

and Women's Ski Teams; Kristine Lilly—Professional Soccer; Chuck Mitrano—Empire 8 Commissioner; Jamie Moyer—Professional Baseball; Michael Phelps—Swimming; Christine Plonsky—Athletics Director, University of Texas; Chanda Rubin—Tennis; and Lynn Schweizer—Associate Director of Athletics, Denison University.

I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating National Sportsmanship Day, and I hope that continued recognition will help our country become more active, ethical, and team-oriented. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

TRIBUTE TO SYDNEY ELIZABETH ROGERS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform the House of yet another magnificent event that has taken place in my family.

On August 31, 2003, my youngest son John and his wife Tracy gave birth to their second daughter. Sydney Elizabeth Rogers weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. Sydney is a happy, healthy baby girl and has brought much joy to our family. Her grandmothers, Cynthia Rogers and JoAnn Walker, and I are all too happy to shower Sydney with love and affection.

At a time when the world is filled with much uncertainty and turmoil, my announcement of this beautiful baby girl is a welcome breath of fresh air. As the Congress works to make America a better, safer place to live, I will be certain to keep precious little Sydney in mind.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all of our colleagues join me in wishing all the best to Sydney Elizabeth Rogers.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF JULIAN ROTHBAUM

HON. BRAD CARSON

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, in September of 2003 Oklahoma lost one of its greatest public servants, Julian Rothbaum. Although Mr. Rothbaum was a successful oilman, he was perhaps best known for his work in education and politics. A close confidant of Speaker of the House Carl Albert, Mr. Rothbaum worked diligently to support and advance education and provided advice and counsel to many including many of Oklahoma's most influential public servants.

Born October 3, 1913, in Hartshorne, a small town in Southeastern Oklahoma, Mr. Rothbaum spent his life in service to his state and his country. After graduating from Hartshorne High School in 1932 as the President of his senior class, he went on to the University of Oklahoma, where he earned a bachelors degree in 1936, a law degree in 1938, and where he served as president of the student body. At OU, Mr. Rothbaum received his commission in ROTC and served his Country as a field artillery officer in World

War II. After the war, he returned to Oklahoma City where he began working as an attorney. He relocated to Tulsa in 1946 when he was named the first Director of the Tulsa District of the Federal Housing Administration. Mr. Rothbaum was the youngest FHA Director in the United States at the time.

Following his work With the FHA Mr. Rothbaum owned and operated a mortgage banking company, and in 1953 served as president of the Oklahoma Mortgage Banking Association. Shortly thereafter Mr. Rothbaum joined the Francis Oil and Gas Company and worked his way to chairman of the board. However, Mr. Rothbaum was not only successful in the business world and consistently devoted a great deal of time and energy to the people of Oklahoma through his work in education and politics.

Widely regarded as one of Oklahoma's most generous philanthropists, Mr. Rothbaum had a huge heart and was known to write hundreds of personal notes of thanks, congratulations, and encouragement while serving on the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents. His life-long support of and dedication to education was illustrated in many ways, including his two terms on the OU Board of Regents, one term on the State Board of Regents for Higher Education, and as Special Advisor on Higher Education.

As a tribute to his good friend Carl Albert, Mr. Rothbaum created and endowed a scholarship in Albert's name at every school the Speaker attended in his life, including McAlester High School, the University of Oklahoma, and Oxford University. Mr. Rothbaum also created and endowed many other awards as a way of supporting, encouraging, and strengthening education, at institutions including OU, Hartshorne High School, Carl Albert State College, and Central State University. These awards recognize a wide variety of accomplishments in many fields. He also initiated the Rothbaum Lecture Series on economics, education, and government at Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton.

For all of his hard work and dedication to the people of Oklahoma, Mr. Rothbaum was presented for induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame by his good friend Speaker Albert in 1986. Mr. Rothbaum also received many other awards and accolades throughout his life, and, though he was grateful for each, he always preferred to give rather than to receive.

In addition to his work with education, Mr. Rothbaum also served as an ardent supporter and advisor to many in Oklahoma politics, including Speaker Albert, former Governors George Nigh, David Boren, and David Walters, and many more. His interest in politics was grounded in the belief that the government should help people and that in order to make a better world, good competent people should be involved in politics. He believed in promise and possibility and lived his life as a shining example to all those whose lives he touched.

