

In particular, I would like to recognize Sgt. Eugene O'Connor, Cpl Joshua O'Connor, PVT Matthew Shaw, Sgt Gary Spengler Jr., PVT Jarred Leavitt, Cpl William Maher, Sgt James Thompson, LCpl Chris Manns, LCpl Jason Florea and Cpl Jonathan Monaco, our local heroes who selflessly defended peaceful international relations and helped secure freedom for the Iraqi people. Each played an integral role in their company and deserve our recognition and respect.

Through their valiant efforts they assisted stabilizing the city of Hit in the province of Al Anbar, protecting Iraqis and their comrades, aiding in the arrest of 116 insurgents, and assisting in exposing over 150 weapons stores and 160 bombs.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the residents of the 27th Congressional District and all Americans I wish to extend my sincerest gratitude to these courageous and noble soldiers. Their service and sacrifices help protect the safety and freedoms that make this Nation great.

CONGRATULATING MARIELA  
AGUILLON

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Mariela Aguillon for receiving the PacifiCare Latino Health Scholarship.

Since 2003, PacifiCare has awarded \$356,000.00 to 155 deserving students in the Latino Health Scholars program. This program was created to educate students about career opportunities for Hispanics and Latinos in the healthcare field. In order to qualify for this \$2,000.00 scholarship, applicants are required to demonstrate a grade point average of 3.0 or better and be fluent in Spanish and English. In addition, applicants must be enrolled in an approved health care program at a university, community college or accredited technical college.

According to the Office of Minority Health, there is a nationwide shortage of bilingual and bicultural professionals in the health care field. Specifically, the shortage of Spanish speaking personnel in nursing and other allied health professions, coupled with the growth of the Latino population in the United States, requires training and recruitment of an ever-greater number of qualified professionals. Mr. Russell Bennett, Vice President of PacifiCare's Latino Health Solutions, notes that the Latino Health Scholars program has "made a positive difference in the lives of these deserving youths who are beginning their journey toward realizing their academic and professional aspirations."

I extend my sincere congratulations to Ms. Mariela Aguillon on receiving this scholarship funded by the PacifiCare Foundation. As a doctor of over 21 years, I commend Ms. Aguillon's dedication and desire to help others by pursuing a career in the health care profession.

A TRIBUTE TO THE 2005  
SACRAMENTO MONARCHS

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to the 2005 Sacramento Monarchs, the deserving winners of the 2005 Women's National Basketball Association championship. The 2005 Monarchs successfully beat the Connecticut Sun three games to one in a thrilling best of five games series to be crowned WNBA royalty. By winning the 2005 WNBA championship series, the Sacramento Monarchs gave Sacramento its first national title in professional basketball. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in saluting the triumphant 2005 Sacramento Monarchs.

The 2005 Sacramento Monarchs were comprised of an outstanding blend of seasoned professionals with several years of WNBA experience under their belts, as well as young, talented recent college graduates. The team was led by Yolanda Griffith, a former WNBA MVP and four-time WNBA All-Star. During the regular season, Griffith averaged nearly fourteen points and over six rebounds a game. Against the Sun, when it mattered the most, she increased her averages to eighteen points and ten rebounds a game and was named Finals MVP.

During the playoffs, point guard Ticha Penicheiro led the league in assists, and averaged five a game throughout the Monarchs' playoff run. She was recently recognized in her hometown of Figueira da Foz, Portugal, with the "Medalha de Honra ao Merito Desportivo," a medal honoring her outstanding achievement in the WNBA.

In addition, the 2005 WNBA Championship team was assisted by the contributions of many other great players including Olympia Scott-Richardson, DeMya Walker, Kara Lawson, Rebekkah Brunson, and Nicole Powell. All of these Monarchs proved themselves to be among the best in the entire league. Whether a veteran or a recent addition, every member of the championship team demonstrated excellent team work, dedication, and integrity as they fought their way to win the title. Later this month, the entire team will find themselves on supermarket shelves across the country, as they will be the first WNBA team featured on a Wheaties box.

Besides having an extremely talented roster, the Monarchs could not have gone as far as they did without the commitment of a great coaching staff and an uncompromising leadership team in the front office. On the bench, head coach John Whisenant and his able assistant coaches Tom Abatemarco, Steve Shuman, and Monique Ambers each contributed countless hours of film watching, strategizing, and coaching to transform the Monarchs into champions.

