

what we are allowed to access on the Internet. Are we, for our own good, to be subjected to the kind of governmental control of the Internet that we see in unfree societies? This bill certainly sets us on that course.

This seems to be an unwise and dangerous solution in search of a real problem. Previous acts of ideologically-motivated violence, though rare, have been resolved successfully using law enforcement techniques, existing laws against violence and our court system. Even if there were a surge of "violent radicalization"—a claim for which there is no evidence—there is no reason to believe that our criminal justice system is so flawed and weak as to be incapable of trying and punishing those who perpetrate violent acts.

This legislation will set up a new government bureaucracy to monitor and further study the as-yet undemonstrated pressing problem of homegrown terrorism and radicalization. It will no doubt prove to be another bureaucracy that artificially inflates problems so as to guarantee its future existence and funding. But it may do so at great further expense to our civil liberties. What disturbs me most about this legislation is that it leaves the door wide open for the broadest definition of what constitutes "radicalization." Could otherwise non-violent anti-tax, antiwar, or anti-abortion groups fall under the watchful eye of this new government commission? Assurances otherwise in this legislation are unconvincing.

In addition, this legislation will create a Department of Homeland Security-established university-based body to further study radicalization and to "contribute to the establishment of training, written materials, information, analytical assistance and professional resources to aid in combating violent radicalization and homegrown terrorism." I wonder whether this is really a legitimate role for institutes of higher learning in a free society.

Legislation such as this demands heavy-handed governmental action against American citizens where no crime has been committed. It is yet another attack on our Constitutionally-protected civil liberties. It is my sincere hope that we will reject such approaches to security, which will fail at their stated goal at a great cost to our way of life.

IN HONOR OF THE VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM AT CANYON CREEK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to proudly recognize the Varsity Volleyball team at Canyon Creek Christian Academy (CCCA) for winning the 2007 Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) Volleyball State Championship.

Last weekend, CCCA defeated Austin Regents 3-1 in the semi-finals and then proceeded to face the Tyler All Saints in their final match. On November 10, 2007, CCCA emerged triumphant with the score of 3-0 and won the coveted title of 4A State Champions. This title speaks loudly of their hard work and discipline, which led to their victory. I commend them for dedicating the time and effort

to enhance their ability to perform as a team and skills and techniques of this great sport.

I congratulate the members of the volleyball team for their well-deserved victory and wish them all the best in future endeavors.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING STELLA GIRKINS FOR PLACING SECOND IN THE MANCHESTER UMBRO INTERNATIONAL CUP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Stella Girkins competed in England's largest youth soccer tournament; and

Whereas, Stella Girkins showed hard work and dedication to the sport of soccer; and

Whereas, Stella Girkins has broadened her abilities and skills in the sport of soccer; and

Whereas, Stella Girkins was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Stella Girkins always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Stella Girkins on placing second in the Manchester Umbro International Cup. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated.

TRIBUTE TO BEN AND MARTHA BIDEWELL

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ben and Martha Bidewell for receiving the 2007 Missouri Community College Association Award of Distinction. Their vision and commitment to education has had an enduring impact on their community, State and Nation.

Three Rivers Community College (TRCC) has played a critical role in helping people of all ages develop the skills necessary to begin and sustain a productive career. For four decades, the Bidewells have generously contributed their time, efforts and financial resources to the betterment of TRCC, ensuring a brighter future for our State and Nation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bidewell both possess a deep sense of community and true desire to improve the lives of their neighbors. Their friendliness and optimism have positively impacted countless people both in and out of the college. Their leadership, dedication and generosity serve as an example to all, particularly young students enrolled at TRCC. Poplar Bluff and the entire southern Missouri region owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Bidewell for their significant contributions to higher education and their community.

Madam Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Ben and Martha Bidewell on winning this prestigious award. I ask that you join me along with the people of southern Missouri to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Bidewell on this wonderful achievement and to wish them a happy and productive future.

