

HONORING OFFICER RODNEY  
CHAMBERS

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004*

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay honor to a true American hero, Officer Rodney Chambers, who without thought for his own safety, risked his life to save others from harm. Officer Chambers has been chosen to receive the prestigious Officer of the Year Award from the Amtrak Police Department because of his selfless heroism and courage, and I am proud to join them in saluting his bravery.

On June 9, 2003, Officer Chambers was on patrol in Washington's Union Station when he was dispatched to respond to a call for service from Union Station. Security reporting that a male put a grenade in a trash receptacle. Officer Chambers responded to First Street where a Union Station security officer identified the suspect. Capitol Police Officer Michael DeCarlo joined Officer Chambers in pursuit of the suspect. Officer Chambers came upon the suspect and instructed him to put his hands on the wall. The suspect removed a piece of clothing that he was holding and revealed a grenade. He then pulled the pin and attempted to drop the grenade.

Officer Chambers reacted immediately by pinning the suspect against the wall while wrestling the grenade away from him, holding the spoon and fuse from priming. At this time, Officer DeCarlo arrived on the scene and assisted in controlling the suspect.

As the suspect was being taken into custody by police officers, Officer Chambers along with his Sergeant removed himself to a safe distance from the area of onlookers while continuing to hold down the spoon on the grenade. Officer Chambers maintained his position for approximately 15 minutes while waiting for the arrival of the EOD team. During this period of time, a search revealed a second grenade.

The Capitol Police EOD responded and placed both grenades in an isolation chamber. Ultimately, both grenades were found to be inactive and filled with a gel-like substance. However, during the period of time Officer Chambers spent with the grenade he had no way of knowing this.

Officer Chambers was awarded the Medal of Honor from the Amtrak Police Department on November 10, 2003; a Resolution from Amtrak's Board of Directors on June 12, 2003; the Officer of the Month Award from the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund; and the Department of Transportation Award for heroism from the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Norman Y. Mineta and Federal Railroad Administrator Allan Rutter on October 21, 2003.

COMMENDING TEACHERS FROM  
NORTHWEST INDIANA

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend seven dedicated

teachers from Northwest Indiana who have been voted outstanding educators by their peers for the 2003–2004 school year. These individuals, Yvonne Stoll, Laura Cullen, Jeremy Walker, Sandra Sidock, David Markley, Linda Scheffer, and Valerie Giacomini will be presented with the Crystal Apple Award at a reception sponsored by the Indiana State Teachers Association. This prestigious event will take place at the Andorra Restaurant and Banquets in Schererville, Indiana, on Tuesday, May 4, 2004.

Yvonne Stoll, from the North Newton School Corporation, has been a role model, an inspiration to her students, and an outstanding professional for more than 30 years. Yvonne, a dedicated kindergarten school teacher, knows the importance of developing creative thinking skills in her students. In addition to Yvonne's teaching abilities, she has made tireless efforts to further the education of kindergarten students through her active participation in organizations such as: the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children, the Reading Council, and NNEA/ISTA/NEA.

Laura Cullen has been teaching kindergarten in the Hanover Community School Corporation for nearly 20 years. She is a loyal and enthusiastic person who has a passion to teach her kindergarten students. Laura's students graduate from her class with strong reading and writing skills which provide a solid foundation for a lifetime of learning. She is actively involved in the Jane Ball Literacy for Life Team, Grade Level Chairperson at Jane Ball Elementary, Teacher Assistance Team, Climate Committee, and the Public Law 221 Committee.

Jeremy Walker is known for his ability to connect with students in a way few other teachers are able to duplicate. Jeremy teaches Latin in the Crown Point Community School Corporation and is an integral person in his school's Latin program. A testament to Jeremy's teaching abilities, his students recently won the Indiana State Sweepstakes, establishing his Latin club as the best in Indiana. Jeremy truly has an outstanding teaching ability, while his dedication to his profession and to his students is equally outstanding.

Sandra Sidock has 30 years of experience in teaching and tutoring students in mathematics. At the Lake Central School Corporation, Sandra instilled in her students the skills needed to be successful at the next level. Although many students benefited from Sandra's knowledge, the students who needed extra assistance could always rely on her. Sandra incorporates the Legos, Cuisenaire Rods, and other techniques into her teaching curriculum to benefit the students who need extra guidance.