In the front office, the Monarchs are led by the ownership of the Maloof Family and the astute management of team president John Thomas. Under the Maloofs, the Sacramento Monarchs have taken great steps to gain a widespread following among area fans. Given the team's commitment to their fans, it is no wonder that Sacramento fans are so loyal to

their professional sports teams. In September, over 3,000 fans cheered the Monarchs on as they paraded through downtown Sacramento with the WNBA championship trophy.

Mr. Speaker, as the Sacramento Monarchs revel in their most successful season in their nine year history and prepare for another outstanding season, I am honored to pay tribute to the many hardworking women and men of the Monarchs' franchise. Over the past few months, they have brought so much joy and civic pride to the city of Sacramento. Their success and loyal following is truly a testament to the ever increasing importance of women's professional sports, and it is a great honor for me to have the opportunity to commend them on their accomplishments. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in congratulating the Sacramento Monarchs on a memorable season and wishing them continued success in the future.

RECOGNITION OF MRS. BONNIE  
MANLEY

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mrs. Bonnie Marley of San Diego, California and Mr. Ron Blackman of Fort Wayne, Indiana. These special individuals dedicated their lives to educating the United States' next generation of cosmetologists. Mrs. Manley and Mr. Blackman were owners of Pivot Point International member schools, part of a global beauty education company headquartered in my district. They honorably supported the company's philanthropic commitment to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC).

Mrs. Manley was passionate about the welfare of children. Whether it was caring for her own grandchildren, or a missing child hundreds of miles away, she inspired her students to raise more than \$50,000 for NCMEC.

Ron Blackman refused to allow even a disaster to stop his commitment to the National Center. Despite severe flood damage to his school, he continued to raise money. Each year their students joined hundreds of others nationwide to raise money for NCMEC. Their contributions are now approaching the \$500,000 mark.

Tragically, both of these amazing individuals have recently passed away. To honor their commitment to children, the Pivot Point Member Schools have created the "Manley-Blackman Spirit Award." This award will be given to a Pivot Point school owner, faculty member, or staff person who demonstrates a willingness to push limits, has shown a commitment to community service, inspires others to be the best they can be, and demonstrates perseverance in the face of adversity. I hope that all my colleagues join me in recognizing the lives and achievements of Bonnie Manley and Ron Blackman.

THANKING OREGON SCIENCE  
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

**HON. DAVID WU**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I would like to state for the record my thanks to the Oregon Science Teachers Association for its participation in National Chemistry Week.

Just last week, the Oregon Science Teachers Association focused one of the sessions at its annual convention on National Chemistry Week. The session provided Oregon science teachers with the opportunity to learn how to incorporate National Chemistry Week into their classroom, providing them with projects and lab ideas.

I thank every Oregon science teacher for their participation. Oregon science teachers are molding the next generation of scientists.

ASSISTANCE FOR ORPHANS AND  
VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN DE-  
VELOPING COUNTRIES ACT OF  
2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 18, 2005*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation is a lead organization in providing pediatric care and treatment to children with HIV. In mid-September, the Foundation held a briefing on this important issue, and brought to the halls of Congress a brave HIV-positive 12-year-old girl from Uganda named Josephine Nabukenya, who presented testimony and a poem on HIV that was extremely moving and brought the audience to a stand-still.

This young girl has lost siblings to HIV and almost lost her mother as well. Thanks to appropriate care and lifesaving medications, she and her family are healthy and remain together. Josephine not only represents a story of hope that comes with the availability of care and treatment, but as the president of a group called the Young Positive Generation, she is spreading hope and knowledge to her peers and their families. I would like to insert into the RECORD her testimony.

JOSEPHINE NABUKENYA, KAMPALA, UGANDA  
CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING ON PEDIATRIC  
TREATMENT, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

My name is Josephine Nabukenya, I am 12 years old and I go to school at Kasubi Church of Uganda. I was born HIV positive and got the disease from my mother, who also suffers from HIV/AIDS. Luckily, my HIV does not limit what I do very much, and I still go to school. I am not on any medicines right now, but I do go for regular examinations where my HIV is monitored.

