A PROCLAMATION HONORING DANE KOPP FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION I STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Dane Kopp showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Dane Kopp was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Dane Kopp 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 Dane Kopp on winning the Boys' Division I State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

HONORING RODNEY AMES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Rodney Alexander Ames of Liberty, Missouri. Rodney is 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 1134, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Rodney has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Rodney 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 Rodney Alexander Ames for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

JULIA M. CARSON POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great American, a colleague and most importantly, a friend. Julia Carson made a career of serving the public and was a tireless fighter for the working men and women of Indiana. Representative Carson worked her way up to become a prominent member of Congress and achieved extraordinary goals by overcoming a difficult childhood and beating the odds. Though I am unable to physically vote on this bill, I am honored and humbled to support the dedication of the ''Mapleton Annex Post Office,'' in Indianapolis, IN, to Representative Carson.

This lifelong public servant will be remembered for her rise from poverty, her fighting spirit, and her great accomplishments, including her political victories. Among these achievements, Carson led Congress to pass a measure awarding Rosa Parks the Congressional Gold Medal, and she also cosponsored with Senator RICHARD LUGAR legislation to remove bureaucratic bottlenecks on child health insurance.

Carson was the first African American to represent the 7th District and the second African-American woman elected to Congress from Indiana, after the late representative Katie Hall. Congresswoman Carson's memory and legacy will live on through her grandson ANDRE CARSON, now representing the 7th Congressional District of Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to have known Congresswoman Carson and this dedication to her is a tangible reminder to the Indiana community of her legacy and political success.

THE NEED FOR THE PASSAGE OF AN EXTENSION OF THE R&D TAX CREDIT

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. MCCAUL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to bring attention to the need for this Congress to act to reauthorize the expired Research and Development Tax Credit. The failure of Congress to extend this credit before the end of last year has created an uncertain environment for American companies that have used this provision in the past to fund the research needed to maintain our economic advantage in the global market.

A good example of how this impacts real companies is Applied Materials. This company in my district invests over $1 billion in research per year. Without this tax credit, they expect their tax burden to increase by nearly $10 million. Although this is a small percentage of that $1 billion investment, that amount helps employ a lot of people in my district.

Again, I ask that Congress take action to restore this important tax credit and not to jeopardize American jobs and economic competitiveness.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH D. GAMBOA

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a fallen Guam son, United States Army SSG Joseph D. Gamboa, 34, from the village of Malesso. Staff Sergeant Gamboa was assigned to B Company, Ist Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, in Vilseck, Germany, and was killed in the line of duty on March 25, 2008, in Baghdad, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Staff Sergeant Gamboa is the 25th serviceman from Micronesia to lose his life in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. In honoring Staff Sergeant Gamboa, we are reminded of the ultimate sacrifice that so many young people in our Nation have made for our freedom.

Staff Sergeant Gamboa's dedication to serving our Nation and defending our freedom will be forever remembered. He now joins the brotherhood of heroes, a long line of soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coast guardsmen who have put their country before themselves and who have lost their lives in combat. We owe a debt of gratitude to these men and women that can never truly be repaid.

Staff Sergeant Gamboa was a loving husband, father, son, and brother. He was a dedicated family man who adored his family and would do anything for them. He joined the Army to provide a good life for his children and out of a sense of duty to his country. He is also remembered by his fellow soldiers as a wonderful friend who had a great sense of humor and who loved to sing.

I join our Guam community in mourning and in prayer for Staff Sergeant Gamboa. I offer my condolences to his wife Michelle, their children Krystianna Mychailla, Austin Joseph, Ashton Joseph, Savannah Joelle, Avery Joseph, and Isabella Jomia, his parents Francisco and Cecilia Gamboa, his brothers, sisters, and extended family and friends.

God bless the Gamboa family, God bless our men and women in uniform, God bless Guam, and God bless our country, the United States of America.

HONORING ARENAC COUNTY, MICHIGAN ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Arenac County, Michigan on its 125th anniversary. On Friday, April 11th, I will be in Omer, Michigan to join local leaders and residents of the county at Arenac County's quasquicentennial kickoff celebration.

Located at the bottom of Saginaw Bay on Lake Huron, the area we now know as Arenac County was recognized more than 500 years ago as an ideal place for settlement by Native Americans. The Rifle and AuGres Rivers made excellent fishing and canoeing routes for the Ottawa Indians and eventually early European settlers. It is these rivers and other abundant natural resources that have sustained the area these many years.

Arenac County is rich in Native American history because of its abundance of hard chert and flint for arrowheads. Later, it was also an ideal location for European settlers. Most early settlers came from Canada, starting with the Scottish and English, and later people of French descent. Later came Germans, followed by Polish, Slavic and Balkan natives.

The county traces much of its 125-year history to its logging roots. Michigan's logging industry developed around Michigan's white pine and hardwoods and the county was at the heart of it. In addition to abundant forest lands, Arenac County was ideally situated as a conduit to the lake for shipping lumber. The county also was the location of a 19th century summer resort hotel, to which guests arrived

by ship. Its history was gradually reshaped due to the disastrous wildfires that eventually destroyed the logging business in the area.