David Markley has taught music for seven years at Highland High School. The love and passion David has for music, both personally and professionally, is demonstrated through the creativity and enthusiasm that he projects. He not only inspires his students, but also the teachers at Highland High School, the parishioners of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, and many others in Northwest Indiana.

Linda Scheffer has been nurturing young minds at Munster High School for the past 32 years. Her enthusiasm for the subject matter, as well as her teaching style, has withstood the test of time. Linda makes learning an enjoyable experience, for she blends her creative spirit and her willingness to experiment with

new ideas and techniques to better foment home economic concepts in the minds of her students. Linda's compassion for others is exhibited by her thoughtfulness towards both students and teachers.

Valerie Giacomini has been a great asset to the Tri-Creek School Corporation throughout her years of teaching. She is conscientious about having her students meet the standards expected of them. Valerie's strong work ethic as a teacher allows her to make an extraordinary effort to provide the best possible education for her students. Valerie is a continuous source of strength and enthusiasm for her students, parents, and colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these outstanding educators on their receipt of the 2003–2004 Crystal Apple Award. The years of hard work they have put forth in shaping the minds and futures of Northwest Indiana's young people is a true inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING THE TIRELESS  
WORK OF THE DURAND PATRIOTS

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of some great Americans in Michigan's Eighth District, the Durand Patriots. The Durand Patriots are a non-profit organization working hard to support our fighting troops abroad by providing them with some of the comforts of home.

Since October, 2001, the Durand Patriots have shipped over 500 packages to active military personnel. Last year alone, the Durand Patriots raised \$25,000 for the purchase of convenience items and holiday gifts to be sent to our troops. In their latest undertaking, the Durand Patriots came to the rescue of a local soldier, CW3 Mike Mogg, when he lost all of his possessions in a fire in his Baghdad living quarters. The Durand Patriots sent over fifty boxes of supplies to Chief Warrant Officer Mogg and his unit to replace their lost possessions.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the support of the Durand Patriots to our armed forces. Their commitment to helping boost military morale by ensuring that our fighting men and women have the comforts of home while they protect America, showcases the best of the American spirit.

DO NOT DISMANTLE TITLE IX

**HON. DIANE E. WATSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004*

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, the Bush Administration's record on education has been nothing but disastrous, and as a former member of the Los Angeles Unified School District board, I am especially dismayed by the Administration's relentless attack on Title IX, one of the most effective laws designed to expand educational opportunities for countless women.

Last year, President Bush attempted to roll back Title IX by dramatically reducing the participation and scholarships opportunities for women athletes. Just recently, the Department of Education announced its intention to throw out basic protections against sex discrimination in public schools.

Last week 58 members of Congress joined me in registering our opposition to the proposed changes in Title IX regulations. All Americans need to be aware of this Administration's abysmal education record. This President has adopted a "bait and switch" attitude regarding his support for education programs. He is at it again with a plan to dismantle Title IX. It is time for real educational funding and commitments, not just another hypocritical proposal.

RECOGNIZING MR. STEPHEN G. SHEETZ

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary vision of entrepreneur Stephen G. Sheetz, owner and chairman of Sheetz, Inc. for his "2004 Lifetime Achievement Award for Business Advocacy".

This prestigious award, presented by the Chamber of Commerce of Blair County, Pennsylvania, has been designed to honor an individual who has set the standard of excellence in achievement, both personal and professional.

Steve Sheetz is recognized as a true leader of both his family's business, Sheetz, Inc., as well as, the business community of central Pennsylvania.

He has served as a longtime mentor and visionary for generations of fellow business associates, family members, and employees, as well as, a devoted following of consumers.

He constantly sets an example of selflessness by helping to promote the overall business climate without focusing efforts on his own business or personal gains.

I am pleased to commemorate the excellence in achievement of Stephen G. Sheetz, of Sheetz, Inc.

This honor is appropriately "Made To Order".

TRIBUTE TO CYNTHIA MASON-CORLETT

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004*

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, it is my extreme pleasure and privilege to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Cynthia Mason-Corlett for being awarded the 2003 Milken National Education Award.

Ms. Corlett began her teaching career in 1988, teaching science and math to middle school students. Currently, she teaches eighth grade at Sierra Middle School in Parker, Colorado. She has excelled at energizing students by using hands-on teaching methods. Students investigate everything from air pressure

to space travel, and share their knowledge by conducting science demonstrations for second graders from neighborhood elementary schools.

