

of whom affectionately referred to them as 'Aunt Lu' and 'Uncle Ralph.'

Mrs. Crisafi remained in her home 25 years after her husband passed away. Her life-long spirit of activism and volunteerism with St. Rocco's Catholic Church continues to uplift all aspects of the parish. She has been an active member of the Holy Family Sodality of St. Rocco's for 72 years and served as the Financial Secretary for nearly 20 years.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Mrs. Lucille "Aunt Lu" Crisafi, as we join her in celebration of her 100th birthday on December 13. At 100 years young, Mrs. Crisafi's sharp intellect, quick wit, kind smile and spirit of love and generosity for others shine brighter than ever and continues to illuminate the hearts of friends and family along Clark Avenue, throughout St. Rocco's parish, in Parma, Ohio and far beyond. I wish Mrs. Crisafi a joyous birthday and many blessings of peace, health and happiness today and always. Cent' Anni, Aunt Lu.

TRINITY CATHOLIC
CONGRATULATIONS

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate Trinity Catholic High School of Ocala, Florida on its first-ever football state championship.

On Saturday, December 3, the Celtics completed an undefeated season by defeating Pahokee High School 37 to 30 in front of 4,327 fans at Florida International University to clinch the Class 2B state title.

Coach Kerwin Bell and his Celtics became the first team to bring a state championship in football to Marion County since 1979 in only the fourth year of the program's existence. The Celtics' season slogan, "It's our time," embodied the determination that they showed in pursuing their goal. Despite a furious comeback by Pahokee to tie the game in the 4th quarter, the team pulled together and prevailed in a game that came down to the final whistle. The hard work of this group of young men has served as an inspiration to Ocala and Marion County and I congratulate them by saying, "It is your time."

IN RECOGNITION OF TATIANA
HORUNOWYCZ VONDERSAAR AND
RUSSIAN HERITAGE

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Tatiana Horunowycz Vondersaar and Russian Heritage on the occasion of the 10th Annual Russian Heritage New Years Celebration, January 15, 2006. Mrs. Vondersaar's contributions to the Russian community have touched countless lives. It is a pleasure to pay tribute to this illustrious community leader and, of course, to all Americans of Russian heritage who have offered so much to our great Nation.

There is no doubt that America has become great because the American people are great. Coming from all parts of the globe and from humble beginnings, the average American is a priceless gift to our society and world. Without the common citizen, America would not have assumed the uncommon role she enjoys among the nations of the earth. Among these citizens are the proud and humble people of Russian heritage who are precious gems in the American mosaic.

I can think of no better example of this unique heritage than Tatiana Horunowycz Vondersaar, who has tirelessly promoted Russian heritage among the citizens of the great State of Florida. Mrs. Vondersaar is a former president and board member of the Russian Heritage located in St. Petersburg, FL. The Russian Heritage was established to preserve and promote Russian heritage, culture and educational programs among family, friends and neighbors.

Volunteering her time and talents to better the lives of others, Mrs. Vondersaar has been active on numerous committees and boards. She represented the St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society, SPIFFs, promoting Russian heritage and culture. Mrs. Vondersaar has worked with the Police Athletic League and educated students about the influence of Russian customs and traditions. She has lectured at St. Petersburg College and volunteered her time at the Salvador Dali Museum. Mrs. Vondersaar has served as a translator for Russian immigrants for the public defender's office, assisted the elderly, and participated as an active and leading member at St. Andrew's Russian Orthodox Church. She also has served as treasurer of the Association of Russian Cadets, and board member of the Russian American Club.

Mrs. Vondersaar and her husband Lee, a courageous veteran of World War II, are the proud parents of 6 children, 14 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

I want to commend Russian Heritage and its President Bill Parsons for their leadership in raising awareness of the rich contributions of Russian Americans to the United States. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring all Americans of Russian descent and particularly Tatiana Horunowycz Vondersaar, whose spirit and dedication serve as a model of commitment to us all.

TRIBUTE TO 113TH ENGINEER BATTALION OF THE INDIANA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to the 113th Engineer Battalion of the Indiana Army National Guard, and welcome them home after 1 year of serving our country heroically in Iraq.

Upon arrival, the 113th was nicknamed the "Ironman Battalion" because of their links to northwest Indiana's steel industry. And throughout the past year, these Iron men and women have shown a dedication to their mission, and a commitment to their country that truly is as strong as steel.

Today Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that soldiers of the 113th are coming home—coming home to be with their family and friends; coming home to be with their wives, husbands, sons, daughters, mothers and fathers.

Based in Mosul, Iraq since last year, the soldiers of the 113th made heroic missions a part of their daily routine. They located and detonated improvised explosive devices, reinforced police stations and conducted combat patrols.

The service of these men and women has not been without sacrifice. Over 40 Purple Hearts have been awarded to the 113th battalion, each serving as a reminder of the dangers our soldiers face every day.

