

service and sacrifice of all of the men and women who have served our Nation in uniform, including those who never returned.

RECOGNIZING NEW HAMPTON,
IOWA POLICE OFFICER CHARLES
LEMBKE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of New Hampton, Iowa Police Officer Charles Lembke on the occasion of his retirement, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to protecting the citizens of his community.

For the last 28 years, Officer Lembke has served New Hampton faithfully and honorably. Officer Lembke's daily courage goes above and beyond what we are asked of as citizens of this country. His service in providing safety to his community earns him respect and honor, and for this, I offer him my utmost respect, congratulations and thanks.

I commend Officer Charles Lembke for his many years of loyal service in protecting Iowans. It is an immense honor to represent Officer Lembke in the United States Congress, and I wish him a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
SETH DAWES FOR WINNING THE
BOYS' DIVISION II STATE BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

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

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

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Seth Dawes on winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

HONORING JAMES ROWLAND

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of our Nation's best victims' rights advocates. When you navigate the path of America's victims' rights movement, there is one person whose footprints are impossible to fill, difficult to ignore, and wonderful to follow. He is James Rowland, this year's recipient of

the Ed Stout Memorial Award for Outstanding Victim Advocacy.

And "outstanding" he is in so many ways! Most people know Jim as the "father of the victim impact statement." Thirty-two years ago, when he was Chief Probation Officer in Fresno County, Jim saw a void in how courts made their sentencing decisions. In 1976, his revolutionary idea allowed written or oral information to be presented about the impact of the crime on the victim and the victim's family. To honor Jim's work in Fresno County, last year the Fresno County Probation Department renamed their crime victim facility as the James Rowland Crime Victim Assistance Center.

These statements allowed courts to refocus their attention on the human costs of crime, and provide a way for victims to participate and have a true voice in the criminal justice process. Today, all 50 states and the Federal government allow victim impact statements in sentencing hearings.

But Jim didn't stop there. He served as the President of NOVA from 1981 to 1983, when the National Organization for Victim Assistance was helping to actually create a "victim assistance field." This was back in the days when victims' rights and victim services were almost non-existent.

When Jim Rowland was Director of the California Department of Corrections, he was appointed as the first Chair of the American Correctional Association's Task Force on Victims of Crime in 1987. Its landmark Report and Recommendations for Victim Services in Corrections helped create corrections-based victim assistance programs to provide support and assistance to victims in the post-sentencing phases of their cases. Earlier this year, Hawaii became the 50th state to establish a victim assistance program within its Department of Corrections. Mahalo, Jim!

These accomplishments are amazing, but they pale in comparison to the number of professionals and volunteers who have benefited over the past 40 years from Jim Rowland's guidance, mentoring and support. He is a kind, gentle and thoughtful man who has given so much to so many people, including crime victims and those who serve them.

We wouldn't have a Congressional Victim's Rights Caucus today, were it not for the visionary efforts of Jim Rowland. Decades ago, he promoted victims' rights laws, policies and practices that our Caucus was created to promote in the U.S. Congress.

Jim is described by his colleagues as a "pioneer," a "hero," and an "outstanding Old Buffalo." I am proud to describe him as a constituent from my Congressional District in Fresno, California, and as a colleague who inspires all my efforts on behalf of victims of crime.

Ed Stout, in whose name this award is given, knew and worked with Jim Rowland. Ed would, without a doubt, say "great choice" in honoring Jim with this award. He would also likely ask, "what took you so long?"!

It gives me great pleasure to honor Jim Rowland, one of the true pioneers in victim advocacy, with the 2008 Ed Stout Memorial Award for Outstanding Victim Advocacy.

HONORING THE 40TH
ANNIVERSARY OF WBBM-AM (780)

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize WBBM-AM, which this year them continued success. will celebrate its fortieth anniversary as an all-news outlet.

WBBM-AM, more commonly known as Newsradio 780, became an all-news radio station in 1968 Under the direction of John Callaway. Today, with a power of 50,000 watts, Newsradio 780 is one of the highest rated stations in Chicago, providing listeners with the latest local, national, and international news.

On May 6, 2008, WBBM-AM will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a live midday broadcast from Daley Plaza in Chicago, and I am proud to recognize the radio station for serving as a trusted news source for 40 years. Known for its outstanding journalism as well as traffic and weather together on the 8s, WBBM-AM is a resource to Chicagoans at home, at work, and on the way.

Madam Speaker, as a listener and a Member of Congress from Chicago, I congratulate WBBM-AM on their 40th year of all-news broadcasting, and I wish them continued success.

CLIMATE CHANGE PUTS OUR
HEALTH AT RISK!

