

American History. Shirley also completed graduate courses in Education at Boston University and Harvard University.

Shirley's heart was always with Lone Mountain and she continued her dedication to her alma mater, always being a shining example of her willingness to take on a tough job whenever needed. After Lone Mountain closed, official alumnae activities understandably waned and it became difficult to keep graduates and faculty in touch with one another. This became Shirley Connolly's challenge. She has worked hard to preserve this community, leading the Alumnae Association for many years and enabling students and their RSCJ teachers to continue or rekindle their Lone Mountain relationships.

Shirley began her own teaching career over 40 years ago at St. Joseph's School in Atherton. After 4 years at Lone Mountain and 3 years in the Religious Formation Program, Shirley was ready, willing and able to begin her career educating girls and young women. Her first teaching assignment was a classroom of 35 eighth-grade girls and boys. Shirley's warmth and wisdom were more than a match for the eighth graders, and this was the beginning of her long and tremendously successful relationship with St. Joseph's.

Shirley spent 2 years in what was then Menlo Park, and then moved to San Francisco where she served as a teacher, Dean of Students and Director of Studies at the Schools of the Sacred Heart there. After a brief stint in Newton, Massachusetts, Shirley joined the California Province of the Sacred Heart. This role gave her the opportunity to develop one of her greatest gifts, the ability to train teachers. Even today, she is highly regarded and remembered throughout the Sacred Heart community for this skill. One of her pupils described her as someone who had the common sense to sort through all the academic training and understand and pass on what young teachers really needed to know. After this stint with the Province, Shirley returned to Menlo Park in 1973, serving as Principal of the high school under Sister Nancy Morris until 1975.

In 1976, Shirley set off on a new path, joining the Catholic Telemedia Network in Menlo Park. She stayed with CTN until 2002, rising through several positions to become General Manager for her last 10 years there.

Shirley has a gift for combining crystal clarity and great wisdom with diplomacy, humility and kindness. She is the most generous, selfless person one could ever know. She is always available to assist whomever needs help, whenever they need it, without question, complaint, or regard to her own needs.

Shirley has been the best friend to the resident of Oakwood over the years, always dropping whatever she is doing to help with whatever needs to be done. She served as Chair of its Board of Directors for several years, and has recently accepted an invitation to return to this Board.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great and good woman, Shirley Connolly, as she is honored with the St. Madeleine Sophie Medal.

RECOGNIZING THE WEEDSPORT HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Weedsport High School football team for their outstanding achievements and victory in the New York State Class D Championships.

The No. 1 ranked Weedsport Warriors finished their season undefeated, with an impressive 13-0 record. Setting another milestone, this is also the first state championship in school history to be awarded to any team sport.

Their 22-21 victory over the Tuckahoe Tigers was an amazing feat. After the Tuckahoe Tigers claimed the lead during the 4th quarter, the Warriors were able to narrow that lead on a heroic 83-yard kickoff return by senior Brad Bach. Trailing 21-20, the Warriors opted to attempt a crucial two-point conversion that would give them the lead, thanks to the speed and agility of junior quarterback Mike Coolbaugh. The Weedsport Warriors spent the remainder of the game maintaining an impenetrable defense and refusing to buckle under the pressure of the determined Tuckahoe offense.

I commend the coaching staff and the players of the Weedsport Warriors for all of their training and dedication to the game. Congratulations; I am proud of all of you and your achievements.

The 2004 Weedsport High School football team members include: Roster: Brad Bach, Brandon Bach, Jeff Bibbens, Mike Bond, Robert Bradtke, Mike Case, Chris Chorny, Mike Coolbaugh, Mike Davis, Matt Drury, Matt Duby, Kerry Green, Brandon Magill, Mike Maltese, Ken McCloud, John Meitz, Troy Nelson, Tyler Nevidomsky, Jeff Whiting, Dave Roden, Ed Rooker, Jim Scarbrough, Adam Sweet, Jeff Whiting, Jeff Williams, and Ryan Wright. Coach: Calvin Mosher. Assistant Coaches: Tim Spingler, Jason Trousedale.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN DOOLEY OF CALIFORNIA

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve with such an outstanding Member of Congress over the past eight years. I would like to congratulate him on his retirement from the United States House of Representatives at the close of the 108th Congress. Serving with him in Congress has been an honor, and I hope to maintain our friendship in the upcoming years.

