

Wildcats football team, and I know the parents, teachers, neighbors and fans in our community will remember this season for many years to come.

IN HONOR OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER TIGERS: 2007 AAA GEORGIA STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of the 2007 Georgia AAA State Football Champions, the George Washington Carver Tigers. On December 15th, 2007, the Tigers defeated another great football team in my district, the Cairo Syrupmakers by a score of 16–13 on a rainy, windy day in Cairo, Georgia.

The game was an epic battle between two talented, well coached teams. This capped an undefeated 15–0 year for the Tigers and also delivered the school's first State football title in history. And the first state title in any sport since the basketball team accomplished this feat in 1971.

I want to extend my congratulations to Principal Chris Lindsey, Coach Dell McGee and the entire Carver family for this great achievement.

I also want to extend my congratulations to the Cairo Syrupmakers for a great season. They played all season with courage, spirit, and intestinal fortitude.

It takes a great deal of work and sacrifice to assemble a State-championship football team. It takes the dedication of the young men who are playing on the team. It also takes a dedicated coaching staff who have the wherewithal to dedicate their time and energy to not only teaching young men about the game of football, but also the game of life. A winning football team can in many ways bring a community together. This team has brought this community together.

The 99 young men that made up this year's football team accomplished something special. By accomplishing this special goal, they developed the character that will help them to succeed in other aspects of life. I am proud to represent these special young men and once again congratulate them on their history-making achievement.

HONORING GEORGE W. BRITTON

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. George Britton upon his retirement from the city of Modesto as the city manager. Mr. Britton was honored on January 3, 2008, in Modesto, CA.

George Britton was born and raised in Modesto, CA. After graduating from high school, Mr. Britton attended the University of Oregon where he received a bachelor's degree and then attended the University of Southern California where he received a master's degree in

public administration. He also completed the program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government and the Senior Governmental Executive Program at Harvard University.

Mr. Britton served in the Air Force Reserve from 1970 until 1978. He left reserve to join the city manager in the city of Scottsdale, Arizona, where he served as the director of municipal utilities and assistant to the city manager. Mr. Britton was the executive assistant to Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt from 1980 through 1986, where he chaired the Governor's Cabinet and oversaw various State agencies. For the next 15 years, he was the deputy city manager for the city of Phoenix.

In 2001 Mr. Britton returned back to Modesto and joined the city of Modesto. He started as deputy city manager and was appointed city manager in March 2005. During Mr. Britton's time in office the city of Modesto has made numerous improvements. In 2006 alone the city had increased downtown signage, and developed and increased participation in the Citizens Emergency Response Team. The Modesto Fire Department was also able to add 12 new firefighters, a new fire truck, and the department was awarded funding to add three fire investigators to be available for all of Stanislaus County. In addition to all of this, the city was also awarded funding to increase the capacity and ability of the airport. There have also been major developments with the city's solid waste program, expansion of the youth center, increased commerce, the creation of more parks and bridges and 71 miles of roads were added, repaved or repaired. The city of Modesto was able to make enormous strides under the direction of Mr. Britton.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate George Britton upon his retirement from the city of Modesto. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Britton many years of continued success.

HONORING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HURLEY MEDICAL CENTER

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of Hurley Medical Center in my hometown of Flint, MI. Hurley Medical Center kicked off a yearlong celebration on January 11.

In 1908, James J. Hurley left \$55,000 and property to the city of Flint to establish a hospital to treat everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. The first Board of Managers, J. Dallas Dort, Charles A. Lippincott, Edward D. Black, William E. Martin, and George L. Walker, implemented his vision. Mrs. Flint P. Smith organized the first auxiliary to raise money for the fledgling hospital. Their vision and hard work paid off and the hospital opened its doors on December 19, 1908.

Today Hurley Medical Center is a 443-bed teaching medical center annually treating over 20,000 persons for inpatient care and 76,000 emergency room cases. It is the only Level I trauma center and Level III neonatal intensive care unit in Genesee County. In addition to these two services, Hurley Medical Center offers the region's only care centers in the following specialties: burn center, maternal and

fetal care center, pediatric intensive care unit, pediatric emergency room, fertility and reproductive medicine center, and kidney transplantation center.

