

TRIBUTE TO COACH TONY
NAPOLET

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the recently completed season and still ongoing career of someone who is an institution in Ohio High School football and the community of Warren, Ohio. Coach Tony Napolet was awarded this year's Coach of the Year award after leading the Warren JFK Eagles to a 14–1 season capped by a berth to the Division 5 State championship game.

Although I never had the opportunity to play for him, Coach Napolet has been a friend and mentor throughout my entire adult life. The year following my graduation from Warren JFK, Tony Napolet was brought on for what he anticipated as being a 1-year stint as JFK head coach. That season, after squeaking into the playoffs, Napolet and the Eagles rattled off an amazing run to win the State Championship. At the conclusion of that season Coach Napolet agreed to come back to coach the Eagles indefinitely. He followed his title winning season with another birth to the State championship game. Although Coach Napolet and the Eagles suffered a 1-point loss, the 2nd straight appearance in the State championship game solidified Tony Napolet's niche in the upper echelon of Ohio high school football coaches. And that was hardly the twilight of Coach Napolet's career. He has since coached the Eagles to numerous winning seasons and three more State semifinal appearances including this past season's appearance in another State championship game.

Overall Coach Tony Napolet has garnered three top ten AP rankings, five state semi-final appearances, a winning percentage of .716 during his time at Warren JFK, and an overall coaching record of 191 wins, 84 losses and 3 ties.

All of the records, statistics, and awards, however, cannot speak to the influential and inspirational man that is Tony Napolet. One thing that everyone who has "ever played for Coach Napolet knows is that whether you were the starting quarterback or the third string defensive lineman, you were treated exactly the same. Not only was everyone an equal on the field, but also off the field, mid-season, off-season, and after you had graduated. Tony Napolet is known in the community just as much for what he does for young people after they graduate, as he is for his coaching prowess. Of course there are the typical phone calls to college coaches and recommendation letters, but his involvement in his former players' lives doesn't end there. Coach Napolet is the one who helps you find a summer job when you're home from school, or serves as a reference on an internship application. Since Coach Napolet is such an integral part of the JFK High family, he in turn treats everyone as a member of his family.

Tony Napolet is every part of what a high school football coach should be. He realizes and has always realized that the role he plays is not just that of football coach but as someone who is helping prepare young men for the next step in their lives, whether that involves football or not.

So, today I am not honoring a coach and his distinct record, but rather a great man who also happens to be a fantastic coach.

THE CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY RIGHT
TO KNOW ACT OF 2007

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, 7 years ago this month, Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ, suffered a horrible tragedy, as a fire ripped through one of its residence halls. That fire killed 3 young freshmen and wounded 58 other students.

Unfortunately, campus fires have become all too common. Each year, thousands of fires rage through the campuses and off-campus housing of our colleges and universities. Since January 2000, almost 100 people have died in campus-related fires across the country. In 2006 alone, 12 people were killed.

Last week, I was proud to reintroduce the Campus Fire Safety Right to Know Act of 2007, H.R. 592, in response to this problem. This bill is widely supported, and has garnered 28 bipartisan cosponsors to date. Senator FRANK LAUTENBERG has also introduced companion legislation in the Senate, S. 354.

This landmark legislation calls for colleges and universities to report vital fire safety information to the U.S. Department of Education. This will allow prospective students and their parents to make informed decisions regarding a fire-safe school based on criteria such as the installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems, automatic fire alarm systems, fire prevention training and other related factors.

The Campus Fire Safety Right to Know Act does not mandate upgrades; it simply requires schools to collect and report data crucial to the safety and well-being of students and other residents.

The fact that this legislation was passed by the House of Representatives in the 109th Congress was due, in no small part, to the tremendous support provided by leading fire safety organizations. These and other organizations have joined with me once again to support this vital legislation in order to protect our students on campuses across the Nation. They are working tirelessly every day to improve fire safety for our citizens, and I want to recognize and commend them for their support and their leadership.

These fourteen organizations include Campus Firewatch, The Center for Campus Fire Safety, the Congressional Fire Services Institute, the International Fire Chiefs Association, the International Association of Fire Fighters, the International Code Council, the International Fire Marshals Association, the National Association of State Fire Marshals, the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, the National Fire Protection Association, the National Fire Sprinkler Association, the National Volunteer Fire Council, the Society of Fire Protection Engineers, and Underwriters Laboratories.

