

RECOGNIZING THE ATHLETES OF
THE XX WINTER OLYMPICS
FROM COLORADO'S THIRD CON-
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and commend the twelve Winter Olympic athletes from Colorado's Third District.

Their devotion to country and athletic excellence is truly exemplary and is deserving of our fullest respect and gratitude. And so, I honor the following persons as great athletes, great Coloradans, great Americans . . .

Gretchen Bleiler from Aspen, who competed in the Women's Snowboarding competition; Jason Smith from Basalt, who competed in the Men's Snowboarding competition; Lanny and Tracy Barnes from Durango, who competed in the Biathlon competition; Rebecca Dussault from Gunnison, who competed in the Cross-Country Skiing competition; Clint Jones from Steamboat Springs, who competed in the Skiing Jump competition; Caroline Lavive from Steamboat Springs, who competed in the Alpine Skiing competition; Todd Lodwick from Steamboat Springs, who competed in the Nordic Combined Skiing competition; Travis Mayer from Steamboat Springs, who competed in the Freestyle Skiing competition; Tommy Schwall from Steamboat Springs, who competed in the Skiing Jump competition; Johnny Spillane from Steamboat Springs, who competed in the Nordic Combined Skiing competition; and Ryan St. Onge also from Steamboat Springs, who competed in the Freestyle Skiing competition.

Their hard work and determination has earned them the title of Olympic athletes and sports heroes. They have made all of us in Colorado and the United States very proud. Once again, I would like to extend a hearty congratulations to all of them.

HONORING MT. OLIVE MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH ON ITS 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the congregation of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church on the 50th anniversary of their church. This congregation has served the Del Paso Heights neighborhood and Sacramento region since 1956. As members of the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist congregation gather to celebrate 50 years of community service, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in saluting this outstanding congregation.

The Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church was founded in Del Paso Heights in February of 1956. The Church was established and organized by Reverend Je Petiway, Reverend Powell and Reverend Eddie Phillips. Reverend Mack Smith was the parish's first Pastor and the church became a member of the St. Johns District association. The church bought its cur-

rent facility in October 1956 and became incorporated in 1959.

Reverend White Henderson became Pastor in 1960 and took steps to greatly expand the church. Under his leadership a new edifice was constructed and a chapel was purchased and relocated to its current site. The church continued to expand in 1968 when Reverend Eugene Washington became Pastor. His leadership and guidance resulted in the construction of additional classrooms and a social hall.

Throughout the history of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, the congregation has been dedicated to making a positive impact on the lives of Sacramento residents. The Church has always been a comforting place of refuge for people in need, providing assistance spiritually, mentally and physically. During the current tenure of Pastor Washington, the church has established numerous ministries in the Sacramento region. These outreach programs have included prison ministry, convalescent ministry, youth outreach and counseling programs.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly privileged to congratulate the congregation of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church as they gather to celebrate their 50th church anniversary. The Sacramento region has greatly benefited from having their strong community leadership and compassionate hearts. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me today in wishing Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church continued success and happiness in all future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING AL AND KATHY
MAZZA OF SONOMA, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two extraordinary individuals who have jointly been named the City of Sonoma's 2006 Alcalde and Alcaldesa, or Honorary Mayors.

Al and Kathy Mazza are the ultimate power couple. Al was the Fire Chief for the City of Sonoma when he met and married Kathy, a city employee, 18 years ago. Between them, there has scarcely been a special event or project in which they have not been involved.

Al was born and raised in Sonoma. After he retired as Fire Chief, he was elected to the City Council, where he twice served as mayor.

He has been President of the Sonoma Fire Chief's Association and developed the Sonoma Valley Firemed System, which integrated existing emergency response agencies into one system.

His civic activities include membership in the Chamber of Commerce, the "Field of Dreams" Committee to build ball fields for city youth, the Sonoma Valley Athletic Club and Sonoma Valley Little League.

Kathy worked for the City of Sonoma for 17 years. Since her retirement, she has served as Vice President of the Sonoma Plaza Foundation's Red & White Ball, which has raised more than \$750,000 for downtown improvements and to local non-profit organizations.

Kathy has also been actively involved with the Valley of the Moon Teen Center and the Sonoma County Mental Health Clinic.

Both Al and Kathy were instrumental in leading the citizen's committee that successfully turned out voters to approve a parcel tax to help pay the operating expenses of the local hospital four years ago.

Mr. Speaker, Al and Kathy Mazza represent the character and spirit of the City of Sonoma and it is therefore appropriate that we honor them today as the 2006 Alcalde and Alcaldesa.