On a more personal note, Mr. Rothbaum was also a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Preceded in death in 1996 by Irene, his wife of 47 years, Mr. Rothbaum is survived by a daughter, Sue McCoy, of San Jose, California; a son, Joel Jankowsky, of Washington, DC; five grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. In all aspects of his life Mr. Rothbaum is remembered by everyone who knew him as a warm,

kind, generous, caring and down-to-earth person who genuinely wanted to make this world, his country, and his state a better place to live.

In commemoration of his life, his works and his impact on the people of Oklahoma, Governor Brad Henry dedicated September 29, 2003, as Julian Rothbaum Day. The State of Oklahoma has had no greater benefactor than Julian Rothbaum.

He believed in the promise of our State and, most of all, in the importance of education to improve Oklahoma. He had such love for public service and no person had a greater impact behind the scenes on Oklahoma politics than did Julian. His life and legacy has and will continue to touch people in many ways. The State of Oklahoma is poorer for his passing.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PHYLLIS BRANDS HUMBERT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Phyllis Brands Humbert who passed away recently at age eighty-five. Phyllis did much for her Walden, Colorado community as a rancher, schoolteacher, and member of many charitable organizations. As her family mourns her loss, I believe it is appropriate to remember Phyllis and pay tribute to a remarkable woman.

Phyllis embraced the pioneering spirit of Colorado, growing up on her family's historic ranch in Higo, Colorado. Phyllis and her late husband Dick started their own ranch, Humbert Ranches, Inc. in 1948, and it is still in the family today. Phyllis also pursued a career as a schoolteacher, and spent many years enriching the lives of her students at Gould, Rangely, and Craig high schools. In more recent years, Phyllis devoted much of her time to a number of charitable organizations in her community, including the IOOF, VFW Auxiliary, and the Rebekah Assembly of Colorado where she served as president in 1986.

Mr. Speaker, it is always difficult when a beloved member of the community passes away. Fortunately, those who knew Phyllis will have fond memories of her generosity and good nature. I am honored to bring the memory of Phyllis Humbert to the attention of this Congress and this nation.

HONORING THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIR ASSAULT) ON ITS RETURN FROM OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroes of the Army's 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). This famous division needs little introduction. Brave members of the "Screaming Eagle" division have fought for their country in countless towns and cities in

the 62 years of the division's service to America. In earlier wars, and in places such as Normandy, Eindhoven, Bastogne, and the A Shau Valley, thousands of brave Americans have fought while proudly wearing the emblem of the 101st on their left sleeve.

Today I honor a new generation of heroes from the 101st. After almost a year overseas in the Persian Gulf and in Iraq, thousands of the brave men and women of this storied unit have returned home. Of course, thousands of other US troops—soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines—have also served in Iraq or serve there today, including more than a thousand members of the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard. However, today I pay special tribute to the members of the fabled "Screaming Eagle" division in honor of their return to Tennessee.

These soldiers have seen a great deal since they were last home at Fort Campbell. First came the excitement of a rapid deployment and intensive training in Kuwait. For veteran and new recruit alike, this was a time of mixed emotions. On one hand, I'm sure they all felt the excitement of being on the verge of doing what they've trained for years to do: fight and win our nation's wars. At the same time, the thought of real combat was surely a source of worry and concern. Throughout the division, soldiers asked themselves the same question that soldiers have asked for centuries: When the time comes, will I measure up? When my buddies need me, will I be there for them? And most importantly—will I make it home?

Then came the first phase of the war in Iraq—the drive to Baghdad. During this phase of the war, the 101st fought in dozens of towns and cities. As is often the case in war, they encountered challenges they did not expect. But, as is also often the case in war, the fighting spirit and ingenuity of the American soldier overcame these challenges. In back alleys, across barren desert, on vital bridges, in tall buildings, and lowly huts, the troops of the 101st Airborne Division lived up to the reputation of previous generations of "Screaming Eagles." On the road to Baghdad they added new towns—like Karbala and Najaf—to the already long list of places where members of the 101st Airborne Division have made us proud.

Once Baghdad fell and Saddam went into hiding, the war entered a new, and in some ways more difficult phase—a guerilla war against remnants of Saddam's regime. For this phase the 101st was assigned an enormous and diverse section of northern Iraq, where they had the challenging dual mission of continuing to fight the enemy while also starting Iraq on the long road to democracy and economic reconstruction. Though it should not come as a surprise, the soldiers and leaders of the 101st showed that they were once again up to the challenge. The 101st succeeded in missions as diverse as building schools, training policemen, repairing utilities, and distributing new currency—all the while continuing to conduct combat operations against insurgents.

