

JUNCTION CITY HIGH SCHOOL'S RECORD-SETTING SEASON

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, on the afternoon of December 13, 2003, at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock, the Junction City High School Dragons team made history by capping off a perfect 15-0 season and winning its first Class AA state football championship. It was celebrated by a community, which braved the winter conditions to see the culmination of a record-setting season. This team personifies the spirit of determination and hard work that has always distinguished Arkansans.

As a parent, I understand the demands that our young people face. As members of the community, we are all aware that education is as important as any other issue we face. Each day, our children learn lessons in the classroom that will prepare them for the days and years ahead, and we work hard to see they are given the tools they need to compete and succeed in life. The success of the Junction City High School football program exemplifies how the lessons learned on the field of competitive athletics can often supplement the education learned in our classrooms. I have long been an advocate of athletics and extracurricular activities as those activities broaden academic excellence by instilling leadership, character, and teamwork in its participants.

At a time when our country needs youth leadership more than ever, this team has answered the challenge and set a course that can serve as an example for us all. Along with the school's first-ever championship, the records compiled by this team are truly impressive: An all-time state scoring record, the longest winning streak in school history, and the most wins in school history. It's about more than records or trophies. Championships are won in the heart as much as on the field. The will to overcome adversity, the daily drive to succeed, and the mental toughness to perform under pressure carried these young men during their championship season, and will provide them with a well to draw from throughout their entire lives.

It brings me a great deal of pleasure to again congratulate the Junction City High School football program on their tremendous season and first-ever Class AA High School Football Championship. We all take pride in you and all you have accomplished.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING RITA DUTTON

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Rita Dutton has devoted herself to serving the Union Local School District for the past eleven and a half years; and

Whereas, Rita Dutton has served as the President of the Union Local School Board in 1996, 1998, and 2003; and

Whereas, Rita Dutton supported the construction of and served as Board President

during the groundbreaking of a new high school and elementary school; and

Whereas, Rita Dutton has given selflessly of her time and talents to improve the quality and facilities of the Union Local School District;

Therefore, I join with the Union Local School District and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Rita Dutton on her retirement from the Union Local School Board.

HONORING OLIVER BIRCKHEAD AS A GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Oliver Birkhead, a dear friend and constituent, who will be formally honored on February 26, 2003 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce as a Great Living Cincinnati, one of our region's highest honors. The recipients of this prestigious award are selected on the basis of special professional achievement; an awareness of the needs of others; civic service; leadership; and distinctive accomplishments.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Birkhead graduated from Trinity-Pawling School in Pawling, New York; Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts; and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University. Mr. Birkhead says the banking business was really in his blood: his father was the first Supervisor of National Banks in President Taft's administration. In 1937, Mr. Birkhead began his career in the banking business with the Peoples National Bank and Trust Company in White Plains, New York.

After a stint in the U.S. Air Corps, Mr. Birkhead was appointed assistant national bank examiner in the Second District of New York. From 1948 to 1951, he worked for Chemical Bank, then joined Central Trust Company (now PNC Bank) in Cincinnati. At Central Trust, he was elected an officer in 1951 and became executive vice president and director in 1967. In 1968, Mr. Birkhead was involved in the founding of Central Bancorporation and became CEO of its lead bank, The Central Trust Company, a position he held for 17 years. When he became president and later CEO of Central Bancorporation, the company's assets were approximately \$500 million; when he retired in 1988, the company's assets were \$5.2 billion. When Central Bancorporation merged into PNC the result was a \$43 billion regional banking company, and Mr. Birkhead served as vice chairman and director of PNC Bank until he retired in 1989.

Mr. Birkhead's civic accomplishments have touched nearly every facet of Greater Cincinnati. He was a trustee, vice president and executive committee member of the Cincinnati Art Museum, and advisory board member and vice chairman of the Salvation Army. He also served on the boards of the Boy's Club of Cincinnati; the Cincinnati Association for the Blind; and the Cincinnati Council on World Affairs. He has been a leader for Xavier University's Capital Fund Drive; the University of Cincinnati's Annual Business Campaign; the National Conference of Christians and Jews (now the National Conference for Community Jus-

tice); the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce; the Cincinnati Business Committee; and the Statue of Liberty Centennial Commission. With several others, he led the original financing that formed the Cincinnati Bengals.