Madam Speaker, I urge Congress to act now on this important legislation so that we may ensure a safe school environment for all college and university students. When we entrust our children to any institution, we expect

that they will be in a safe environment. And we have the right to expect that much.

PRESIDENT BUSH EXPECTED TO
SPEAK OUT ABOUT GLOBAL
WARMING TONIGHT—NEEDS TO
ACT

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, over the last week we've heard that President Bush is finally going to admit tonight what most of us have known for years—that global warming is actually occurring and that we as a Nation need to take action.

Tonight's expected pronouncement from the President is welcome news, but it does not excuse the administration's past record on global warming.

Over the last six years, the Bush administration has served as a major roadblock to reversing dangerous warming trends. The President walked away from international efforts to help reduce this growing danger to our planet, refusing to actually lead on this critically important issue.

In my home State of New Jersey, we are proud of the fact that former Governor Richard J. Codey took decisive action over a year ago to strengthen our State's efforts to combat global warming by classifying carbon dioxide as an air contaminant. This action made New Jersey one of the first States in the Nation to take such a step. By contrast, the Bush administration has been in constant denial about environmental dangers to our planet.

I hope President Bush provides more than just lip service on global warming as he addresses the Nation tonight. After all, the President has pledged to reduce our dependence on foreign oil every year since he took office, while his policies have consistently made the problem worse.

Last year was the hottest ever recorded in our Nation's history. Our planet simply cannot afford more inaction from this administration. I hope that the President is serious about joining us in producing policies that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The time for action is long overdue.

CONGRATULATING THE 2007 NAACP
HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR
HON. CAROLYN Q. COLEMAN

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great woman in the African American community and a vocal leader in North Carolina, the Honorable Carolyn Q. Coleman. Mrs. Coleman will receive the 2007 NAACP Humanitarian of the Year Award at the 23rd Annual NAACP Humanitarian of the Year Banquet on Saturday, January 27 in Durham, North Carolina. Her work over the last year is inspiring but what truly makes her remarkable is the scope of her deeds over a lifetime.

Carolyn Quilloin Coleman is a native of Savannah, Georgia, where as a young woman she became involved in civil rights and human rights issues with the local NAACP Youth Council. After a 9-year ban of the NAACP in Alabama, Coleman joined the late Althea Simmons in reorganizing units in that State. She currently serves as Secretary of the National Board and Assistant Secretary of the National Association. On the State level, Mrs. Coleman is the First Vice President of the North Carolina State Conference and is a member of the Greensboro Branch's Executive Committee.

Coleman graduated from Savannah State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in History and minors in Economics and Sociology. Coleman pursued her Masters Degree in Adult Education at North Carolina A&T and has also studied at the Memphis Theological Seminary in Tennessee.

Professionally, Coleman served as the Special Assistant to Governor Jim Hunt for 8 years, providing guidance on issues of the mi-

nority community. In her 40-year relationship with the NAACP, Mrs. Coleman has served with distinction as a Regional Youth Director, Alabama State Director, Southeast Voter Education Director and the North Carolina State Director.

Mrs. Coleman led the North Carolina State Conference in filing 13 lawsuits challenging the at-large elections of Judges, County Commissioners, City Council and School Board members. Her efforts led to redistricting in the State, which made possible the election of two African-American Members of Congress in the 1990s, the first since Reconstruction. In total, the results of those suits led to the election of 10 African-American Superior Court Judges and over 100 new African-American officials.

In 2006, Mrs. Coleman won re-election to the Guilford County Board of Commissioners with 74 percent of the vote and was elected the first African-American woman to chair the Board. As a Commissioner, Coleman is a liaison on several boards including the Greens-

boro Sports Commission, the Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation, the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments and the Work First Planning Board in addition to her responsibilities on the Board's Budget Process Committee, Community Based Organizations Study Committee and School Budget Committee.

Despite her years of continued service, Mrs. Coleman still makes time for her friends—as a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, her family—as the mother of one son, Carlton, and faith—as a communicant of the New Zion Baptist Church in Greensboro.

Madam Speaker, I ask my Colleagues to join me and the delegates to the NAACP Conference in paying tribute to this courageous and dedicated woman who has worked to foster and continue our Nation's founding principle—that all men and women are created equal.