

Mr. Ufberg has served as chairman of the United Way of Wyoming Valley's General Campaign in 1990 and he served on and chaired the board of directors of the United Way. He is a past chairman of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry and he chaired the Luzerne County Business Roundtable.

He is past president of Congregation Ohav Zedek, the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation of Greater Wilkes-Barre. He also served as president of the Seligman J. Strauss Lodge and he was past president of the Duquesne University School of Law Alumni Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Ufberg has been a practicing attorney in the Wyoming Valley for 37 years. He is admitted to practice law before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas and various federal courts. He is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association and the Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations. He graduated from Wyoming Seminary and received degrees from Bucknell University and the Duquesne University School of Law.

Mr. Ufberg resides in Kingston, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Margery Ann. They are the parents of three children.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Ufberg on this auspicious occasion. His commitment to community service has helped improve the quality of life in the greater Wyoming Valley and it is fitting that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, Boy Scouts of America, recognizes his contributions.

CONGRATULATING MS. ALLY CLARDY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Ally Clardy for being named to the 2006 University Interscholastic League Class 2A All-Tournament team for girl's basketball. Ms. Clardy helped lead Argyle to its first state championship in any team sport with the 51–33 victory over Wall in the Texas State Championship Game.

In addition to being an outstanding team member, Ms. Clardy was selected the tournament's "Most Valuable Player" honor by scoring 20 points in the Texas State Championship Game. She also contributed 14 points in the state semifinal game.

Ally Clardy has illustrated her talent and team spirit. She is very deserving to be named as a member of the All-Tournament team.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Ms. Ally Clardy on receiving this award and praise her dedication to help fellow teammates, her sport, and her school.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF OTHMAN SHEMISA, M.D.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Othman Shemisa,

MD., Ph.D, for his dedication and concern for families and individuals in need, here in Cleveland and miles beyond.

Dr. Shemisa was recently honored by the Islamic Center of Cleveland for his volunteer efforts in assisting the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Last September, Dr. Shemisa traveled to New Orleans, where he lived for more than a month, volunteering his time and medical expertise to heal the women, men and children who had been left injured or sick in the wake of the devastating storm.

Dr. Shemisa's professional excellence, integrity and contribution is reflected throughout his family medical practice, as well as within the research and academic community, where he has served as professor, lecturer and researcher. Moreover, Dr. Shemisa's unwavering focus on assisting the most vulnerable members of our society—our poor and disenfranchised citizens, has uplifted the lives of countless families and individuals throughout the Cleveland area. His focus on outreach and advocacy is clearly evidenced throughout Cleveland's Arab American community, where he is an active member and leader.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. Othman Shemisa, whose willingness to help those in need and sincere concern for others reflects America's greatest legacy—our generous and compassionate citizenry. Dr. Shemisa's medical expertise, energy and efforts in giving back to the community serves to strengthen the very foundation that unifies our Cleveland community, reflecting hope for a better tomorrow for each and every one of us.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BILL BOYD

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bill Boyd who died on December 21, 2005. Bill will be remembered for his contributions to the Southern Nevada Officials Association as a baseball umpire and to the youth of Henderson and Las Vegas as a mentor and friend.

Bill began his career as an umpire in San Diego, where he was president and instructional chair-person of the Baseball Umpires Association from 1986 to 1993. He was also a football coach at three different high schools in the San Diego area. His most famed pupil was current NFL player John Lynch, whom he coached at Torrey Pines High School in Del Mar, California. In 1995, Bill moved with his family to Henderson and began serving as an umpire. He umpired Division I collegiate baseball in the Mountain West conference and the Western Athletic Conference, and was an alternate umpire for the Las Vegas 51s.

Youth Baseball, however, was his passion. Bill could be seen at almost every youth playoff game or tournament in the area. He umpired at the American Legion World Series and many other youth sporting events, including football around the Las Vegas Valley. He cared for everyone around him and showed it through his dedicated service and good example, on and off the field.

Mr. Speaker, today, as I stand on the floor of the House, I am honored for the opportunity

to pay tribute to Bill Boyd and the great life that he lived.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. SHEILA TOMLIN-REID

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask today that we recognize Dr. Sheila Tomlin-Reid, a distinguished member of the Brooklyn community. I am honored to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her impressive accomplishments.

