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I am extremely proud of the hard work and dedication of these young women from Bishop Guilfoyle and congratulate the team, the coaching staff, and their fans on a story-book year and a deserved championship.

I rise today to honor and celebrate the Bishop Guilfoyle High School Girls basketball team for their record-breaking season which ended with the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) Class A State Championship title.

The Lady Marauders, who finished their season with an impressive 31-1 record, defeated Pittsburgh North Catholic 43-38 for the 2007 championship title on March 24, 2007. Their season high of 31 wins set a school record to accompany their first state title in 14 years.

Coached by Mark Moschella, the team is graduating 6 seniors, led by senior forward Mary Forr, a 1,000 point scorer. Also playing their last game in the purple and gold were Courtney Carroll, Heather Craig, Ashley Helsel, Rachel Sullivan and Dani Williams, who finished the championship game with 11 rebounds.

Rounding out the championship team were; Danielle Filer, Teresa Mull, Ashley Fulare, Nicole Ciambotti, Christine Conrad, Shannon Hite, Tiffany Seasoltz, Chelsey Neugebauer, Kaylee Keagy, Brooke Stayer, Rachel Rea, Erin Brennen and freshman sensation Alli Williams, who shared the winning season on the court with her sister Dani. Alli, the only freshman on the squad, led the Lady Marauders with 13 points and finished the championship game with 10 rebounds.

The Mountain Athletic Conference Champion Lady Marauders finished undefeated in league play with a record of 14-0. During the regular season they defeated District VI champions Altoona (AAAA) and Lewistown (AAA) and District VI runner-up Bishop McCort (AA). Their only loss was to Delone Catholic in December; however, since that game, they won 23 straight including the District VI Championship and the PIAA Class A State Title.

The Lady Marauders proved their dominance on their way to the championship, defeating Rockwood in the first round of the PIAA playoffs 58-20; beating Lancaster County Day 66-16 in the second round; following with a 57-46 win over Nativity BVM in the State Quarter-Final match-up; a 46-34 Semi-Final victory over Bishop O'Reilly and culminating with the State Championship win against North Catholic 43-38.

The team, known for its prolific defense and extraordinary teamwork, will cherish these accomplishments long after they have graduated

from Bishop Guilfoyle. I am extremely proud of the hard work and dedication of these young women from Bishop Guilfoyle and congratulate the team, the coaching staff and their fans on a storybook year and a deserved championship.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUANITA HAUGEN

(Mr. MCNERNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Juanita Haugen, who passed away earlier this month after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

Juanita's passion for education and her commitment to students enriched the lives of many people in our congressional district. Her efforts and dedication to public service leave a legacy that will continue to benefit my hometown and the Nation.

Juanita joined the Pleasanton school system after leaving her job as a probation officer to care for her children at home. She was elected to the Amador District Board in 1979 and was among the first trustees elected to the Pleasanton Unified School District, a position which she held for the rest of her career.

Although Juanita's efforts won her many awards, it was her ability to inspire others with her passion for learning that separated her from her peers. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Juanita Haugen and sending our thoughts and prayers out to her family and friends.

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THE BUDGET MYTH

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, the days of tax and spend are back. The new reform budget passed by the House just a few minutes ago actually is for more taxes, more spending. So Americans need to get out their checkbooks because they are going to be paying more because here is the deal:

This budget will increase tax rates on all Americans who pay taxes because the tax cuts will expire. It will cut the tax credit for children by half, and it will punish married people by taxing them more because they choose to be married. And it will also tax Americans when they die, literally tax them to death. This bill is the largest tax increase in American history. Furthermore, this fat and sassy bill increases wasteful spending.

We ought to be cutting taxes, cutting wasteful spending because that is the American way, that is the right way. Because Americans pay, they always pay, and they are going to pay a lot more.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I had an honor today that will be forever embedded in my heart; and that was to watch the Tuskegee Airmen, of which my father-in-law, Phillip Ferguson Lee, was an active and proud member, be honored with the Congressional Gold Medal.

I thank with all of my heart Representative CHARLIE RANGEL, Senator LEVIN, and all of the participants who commemorated and celebrated brave men who sacrificed their life in World War II but yet were treated worse than the Nazi soldiers who were captured and held here in the United States. In spite of color and racism, they rose to the highest occasion.

That is why I am so proud to be part of this majority that supported an emergency supplemental that would dignify our troops and bring them home with success and a budget today that was voted with the largest amount for dollars for veterans in the history of the United States.

Thank you to my father-in-law, Phillip Ferguson Lee, and all the Tuskegee Airmen who now are so proud to receive the Congressional Gold Medal. But, more importantly, they are proud to be Americans, World War II veterans who never, never denied their leadership in the United States of America. God bless them and God bless the United States of America.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CARNEY). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. McHENRY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. McHENRY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

STAFF SERGEANT TERRANCE DUNN, TEXAS WARRIOR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE. "We shall not flinch or fail. We shall go on to the end. . . . We shall fight on the seas and oceans. We shall fight with growing strength in the air. We shall defend . . . whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches. We shall fight on the landing grounds. We shall fight in the fields and in the streets. We shall fight everywhere. We shall never surrender."

These are the words of Sir Winston Churchill showing the dedication and determination of military warriors who fight for liberty. They never give up; and, of course, they never give in. Army Staff Sergeant Terrance Dunn was one of those soldiers.

Calling Atascocita, Texas, home, Staff Sergeant Dunn graduated from Pascagoula High School in Mississippi in 1987. In high school, he was known as the student always helping others.

