

LITTLE ELM PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the new Little Elm Public Library. The City of Little Elm will be celebrating National Library Week with a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new library.

On August 11, 2003, Little Elm Community Library moved into Little Elm Town Hall to become Little Elm Public Library. Ms. Tina Hager was hired to be its first Public Library Director.

In the 7 months the library has been in operation, it has reached several milestones and helped the lives of the citizens of Little Elm. Accommodating nearly 9,000 visitors thus far, the Little Elm Public Library has checked out over 11,000 items and registered 1,236 new patrons. The computers in the library have been used over 4,000 times for database searching, job hunting, writing reports and resumes, learning how to speak English, and for a variety of other reasons.

National Library Week is a fitting occasion for Little Elm's ribbon cutting ceremony. This week is a time to celebrate the contributions of our Nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

I would like to commend Little Elm Public Library and its employees for their role in encouraging education in their community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. KEVIN JONES

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Virginia Tech junior Kevin Jones, one of the fastest players in college football. Mr. Jones has become one of the most accomplished players in Virginia Tech history due to his tireless team spirit and incredible skill as a running back. Mr. Jones achieved recognition and greatness as a Hokie, becoming both a Doak Walker Award finalist and a Heisman Trophy candidate.

Kevin Jones was the most highly-rated recruit in Virginia Tech history. In 2000, while playing at Cardinal O'Hara High in Springfield, PA, he was ranked as the Nation's top high school player by agencies such as Super Prep and Student Sports. He was the number one running back and number one overall player in the East Region and won the first-ever high school Heisman award for the Northeast region.

Kevin helped his Virginia Tech football team complete an outstanding season which culminated in advancing to the Insight Bowl. Despite only starting one season, he secured a position on many of his team's record lists. Although recorded in the books as a great running back with impressive numbers, Mr. Jones is best known for his great work ethic and love of his team.

Kevin Jones' exceptional talent led him to a difficult decision. He has had such an extraordinary career with the Hokies that he has opted to forego his senior season and declare

himself eligible for the 2004 NFL draft. It is expected that he will be drafted in the first round. I wish Kevin the best in his pursuit of his dreams. He is a talented individual with the drive and determination to do anything that he puts his mind to.

It is a privilege to recognize Mr. Kevin Jones. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending him for numerous achievements in his football career.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PEGGY REEVES

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Peggy Reeves and thank her for her extraordinary contributions in the Colorado General Assembly. She will always be remembered as a State Senator and Representative with the utmost dedication and talent, and will continue to be known as a leader in the community. As she moves on in her distinguished career, let it be known that I, along with the people of Colorado, are eternally grateful for all that she has accomplished in her tenure in the Colorado General Assembly.

Peggy was elected to the Colorado State Senate in 1996, and subsequently in 2000, after serving in the State House of Representatives from 1983 to 1996. Serving the people of Larimer County in District 14, Peggy has long been an advocate of budget reform, health care, education, and economic development. During this current term, Peggy serves as a member of the Appropriations and Joint Budget Committee. Her outstanding record has garnered Peggy praise and awards from numerous organizations throughout the state and country, including the March of Dimes Advocate of the Year in 2000, the Colorado Community Health Network 2001 Outstanding Legislator of the Year, and the Colorado Treasurer's Association 2001 Unique Woman of Colorado Award.

In addition to her service in the Colorado General Assembly, Peggy has dedicated much of her efforts to numerous civic organizations. She is a member of the American Association of University Women, Colorado State University Women's Association, and a past member of Fort Collins Community Foundation and United Way Campaign. In addition to her philanthropic endeavors, Peggy is the proud mother of two children, Margaret and Michael, and two grandchildren, Nathalie and Max.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that State Representative Peggy Reeves has displayed a terrific level of dedication and commitment to her community and the State of Colorado. She is a remarkable woman, who has achieved extraordinary things in her distinguished tenure in the Colorado General Assembly, and I am honored to be able to bring her hard work and dedication to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation. It is my privilege to be able to express to her, and to this country, my gratitude for all that she has done for our wonderful state. I wish her and her husband Brent all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE ANNUAL BAYONNE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVANCE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Annual Bayonne Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance. On Sunday, April 18, 2004, the Inter-Faith Clergy and the Bayonne Jewish Community Council co-sponsored the Holocaust Memorial Observance Program held at 2 p.m., at Bayonne City Hall Council Chambers.