Since coming to Congress in 1997, I have had the pleasure to work with CAL on numerous issues in addition to building and growing the influence of the New Democrat Coalition (NDC). If there is one word that best represents CAL, it is integrity. Upon my arrival in Washington, DC, I immediately turned to him as both a mentor and a friend. As founder and co-chair of the NDC, he was always a respected voice on critical issues.

The NDC, through CAL's leadership, transformed how the Democratic party worked in the late 1990s. Intent on modernizing both the Democratic party and the country, New Democrats support policies that expand economic growth and see that all Americans have the opportunity to benefit from that growth; ensure a fiscally responsible and efficient government; secure the homefront; and advance a robust foreign policy that includes trade, constructive U.S. leadership throughout the world, and a modern and strong military. As a testament of CAL's leadership, the Clinton Administration frequently sought allies in the NDC. The Clinton Administration turned to the NDC for the critical support of the coalition's major legislation initiatives such as welfare reform and trade with China.

CAL is a fourth-generation farmer and partner in his family farm, growing cotton, alfalfa and walnuts at his farm in California's San Joaquin Valley. Through his tenure in the House, CAL has concentrated heavily on Agriculture issues. During the last farm bill, I served on the Agriculture Committee and was able to see firsthand how knowledgeable he is when it comes to farm policy. I look forward to working with him again on the next farm bill in his new role as the President and CEO of National Food Processors Association (NFPA). The NFPA is extraordinarily lucky to get one of the top leaders in food policy today.

CAL, in addition to his other accomplishments, is a great student of the big issues facing our country today. As long as I have known him, he has always had a willingness to dive into new subject matters and learn them as quickly as possible.

I want to thank CAL for his leadership and his friendship. I wish him the best of luck on his new endeavors.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4818, CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, November 20, 2004

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I support the Fiscal Year 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Act, but I would like to state my opposition to the Weldon refusal clause provision.

The Weldon provision would exempt health care companies from any federal, state or local government law that ensures women have access to reproductive health services, including information about abortion.

If passed, this provision would have many negative effects.

It would override federal Title X guidelines that ensure women receive full medical information. A fundamental principle of Title X, the national family planning program, ensures pregnant women who request information about all their medical options, including abortion, be given that information, including a referral upon patient request.

I am also concerned this bill does not include an increase in funding for Title X. Each year approximately 4.5 million low-income women and men receive basic health care through 4,600 clinics nationwide that receive Title X funds. This program reduces unintended pregnancies and makes abortion less

necessary. Had funding for Title X kept pace with inflation since 1980, with no additional increases, it would be funded today at double its current budget.

While Title X is receiving flat funding from last year, H.R. 4818 gives abstinence-only programs an increase of \$35 million. Unlike Title X, abstinence-only programs do not provide clinical health services.

Additionally, research shows comprehensive sex-education programs, which teach both abstinence and contraception, are the most effective. There is no federal program that earmarks dollars for comprehensive sex education.

I support a woman's right to choose whether to terminate a pregnancy subject to *Roe v. Wade*.

Abortion is a very personal decision. While a woman's doctor, clergy, friends, family, and public officials may have an opinion, the ultimate decision rests solely with her. It is vital for every woman to have access to as much information as she needs in order to make this decision.

While I support the bill, I oppose these provisions and amendments.

HONORING DENNIS H.
HOLTSCHNEIDER

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the inauguration of The Reverend Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., as the eleventh president of DePaul University, on Saturday, November 20 at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance School. Father Holtschneider became DePaul University's eleventh president on July 1, 2004, following the distinguished eleven-year tenure of the past president, Father John P. Minogue.

Father Holtschneider's background is as impressive as his future at DePaul is promising. He received his doctoral in administration, planning and social policy from Harvard University in 1997 after writing a dissertation on the early history of financial aid in the United States. He was also a case researcher and writer for Harvard's schools of Education, Medicine and Public Health.

Since 2000, he has served as executive vice president and chief operating officer at Niagara University in Niagara Falls, New York, where he directed the university's strategic planning efforts and daily operations of the campus. Prior to his role at Niagara, Father Holtschneider served as an assistant professor of higher education in the Graduate School of Education and as the associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at St. John's University.

Father Holtschneider joins DePaul at an exciting time in the school's 106-year history. Steady enrollment growth has earned DePaul distinction as the largest Catholic university in the United States and the seventh-largest private university in the country, fulfilling DePaul's academic mission to expand access to quality educational programs to a diverse student body. As DePaul concludes its stra-

tegic planning, known as Vision 2006, Father Holtschneider will share his expertise to help shape the university's future initiatives.