RECOGNIZING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHERWOOD INN

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of the Sherwood Inn in Skaneateles, New York.

Founded by Isaac Sherwood in 1807 the Sherwood Inn has served as a fixture in the Central New York community for two centuries. Throughout its long history, the Sherwood Inn has seen many renovations and expansions and been known by many different names and owned by numerous people, but it has constantly been dedicated to serving travelers and diners in the area. During the influenza epidemic of 1918 the Sherwood Inn went above and beyond its call of public service by serving as a temporary hospital.

Owned by William Eberhardt since 1974, the Sherwood Inn is one of the oldest, continuously operating inns in New York State. It has served as a place for community activities, business meetings, family gatherings, and special events. Throughout its operation, the Sherwood Inn has employed hundreds of area citizens and has served as a crucial leader in the revival of the village of Skaneateles and the Finger Lakes region.

The Sherwood Inn has always strived to maintain the highest standards of public service, and I am proud to recognize them today. I congratulate the past and present employees of the Sherwood Inn on reaching this milestone, and I thank them for their two centuries of dedicated public service that has been such a positive influence on the community.

HONORING GERALDINE GENNET

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Ms. Geraldine Gennet for her diligent service to the Office of General Counsel for the House of Representatives. Ms. Gennet joined the General Counsel's office 12 years ago, and served in the capacity of General Counsel for more than a decade.

Ms. Gennet worked tirelessly to carry out her office's mandate to provide legal assistance and representation without regard to political affiliation. The advice and guidance she has provided to Speaker PELOSI, as well as to former Speakers Gingrich and Hastert, was unfailingly rooted in sound legal judgment and an impartial reading of the law. In carrying on an important tradition of nonpartisanship, Ms. Gennet significantly advanced the long-term, institutional interests of the House. Specifically, her vigorous defense of the Constitutional Speech or Debate clause has preserved the rights of Members, committees, and staff in their official capacities.

Ms. Gennet's capable leadership of the General Counsel's office through an era marked by partisan conflict is a testament to her integrity and professionalism. I consider it an honor to have formed both a personal and

working relationship with Geraldine during my tenure in Congress. I wish her continued success, and once again thank her for her service to the House of Representatives.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR.
WILLIAM A. WATSON, JR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor to the work and achievements of Rev. Dr. William A. Watson, Jr. A native of Portsmouth, Virginia, Reverend William Jr. is the fifth of seven children and the first male child born to Deacon William A. Watson, Sr., and Cornelia Watson.

Reverend William Jr. was educated in the Virginia public school system. He relocated to Hempstead, New York, and earned a vocational degree from Manpower Development Training School in New Hyde Park. Reverend William Jr. became a licensed minister in June 1978. He was ordained in July 1979 as an assistant to the late Rev. Joseph J. Howell. He became the interim Pastor of St. John's Baptist Church in Westbury in April 1983. Following that, he became the first secretary of the Eastern Baptist Association's Board of Evangelism.

Reverend William Jr. served as chairman of the board of evangelism; vice-moderator of Nassau County; vice-moderator at large of the Eastern Baptist Association of New York, Inc. He was appointed Vice President of area 7 for the Empire Baptist Missionary Convention, Inc., of New York State. In addition, he is the chaplain for the incorporated village of Hempstead's police department and president of its board of directors.

Reverend William Jr. is a retired businessman and a 41-year resident of the incorporated village of Hempstead. He continues to be on the front line of the struggle for unity and empowerment for the church and his community.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Rev. Dr. William A. Watson, Jr., for his contributions to our community and for his years of service to New Yorkers.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Rev. Dr. William A. Watson, Jr.

HONORING COACH GARY
KORHONEN OF RICHARDS HIGH
SCHOOL FOR HIS RECORD-
BREAKING 301ST WIN IN ILLINOIS

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Gary Korhonen of the Richards High School football team in Oak Lawn, Illinois, for his achievement as the all time winningest prep school coach in the state of Illinois. Breaking the record on September 28th, 2007, with his 301st win, Coach Korhonen has demonstrated a great commitment to his student-athletes. I am pleased to rise today to

recognize Coach Korhonen's unyielding dedication and honor this great milestone in his career.