IN MEMORY OF DR. PHILLIP
O'BRYAN MONTGOMERY, JR.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give tribute to Dr. Phillip O'Bryan Montgomery, Jr. from Dallas, Texas in the 26th Congressional District of Texas, for his lifelong contributions to his community and to medicine. Dr. Montgomery passed away on Saturday, December 17, 2005.

I would like to recognize and celebrate Dr. Montgomery's life today. Dr. Montgomery graduated from Southern Methodist University with a BS in engineering in 1942 before attending medical school at Columbia University in 1945. Upon completing his internship at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Coopers-town, NY, Dr. Montgomery became a Captain in the Army Medical Corps.

When Dr. Montgomery returned to Dallas, he became a tenured professor of pathology in 1961 at UT Southwestern Medical School. From 1962–1963, he was President of the Dallas County Hospital District Medical Staff. In addition, Dr. Montgomery was the Executive Director of the Cancer Center and ultimately named the Ashbel Smith Professor of Pathology in 1991. During his time as Special Assistant to the Chancellor of the University of Texas, he was responsible for planning the campuses of UT Dallas, University of Houston Medical School, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, and the expansion of UT Southwestern Medical School Campus.

Dr. Montgomery had published over 100 scholarly papers in the course of his prolific career. One of these published papers of his evolved out of an experiment on NASA's Skylab in which he himself was the principal investigator of living cells in zero gravity. Dr. Montgomery was an avid traveler who had a very devout love of nature. His magnetic and vivacious personality has allowed him to be sorely missed by friends and family.

I respected him as a fellow doctor and was honored to represent him here in Congress. I extend my sympathies to his family and friends.

CELEBRATION OF GRENADA'S
INDEPENDENCE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the tri-island state of Grenada which celebrated its 32nd anniversary of independence Tuesday, February 7 and to enter

into the Record a Caribnews editorial celebrating how the country has overcome obstacles to persevere during its young existence.

Grenadians are resilient people who are dealing with trying times. As the editorial reads, "Like many of its neighbors in and out of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, OECS, Grenada is facing some serious economic and social challenges. Crime has reared its ugly head and the galloping economic expectations of its young people are adding to the list of worries which need urgent attention." The editorial continues, "As if those weren't enough, it has a pile of debt on its books to manage and reduce it."

Despite these social issues and a violent political uprising in 1983 that subsequently led to a U.S. military presence and later the disastrous results of Hurricane Ivan, the people of Grenada have never faltered in showing the will to advance their country. Today, Grenadians continue to embrace their current stable parliamentarian, democratic government and highly respect the civil liberties afforded to them. As the editorial explains, "Grenada, a nation, which has had more than its fair share of difficulties, has shown an amazing ability to see the glass as being half full when others looking on consider it half empty."

It is this glowing optimism and resolve that makes the island of "spice" such a treasured nation in our global community. Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating Grenadians in the United States, abroad and in their native homeland on their thirty-second anniversary of their glorious independence.

MUCH TO CELEBRATE ON ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

One of the most heart-warming scenes is that of a small country, rising from the ashes left behind by natural and national disasters, picking up the pieces, if you will, and showing neighbors, even the wider world the stuff of which resilience and legends are made.

Grenadians are one such people. After Hurricane Ivan struck in 2004 and devastated the land of "spice," killing 39 persons, leaving thousands homeless and wiping out almost all of its infrastructure while coming close to tearing out the soul of its inhabitants, a collective will emerge once again, determined to rebuild and make the country of 90,000 people even better than before.

Although Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique, the tri-island state, is far from reaching its goal of a complete recovery, it is well on the way, so much so that Standard & Poor's, Wall Street's premiere credit rating firm, recently hailed the efforts to return the country's finances to a manageable and sound foundation.

That's quite an achievement in less than two years.

Aided by Caribbean help, international assistance and led by Dr. Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister, the government reached out to civil society, the trade unions, the church and other limbs of society. In the process, the administration marshaled the energy of the young and the middle-aged and the wisdom of the senior folk to chart a new course and write a new chapter in the nation's colorful history.

So, when it observed the 32nd anniversary of independence on February 7 with church services, military parades, special games and other activities, it was clear that Grenada had much to thank God for and to celebrate.