The members of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) clearly deserve our thanks for their fine service in Iraq, but so does another group of patriots—the families at Fort Campbell and elsewhere that had to stay behind. So, while I congratulate the men and women of the "Screaming Eagle" division, I want to also add my personal thanks to the family

members and friends of the brave troops who served in Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, I think I speak for all members of Congress when I congratulate the 101st Division on a job well done in Iraq, and I pray for the safe return of all our troops serving overseas.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a special honor that I rise today to pay tribute to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, a devoted and compassionate community service organization from Grand Junction, Colorado. The Fraternal Order of Eagles have been improving the lives of Colorado citizens for over a century, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing their tremendous service to the Colorado community.

The Grand Junction branch of the Fraternal Order of Eagles was formed in 1904 to help the less fortunate people in the community have a chance at a better life. One hundred years later, the organization has been so successful that the men's group has grown to include over 800 members. Every year the Fraternal Order of Eagles gives thousands of dollars to various local groups to aide impoverished citizens facing difficult times. The organization proudly admits that more than 90 percent of the money they give away comes directly from their members. One of the biggest events that the organization conducts in the Grand Junction community is a Christmas children's shopping spree at K-Mart as a reward to them for being good citizens.

Mr. Speaker, the Fraternal Order of Eagles is a dedicated, selfless organization that has long been active in helping those in need from the Grand Junction community. Their focus on public service to their fellow man is an outstanding example for America's youth. The Fraternal Order of Eagles organization's enthusiasm and commitment certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress. Congratulations on celebrating 100 years of public service, Eagles, and keep up the good work!

HONORING SENATOR JOHN WINTERS

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to pay tribute to one of North Carolina's most beloved leaders, former State Senator John Winters, who died on February 15.

John was one of North Carolina's towering business and political leaders of the Twentieth Century. John was a member of the Raleigh City Council beginning in 1961, went to the N.C. General Assembly in 1974 as one of two African American state senators elected since Reconstruction, and served from 1977–1983 on the N.C. Utilities Commission.

John had a dignity about him, and a tenacity as well, that infused every job he held. He began as an amateur boxer in New York City and later worked as a milkman and skycap in the 1950s.

He opened John W. Winters & Co. in 1957 and built new homes or apartments almost every year afterwards. His developments included Biltmore Hills, where he named streets after famous African-Americans, Madonna Acres, Wintershaven, and several small shopping centers. John understood that homeownership was an important way for people to build economic independence and a stake in their community, and he made it available to hundreds of families.

He practiced his craft of bringing people together during the most turbulent of civil rights times by being respectful, confident, compassionate, and wise in the ways of political and business leadership.

As we go forward from February's Black History Month celebrations, it is appropriate that we remember this African-American pioneer now and throughout the years as a model of kindness and practical assistance to those who sought a step up. He completely understood how to "walk with kings and princes but not lose the common touch." I personally benefited from his counsel and encouragement and appreciate the trail he blazed for all seeking social justice and expanded opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to place in the RECORD "The Lion in Winters," an editorial from the Raleigh News & Observer extolling John Winters' personal qualities and numerous civic contributions.

John Winters had a gentle smile, but he was tenacious at everything he did, and possessed of the grit and courage to back it up. It helped, because during the era in which Winters came along, an ambitious black man faced many obstacles constructed of the stern stuff of prejudice.

Winters, a former Raleigh City Council member and one of the first black state senators elected since Reconstruction, died Sunday at the age of 84. What a marvelous life he led, and what a gutsy one.

Winters used savings from his days as a milkman and skycap to build a successful development business with a multitude of projects, many of them in southeast Raleigh. Federal and state initiatives would help make homeownership possible for people of average means, but in this area Winters had an important role in offering people a chance at that dream.

All the while, he was working as a City Council member to advance civil rights and make Raleigh's transition into an integrated community a peaceful one. Winters was a forceful advocate for his beliefs in equality and opportunity, and in the North Carolina of the 1960s that wasn't an easy thing to be. Thankfully, he lived long enough to see many of his dreams realized.

Former Gov. Jim Hunt called Winters a "bridge-builder," and that's a good description. That Winters was a skilled business leader helped with the bridges, and gave him a chance also to help others who aspired to follow him into a business community where opportunities for minorities were few in that era.

John Winters made his mark. His hometown of Raleigh will wear it proudly, forever.