The recipient of many awards for his community service, Mr. Birkhead was honored by Ohio Governor John Gilligan with the Governor's Award for Community Action and by the Urban League. In 1986, he was presented with the Israel Peace Award by the State of Israel.

He is also devoted to his family, and his wife, Jane, is an active and effective volunteer in Greater Cincinnati. All of us in Greater Cincinnati thank Mr. Birkhead for his service to our community and congratulate him on being named a Great Living Cincinnati.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE OF TOMMY SANFORD

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize Tommy Sanford for his 22 years of service as the assessor of property in Rutherford County, Tennessee. Tommy was first elected in 1982, and since then, he has never had an opponent. But he has decided to retire from that position at the end of his current term.

During Tommy's tenure, the number of property parcels in the county has more than doubled, and the appraised value of all county property has increased by more than \$10 billion. To keep up with all the work fueled by the county's phenomenal population growth, Tommy's staff has grown from 8 to 33 employees. And he is quick to give his employees credit for the success of his office.

Tommy also organized and supervised the county's reappraisal department and oversaw the implementation of the county's new digitized mapping system. A progressive and dedicated public servant who strives to treat all Rutherford County property owners fairly, he has received more than 40 awards, including the 1989-90 Tennessee's Outstanding County Official.

His unflinching dedication and tireless service to the county will be sorely missed. I congratulate Tommy on his outstanding career in public service and wish him well in his future endeavors.

IN LASTING MEMORY OF LOUIS L. RAMSAY, JR.

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to rise in honor of the life and legacy of Louis L. Ramsay, Jr. who passed away at the age of 85. Louis Ramsay, Jr. was born in 1918 in Fordyce, Arkansas, in rural Dallas County. Through his lifetime, Louis distinguished himself as a husband, father, businessman, and church and community leader.

He was a truly selfless public servant and a leader in law and banking who sought to improve the lives of those in the community and state he called home.

Louis led a remarkable life of both energy and dedication and it was readily apparent to those around him. From his days on the playing fields as a University of Arkansas quarterback to his distinguished air combat service over the battlegrounds of World War II, Louis developed a steadfastness, discipline and vision well beyond his years. He carried those traits on to law school and eventually the Arkansas Business Hall of fame.

Whether Louis was working as a lawyer or bank president, or serving his Governor or alma mater, the scope of his involvement is apparent as he holds the distinction of the only individual in state history to serve as president of both the Arkansas Bar Association and the Arkansas Bankers Association.

Although his professional achievements speak volumes, his influence transcends the business community as he continually made a priority of helping others through volunteer service and civic activities. As a member of a small community, I know what men like Louis mean to their neighbors. For Louis, the citizens of Pine Bluff showed their appreciation by naming him the "City's Most Influential Citizen" in 1989. This honor recognized both the significant economic impact he provided the communities of Pine Bluff and Southeast Arkansas as well as the tireless devotion and strength of character he displayed. He was truly an example for us all.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Joy; his son, Richard; and his daughter, Joy. I extend my sincerest sympathies to them and hope we can all find some solace in the realization that the spirit and legacy of Louis Ramsay lives on in each of us.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THOMAS PATRICK FLANNERY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Thomas Patrick Flannery has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Thomas Patrick Flannery has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Thomas Patrick Flannery has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Thomas Patrick Flannery must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 87, and his family and friends in congratulating Thomas Patrick Flannery as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

HONORING WILLIAM K. SCHUBERT,
M.D. AS A GREAT LIVING CIN-
CINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William K. Schubert, M.D., a distinguished leader, who will be honored on February 26, 2004 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce as a Great Living Cincinnati, one of our region's highest honors. The recipients of this prestigious honor are selected on the basis of special professional achievement; an awareness of the needs of others; civic service; leadership; and distinctive accomplishments.