The Annual Bayonne Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance Program not only honored the victims of the Holocaust, promoted Jewish history and culture, but also served as an opportunity to bring together the Bayonne community to foster understanding among all people. The United Jewish Appeal Federation of Bayonne, the umbrella organization for the Jewish Community in Bayonne, has served to promote civic and communal duties, in order to enhance the quality of life in Bayonne.

The Annual Bayonne Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance Program was chaired by Alan J. Apfelbaum, an active and dedicated member of the Jewish community. Mr. Apfelbaum has been a constant figure at the Annual Bayonne Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance Program since its inception. The event included proclamations made by Mayor Joseph V. Doria, Jr., as well as keynote speaker Professor Harry Reicher from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

As Director of International Affairs and Representative to the United Nations of Agudath Israel World Organization, Professor Reicher has fought for international human rights, particularly religious freedom. Born in Prague and raised in Australia, Professor Reicher has done extensive research, focusing on Nazi legislation and its assault on the Jewish community.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Annual Bayonne Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance for remembering the victims of the Holocaust; and I ask that we, too, remember the Holocaust, its victims, and the ruthlessness of the Nazi regime. We must never forget.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN T. SIMS, JR.

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, Lance Corporal John T. Sims, Jr., 21, of Alexander City, Alabama, died on April 10, 2004 in Iraq. Lance Corporal Sims was a member of the Marine's 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, based at Camp Pendleton, California, and died of a gunshot sustained during combat. He is survived by his mother Margaret Kellum, stepfather Jerry Kellum, and his sister Daphne, as well as his father, John T. Sims of Millbrook. He is also survived by his sister Wendy Smith of Alex

City, his maternal grandparents William and Mary Peppers of Our Town and a paternal grandmother, Beulah Sims of Alexander City.

John Sims, Jr. was eager to serve his country as a Marine, Mr. Speaker. After graduating from Benjamin Russell High School in 2001, he joined the Marines and was known for his great sense of humor, his quick wit, and his big heart. Like every other soldier, he dutifully left behind his family and loved ones to serve our country overseas.

Words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and for the gratitude our country feels for his service. Lance Corporal Sims died serving not just the United States, but the entire cause of liberty, on a noble mission to help spread the cause of freedom in Iraq and liberate an oppressed people from tyrannical rule.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the House's remembrance on this mournful day.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF RUTH L. APPLGARTH

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Ruth L. Applegarth; and

Whereas, Ruth Applegarth was a loving sister, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother to the members of her family. Ruth was a faithful member of the New Athens United Methodist Church and spent her time working with Flushing Chapter 369, Order of the Eastern Star. As a licensed Practical Nurse at the Hillview Nursing Home in Flushing, the Cadiz Convalescent Center, the Belmont Habilitation Center and the Cadiz Group Home, Ruth brought comfort and solace to those patients she cared for; and

Whereas, Mrs. Applegarth will certainly be remembered by all those who knew her because of her loving nature towards her family, friends and community; and

Whereas, the understanding and caring to which she gave to others will stand as a monument to a truly fine person. Her life and love gave joy to all who knew her;

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Ruth L. Applegarth.

SHELLEY CENTENNIAL

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the city of Shelley, Idaho, a community in the heart of my state's rich potato country that this year is celebrating the centennial of its founding.

John F. Shelley settled eastern Idaho in 1892, just two years after statehood. He built the first home, and later a store, in the town that would bear his name. The railroad saw promise in the area's rich volcanic soil and stalwart pioneers, and put in a spur line to connect them with the world. Shelley officially became a city in 1904.