I welcome these soldiers home. I thank them for their service and sacrifice to our Nation, and I pledge that our support for them is equal to the sacrifice they have shown our country.

Mr. Speaker, the following men and women of the 113th have bravely served their Nation in Iraq, and I am honored to submit their names for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Rodolfo Alfaro Jr., Jose Luis Andujar, Erendira B. Ayala, Robert Kenneth Banaszak, Lechia Tiara Banks, Timothy Patrick Bishop, Jerry Joe Blackford, Ernest Lee Boyles, Steven Ravey Brumfield, Travis Allen Byrd, Andre Steven Carr, Jason Allen Carrera, Luis Valentin Castro, Johnathan Michael Clabbers, Joseph Earl Collins Jr., Jonathon C Creviston, Michael Brian Daake, Keenon Carlton Davis, Walter Joseph Dinga Sr., Dennis Shawn Eastman, David Michael Eckhard, Tyler Jacob Egli, Saleem Amin Elamin, Wesley Etchison, David James Evans, David Paul Evans, Steven Edward Francher, Anthony Lee Fleming, John Paul Furman III, Jennifer Arlene Graves, Justin K Greentree, Michael Crispin Guajardo, Karl Eugene Hausenfleck, Shalonda Moniece Henderson, Andre Terrell Hillard, Paris H. Holeyfield, Richard Jakubowicz, Steven John Jesuit, Bradford Shawn Jones, William Michael Rich Kalina, Douglas Paul Kinger Jr., Gary Bernard Kinney Jr., Joshua Daniel Koch, Thomas Kopanda, Thomas Edward Kren, Mark Lathrop, John Lindsey, William Charles Mackey, Anthony Romon Madry, Garrett Emon Marshall, Leo Sharpe Marshall, Scott Arnold Marshall, Nicole Dionne McCant, Gregory Quinn McHenry, Terry Dionne McQuay, Lester Dwayne McSwain, and James Allen Miller.

Keith Allen Miller, William Moses Milligan, Joshua Arvino Miranda, Johnny Melvin Mitchell, Rodney Dean Mitchell, Leticia Marie Montez, Lawrence Edward Nemcek II, Steven Charles Patterson, Melvin Pennington Jr., Jorge Antonio Perez, Ricky Lee Phillips, John Edward Pitt, Peter Alan Pizarek, Thomas Michael Prosser, Mark Steven Reimer, Tommy Wade Roeske, Felicia Ronay, Briggs Obrian Rumph Jr., Alvaro Eneas Saenz, Berris Fitzroy Samuels Jr., Paul Randolph Scott Jr., Richard Dean Shatto, William Michael Sideris, Loretta Silvers, Larry Smith, Leroy Smith Jr., Jeffrey Scott Springer, Henry Louis Stone, Dawn Theresa Swantko, Michael William Thomas, Samantha Nicole Thomas, Johnny A. Trinidad, Michael Ralph Via, Dontreal Walters, Paul Nathaniel Wilderness, Demond Ellis Wilkins, Chery Lynn Williams, David Allen Young, Michael Zinman, Alexander James Baker, Charles Edward Beavers, Sean Peter Begley, Samuel James Benford, Christopher Ryan Boger, Ryan G. Bowerson, Steven Anthony Bramer Jr., Adam Joseph Branson, Johnathan Leon Bright, Aaron A. Brown, Charles Paul Bruce, Michael Joseph

Brunsmann, Joshua Scott Buikema, and Max Allen Colestock.

Angel Luis Colon, Lasean Antowine Colter, Michael George Coughlin, Corrie Alexander Covelli, David James Croyle, Anthrice Arnez Culp, David Donald Davis, Earl Ernest Deal Jr., Tony Chang Dicharia, Tywan Tremain Dickerson, Ryan Patrick Eder, Matthew Bernard Flaherty, Matthew Alan Gabrano, Joseph Maxwell Gibbs, Mitchell Glover Jr., Michael Aloysius Goin, James Frederick Grauvogel, Elijah David Alvis Gray, Michael Guz, Donald James Adams, Rex E. Agness, Jason Ray Amstutz, Ian Thorne Armstrong, Christopher Brian Aviles, Thomas Shawn Baker, David Matthew Barker, Michael Bauman, Kevin Lee Bell, Tracy Red Bell, Justin Lee Bladecki, Ronnie L. Bond, Shaun Alan Casto, Byron Scott Chambers, Charles Scott Clabbers, Juba Akilaerveal Cochran, Robert Allen Craft, Gary Allen Cravens, Adam Lee Davis, Craig Mathew Dryden, Spencer Lee England, Brian Dean Farlie, Joshua Aaron Filson, Shaun Fitzpatrick, Timothy Alan Fort, Steven Franklin Foss, Daniel Trent Gakle, Brian Keith Gardner, Randy Jay Gauck, Joe Gomez, John Geoffrey Grafton, Christoff Mathew Haglund, William Lee Hayes, Michael DeWayne Heffner, David Scott Hitz, and Matthew John Hooper.