Father Holtschneider has led two national studies of American Catholic colleges and universities, examining trends in governance and leadership, and he consults on these matters with university boards of trustees and sponsoring religious congregations. He is the author and co-author of one book and numerous articles on U.S. higher education and Catholic higher education, as well as a frequent speaker on these topics.

On behalf of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, I wish Father Holtschneider continued success at DePaul University and look forward to working with him as the university continues to grow and excel in a broad variety of disciplines. I am very proud to represent DePaul in the House of Representatives and once again congratulate Father Holtschneider on his inauguration as president of the university.

CONGRATULATING JAMES W.
PYLES ON HIS ELECTION AS
CHAIRMAN OF SCORE

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Mr. James W. Pyles of Elkhart, Indiana, for his recent election as board chairman of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). Mr. Pyles is the first African-American to lead this national nonprofit organization in its 40-year history, and I know he will lead SCORE well in its efforts to train and counsel small business owners and entrepreneurs.

Mr. Pyles is an energetic and passionate man who believes strongly in the mission of SCORE. His 34-year experience in the sales and marketing departments at Bayer Corporation, in addition to his experience as a manager of a real estate management firm, will serve him well in his new capacity as board chairman.

SCORE, which is funded by Congress, celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. During its existence, SCORE has assisted more than 6.7 million Americans with online and face-to-face small business counseling. There are 800 offices nationwide with more than 12,500 volunteer counselors who provide individual counseling and business workshops for aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Small businesses are critical to this nation's economy, having generated 60 to 80 percent of the net new jobs annually over the past decade. Small businesses also employ 50 percent of the country's private workforce and represent more than 97 percent of all exporters of goods.

I commend SCORE for its efforts to strengthen and assist small businesses across the country, and I urge more people to use SCORE services or get involved as a volunteer counselor.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to include a copy of the press announcement regarding Mr. Pyles' election to the chairmanship of SCORE in today's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. And, I

urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Pyles on his recent election. We wish him the best in his 2-year service as SCORE board chairman.

JAMES W. PYLES ELECTED BOARD CHAIR OF
SCORE

FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO LEAD SCORE IN ITS
40-YEAR HISTORY

WASHINGTON, DC.—SCORE announces the election of James W. Pyles of Elkhart, Ind., as the board chair for this national nonprofit organization dedicated to small business counseling and training. He is the first African-American to lead the Service Corps of Retired Executives in its 40-year history.

SCORE, which is funded by Congress, provides free business counseling as well as workshops and seminars to more than 350,000 aspiring and existing small business owners. SCORE has a national network of 10,500 volunteers, each with business management and small business experience. Pyles will lead SCORE's efforts to increase the number of entrepreneurs it serves, improve quality and recruit new volunteers to SCORE.

Pyles spent 34 years in sales and marketing positions with the Bayer Corporation, his last position as manager of consumer promotion. Prior to retirement, he became an entrepreneur by opening his own real estate management firm. He previously served for three years on the Board of Directors for the Promotion Marketing Association of America.

Pyles joined SCORE in 1996. He has been an active leader in his local SCORE chapter and served on national quality and marketing committees and the SCORE Association Board of Directors for the past three years, as Chair of the SCORE Board Nominating Committee and most recently as board vice chair.

Jim Pyles says, "SCORE will forge ahead on a course to pursue maximum client satisfaction and increase the number of entrepreneurs we serve. I believe in the American dream of owning a small business and SCORE helps small business owners successfully pursue their dreams."

According to SCORE CEO Ken Yancey, "Jim has a depth of business knowledge and experience. His service on the SCORE Board of Directors is a tremendous asset. He will expand SCORE's service to entrepreneurs and he will help SCORE recruit new volunteers to join SCORE's mission of aiding entrepreneurs through small business training and mentoring in the United States."

Pyles' accomplished business career is rivaled by his commitment to community service. His current involvements include leadership service for the following organizations: The Samaritan Center, Goshen College Community Advisory Group, and the Elkhart SCORE Chapter. Pyles is a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Pyles, a graduate of Crispus Attucks High School, earned his undergraduate degree at the Butler University College of Pharmacy and his MBA at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Since 1964, the SCORE Association has assisted more than 6.5 million aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners through counseling and business workshops. More than 10,500 volunteer business counselors serve their communities through entrepreneur education dedicated to the formation, growth and success of small businesses. For more information about starting or operating a small business, call 1-800-634-0245 for the SCORE chapter nearest you. Or visit SCORE on the Web at www.score.org.