

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF COLONEL AUSTIN CAPPS SR.

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my dear friend Colonel Austin Capps Sr. of Gurdon, Arkansas, who passed away April 14, 2007.

Colonel Capps was a leader and an inspiration to many throughout his years of service to his community and to the state of Arkansas. His dedicated commitment to making his beloved town of Gurdon and his state a better place to live was evident in everything he did.

Colonel Capps was a lifelong resident of Clark County and graduate of Ouachita Baptist University. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army where he served during World War II in North Africa, Italy, and France. After the war, he returned to Gurdon where he continued serving his country by enlisting with the U.S. Army Reserves.

Colonel Capps' diligence to duty and service to those around him carried over into his business, Austin's Appliance and Furniture, which he operated in Gurdon for over 70 years. Due to his decades of hard work and commitment to improving the lives of Gurdon residents, I often thought of him as "Mr. Gurdon."

Colonel Capps was a devoted, lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church of Gurdon where he served as an elder, Sunday School teacher, and member of the choir. He was a man of strong faith that was evident in all he did. He also served as member of the Board of Trustees of Baptist Hospital in Arkadelphia and as a faithful Gideon.

I send my deepest condolences to his two sons Colonel James Capps, Jr. of Hot Springs, AR, and William Roy Capps, of Gurdon, AR, to his two sisters Louise Mann of Houston, TX, and Alyene Fowler of Ft. Scott, KS; and to his seven grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren who affectionately called him "Big Daddy."

Colonel Capps will be missed by his family, his church, his community, and all those who knew him and called him a friend. I will continue to keep his family in my thoughts and prayers.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MILTON I. SCHWARTZ

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend Milton I. Schwartz for his generosity and humanitarian efforts on behalf of the entire Las Vegas community.

Milton Schwartz was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. After attending New York Uni-

versity and the Wharton School of Finance, Milton enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving with the Army Signal Corp during World War II. Following his military career, Milton moved to Nevada and became a successful businessman. He was the owner of Checker Cab Company, Vice President of Yellow Cab and Star Cab companies, and owner and operator of Valley Hospital where he served as the chairman of Formula 409. Aside from his contributions to the growth in southern Nevada, Milton has played a large part in the local Jewish community. In 1988, he established the Milton I. Schwartz Hebrew Academy, a Judaic elementary school serving preschool to eighth grade.

As a result of his pursuits, Milton has received a number of accolades, most notably being honored as Republican of the Year by the State of Nevada Republican Men's Club and as Humanitarian of the Year by Goodwill Industries. On May 6, 2007, Milton will be honored with the Dr. Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson in Pursuit of Excellence Award at a gala in his honor.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor my friend Milton I. Schwartz. His commitment to the Las Vegas community is truly commendable for he has enriched countless lives. I applaud him for his success and wish him the best in future endeavors.

HONORING THE 2007 ST. PAUL CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MINUTEMEN GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the 2007 St. Paul Central High School Minutemen Girls Basketball Class AAAA State champions. The Minutemen won a convincing 81-63 victory over the Minneapolis South Tigers to capture the championship title on March 17, 2007. I extend heartfelt congratulations to the Minutemen champions and the entire Central High School.

As the result of their hard work, outstanding athletic ability, power and speed, the team achieved success throughout their season as well as their championship game. With 32 wins and 0 losses, the 2007 St. Paul Central Minutemen Girls Basketball champions have the best winning record of any girls basketball team in Minnesota history. In achieving its victory in the Class AAAA championship game, the team's 81 points set a new score record, surpassing the previous high score of 80 points. The Minutemen Girls team victory earns them a place in St. Paul Central Girls Basketball history alongside the 1976 and 1979 St. Paul Central Girls State Championship teams. I am proud of the positive example set by these fine young student athletes.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the students, faculty and staff of St. Paul Central High

School, please join me in honoring the St. Paul Central Minutemen Girls Basketball State champions.

A TRIBUTE TO LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special recognition to La Salle High School as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

La Salle High School was created in 1956 at the request of the archbishop of Los Angeles, who wanted a Catholic boys high school to serve the northern and eastern sections of the San Gabriel Valley. The school was created to fulfill the mission of its founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, "to give a human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor, according to the ministry which the Church has entrusted to the Christian Brothers." La Salle High School opened its doors in September of 1956 to 117 ninth grade students from 14 nearby communities.

Throughout its 50-year service, the growing La Salle High School has been committed to an ethnically diverse student body. Minorities now account for 45 percent of the student body, providing students with a culturally rich learning environment, and in 1989 the decision was made to begin enrolling women. In 1991, the first coeducational classes were offered at La Salle High School to freshman, sophomore, and junior classes.

La Salle High School challenges its students with a rigorous balance of college preparatory courses, religious education, and extracurricular enrichment activities. The school's diverse and inclusive student body has continually upheld the school's strong commitment to academic excellence. Since 1960, over 5,000 students have graduated from La Salle High School, and nearly 100 percent of the graduating class have gone on to attend public and private institutions of higher education across the Nation. In 2004, La Salle received a full 6-year accreditation from both the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Western Catholic Education Association.

For 50 years La Salle High School has fulfilled its commitment of service and education under the strong guidance of its faculty. With a philosophy focused on the uniqueness of the individual as a person with religious, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical potential, the faculty at La Salle High School has long provided its students with a solid educational, social, and spiritual foundation.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring La Salle High School upon the celebration of its 50th anniversary. The entire community joins me in thanking La Salle High School for the outstanding educational opportunities that it has provided for the youth of California's 29th Congressional District.

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