Dr. Sheila Tomlin-Reid excelled in her education earning both a Masters of Science Degree in School Administration, Supervision and Leadership from Touro College School of Education and Psychology in New York City and a Masters of Science Degree and Advanced Post Graduate certificate in Guidance and Counseling from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. In addition, she received a Doctorate in Education from Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Dr. Sheila Tomlin-Reid has worked with energy and dedication for many years as an Assistant Principal with the Department of Education at FDNY High School for Fire and Life Safety. Her passion and concern for New York's youth inspired her to found The Tomlin Foundation in 2003. Dr. Reid, who is currently CEO of the foundation, established the foundation to commemorate the life and visions of Elliott and Michael Tomlin. The foundation strives to provide educational scholarships to inner-city youth, which financially assists their goals and educational pursuits. The foundation also provides mentorship programs and health awareness programs to inner-city children and community residents.

Dr. Reid is an active member of the community, especially in the area of health and wellness of women. Dr. Reid is a member of the Professional Women's Speaker Bureau which specializes in seminars, workshops and counseling designed to motivate women to increase self-esteem, personal and professional development, business etiquette and leadership skills. She is also a member of the Women's Caucus of Edolphus Towns Organization and a member of Calvary U.F.W. Baptist Church in Brooklyn.

Dr. Sheila Tomlin-Reid is a phenomenal role model to not only the women of our community, but to our community as a whole. She has worked to better the lives of women and young children with contagious persistence. Her passionate and sensitivity deserves our thanks and fx that I ask that we applaud Dr. Reid's outstanding achievements in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Sheila Tomlin-Reid, as she offers her talents and community services for the good of our local communities.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Sheila Tomlin-Reid selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

Mr. Speaker, please join our community in honoring Dr. Sheila Tomlin-Reid for her dedication and outstanding service to our community.

CONGRATULATING THE JIMTOWN JIMMIES ON WINNING THE INDIANA CLASS 2A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CHRIS CHOCOLA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. CHOCOLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Jimtown Jimmies on winning the Indiana Class 2A Football Championship.

The Jimmies scored 31.1 points per game, allowing their opponents only 6.7. They averaged 12.7 first downs per game, and 293.7 yards. Their strong showing on both sides of the ball led them to a 14-1 season record.

It was truly a remarkable season for Jimtown. Their 14-win season included six shutouts, and in 11 of those victories, they held their opponent to 10 points or less.

Their season culminated in the Class 2A state championship game on November 26, 2005, at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Deadlocked at seven points with the North Posey Vikings at halftime, the Jimtown Jimmies went on to score 28 second-half points, while holding their opponents to zero, and won the game 35-7.

I'd like to congratulate everyone involved in making this season successful: Their school Superintendent Jerry Cook, Principal Nathan Dean; Assistant Principal Mitch Mawhorter; Athletic Director Bill Sharpe; Head Coach Bill Sharpe; Assistant Coaches: Ned Cook, Gene Johnson, Mark Ward, Mark Kerrn, Scott Bovenkerk, David Sharpe, Matt LaFree, Mike Hosinski, David Pontius, Travis Daniels, Athletic Trainer Rick Yurko; Student Managers: Julia Politowics, Nicole Hayes, and Ricky Hayes.

The Indiana Class 2A Football Champs are: Caleb Pettis, Matthew Yurko, Zachary Fisher, Zachary DuBois, Colton Vincent, Adam Sharpe, Mark Svetanoff, John Soli, Tyler Nine, Mike Meyer, Joshua Ruben, Tony Byers, Brandon Kozelka, Brian DeShone, Joshua Deak, Tyler Forgey, Garrett Kavas, Mark Clere, Tyler Spurgeon, Ryan Konrath, David Schenk, Nate Klosinski, Lantz Kulp, Zach Spurgeon, Ross Bauman, Allen Konrath, Nick Maygar, Braxton Metcalf, Jason Sharp, Owen Peterkin, Jared Ward, Chris Vogel, Logan Frye, Josh Polston, Brett Horien, Scott Kindig, Travis Barber, J.J. Short, Seth Anglemeyer, Brad McClellan, Robert Morris, Josh Slocum, Anthony Lowe, Steve Thayer, Brandtley Miller, Kyle Clodfelter, Adam Zimmer, Nick Pooler, Jordan Pirtle, Ty Thomsen, Shazzar Mack, Chris Gregory, Rob George, Jesse Bowen, Andrew Allman, Leon Myrick, James Byers, Chris Reid, Eric Vance, Adrian Worsham, Seth Kindig, Ryan Johnson, Graig Armstrong, Tristin Funnell, Justin Nowak, Ron Shekell, Brandon Riffle, Robert Reid, Rich Hahn, Brandon Bridwell, Ethan Legg, Matt Peters, Zach Stone, Kevin Kelley, Jon Shafer, John Dickson, Derek Willard, Anthony Edwards, Dalton Swann, Austin Pirtle, Elijah Tucker, Matt Pepple, Trevor Herrli, David Johnson, Kyle Moyer, and Derek Watts.