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker and colleagues, last month news agencies around the world reported that more than 160 square miles of the Wilkins Shelf had broken away from the Antarctic coast. Americans are concerned that climate change may be happening faster than previously thought. We are growing increasingly concerned as we see before us the direct connection between climate change and our health.

It is now indisputable that there is a direct connection between climate change and health. The scientific community has decisively stated that human beings are responsible for climate change and that the impacts of climate change will worsen as emissions continue to rise. We must support and promote policies that strengthen public health leadership and work force capacity to ensure the infrastructure is in place and ready to handle our future needs.

The time has come to accept responsibility for how our lifestyles have contributed to climate change and vow to be part of the solution. We must work to learn more about how what happens in our home, community and workplace has global impact.

There are many little things we all can do to make a big difference. We can: Prepare for climate change-related emergencies and be informed about the health impacts of climate change and regional climate change issues facing our community. Leave the car at home and use public transportation, carpool,

walk, bike, or telecommute. Eat less meat and buy local produce from our community farmers market. Use recycled paper, print less, use energy saving computer settings and green our office. Seal and insulate our homes, reduce, reuse, recycle and use water efficiently. We should know that we are all in this together. For over a decade, the first full week in April has been National Public Health Week. 50,000 members of the American Public Health Association and its affiliates, across the Nation are speaking out this week on climate change and health. That's because when it comes to climate change, our health is in the balance.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MICHAEL TURNER FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION II STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

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

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

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Michael Turner on winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

SUNSET MEMORIAL

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this body with yet another Sunset Memorial.

It is April 8, 2008, in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand—just today. That is more than the number of innocent American lives that were lost on September 11th, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 12,860 days since the travesty called Roe v. Wade was handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of our own children.

Some of them, Madam Speaker, cried and screamed as they died, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over their vocal cords instead of air, we couldn't hear them.

All of them had at least four things in common.

They were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone. Each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each of their mothers, whether she realizes it

immediately or not, will never be the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever.

Yet even in the full glare of such tragedy, this generation clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims to date, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it is important for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves again of why we are really all here.

Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government."

The phrase in the 14th amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution. It says: "No state shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here. It is our sworn oath.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is that clarion Declaration of the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core self-evident truth. It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. It is who we are.

And yet Madam Speaker, another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection that we should have given them.

Madam Speaker, let me conclude, in the hope that perhaps someone new who heard this sunset memorial tonight will finally embrace the truth that abortion really does kill little babies, that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express, and that 12,860 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that the America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust, is still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their babies than abortion on demand.

So tonight, Madam Speaker, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of the innocent unborn. May that be the day we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect the least of these, our tiny American brothers and sisters, from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is April 8, 2008—12,860 days since Roe v. Wade first stained the foundation of this nation with the blood of its own children—this, in the land of free and the home of the brave.

CONGRATULATING THE HAMMOND CENTRAL LADY RED DEVILS UPON WINNING THE 2008 NEW YORK STATE GIRLS BASKETBALL CLASS D CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. JOHN M. MCHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Hammond Central School District's Lady Red Devils of Hammond, New York, upon winning the 2008 New York State Girls Basketball Class D Championship. It is an honor to represent the Lady Red Devils, who are the first North Country team to win back-to-back championships.

On March 16, 2008, the Hammond Central Lady Red Devils won their second New York State Girls Basketball Class D Championship when they defeated the John A. Coleman Catholic High School Stateswomen by a score of 47 to 38. In that game, the Lady Red Devils charged to a 10–1 first-quarter advantage and played tough defense as they worked to defend their State title. Of note, Aubrie Dunn pulled down 10 rebounds, Nicole Davidson had 9 rebounds and 12 points, and tournament MVP Brittany Kenyon scored 17 points.

The Hammond Central Lady Red Devils completed the 2008 season with a record of 24 and 4. They were coached by Athletic Director Shawn Dack and assistant coaches Larry Hollister, Superintendent Doug McQueer, and Chet Supkowski. Other team members were scorekeepers Todd Dack and Cathy Tulley and players Whitney Atkins, Cassie Cunningham, Jessie Disotell, Brooke Hollister, Katlyn Hunt, Malynda Jenne, Jackie Knight, Jessica Martin, Jessica Measheaw, Sara Measheaw, and Sarah Sheridan.

Madam Speaker, it takes a tremendous amount of dedication, discipline, hard work, and teamwork to win a State championship, let alone to win consecutive State championships. I am very proud of the Hammond Central Lady Red Devils and ask my colleagues to join with me in extending our congratulations to this team, their families, and the community.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ALEX GROW FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION II STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

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

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

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Alex Grow on winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.