

TYLER SALEN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Tyler Salen who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Tyler Salen is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Tyler Salen is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Tyler Salen for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CHINESE SPECTACULAR SHOW

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Chinese Spectacular Show, a world-class troupe that showcases Chinese Classical performance to audiences worldwide and serves as a bridge between cultures.

In 2006, the Chinese Spectacular was ranked number seven on Billboard Magazine's top shows and has played in the finest theaters around the country. This year, as men and women of Asian descent celebrate the Year of the Rat together with their friends, family and neighbors in Cleveland, the Oriental Cultural Association, OCA, is bringing this great show to the State Theatre. In keeping with its mission as an organization that promotes a cultural exchange and understanding, the OCA is proud to bring this spectacular show to Cleveland. The show is a unique opportunity to showcase and bring together Cleveland's rich multicultural society and appreciation of the various rich cultures that constitute the greater Cleveland community.

The Chinese Spectacular show is the largest overseas Chinese cultural production and exemplifies the very best of classical Chinese music and dance through its lavish costumes and choreography. They have toured over 65 cities around the world just this year and are able to show a side of Chinese culture that is often not seen in the United States.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing this year's Chinese Spectacular show and celebrating Cleveland's rich multicultural community.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ASHLEY WEAVER FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

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Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Ashley Weaver showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Ashley Weaver was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Ashley Weaver always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Ashley Weaver on winning the Girls' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

HONORING ZACHARY JAMES BUCKNER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zachary James Buckner, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zachary has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Zachary has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Zachary James Buckner for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EXXONMOBIL'S RECKLESSNESS

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, on March 24, 1989, the worst oil spill in our Nation's history occurred as the supertanker *Exxon Valdez* ran aground on Bligh Reef and dumped 11 million gallons of crude oil into Prince William Sound off the scenic Alaskan coast. Five years later, a Federal jury in Anchorage awarded the fishermen, businesses, and affected communities punitive damages. However, to date, Exxon has paid none of the \$2.5 billion punitive damages awarded to these fishermen as a result of the environmental devastation caused by ExxonMobil's recklessness.

What has ExxonMobil done? While the company has paid for the value of the lost fish, it has never compensated the families for their other continuing damages including, in the words of one trial judge, the fact that "the social fabric of Prince William Sound and Lower Cook Inlet was torn apart." There are still thousands of fishermen, food processors, and others who are awaiting justice. Tragically, this number is dwindling as many of those affected have passed away while waiting for some form of resolution that has never come. All the while, ExxonMobil employs one primary tactic: delay. I would usually not comment on litigation that is ongoing, but these delay tactics of repeatedly appealing a just verdict all the way to the Supreme Court are irresponsible and indefensible. It has now been over 19 years since one of the worst environmental disasters in our Nation's history and 14 years since the initial jury verdict.

I believe in the free market, and I believe a corporation has the right to earn profits, but they also have a responsibility to their community and their country, especially when they make an awful mistake. ExxonMobil has done the former by earning \$36 billion in 2006, a record for a single company. Now it is time for ExxonMobil to face up to its corporate responsibility, close this dark chapter in the company's history, and end this undue burden on the victims and the courts.

March 24, 2008, marked the 19th anniversary of this tragedy—but the question has now turned to: Will our Nation's highest court uphold the judgment that these victims still sadly await?

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WHMI RADIO IN HOWELL, MICHIGAN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the recent accomplishments of WHMI radio in Howell, Michigan, on the occasion of the station receiving the prestigious Associated Press "General Excellence" Award.

WHMI was recognized above all other medium market radio in the State of Michigan, including Flint, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Bay City/Saginaw, Ann Arbor, and Kalamazoo/Battle Creek. To achieve the "General Excellence" Award, WHMI earned recognition for Best Newscast, Best Continuing Coverage, Best Feature Story, Best Investigative Reporting and Best Natural Sound.

Celebrating 51 years of service to the Howell and Livingston County communities, WHMI adds to its many awards for broadcast excellence and community service this new recognition. All of this comes thanks to the hard work of owners Greg and Marcia Jablonski, General Operations Manager Reed Kitteridge, News Director Jon King, and the entire WHMI team.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring WHMI for its contributions to the community. Their new milestone is truly deserving of our respect and admiration.