In 1991, Staff Sergeant Dunn enlisted in the United States Army. He volunteered to serve this country and to become a part of an organization that accomplished great things. For him, the Army was his life.

For 16 years, Staff Sergeant Dunn devoted his life to protecting United States and its citizens from those who wanted to destroy us, freedom and liberty. He was always taking time to make sure that his Army uniform was in perfect shape, and he was proud of his service.

In one of the first letters he sent to his mother after enlisting into the United States Army, he told her that he was a real soldier now and he loved it.

Staff Sergeant Dunn was routinely away from the comforts and luxuries of home in Texas. He served tours of duty in Germany, Bosnia, Africa, South Korea, and, of course, two tours of duty in Iraq. He was committed to the service, he was committed to the American people, he was committed to his family, and he was committed to his duty.

As most military soldiers, Staff Sergeant Dunn was a very humble person about his service. He considered it an honor.

Family was one of the most important things to Staff Sergeant Dunn. He was the youngest of six children. He was close to all of his brothers and sisters and his numerous nieces and nephews. Even while amid the cannons of battle, he would call home to his family and check on them to see how they were doing, making sure they were okay.

Staff Sergeant Dunn was coming home to Texas in April, next month, after finishing that second tour of duty in that land far, far away that we call Iraq. He was assigned to the 210th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division. He was a mechanic for the United States Army and responsible for servicing vehicles and Army tanks. He was also tasked with fixing any broken equipment because he was a technological whiz. He could fix anything.

To his fellow soldiers, they called him the “Dunnaman.” If something needed done, Dunnaman did it, and it was given to him to do because they could always count on Staff Sergeant Dunn.

On February 2 of this year, Staff Sergeant Dunn called home to one of his sisters, checking on the status of the folks back home. With all the dangers of the Iraqi desert, his mind was al-

ways on his family. His sister had no way of knowing that that would be the last time that she spoke to her brother.

This is a photograph of Staff Sergeant Dunn taken shortly before his life was stolen from him. Because, several hours later, on patrol in Baghdad, an IED, an improvised explosive devise, hidden by faceless enemies that will not come out and fight, detonated near Staff Sergeant Dunn's patrol vehicle, killing this American warrior. He was 38 years of age.

Sergeant Dunn is the 18th American warrior associated with my southeast congressional district to be killed in this war in the deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan.

For his bravery and service to his people, Staff Sergeant Dunn was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He was brought home to Louisiana, his birthplace. Staff Sergeant Dunn was carried by his fellow soldiers in the Army Honor Guard, and he was laid to rest with full military honors.

Staff Sergeant Dunn was an American patriot. That is a word sometimes we don't like to use, but he was, and he was proud to be a patriot. He was a hero to his family, his fellow soldiers, and to us. He served his country for 16 years, and he accomplished great things in the United States Army.

And remember, Mr. Speaker, he, like all the people in Iraq and Afghanistan fighting for this Nation and for the Iraqi people, are volunteers. They asked to join the fight.

So God bless the Dunn family and God bless Staff Sergeant Dunn. He fought for our Nation. He defended liberty in lands far, far away. And he never surrendered.

In the words of George Orwell, “We sleep safe in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would try to do us harm.” The American soldier.

And that's just the way it is.

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. CUMMINGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

ETHICS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. HILL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, today, I had the opportunity to introduce, I think, a very important bill. And for those who are listening in your offices, I hope other Members of Congress who have not gone home yet will take the opportunity to review this bill and join me as a co-author of the bill.

During the campaign last year, there were many issues that we talked about:

energy independence, health care, the Nation's budget. But one that emerged as a very, very important issue was the issue of ethics in the House of Representatives.

People were very disturbed at all the scandals that were going on in this great body, and they told me over and over and over again that Congress needed to clean up its act. And they are right. We did. And we do.

It pains me that the American public does not have a whole lot of faith in this institution because I love the House of Representatives. It is indeed an honor and privilege for me to serve in this great Chamber. In spite of all the arguments that we have here, democracy works.

I remember, Mr. Speaker, that Dick Gephardt once told me that the arguments that we have here in this great body is a replacement for war. And that, in fact, is the case. This system, even while it gets ugly at times, is a great system that we have in this great country. We love our country and we love our government because the government is here to serve the people. And when it doesn't act right, we need to do something about it. We need to restore the confidence of the House of Representatives back to the people of the United States. And in that I introduced a bill to try to restore that confidence again by the American people.

This bill that I have introduced will replace the present Ethics Committee as we know it today. Right now, the Ethics Committee consists of sitting Members of Congress, and it is very difficult for colleagues to investigate fellow colleagues. It is just naturally very difficult. This bill will replace that committee system with former Members of Congress who are not lobbyists, giving people like, let's say, Lee Hamilton an opportunity to serve in this capacity, who can kind of take a step away from the Members and do the investigations that have to be done so that we can restore honor and integrity to this great body.

I think it is a good idea. I have talked to several Members and already have several Members who have become co-authors with me on this important piece of legislation.

There will be six members appointed by the Speaker on the Democratic side and six members appointed by the Republicans, by the majority leader, on their side. They will serve for no longer than three terms. But they will have the opportunity to do the job that sitting Members cannot do. So I think it is a very important piece of legislation.

We need to make sure that the people who are on this committee have institutional knowledge of this great body. And as former Members who are not lobbyists, they have that institutional knowledge to do the work that has to be done, which is so difficult to be done now.