

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.

RECOGNIZING PHILLIP EARLEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Phillip Earley, of Chillicothe, MO. Phillip is an active student at Chillicothe High School by participating in many extracurricular activities. During his time at school, he has received many outstanding athletic and academic achievements.

Phillip has been actively serving his student body and teammates by participating in C-Club and football. For his excellence in football, he was selected for the All District First Team Offense and the All Conference Second Team Offense and Defense. He also received the honor of being selected by the Missouri Sportswriters to the Class 3 All State Football Team.

Not only has Phillip been honored with many awards for his dedication and service to his football team, but also has been honored for his academic excellence. This includes receiving the academic letter twice at his school.

Also, I would like to recognize the coaches that have inspired Phillip to achieve his best in athletics and academics. These notable coaches are Phil Willard, Jeff Staton, and Dave Mapel.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Phillip Earley. His dedication and service to his school has been extremely important to the success of his team record and to his academic achievement. I commend his exemplary record for all of his athletic and academic honors, and I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE 5TH GRADE STUDENTS OF PECAN CREEK ELEMENTARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the superior community service and dedication of the 5th grade students from Pecan Creek Elementary School in Denton, Texas. These students volunteered many hours to illustrate a children's book, *More Than Just a Mvule Tree*, which raised money to plant trees in Uganda.

The students' teacher, Ms. Natalie Mead, helped with the project, which sold 600 copies of the 24-page first edition book. The sales of those books, along with sponsorships, filled the village of Wonkonge in Uganda with 170 Mvule trees.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I stand here today to recognize these students and their teacher. The students of Pecan Creek Elementary School's 5th Grade class have shown commitment to their local and international community. I am honored to represent them in the 26th District of Texas.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING CASEY CLIFF 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, Casey Cliff competed in England's largest youth soccer tournament; and Whereas, Casey Cliff showed hard work and dedication to the sport of soccer; and Whereas, Casey Cliff has broadened her abilities and skills in the sport of soccer; and Whereas, Casey Cliff was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Casey Cliff 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 Casey Cliff on placing second in the Manchester Umbro International Cup. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated.

IN RECOGNITION OF COMMANDER PAMELA MELROY

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 on behalf of myself and Mr. KUH of New York to recognize Pamela Melroy; Commander of the Space Shuttle *Discovery* Mission STS-120.

Ms. Melroy has become just the second female shuttle commander in NASA's history. Despite NASA being comprised of approximately 19 percent women, there are currently no other female pilot-astronauts within the agency, which makes it probable that Commander Melroy may also be the last woman to command a space shuttle before the program ends in 2010.

As a member of a military family, Melroy spent her childhood living in many towns, but considers Rochester, NY, her hometown. She graduated from Bishop Kearney High School in Rochester and earned her bachelor's degree in physics and astronomy from Wellesley College. Melroy continued her education and received her masters of science degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Commander Melroy served in the United States Air Force from 1983 until 2007. During her career in the Air Force, she flew combat missions in Iraq, and eventually graduated from the Air Force's exclusive test-pilot school. Over the span of her 24-year career, she logged 5,000 hours of flight time in 45 different aircrafts.

Pamela Melroy began her astronaut career in 1994 when she was selected as a candidate by NASA. Prior to her becoming Commander of *Discovery*, Melroy worked on a number of projects and took on a number of roles within NASA. She served on the Columbia Reconstruction Team, as deputy project manager for a crew survival investigation team, and as a pilot on two space shuttle missions.

Pamela Melroy became the second female space shuttle commander on October 23, 2007 when mission STS-120 launched. This delivered the Harmony module to the International Space Station in order to prepare the station for future missions. Melroy follows in the footsteps of fellow Upstate New York native Eileen Collins, who was the first female space shuttle commander.

Throughout her career Commander Melroy has served as a valuable co-worker and leader and is highly respected by those who work with her. Her contributions to her country as a member of the Air Force and as an astronaut are invaluable. Inspired by Apollo missions when she was younger, Melroy herself serves as an inspiration by showing how far women have come in the space program.

Representative KUH and I thank Pamela Melroy for her dedication and service to her country as a member of the Air Force and as an astronaut and congratulate her on a successful career thus far. She has and will continue to be a true leader and an excellent role model for young people today.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. MAGGIE BAKER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay to Mrs. Maggie Baker.

Mrs. Baker was born in Alabama and migrated to Brooklyn, NY, where she married Jessie Baker, Sr. She and her husband of 45 years are the proud parents of 5 sons, 1 daughter, and 20 grandchildren.

Mrs. Baker is most recognized for her years of service with the board of education until 2004. A dedicated member of New Canaan Baptist Church, Mrs. Baker has served as president of the usher board and as a Sunday school teacher for more than 31 years. Although she is actively involved in other community organizations, Mrs. Baker enjoys spending quality time with her family and traveling.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the impressive achievements of Mrs. Maggie Baker for her commitment to the Brooklyn community.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a great individual of high morals, ethics, and integrity.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA PARISH IN OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Parish as they celebrate 50 years of community, faith, and service. Throughout their history, the parishioners of St. Catherine's have served commendably as a pillar of the Oak Lawn community, and I am pleased to honor their 50th anniversary.