In 1927, community leaders in Shelley organized the first annual Idaho Spud Day, a tradition that grew through the years and continues each September with the support of area growers and processors. Indeed, Shelley has become so thoroughly identified with Idaho's world famous potatoes that its high school teams are known as the "Russets."

That heritage has a special place in my heart, Mr. Speaker. My career in private business was focused on the potato industry. Over 30 years, selling Idaho potato products around the world, I came to know and appreciate my state's farmers and the towns and businesses and families their labors support—like Shelley.

It is a community with a rich and proud history, built on hard work and faith and values that endure. It is a place where people know one another, and look after one another. The people of Shelley are tough and resilient, and they are committed to keeping their hometown the kind of place much of America would still like to be.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Shelley and its fine citizens for a remarkable century of tradition, achievement and progress. I'm confident that Shelley, Idaho, will remain a special place to live, work and raise a family for generations to come.

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION TURNS 100

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OF TEXAS

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, as a second generation doctor, who practiced medicine for 21 years, I am proud to congratulate the American Lung Association on this their centennial anniversary. The American Lung Association operates as the oldest voluntary health organization in the United States. The organization was founded in 1904 with the purpose of trying to combat tuberculosis. Today the Association fights all lung diseases with special emphasis on tobacco-related diseases and asthma.

One of the main focuses of the American Lung Association is the reduction of tobacco use in order to combat lung disease. The act of smoking itself makes it difficult for a person's lung to function properly which makes the lung itself vulnerable to carcinogens from the smoke inhalation. Cigarettes and tobacco contain many cancer-causing chemicals. Along with disabling the immune response and destroying the lung tissue, chemicals can wreak cancerous havoc within the lung, esophagus, throat, and mouth. Chemicals found in tobacco smoke also destroy the cellular mechanisms which remove particles from the bronchial passages and results in "smoker's cough". Helping America to stop smoking is a difficult, but worthy pursuit.

The second mission the association has been focusing on for one hundred years is

that of asthma. Asthma is a lung disease that can be life-threatening and is chronic. In other words, you live with it every day. Asthma can develop quickly and it can range from being a mild discomfort to a life-threatening attack if breathing stops completely. This is a deadly, often overlooked threat that the American Lung Association is fighting.

Today, lung cancer is the leading cause of death from cancer in men and women. Therefore, it is vital that both public and professional efforts be directed at effectively controlling this epidemic. The American Lung Association is doing its part in helping us to fight this deadly disease. They now operate by means of contributions and grants from corporations, foundations, and government agencies. Major medical and educational institutions help the association to provide information and programs to schools, communities, and different health agencies completely free or at a nominal fee.

Thank you for serving our nation for one hundred years in combating lung disease.

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Saint Joseph's University senior Mr. Jameer Nelson, who will go down in history as one of the greatest basketball players to have ever graced the court of St. Joseph's University. This 5'11" point guard recently completed a sweep of the National Player of the Year awards, winning honors such as the John R. Wooden Award, the award for Associated Press Player of the Year, and the Pomeroy Naismith Award.

This unanimous AP All-American selection led the Hawks to an incredible 30–2 season, topping the team in points, assists and steals, while simultaneously becoming Saint Joseph's career leader. His four-year class secured the most wins in school history with a 98–27 record and rallied the support of people in the greater Philadelphia area with four consecutive post-season appearances. This year, he and the Hawks attained their first-ever number-one seed in the NCAA tournament and advanced to the Elite Eight. In recognition of Mr. Nelson and his monumental career at Saint Joseph's, his number 14 will be retired.

As a Chester, PA native, Mr. Nelson has had an outstanding collegiate career and is now preparing for a professional basketball career. His talents and many awards provide him tremendous opportunity in the NBA and in life.

It is a privilege to recognize a young person whose ability, leadership, and commitment have brought success to his school and team. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Jameer Nelson for achievement in his basketball career.