Mr. Speaker, as a parent myself, I would be remiss if I did not congratulate the parents of these young men as well. Their support was vital to the victory of this team and they deserve our gratitude as well.

Again, on behalf of their parents, fans, and classmates as well as the very proud citizens of the Second Congressional District of Indiana, I would like to congratulate the Jimtown Jimmies on winning the Indiana Class 2A Football Championship.

TRIBUTE TO ORANGEBURG COUNTY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Orangeburg County, South Carolina upon their receipt of the All-America County Award. This award, the oldest and most prestigious civic award in existence, recognizes communities for their outstanding problem solving efforts through local collaboration. It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge their tremendous achievement.

I would also like to applaud the efforts of the local leaders that have worked so hard and accomplished so much. They include the Orangeburg County Council: John H. Rickenbacker, Harry F. Wimberly, Clyde B. Livingston, Heyward H. Livingston, Johnny Ravenell, and Johnnie Wright, Sr.; the Orangeburg County Administrator: Bill Clark; and the Orangeburg County Development Commission: B. Jeannine Kees, George R. Dean, Joey A. Williamson, Jr., E. J. Ayers, Willie R. Cantey, Barron Driskell, James C. Hunter, Jr., Ken Middleton, Marion F. Moore, Harry Nesmith, Alva Whetsell, Jr., and C. Gregory Robinson.

Community pride has spurred many of the creative ideas leading to Orangeburg County's All-America County Award. This honor is a testament to business, government, and education communities working together for the good of the whole. These partnerships can be seen throughout the county. With this cooperative approach by the entire "county community," improvements have been made to the quality of life for all citizens in the County of Orangeburg. Inventive initiatives have been implemented in the following areas: community development and revitalization, creative funding for public infrastructure, and improvement of the lives of "at-risk" children.

Revitalization and community development have also been achieved in all 17 municipalities. This economic development achievement reflects 100 percent participation of local areas, including the following: Orangeburg, Livingston, North, Neeses, Woodford, Norway, Branchville, Santee, Rowesville, Springfield, Holly Hill, Eutawville, Bowman, Cordova, Cope, Vance, and Ellerbee.

Funding through the Penny Sales Tax Capital Project has provided critical infrastructure investment in road construction, water and wastewater facilities, and other important areas such as parks and recreational projects. The original penny tax in 1998 funded 116 projects across the county, totaling \$53 million in investment. The renewal in 2004 provides investment funds for 108 projects totaling \$71 million.

Creative youth and outreach projects such as Healing Species, a 3rd grade curriculum, which uses neglected and abused dogs in crime prevention seminars, have improved the lives of "at-risk" children county-wide. Created by Orangeburg County, the program is now being replicated nationally. The Youth Enhancement Summit is another successful community collaboration. Partnering with the County, South Carolina State University, and the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, the initiative brings children's service agencies across the entire county together to improve their overall effectiveness.

Additionally, Orangeburg County's Community of Character effort is a collaborative initiative to partner with all segments of the community such as education, business, industry, family, faith, government, media, and civic. It establishes a community culture that encourages, recognizes, and rewards good character. Orangeburg County is one of only two counties in South Carolina, and 28 counties nationwide who have passed character resolutions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in commanding Orangeburg County for its well-deserved distinction as All-America County. Orangeburg County continues to make great strides in education, economic growth, and community development. Its dedicated citizens work everyday to create new promise. I am proud to represent them in this body and of their hard work and vision.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS KARAM AS HE IS HONORED BY THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING OF THE NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Thomas F. Karam, of Waverly, Pennsylvania, who is being honored by the Friends of Scouting of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Karam was chosen for this accolade due to his business accomplishments and his community service.

Mr. Karam is recently retired from Southern Union Company, where he served from 2001 to 2005 as president and chief operating officer.

He previously served as executive vice president of corporate development for the company and president and CEO of its PG Energy Division.

Mr. Karam had also been president and CEO of Pennsylvania Enterprises, Inc., from 1996 until 1999, when it was acquired by Southern Union. From September, 1995, to August, 1996, he served as executive vice president of Pennsylvania Enterprises.

Before joining Pennsylvania Enterprises and then Southern Union, from 1986 to 1995, Mr. Karam developed a strong background in finance and investment banking as vice president of investment banking at Legg Mason, Inc., Baltimore. From 1984 to 1986, he served