Grenada, the most southerly of the chain of Windward Islands, has traveled this road of disaster and rehabilitation before. Almost a quarter of a century ago, October 1983 to be

precise, the People's Revolutionary Government turned on itself, killing its leader, Maurice Bishop and several of his ministers and senior government officials. The resulting turmoil, including a dust-to-dawn curfew imposed by the military triggered an invasion or a U.S. "rescue mission," depending on your point of view. The country then set out to rebuild itself and by any measure, it had succeeded. Its housing stock improved by leaps and bounds; the infrastructure expanded and upgraded; the health and education profiles brightened; and the economy was on a growth path.

Then along came Ivan.

Like many of its neighbors in and out of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, OECS, Grenada is facing some serious economic and social challenges. Crime has reared its ugly head and the galloping economic expectations of its young people are adding to the list of worries, which need urgent attention. As if those weren't enough, it has a pile of debt on its books to manage and reduce.

But it has many things going for it as well. The nation has a stable political environment that's based on the rule of law and parliamentary democracy. Its respect for people's civil liberties hasn't been tarnished by any abusive practices and the main opposition forces led by the National Democratic Congress are keeping Dr. Mitchell and his government on their toes.

As in the case of its OECS neighbors Grenada must make good on its pledge to join the Caribbean Single Market later this year. It should have come home to Grenadians by now that they can't afford to remain outside of the CSM and survive in a globalized world. It must also move to recognize the Caribbean Court of Justice, CJCJ, as the judicial body of last resort, a move that would end its long-standing relationship with the Privy Council in London. Just as important, it must continue to place education high on its agenda. The investment in education, which got a major boost during the days of the People's Revolutionary Government, is paying off in the form of a strong human resource base.

Grenada, a nation, which has had more than its fair share of difficulties, has shown an amazing ability to see the glass as being half full when others looking on consider it half empty. That positive approach to life has worked well for its people in the past and we are confident that with more international and regional help it would do so again.

Grenadians abroad, whether in New York, Miami, London, Toronto, Birmingham or Port of Spain have been a well of support from which the country has drawn some of its succor. They too deserve praise at this time of celebrations.

Happy Independence anniversary.

CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF THE LINCOLNVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL AND THE RUFUS KNIGHT BELL

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, early in November I had the pleasure of attending the opening of the Lincolnville Central School in Lincolnville, ME. In Lincolnville, as in so many small towns across this country, the local elementary school is an important part of the community.

As Lincolnville opens a modern new school building, it honors its past by displaying an old bell, formerly housed in the old school building. The old bell will be a reminder of the many teachers, staff, and students who were a part of the old school. It will challenge the Lincolnville community to continue its long tradition of quality education.

The school bell is named for Rufus Knight, a former teacher at the old Lincolnville school. The bell was honored in a poem by his great-grandson, John A. Knight, which was read at the school opening:

This is the bell that called to us to drink at springs of learning.

This is the voice of the silver tongue that satisfied our yearning.

The tocsin sound of wisdom this ancient bell awakened and horizons of us rural folks no longer were forsaken.

The light of education Our knowledge is expanding. This ancient bell awoke in us deep thoughts of understanding.

And, for many generations we did study and excel with the beauteous sounding of this old bell.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WORK OF HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE JOHN P. SALZBERG, PH.D.

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Salzberg, Ph.D., as he retires from his lifelong work of promoting human rights around the world.

Thousands of torture survivors and human rights advocates around the world are forever indebted to the tireless work of Mr. Salzberg throughout his 30-year career in the field of human rights. John Salzberg completed his doctoral dissertation in human rights in 1973 from New York University. Following his education, John spent several years working for former Congressman Don Fraser, D-MN, as staff on the House Subcommittee on International Organizations. In this capacity, John Salzberg aided in the groundbreaking work on human rights undertaken by Congressman Fraser, which led to the creation of a Bureau of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs in the State Department in 1976. John traveled with Congressman Fraser on what was the first official human rights investigation mission to South Korea and Indonesia in the late 1970s. In addition, while working for Congressman Fraser, John assisted in the drafting of the legislation which mandated the annual human rights report now issued by the State Department each year.

After working for Congressman Fraser, John went on to work at that same Bureau of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs for 4 years, to ensure it fulfilled the mission intended by Congressman Fraser's legislation.

Most recently, John used his knowledge of the legislative and policy process, and his dedication to justice and equality, as an advocate for the Center for Victims of Torture. John began working for the Center for Victims of Torture in 1992, first as a volunteer and then as its representative on Capitol Hill. As an advocate for victims of torture, John was a major force behind the drafting, promotion and eventual passage of the Torture Victims Relief Act