As president and CEO of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Dr. Schubert steered it from a small facility with four operating rooms to one of the top five pediatric medical centers in the Nation and designation by the American College of Surgeons as a Level 1 pediatric trauma center. During the 1970s, Dr. Schubert led a centralization of the region's pediatric care into a single medical center at Children's Hospital.

A Cincinnati native, Dr. Schubert graduated from Walnut Hills High School, the University of Cincinnati and the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Interested in science and influenced in childhood by the family's doctor, he made the decision in high school to later attend medical school. After completing an internship at Indiana University Medical Center, he returned to Cincinnati and served a residency in pediatrics and a fellowship in hematology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

In 1996, Dr. Schubert retired after 33 years of service to Children's Hospital, including 13 years as head of the medical center. Dr. Schubert has held many key leadership positions, such as founder and director of the Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology; chief of staff, director of the pediatric residency training program; director of Children's Hospital Research Foundation; physician executive director; and chairman of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He is a diplomat in the American Board of Pediatrics. Today, Dr. Schubert is professor emeritus of pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati and serves Children's Hospital Medical Center as a consultant.

In our community, Dr. Schubert was instrumental in the successful effort to expand Cincinnati's property tax levy for indigent care to include children. He has been involved in the Rotary Club of Cincinnati; the Babies' Milk Fund; the Center for Quality Leadership; and the Ohio Association of Children's Hospitals. I had the privilege of serving with Dr. Schubert on the board of the Springer School in Cincinnati. Dr. Schubert is the recipient of Children's Hospital Medical Center Board of Trustees' William Cooper Procter Medallion; the Cincinnati Pediatrics Society Founder's Award; and the University of Cincinnati's Daniel Drake and Distinguished Alumni Awards.

All of us in the Greater Cincinnati area are grateful to Dr. Schubert for his service to our community, and congratulate him on being named a Great Living Cincinnati.

PERSON OF THE YEAR—SGT
MARQUETTE WHITESIDE

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor SGT Marquette Whiteside, a 24-year-old resident of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. SGT Whiteside was active in the Red Cross and the 4-H Club. Upon graduation from Watson Chapel High School, he took a job while he waited to hear from the military. Once accepted, SGT Whiteside trained in Germany where he specialized in weapons artillery.

Time Magazine's honoree for 2003 Person of the Year is the American Soldier, and SGT Whiteside was chosen to be profiled. SGT Whiteside is a member of Survey Platoon, Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion in the 1st Armored's 3rd Field Artillery Regiment. There is no soldier more deserving of this honor than SGT Whiteside. Scheduled to be relieved of duty in early 2004, SGT Whiteside signed on for an additional 3 years with the Army, with just a 6-month break between tours.

My sincere gratitude and deep appreciation go to SGT Marquette Whiteside, a man who has dedicated himself to protecting his country in the noblest sense.

I am honored to represent this fine soldier in the U.S. House of Representatives. Not just a soldier, SGT Whiteside is also a son, a brother, and a father. My thoughts and prayers are with Marquette's mother, Catherine; his two brothers, and his 6-year-old, daughter, Brashawn, who all anxiously await his permanent and safe return home.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF JAMES E. CARNES

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, James E. Carnes served the people of Ohio as a member of the Ohio State Senate for 8 years; and

Whereas, James E. Carnes has served as Chairman of the Senate's Finance Committee, overseeing the state budget; and

Whereas, James E. Carnes is currently the longest serving member of the Ohio State Senate; and

Whereas, James E. Carnes has used his position within the Ohio Senate to help better the lives of thousands of people; and

Whereas, James E. Carnes has been appointed to continue his service to the citizens of Ohio as the Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; and

Whereas, James E. Carnes must be commended for his dedication to improving the state of Ohio and his willingness to continue this service through his new appointment.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in celebrating James E. Carnes's 8 years of service in the Ohio State Senate and wish him the best of luck in his new position.