William Austin Jarret, David Pascal Johnson Jr., Dean Arthur Jones, Stefen Michael Kaur, Joseph Ralph Kolosci Jr., Andrew Kovats, Jason Michael Landfald, Ricky Lawson, Jared Douglas Leinart, Kyle Lewis Leonard, Israel Lopez, Michael Paul Ludwig, Aaron James Malerich, Jonathan Joseph Martin, Mark Andrew Masters, Kenneth Edward Maynor, Carey Allen McCrary, Jerome Edward Miller, Dale Allen Muzik Jr., James Byron Newland, Charles Carlon Odle Jr., James Kenneth Papay, James Robert Parker, David Lee Peer, David Scott Pegg, Gregory Allen Perra, Harold Thomas Petri Jr., Paul David Price, Franklin Allen Reed Jr., Jason Keith Reed, Brian Michael Richmond, Robert Rollins, Daniel Gabriel Ronay, Aaron John Rosenfeld, Brian Michael Sardeson, Andrew Kevin Scalf, Harrold Allan Schrimsher, Damon Alan Schroeder, Blaine Daniel Schultz, David Sendejas Jr., Thomas Alan Sergeant, Sean Patrick Smiertelny, Carl James Smith, Gayle Thomas Smith, Brett Robert Sobiski, Donald Jeffery Spoor, David Michael Stone, Derek William Surowiec, James Raymond Swanson, Timothy Michael Vaclavik, Omar Velez, Rodney Allen Wells, Scott Allen Williams, and Cameron Mitcheal Wright.

Marlin Lee Lloyd Wunder, Anthony Derrell Alston, Brandon R. Antkowiak, Ryan William Ayres, Derek Michael Barragan, James Basinger Jr., Kevin Joseph Bell, Matthew James Bisig, Gary Robert Blake, Jason Paul Blunt, Jacob Ronald James Boyd, Kevin Briskey, Kirk Joseph Brownson, Chandler Clint Cahoon, Tomas Ignacio Canchola, James Edward Cash, Patrick Gerard Cleary, Delbert Lee Clem, Rodrice Lenall Cole, Edward T Cooney, Jason Michael Cribari, Jose Luis Cuadra, Clyde Leonard Daniel, Brian Douglas Delcourt, Rene Delgadillo, Billy Joe Dixon, Matthew Jason Farner, Richard Flores, Richard Paul Freeman, Mark Allen Gerber, Jason Alexander Hefner, Michael Alexander Hermann, Patrick Jermaine Hernandez, Christofer D. Hoyum, Jamie Darrell Jarboe, Michael Jonson, Chester Lee Jones Jr., Michael Ryan Jones, Richard Joseph Kerr Jr., Daniel Gerard Kirby, John Harold Koch, Stephen Kometz, David John Kozinski, Rodney Allen Kreft, Melvin Oswaldo Lira, William Lito Loubriel II, John Quincy Lubbe, Rick Allen Marino Jr., Brien Michael McCartney, Ivan Lamont McIntosh, William Everett McKee III, Matthew Lawrence Mitchell, Jason Moody, Michael Raymond Murray, Spiro David Olympidis, Kenny Wayne Parks, and David James Phillips.

Jon Robert Pitts, Thomas Duane Rankin, Douglas Alan Ricca, Wesley Aaron Robertson, Samuel Victor Rogowski, William John Schissler II, Ryan Scott, Deon Scott, Anthony Joseph Schultz, Robin Laurence Siems, Andrew Wayne Sigler, Christopher Alan Smith, Bartholomew Smith, Adam James Stewart, Jerry L. Sumner Jr., Zoltan Louis Szabo, Marion Otis Thatcher, Jose Anthony Trujillo, Frank Hobert Turner III, Theodore Widin Uzelac Jr., John M. Villegas, Jerod Lee Wagner, Jerome Nathaniel Watts, Kenneth Paul Wells III, Dane Emerson Wheeler, Patrick Williamson, Lamar Benjamin Wilson, Walter Johnson Wright Jr., James Ewel Yaconi, Benjamin Thomas Zimmermann, Yvette Bell, Melissa T. Elliot, James Austin Gazaway, Steven Randall Hines, Kevin E. Kuwik, Paul Timothy South, Reynaldo Benjamin Urrea, James Nelson Marker, Charles Richard Socks, Somsack Thanthima, Keith Mark Hall, Matthew John Hamater, Ruben Haro Jr., Demetrius Demonte Henderson, Jaime Demetrio Hoch, Matthew Scott Hopkins, Allen David Hughes, Charles Edward Hunter III, Muain Issa, Alvino Luis Jaime, Robert Anthony Jaso, Derrell Donte Jenkins, William Robert Johnson II, Kerry Kinney, and James Foster Knight.