I found out that I was HIV positive when my mother was getting sick regularly. My mother told me to go and arrange her bedroom, and when I did I saw her diary under the pillowcase. I read it and it said that she was HIV positive, along with my father, me and my little sister. I kept quiet and she also kept quiet, but later she disclosed this to me and I told her that I had known when I read

her diary. She disclosed to my teacher and headmaster and I felt bad when I decided to write my poem. My mother is now on medicines that help her HIV and she is better able to take care of us children.

I am part of a child support group called, the Young Positive Generation, and I am the Chairperson. The Young Positive Generation group brings children with HIV/AIDS together. We talk about HIV/AIDS, we sing, dance, play and we give testimonies. This has helped me to be firm and not to be shy in public because I knew that I am not the only one in the school with HIV. Now I am strong, I can play and I can do whatever thing comes.

HIV HIV HIV

HIV is a dangerous virus

HIV causes AIDS

AIDS is a bad disease

Oh what a disease it is

Many children lost their parents because of AIDS

Many parents lost their children because of AIDS

Our beloved ones are dead because of AIDS

Oh what a cumbersome disease it is

Ugandans, what should we do to fight AIDS? We should fight AIDS in the following ways:

1. By use of condoms
2. Children should abstain from sex before marriage
3. Blood must be tested for HIV
4. Blood must be tested before being given to sick people who lack blood
5. Pregnant mothers should be given drugs in order to prevent mother to child transmission of HIV

Our government, president, government of USA, President Bush, doctors, nurses, teachers, parents and guardians, help us we are dying.

We should KICK

We should KICK

We should KICK AIDS OUT OF THE WORLD

SALUTE TO HURRICANE  
VOLUNTEER WILLIAM SCHULTZ

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the States along the gulf coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of north Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one man, his store and his donation. William Schultz, from Circle C Construction, donated \$1,000 in clothing and videos during Hurricane Katrina.

Circle C Construction is located in Fort Worth. They provide services such as installation, building and contracting, and utility contracting.

I stand here today to sincerely thank William Schultz for his donation. It is people like him that I am proud to call a fellow Texan. Through his contribution, he not only stands as a devoted and giving American citizen, but he serves as an inspiration to others.

HONORING UNION VALE MIDDLE  
SCHOOL

**HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize the marvelous response of the students of Union Vale Middle School in Lagrangeville, New York to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Hurricane Katrina caused such extensive devastation that has had a profound effect on the entire country. When Hurricane Katrina made landfall on August 29, 2005, as a Category 4 storm, millions of American lives were changed forever. Americans in the Gulf Coast lost their families, homes, business, schools and communities. Intense rains, wind, flooding and tornadoes caused by Hurricane Katrina resulted in immense devastation of the Gulf Coast states. The residents of the affected areas are trying to find a way to rebuild their lives, despite returning to a lack of water, food and shelter.

Americans across the nation felt the effects of Hurricane Katrina. To this day, Americans continue to donate money, time and effort to help rebuild this devastated part of the country. States across the country have taken in evacuees and are helping them find shelter and rebuild their lives. Colleges and universities have welcomed students displaced by Katrina to their campuses. Americans have opened their hearts to their fellow citizens.

This great relief effort can be seen in the community of students, faculty and parents from Union Vale Middle School in Lagrangeville, New York. Upon learning of the terrible devastation caused by Katrina, Union Vale Middle School set to work raising funds to support the victims. The middle school established a "Katrina Relief Week", which included a "Walk to Higher Ground" walk-a-thon, bake sale, silent auction with prizes donated by faculty, staff and local businesses, along with a Faculty Benefit Showcase. In all, the community of Union Vale Middle School raised over \$26,000. This is a marvelous accomplishment and a heartfelt donation to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

I would like to recognize the Union Vale Middle School community for their remarkable efforts for raising money for the areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina. The students, faculty and staff dedicated a great amount of time and money to this cause, demonstrating their concern for and compassion towards their fellow citizens. Union Vale Middle School is an exemplary community whose invaluable dedication to helping our nation deserves our recognition.

CONGRATULATING THE CHICAGO  
WHITE SOX ON WINNING THE  
PENNANT

**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chicago White Sox for winning their first pennant since 1959. On the