The 2,500 employees of Hurley Medical Center work very hard to provide quality healthcare to their patients. The medical center has received the 2007 HealthGrades Critical Care Excellence Award, and the 2007 "Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Achievement in Organ Donation" from Michigan Gift of Life. In 2005 they received the Governor's Award for Quality in Inpatient Setting, Ambulatory Setting, and Emergency Department. The Hurley Asthma Center has also received the MHA Ludwig Community Benefit Award.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Hurley Medical Center for providing outstanding healthcare to the Flint community for the past 100 years. Their mission statement is "Clinical Excellence, Service to People." Every person living in Genesee County has been touched, either directly or through a loved one, by the commitment of the employees, affiliated healthcare providers and volunteers of Hurley Medical Center to live up to their motto. They continue to exemplify James Hurley's vision to provide quality healthcare to everyone regardless of their income. I am grateful for their compassion and wish them the best for the next 100 years.

IN MEMORY OF COACH NEAL WILSON

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Coach Neal Wilson, the longtime athletic director of Lewisville Independent School District in Lewisville, Texas and a tireless public servant.

Coach Wilson began his four decade-long coaching career in 1965 with the Lewisville ISD, and was Lewisville head football coach from 1978 to the fall of 1985, when he assumed full-time athletic director duties. He retired in December 2000, but came back for brief athletic director stints at surrounding school districts for several years. Coach Wilson then came back to assume the athletic director role in the Lewisville ISD during the spring of 2004, and then again in 2007.

In 2003, Coach Wilson was inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor, and in 2005, Flower Mound High School in Flower Mound, Texas, renamed its football stadium the Neal E. Wilson/Jaguar Stadium. Coach Wilson was known as a strong advocate of all sports and took great pride in making sure he not only gave equally to all sports, but also increased his knowledge about every sport with each passing day.

His motto, according to Lewisville assistant athletic director Rody Durham, was that you have to give the kids a chance to win. Coach Wilson expected himself and every coach to do their part to put their teams in the best position possible and lead by example. "When we have needed him, he's always been there for us," Coach Durham said.

My thoughts go out to his wife Donna and two sons, Darrell and Lance, as well as a

long-list of family and friends. Coach Wilson will be greatly missed by the many that are fortunate enough to speak of the impact he had on their lives.

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HONORING RAY KARPE

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**HON. KEVIN McCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ray Karpe, a resident and community leader from Bakersfield, California, for his outstanding and exemplary leadership while serving as the 2007 President of the Bakersfield Association of Realtors®.

After earning a bachelor of science degree in business administration from California State University, Bakersfield, Ray graduated from the Graduate Realtor® Institute, GRI, in 1989. He began his real estate career with Karpe Real Estate Center in 1986 and served as property manager, sales associate, loan officer, project development manager, and vice president before becoming the center's president. He received his real estate broker's license in 1998.

Ray Karpe has been a longtime leader in local real estate matters, reflecting the same success, enthusiasm, care, and commitment to his community as two generations of Karpes before him. He has served the Bakersfield Association of Realtors® in all levels of leadership and served on over 35 committees since becoming a Director of the association in 2002. He became the third generation of the Karpe family to be honored as the Realtor® of the Year in 2005 by the Bakersfield Association of Realtors®, before being appointed president of the association in 2007.

Ray has also ably represented Bakersfield realtors and the Bakersfield community in the State and national association. Since 2003, Ray has been a director of the California Association of Realtors®, C.A.R., and has served as chair and vice-chair of the Taxation Committee. And this year, C.A.R. President Bill Brown appointed him to serve on the 2008 C.A.R. executive committee. Since 2006, Mr. Karpe has been a director of the National Association of Realtors®, a member of the Taxation Committee, and is a "National Golden R" Member—President's Circle.

In his free time, Ray is an active community volunteer serving as a director on the boards of the California State University, Bakersfield Foundation, Mercy Hospitals of Bakersfield, and Garces Memorial High School. He is also a member and past director of the Rotary Club of Bakersfield, the Young Presidents' Organization, YPO, and a member of the 11 Gallon Club at the Houchin Community Blood Bank.

A true mark of leadership is the generosity of time and talents that one gives on behalf of his neighbors and communities. Ray Karpe exemplifies this time-honored tradition. I commend Ray for his service and leadership as president of the Bakersfield Association of Realtors® and wish him and his family well as he continues to serve our community.