Nicholas John Kowalczyk, David Marshall Kuzmar, Luis Andre Landecho, Dean Lane, Vincent Isaac Lenart, Kevin Lee Littlejohn, Jason Elliot Loebbaka, Angel Miguel Lozano, Darnell Porter Malone, Thomas Martinez, Brandon Thomas McCormick, Robert William Metcalf, William Arnett Mills Jr., Sean Minard, David Ernest Moake Jr., Donald Marvin Mull, Stephen Michael Otten Jr., Brian Scott Panzik, Gershom Richard Parr III, Bruce Wayne Pierce II, Gregory Allen Potter, Carlos Reyes, Jody Van Roberts, James Michael Robinson, Aaron Shane Santonelli, Julian Anthony Scott, Ashley Cole Sharp, Richard Smart, Terry Alan Specyal, Mark Thomas Tegtman, Jeremy Thomas, Jose Angel Tovalin, Enrique H. Uribe Jr., Aaron Michael Vance, Joseph Edgard Vedette, Michael Edgard Vician, Cornelius Horace Weathers, Aaron Michael Webb, Travis Lane Wheatley, Daniel Kareen Wiley, Larry V. Williams Jr., Danile James Wills Sr., Bryan Thomas Zabrecky, Leonard Leroy Cottom, Paul Raymond Gordon, Steve Elias Haddad, Benjamin Matthew Joy, Michael Alan Kieszowski, Thomas Willard Lamb, Jeremy Aaron Morton, Charles Andrew Pendleton, Peter Ruvalcaba, Alan Gene Scott, John Spann Everett, Derek Randall Sutton, and Alan Earle Thomas Jr.

on-one interviews with Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton. His career in TV journalism began in the early 1970s at WEWS TV-5, when he became northeast Ohio's first TV consumer advocate as "Action Reporter."

For nearly thirty years, Mr. Taylor has led the news team every weekday at Fox 8 News. His tenure as Chief News Anchor reflects twenty-five years of talent, grace and professional integrity. His kind and humble nature consistently belied his sharp intellect and keen ability to extract reason, truth and a balanced perspective from news ranging from heartfelt human interest stories to complex national issues. Mr. Taylor was awarded three Emmys and was selected by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences as a member of the prestigious Silver Circle. He is only the second news anchorperson ever honored with the Cleveland Association of Broadcaster's "Excellence in Broadcasting" award.

Mr. Taylor's unwavering dedication to his profession parallels his steadfast commitment to giving back to the community. Among his numerous volunteer efforts, Mr. Taylor's thirteen-year involvement with the annual Tim Taylor Golf Tournament to Benefit the Epilepsy Foundation has raised awareness and millions of dollars to assist families and individuals who suffer the devastating effects of epilepsy.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and gratitude of my friend, Tim Taylor, whose unwavering integrity and talent has permanently raised the bar on broadcast excellence in Northeast Ohio and whose genuine concern for others has uplifted our entire community. I wish Mr. Taylor, his wife Cathy, children and grandchildren much health and happiness today and throughout all days to come.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT L. VON ROCH

HON. BRIAN BAIRD

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, Robert L. Von Roch was born on May 10, 1942 in New York, New York. The son of a German immigrant father who passed away in late 1946, Robert, along with his brothers and sisters, was later placed in a Long Island orphanage around 1951. The children grew up in that orphanage where Robert lived until he graduated from high school and entered Allegheny College in Pennsylvania and enrolled in the Air Force ROTC.

When Robert finished college he entered the United States Air Force on September 30, 1964 as a 2nd lieutenant. He later became a captain and served in the Air Force until he was honorably discharged as a veteran on September 29th, 1968.

Following his service in the Air Force Mr. Von Roch went on to graduate school to pursue a law degree at Villanova. While studying at Villanova Mr. Von Roch was recruited to work on security at U.S. embassies around the world. Mr. Von Roch was hired to provide security at different embassies as well as heading security during construction and reconstruction at various embassies. He served in Russia, Finland, Jordan and Kuwait, among other countries.

IN HONOR OF TIM TAYLOR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Mr. Tim Taylor, award-winning television journalist, devoted family man, community volunteer and friend and mentor to many, including me, upon the occasion of his retirement that follows more than forty years of excellence in broadcast journalism in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Taylor worked for ten years in radio. For seven of those years, he worked as the News Director at WHK Radio, where he covered stories ranging from everyday events to pivotal moments in history, including the Hough Riots, the Kent State shootings and live coverage of the splashdown of the aborted Apollo 13 mission. Mr. Taylor also conducted in-depth, one-