Once part of Bay and Saginaw counties, Arenac County was founded in 1883, during Michigan's post-Civil War lumber boom. In addition to lumbering, other early industries included shingle mills, farming, commercial fishing and brick and tile manufacturing. Michigan's first coal mine shaft was dug in Arenac County, and although it was never productive because of an inability to remove excess water, the shaft remains there today.

The Rifle and AuGres Rivers continue to be favorite canoeing spots and provide ample opportunity for local fishermen. Arenac County's forests are favorite spots for hunting deer and small game. These areas, along with about 50 miles of Lake Huron shoreline, fuel the area's recreation and tourism economy.

As the residents of Arenac County celebrate their 125-year history, I am honored to join them in commemorating this milestone. Madam Speaker, I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives please join me in honoring Arenac County, Michigan on its 125th anniversary.

HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 343

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Boy Scouts of America Troop 343 and their sponsor, First United Methodist Church of Athens, as they celebrate their 80th anniversary.

Founded in 1928, Boy Scout Troop 3 began in Athens, Texas and, later became Troop 343. Over the past 12 months alone, Troop 343 has provided nearly 2,000 hours of community service on projects such as: collecting food for the Athens food pantry, picking up trash, and performing several flag retirement services and flag ceremonies. In addition, the Troop has partnered in service projects with the Henderson County Historical Society, Henderson County Center for the Performing Arts, and First United Methodist Church of Athens.

This Troop has not only remained devoted to preserving the ideals of Boy Scouts of America, they have done so with excellence. Seventy-four members from this Troop have achieved the rank of Eagle, Scouting's highest honor.

I also want to recognize Tommy Faulk, volunteer and former Boy Scout, for his integral role in providing a new facility for the Scouts of Troop 343.

In addition to teaching outdoor skills, Scouting also includes leadership training. Today's Boy Scouts are the leaders of tomorrow. Receiving my Eagle was one of the proudest moments of my life. The values, ethics, and morality boys learn through Scouting are critical not only for themselves, but to this nation as well.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to recognize Troop 343 for their longstanding devotion to service, leadership, and citizenship.

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR JOE HILL'S SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe H. Hill, one of my oldest and dearest friends, a man whose 35 years of service to the 8th Congressional District of Tennessee has had a lasting impact on our area that will be felt for generations to come. Joe is retiring from Congressional service as the longest-serving district staff member in Tennessee history and has begun a new opportunity to continue his public service as a member of the Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole.

Joe is originally from Henry County, Tennessee, and attended Bethel College in McKenzie, Tennessee. After that, he served four years as Project Director for the Northwest Tennessee Development District and, in 1973, came to work on the district staff of my predecessor, the late Congressman Ed Jones. Joe worked as a field representative and then district director for Congressman Jones until his retirement in 1989. I was fortunate both to have the honor of succeeding Congressman Jones in this chamber and to have Joe Hill remain on the 8th District staff as District Director.

Over the 35 years Joe has served the 8th District, he worked very closely with an outstanding district staff that has helped thousands of Tennesseans who reach out for assistance with Social Security, Medicare and veterans' benefits. He has played an important role in the economic development of our area, working directly with every community in our district to upgrade the public infrastructure that rural towns like ours need to improve quality of life and create jobs.

Joe has also been very active with local and state politics, having worked with practically every Democratic candidate in our area over the past 35 years. I have appreciated his guidance over the years and know that countless other elected leaders have also depended on his keen political sense in working with the public in West and Middle Tennessee. Among the candidates Joe advised are Vice President Al Gore and Governors Phil Bredesen and Ned McWherter.

Joe and I have never worked as employer and employee but have instead maintained a working relationship more closely resembling a partnership and friendship. Betty Ann and I enjoy the time we get to spend with Joe and his wife Susan and their children, Adam and his wife Niketa, Judith and Travis. Fortunately, Joe is not going too far, and I know our families will have many more opportunities to spend time together in the future.

Madam Speaker, at the end of the day, there is one main reason we come to serve in this body: to help the people we represent. It is with the assistance of such exceptional staff members as Joe Hill that we are able to achieve those goals. There are thousands of West and Middle Tennesseans whose lives have been touched by Joe's dedication to improving our area.

I ask you and our colleagues to join me as I thank Joe for three-and-a-half decades of service to the 8th District, express my gratitude for his long friendship and congratulate him as he enters a new phase of his public service.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MITCHEL KILDAY FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION I STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Mitchel Kilday showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

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Whereas, Mitchel Kilday 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 Mitchel Kilday on winning the Boys' Division I State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

HONORING GARRETT HAVENS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Garrett Clair Havens of Liberty, Missouri. Garrett is 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 2418, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Garrett has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Garrett 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 Garrett Clair Havens for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, April 9, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to be present for rollcall vote No. 166. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."