IN HONOR OF EDWARD DuBOSE

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

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Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward DuBose, the president of the Georgia State Conference of the NAACP and Second District citizen.

Edward O. DuBose was born in Atlanta, Georgia, the third oldest of 10 children to Carnell and Margie DuBose. He received his early education through the Atlanta public school system, graduating from Harper High School. He then joined the United States Army where he completed 21 years of honorable service.

Mr. DuBose, who also earned a masters degree in clinical mental health counseling, is a licensed professional counselor, anger management specialist, member of the National Board of Certified Counselors, and a member of the Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia. As the owner of Oxygen Mental Health Counseling services, he provides in-home counseling to at risk youth and families throughout the State of Georgia and Alabama.

In addition to his career as a counselor, Mr. DuBose has served his community through leadership in the NAACP. He has served 7 years as president of the Columbus, Georgia, branch of the NAACP, and 5 years as 2nd vice president of the Georgia State Conference NAACP. In addition, he has served as Georgia State NAACP veterans affairs chairman and as the district coordinator for a 9-county area.

Mr. DuBose was elected to the position of president of the Georgia State Conference NAACP on October 2005, and reelected for a second term in 2007. He is the only resident and NAACP member in Columbus history to hold the title of State president.

While serving the NAACP, Mr. DuBose led the organization to achieve several landmark accomplishments, including negotiating the only NAACP radio show in Georgia, helping start the first Black History Month Parade in Columbus, Georgia now in its seventh year, and coordinating the largest protest march in Columbus history by rallying over 15,000 people to call for justice for the shooting death of Kenneth Walker.

Mr. DuBose is married to Cynthia DuBose and they have three beautiful daughters; Cynthia Harris, Casonya Hardaway Glover, and Kimberly DuBose. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor this man today for his dedication to Columbus, the NAACP, the Second Congressional District, and to the betterment of his State and Nation.

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HONORING ROBERT DUNBAR

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**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Councilman Robert Dunbar upon his retirement from the Modesto City Council. Councilman Dunbar was recognized at the city of Modesto swearing in ceremony held on December 19, 2007.

Councilman Dunbar was born in Terre Haute, Indiana and attended Indiana University and Indiana State University where he received a bachelor of science degree in speech and drama with a minor in political science. After moving to southern California he attended University of Redlands, University of California in Riverside and California State University, Fullerton and received a master of science degree in public school administration with a minor in political science and urban politics. This was the beginning of Councilman Dunbar's first career as a teacher.

Before Councilman Dunbar was an elected official, he worked in the public school system. He began by teaching high school and junior high school. He moved to Merced, California, in 1972 to pursue a position with the Merced Union High School District. He held various positions within the district, including; dean of boys, vice-principal and learning director. In 1980 he moved to Modesto, California to join the Sylvan Union School District, where he became the principal of Somerset Junior High School. The school was named a "Top 100 Distinguished Junior High School" during his tenure. He was also the principal at Sylvan Elementary School, and was named the "Eighth District PTA Principal of the Year." While working for the school districts, he was also a part-time professor on various subjects at Merced Junior College, California State University, Stanislaus, St. Mary's College, and Chapman University. Councilman Dunbar retired from education in 2001 and moved onto more civic duties.

Councilman Dunbar served on the Planning Commission for the city of Merced for 2 years and on the Planning Commission for the city of Modesto for 7 years serving as the chairman for 2 of those years. He was elected to the Modesto City Council in 2003, and currently serves as vice chair of the Finance Committee. Throughout his lifetime he has served in many capacities; as a baseball coach, Boy Scout leader, Kiwanis leader, member of the board of directors for the Modesto chapter of the Red Cross, member of the Association of California School Administrators and Stanislaus Partners in Education.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Councilman Robert Dunbar upon his retirement from the Modesto City Council. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Councilman Dunbar many years of continued success.

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HONORING BRAD L. HARNICK

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**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today and ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Brad L. Harnick upon his retirement from Michigan State University Extension for Genesee County. A reception for Brad was held on January 11th in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Brad began working for the Michigan State University Extension Service in 1978. He worked as the Genesee County 4-H Youth Development Program associate until 1990. At that time he became the 4-H Youth Development agent and Extension educator.