2003

### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2004*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of and as a cosponsor of H.R. 1811, the Family Opportunity Act. By passing this legislation we are giving the States the opportunity of allowing families of disabled children to purchase Medicaid coverage for them as well as providing treatment of inpatient psychiatric hospital services for individuals under age 21 under waivers allowing for payment of part or all of the cost of home or community-based services.

This is a great first step of fixing the bias of institutional care in Medicaid compared to home or community-based services. Parents will no longer have to drive hours to visit their child but instead opt to have them remain at home or live close by in a community setting and still receive their Medicaid dollars. Another great aspect in this legislation is establishing family-to-family health information centers. Sometimes just talking or listening to another person, another family that actually understands what one family is experiencing can settle nerves and make one feel more comfortable with the future challenges they may face. I commend my colleague from Texas, Mr. SESSIONS for sponsoring this legislation.

I hope we can continue to work together to enforce the Olmstead decision and develop more opportunities for individuals with disabilities over the age of 21 through more acces-

sible systems of cost-effective community-based services. I am proud to have introduced H.R. 2032, the Medicaid Attendant Services and Supports Act also known as MiCASSA with my friend from Illinois, Mr. SHIMKUS. MiCASSA as the Family Opportunity Act would change the system of long-term care as we know it today. Nationally, approximately 70 percent of the Federal and State spending still goes to institutions instead of home or community settings. Our colleagues in the Senate held a hearing on MiCASSA, S. 1394, Money Follows the Person, and the President's New Freedom initiative earlier in the year. I urge my colleagues in the House to hold a similar hearing.

Mr. Speaker, as I have stated, I support H.R. 1811 and believe it is a great step towards Olmstead. But it is wrong to provide such great services to individuals with disabilities that only end once they become adults. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and support continuing services for individuals with disabilities beyond the age of 21.

#### CONCORD ALL-AMERICA CITY AWARD

### HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2004*

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the good folks of my hometown of Concord, North Carolina as we have been selected for the 2004 All-America City Award.

It has been my distinct honor to represent the people of Concord since I was first elected to represent the 8th Congressional District of North Carolina. This opportunity is especially dear to me because this is my home town and where much of my family still resides. In fact, my family has called Concord home for centuries, and we have had the privilege of watching our community grow. Concord personifies the term, "Southern Hospitality," and is home to some of the most engaging, welcoming, and civically responsible citizens in the state of North Carolina.

Through the close relationships I have forged with the citizens of Concord, and the pride I have in this community, it is truly an honor for me to highlight this great city today. Because of Concord's hard work, the rest of America is getting to see the positive spirit of accomplishment that I have been fortunate to witness my entire life.

The All-America City Award is a 55-year old program sponsored by the National Civic League that recognizes civic excellence. The Award is given annually to 10 communities that exemplify and display a positive spirit of grassroots involvement and collaborative problem solving in an effort to better their community.

Concord exhibits the American spirit of hard work and cooperation as we seek to identify and meet community-wide challenges. Concord is a community where citizens, businesses, volunteers, and government officials work together to address issues that are vitally important to all our citizens. Concord should take pride in the fact that we have been chosen by this national organization for our hard work and achievement. Truly, Concord is a great example for other communities to emulate.

To qualify for the All-America City Award, Concord representatives first had to submit a detailed application highlighting the city's three most pressing challenges. They are: addressing the medical needs of the uninsured and underinsured, eliminating substandard housing in the community, and extending the mentoring and civic responsibility of the Boys and Girls Club of Concord. Programs such as the Community Care Plan, Cabarrus Housing Partners, and the Boys and Girls Club of America have been designed and implemented to ensure these afore mentioned areas are addressed.

I am proud to represent such a fine community where the citizens come together to solve problems at a local level rather than waiting on someone else to fix things. A wise man once said that there are three types of people in this world: those who watch what happens, those who make things happen, and those who wonder what happened. Rest assured, the people of my home town, Concord, North Carolina are people who make good things happen. It is my honor and privilege to represent these good folks, and I am thrilled that the National Civic League recognized the City of Concord's success by awarding us the All-America City Award.

#### TRIBUTE TO JEFF LONG

### HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2004*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today it is my pleasure to honor one of Massachusetts' most outstanding and dedicated Athletic Directors, Jeff Long. After almost 40 years of coaching and directing, Mr. Lewis has certainly deserved his retirement years.

He began his commendable career in 1966, coaching football at Norwich University after having graduated from Norwich that same year. Serving as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army did not stop him, as he continued to coach football in Germany in 1967.

Mr. Lewis kept on coaching both track and football at Dedham High School until 1973 when he began his run at Marlboro High. Ten years later he was appointed as the School's Athletic Director, and took on an array of other leadership roles. Some of these roles included serving on the Executive Board of the Mass Secondary School Athletic Directors Association to which he was appointed president in 1997-98, as well as being appointed President of the MIAA in 2002.

All of his hard work has paid off over the years as he has been recognized with several awards and nominations—a few of which include Athletic Director of the Year in 1991, the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Award in 1994, and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association State Award of Merit.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize such an outstanding professional, so passionately committed to his work. With the retirement of Jeff Long Marlboro High says goodbye to one of its most effective and talented leaders, and I along with my colleagues wish him and his family all the best in the years to come.