The Milken National Educator Award is today one of the largest teacher recognition programs in the United States; one hundred new educators from across the country will receive their awards for excellence in their profession. Ms. Corlett will join 72 previous winners from the state of Colorado to work on strengthening teacher quality, and serving as expert resources for policy makers.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that Cynthia Mason-Corlett is a person who possesses dedication and commitment to her life long pursuit of educating young people. It is not only her devotion, but also her passion for contributing to the betterment of the Colorado community that I wish to recognize before this body. It is my distinct pleasure to honor Cynthia here today, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

WORLD MAGAZINE

**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, April 21, I inadvertently failed to give proper attribution to World Magazine during my Case for Life Special Order. I read the following quote and would like to credit World Magazine as its source:

"A native of India, he just does not meet the stereotype, not just the head wrap, the neat beard, the Rollie Fingers-style mustache, but he views abortion as an unalienable right for women in America."

TREE CITY USA

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Tree City USA cities located in the 26th District of Texas: Arlington, Carrollton, Colleyville, Coppell, Denton, Euless, Flower Mound, Fort Worth, Frisco, Grapevine, Keller, Lewisville, McKinney, Plano, Southlake, Trophy Club and Westlake.

The National Arbor Day Foundation is the primary sponsor of the Tree City USA program and works in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry program and state foresters. The Tree City USA program creates a technology-transfer network that involves nearly 3,000 Tree City USAs in all 50 states, Mayors, City Foresters, and concerned citizens throughout the nation.

The Tree City USA designation is awarded to cities that meet four distinct qualifications. To become a Tree City USA, a city must designate responsibility for public tree care to a volunteer board or city department; have a tree-care ordinance in effect; spend at least \$2 per capita annually on community forestry; and proclaim and observe Arbor Day. Cities that fulfill these requirements display a clear dedication to the environment and trees in their community.

I believe that trees and forests are very important national resources. Community forests help to improve the quality of our air and water, reduce runoff and erosion and contribute to important national energy-conservation goals.

So I would like to congratulate the seventeen cities in the 26th District, as well as all of the other cities nationwide, that received the Tree City USA designation. It is my hope that other communities will take note of the model activities in these cities and strive to earn the Tree City USA distinction for their city in the future.

TRIBUTE TO HAZARD VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the members and coaches of the 2004 Hazard High School varsity cheerleading squad. This year alone, the squad has cheered their way to four first place victories, an admirable accomplishment for a small-town team competing against much larger schools.

The Hazard cheerleaders began their winning streak in January, when they secured the top spot in the annual WYMT-TV Mountain Classic Cheerleading Competition. In February, the team traveled to Richmond, KY, where they competed with more than 50 cheerleading squads in the Kentucky All "A" State Cheerleading Competition. Their enthusiastic and skillful performance landed the squad with a first place showing. The team also received the coveted Team Spirit Award.

After their impressive showing in Richmond, the cheerleaders finished first at the KAPOS 54th District and KAPOS 14th Regional competitions, and earned the right to compete in the state competition. The squad earned an admirable fourth place finish in the statewide competition, marking the first time a Hazard squad has placed in the top five since they won the state championship in 1970.

It should be noted that the Hazard Cheerleaders accomplish as much during their regular season as they do in competitions. The squad cheers at all football games and basketball games, stirring up school spirit through their energetic routines and skillful stunts. They also have a commitment to community involvement, often volunteering at charitable organizations and local homeless shelters. I am proud of their contributions to Eastern Kentucky, both in cheerleading and their community.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Hazard High School cheerleaders for their tremendous success this year. I ask each of my colleagues to join me in honoring Hazard High School, coaches Cathy Hammonds, Vivian Carter, Lisa Combs, Wayne Noble and Shane Noble, and each and every talented member of the squad: Casey Smith, Lindsey Fields, Sydney Napier, Sarah Johnson, Jennifer Bryant, Jennifer Brock, Ashlei Mullins, Amber Hammonds, Paige Whitaker, Roxanne Whitaker, Marry Simms Carter, Kelly Hoskins, Becky Jo Brotherton, Sarah Hall, Whitney Francis, Brandi Hayes, Katie Hanson, Kayla