

CONGRATULATING WILLIAM
CLIFFORD ADAMS ON GRAD-
UATING FROM THE UNITED
STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute to an exceptional young man from Central Texas. I am happy to announce that William Clifford Adams will graduate with a degree in Political Science from the United States Naval Academy on May 26th, with the midshipmen class of 2006. He will go on to serve specializing in surface warfare in the U.S. Navy.

As the highest ranking midshipman in his class, Cliff has demonstrated incredible leadership abilities and strength of character. This top ranking was based not only on his outstanding academic achievement, but also on his standing among his peers. He has led countless demonstrations and is clearly a respected student leader on campus.

I have had the great pleasure of working with Cliff personally, and there could not be anyone more worthy of this prestigious honor. Cliff grew up in Goldthwaite, Texas, and has excelled in all of his academic and community activities. As an intern in my Congressional office in 2003, I learned first-hand of Cliff's outstanding dedication to the community, his intelligence and tremendous wit. He is a remarkable young man who, without a doubt, will go on to become one of Texas' and America's great leaders.

Mr. Speaker I ask you to join me today in recognizing William Clifford Adams on his remarkable achievement of graduating from the United States Naval Academy.

A TRIBUTE TO THE THOMAS JEF-
FERSON GIRLS' BASKETBALL
TEAM

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Thomas Jefferson Girls' Varsity Basketball Team, champions of the 2006 Public School Athletic League of New York City, Girls Varsity Basketball—B Division. In one year, under the direction of Head Coach Calvin Young, Assistant Coach Unique Nelson, Assistant Coach Helms, and Student Manager Natoya Sylvester, the Lady Orange Wave excelled to a regular season record of 15 wins and only three losses, while going undefeated with 5 more victories in the city playoffs.

I also want to especially recognize the work of Athletic Director, Fred Landron; Principals Michael A. Alexander, Ms. Almonte, Ms. Gibbs, Mr. Palmer, and Ms. Lawrence; and Superintendent Varleton McDonald. These educators have worked hard to infuse excellence, respect and accountability not only in athletic programs, but in academic departments as well. In addition, Coaches Young, Nelson and Helms have instilled a team first approach and a tough regimen of discipline

and no excuses that has lead to the team's current success.

However, academics have not taken a backseat. In an era when sports achievements have sometimes replaced excellence in English, math, science and other academic areas, the coaches have demanded a high level of academic performance from team members.

Moreover, long after the last shot has been taken and the last ball dribbled, the members of the 2006 Lady Orange Wave: Crystal Berry, Chanell Bracker, Shaequana Brathwaite, Raven Cumberbatch, Wuraoa Dipeolu, Esther Farmer, Elisabeth Ferby, Melonie Jones, Takima Lucky, Makini Manning, Shameek Pollard, Talaya Robinson, and Chrysty Taylor will benefit from the leadership, love and guidance given to them by their coaches, teachers and administrators at Thomas Jefferson High School.

I am certain the 2006 Lady Orange Wave's experiences in basketball and their days at Thomas Jefferson will guide them through life's journey and there will be more achievements to come.

Mr. Speaker, in this spirit, I believe that the accomplishments of the 2006 Lady Orange Wave, and the work of their coaches, teachers and administrators, are truly worthy of our recognition here today.

HONORING THE WORK OF DEBRA
STEINBERG, RECIPIENT OF THE
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S
PRO BONO PUBLICO AWARD

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a constituent of mine who is being honored by the American Bar Association (ABA) as a recipient of their Pro Bono Publico Award. Ms. Steinberg is being recognized by the ABA for her work in assisting families of World Trade Center Victims.

I will be submitting for the record the ABA's description of her service, but I also want to personally recognize the work that she has done for our community. I have been proud to work with Ms. Steinberg to draft legislation, H.R. 3575, The September 11th Family Humanitarian Relief and Patriotism Act. This legislation would provide humanitarian assistance to the non-citizen victims of 9/11 by providing them with an adjustment of their immigration status. Ms. Steinberg's commitment to this legislation is a very personal one, as she has dedicated countless hours assisting these families. I commend her commitment to humanity and I congratulate her on this well deserved recognition by her peers.

ABA's Description of Debra Steinberg's work:

DEBRA BROWN STEINBERG

Ms. Steinberg led the Cadwalader firm's 9/11 pro bono efforts providing representation of families of World Trade Center victims. She personally represented several families of 9/11 victims. Furthermore she played a leading role in the creation and development of the New York Lawyers for the Public Interest 9/11 Project which came together in early October 2001.

She drafted The Association of the Bar of the City of New York's comments on the in-

terim and final regulations for the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund, she drafted a substantial portion of the 9/11 Victims and Families Relief Act in NY, and she's assumed a leading role in advocating at both the state and national levels on behalf of victims' families. In particular, she drafted substantial portions of legislation to provide legal recognition and protection to family members of non-citizen victims of the attacks—the September 11 Family Humanitarian Relief and Patriotism Act (pending in both the House and Senate).

Ms. Steinberg's public service was honored in the United States House of Representatives (May 18, 2004) and in a New York State Senate Legislative Resolution (April 29, 2003). Ms. Steinberg also received the New York State Bar Association's 2003 Pro Bono Service Award.

IN TRIBUTE TO MRS. RUTH
BACHHUBER DOYLE

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of an extraordinary Wisconsin woman, Mrs. Ruth Bachhuber Doyle. Mrs. Doyle died May 6, 2006, after a long life dedicated to public service.

Born in Milwaukee and raised in Wausau, Ruth Bachhuber met Jim Doyle Sr. when both were students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the 1930s. They married in 1940, and had three children together, including the current governor of Wisconsin, The Honorable Jim Doyle. Though three generations of her family preceded her in political life, Mrs. Doyle was one of the first women elected to the state Legislature. As a result of her election, the Bachhuber family became the only one in Wisconsin history to see four generations serve in the state Legislature. Mrs. Doyle is also known for helping to revitalize Wisconsin's Democratic Party. She reenergized the party by engaging women as leaders and activists. She later served on the Dane County Board, and as the first woman president of the Madison School Board.

In addition to her exemplary political career, Mrs. Doyle and her husband—who served at one point as U.S. district attorney—raised four children. She was a true public servant in every meaning of the term, with a keen interest in education, and a strong commitment to acting always with integrity and maintaining and honoring the integrity of the democratic process.

Mrs. Doyle pioneered a new public role for women. I consider myself very fortunate to be one of those who has benefited from the trail she blazed. Women, men, and families throughout our state have been blessed by her quiet wisdom and sincerity and her constant efforts to safeguard the interests and needs of Wisconsin citizens. I am honored to have this opportunity to recognize her life and achievements, and send my condolences to her family.