Considered to be one of the best coaches in Illinois football history, Coach Korhonen's legacy reached a new level this fall when his Richards squad faced Evergreen Park High School. Their 44-0 victory gave Korhonen his record-breaking 301st win as an Illinois head football coach and propelled the Richards Bulldogs into their 23rd consecutive playoff berth. With this win, Coach Korhonen broke the record of 300 wins previously set by Providence Catholic Coach Matt Senffner.

Demonstrating a high commitment to the success of the individual members of his team, Coach Korhonen's understanding of what truly defines success doesn't include the number of games he's won as a coach. Korhonen considers his greatest accomplishment in life to be the fact that he has sent 274 kids to college on scholarships. Always believing in the potential of his team, Korhonen humbly puts the kids first, saying, "It's not about me, but about everyone else I'm working with."

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Coach Gary Korhonen for the positive role model that he is to the young men of Richards High School and for his continuing commitment to excellence for his players, both on and off the field. As the Representative of the 3rd District of Illinois, I am proud to say that we are home to the state's winningest coach, and I wish him and his team great success in the coming seasons.

CONGRATULATING REYNA TREVINO

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Reyna Trevino of Little Elm High School in Little Elm, TX, on qualifying for induction into the Spring 2007 National Honor Roll.

The National Honor Roll offers several benefits that can contribute to the success of its student members. The National Honor Roll chooses students based upon their academic performance. Each student that qualifies for induction must have a B average or better, and show ambition in areas such as grade point average, interests, activities, and future goals.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Ms. Reyna Trevino for her remarkable dedication to education and exemplary learning. Her commitment to her studies, her school, and her future should serve as an inspiration to all. I am honored to represent her in the 26th District of Texas.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING BAILEY VAN ORDER FOR PLACING SECOND IN THE MANCHESTER UMBRO INTERNATIONAL CUP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Bailey Van Order competed in England's largest youth soccer tournament; and

Whereas, Bailey Van Order showed hard work and dedication to the sport of soccer; and

Whereas, Bailey Van Order has broadened her abilities and skills in the sport of soccer; and

Whereas, Bailey Van Order was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Bailey Van Order always displayed sportsmanship on and off the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Bailey Van Order on placing second in the Manchester Umbro International Cup. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated.

TRIBUTE TO JAIME Y LOS CHAMACOS

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to boast about one of the great bands to come out of South Texas, Jaime y Los Chamacos. Led by renowned maestro of the accordion, Jaime de la Anda, the band's success can be directly attributed to 15 years of combined talent, and continues to live up to their stage name with youthful energy that appeals to audiences of all ages.

The distinct music of the Texas border—whether known as *norteño*, *tejano*, or *conjunto*—has grown together in the modern Mexican-American community. The genres emerged during the late 19th century in northern Mexico, when local bands blended traditional Mexican folk music with the accordion sounds and polka music brought by German immigrants. What emerged were the lively sounds that continue to be heard at any family gathering, beer hall, or fiesta.

Los Chamacos combine all these genres with a pop sensibility and a dynamic stage presence. Though proud of their Texas roots, Los Chamacos now boasts of their international appeal, having performed in venues all across the United States and Mexico. They have made numerous appearances on popular television shows and even had the honor of performing for President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Their accolades and awards also speak for themselves: numerous hits on the Billboard Records' Hot Latin Charts, 5 Grammy nominations, the Texas Talent Management Association Show Band of the Year, and the Tejano Music Awards Traditional Album of the Year.

Despite their success, the band has remained humble and appreciative of their loyal fans, having appeared in several public service announcements and numerous community events. More importantly, Los Chamacos and their music represent all the aspects that make the culture of South Texas so unique.