

IN RECOGNITION OF BROOKE
GARCIA: A BRAVE IDAHOAN

HON. BILL SALI

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Brooke Garcia of Caldwell, ID. On Thursday night, April 10, Brooke displayed courage, bravery and maturity well beyond her young 17 years of age.

While driving down Interstate 84 in Caldwell, Brooke witnessed a car accident. Her quick thinking led her to stop her car and run to the burning wreckage. Brooke then had to break the back window of the smoke-filled car and reach through the broken window to pull out a 3-year-old toddler from his seat. She said she didn't even think about not stopping.

Police on the scene said if Brooke hadn't gotten to the child as quickly as she did, things would have turned out differently. She saved the toddler's life.

I admire Brooke's composure after witnessing such a terrible accident. I am honored to recognize the heroic efforts of this young lady. I applaud and am grateful for her example to our fellow Idahoans and all Americans.

Brooke's valiant action is yet another reminder of why I am proud to be an Idahoan and to represent the First Congressional District of the Gem State.

Brooke attends Caldwell High School and is the daughter of Amy and Gerald Garcia. They are rightly proud of their wonderful daughter.

I trust that all my colleagues will join me in recognizing Brooke for her actions and character. She represents the best of Idaho's next generation.

JOHN KENNEDY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

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

The dedication demonstrated by John Kennedy 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 John Kennedy for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his high school career to his college career and future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, April 9, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to be present for rollcall vote No. 171. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING PATRICK KELLY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Patrick Reese Kelly of Blue Springs, Missouri. Ethan 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 1692, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Patrick has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Patrick 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 Patrick Reese Kelly 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. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was out of town attending a memorial service last week. I missed rollcall vote Nos. 161 thru 177. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on votes 161 thru 167, 171, and 174 thru 177. I would have voted "nay" on votes 168, 169, 170, 172, and 173.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MINNESOTA ASSOCIATED PRESS BROADCASTERS' AWARDS RECIPIENTS

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2007 Minnesota Associated Press Broadcasters awardees as leaders in radio and television broadcasting. In particular, I would like to recognize those winners serving Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District, including KNSI-AM, KVSC-FM, WJON-AM, KXSS-AM, KTLK-FM, MPR, KARE-TV, and KSTP-TV.

These winners are the elite in their field, and they should all be proud of their hard work and achievements. Specifically, I would like to recognize the contributions of KTLK-FM and their program director Steve Versnick for their outstanding accomplishments in radio, securing two awards for their work in 2007. Jeff Monosso and Jason Lewis were winners of the Radio Class III, Spot/Hard News category for their spot, "35W Bridge Collapse," and Jeff Monosso won a second award for a Radio Class III Newscast, titled, "2007 Newscast."

In the years ahead, these news outlets will continue to provide Minnesotans with the best coverage of the events affecting our daily lives. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize these radio and television stations as among the best in Minnesota news broadcasting.

GABE BACA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

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

The dedication demonstrated by Gabe Baca 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 Gabe Baca for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his high school career to his college career and future accomplishments.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL CRITTENTON FOUNDATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the 125th anniversary of The National Crittenton Foundation and one of the leading members of the Crittenton Family of Agencies, Crittenton Services of Greater Washington, which also celebrates 120 years of service.

Since 1887, Crittenton Services has been proud to serve more than 20,000 adolescent women in the Greater Washington region with a singular focus: to strengthen the ability of teen women to identify and achieve their academic, career and life goals.

The Crittenton Mission was awarded a National Charter through a special act of Congress signed by President William McKinley in 1898. An amendment to the Charter was

signed into law by President Theodore Roosevelt, which extended the national Mission into perpetuity and provided funds to establish a local agency.

Dr. Kate Waller Barrett, the pioneering physician and dedicated leader of the Crittenton movement played a critical role in developing a holistic approach to supporting young mothers and their children. Her compassionate approach formed the cornerstone of Crittenton's PEARLS program which strengthens young women's ability to set and meet their personal and life goals. Today, the agency still awards a Barrett scholarship that allows adolescent mothers to continue their education.

Dr. Barrett's belief that all adolescents need a warm and supportive atmosphere also remains an important component of Crittenton's SNEAKERS Program which teaches important skills to non-pregnant teens ages 13–18.

Building on Dr. Barrett's legacy, Crittenton employs national best practices to develop and implement holistic programs that ensure a consistent and positive presence in the lives of the teen women it serves. Crittenton staff members integrate support, education and skills-building into four- to five-year programs individually tailored to the needs of each participant. These programs produce measurable results focused on three strategic objectives: (1) improve academic performance (2) increase workplace readiness and (3) increase the adoption of healthy behaviors. These three objectives make Crittenton Services a national leader in serving girls and adolescents at risk.

I am honored to acknowledge Crittenton Services of Greater Washington and its long and distinguished record of community service in our region as well as its continuing evolution into an effective 21st century partner.

CHENG YANG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cheng Yang who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Cheng Yang is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Cheng Yang 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 Cheng Yang for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her high school career to her college career and future accomplishments.

RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5724, UNITED STATES-COLOMBIA TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the passage of H. Res. 1092, a resolution designed to block consideration of the U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement in the U.S. House of Representatives.

This resolution will more than likely prevent the U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement from receiving an up-or-down vote during the 110th Congress. I believe we should have an open and fair debate on every free trade agreement. The normal process established by law in which free trade agreements are considered allows Members of Congress opportunities to raise concerns regarding free trade that they heard from their constituents.

I disagree with the decision by the President to send this agreement to Congress without the necessary consent of both the House and Senate. However, I am concerned the passage of H. Res. 1092, which suspends the 60-day time line for a House floor vote on the U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement, will only serve to deepen the already existing partisan divide in Washington.

Along with my fellow colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, I closely weigh the potential costs and benefits of each free trade agreement the President negotiates. Furthermore, I believe in order for these agreements to be evaluated thoroughly, they must be considered by the normal process established by law. The resolution adopted today undercuts this process.

Mr. Speaker, it is for these reasons I voted against H. Res. 1092 along with 195 of my colleagues. I hope in the coming months Members of the House and Senate will have the opportunity to debate and assess the potential value of the U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement.

AMBER CROWELL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Amber Crowell who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Amber Crowell is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Amber Crowell 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 Amber Crowell for winning the Arvada

Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her high school career to her college career and future accomplishments.

HONORING THE USA TAP DANCE TEAM ON THEIR SUCCESS AT THE WORLD TAP DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest pride that I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations and very best wishes to the USA Tap Dance Team, based out of the Greater New Haven area, as they celebrate their tremendous success at the 2007 World Tap Dance Championships recently held in Reisa, Germany. In all, 51 dancers ranging in age from 10 to 20 years old made the trip and returned with a total of 11 medals! Our communities certainly have cause for celebration with the wonderful accomplishments of these young people.

Participating in three divisions, the USA Tap Dance Team has worked very hard over the last several months to be able to compete in this year's competitions. Coming together from across Connecticut and even New York, the dancers practiced for countless hours for solo, duo, small group, and formation events. The commitment these young people have demonstrated is truly inspiring. They have worked so hard to master the required high-level skills and the necessary symmetry of their movements.

I had the distinct honor of joining them for a very special evening as they prepared to leave for Germany and, as a former tap dancer myself, I was truly impressed with the level of dedication, passion, and talent of the team. It was this combination of drive and spirit that lead to the team to come home with three gold medals, seven silver medals, one bronze medal, and several other finishing places—placing and medaling in each of three divisions—a remarkable showing!

I am also pleased to recognize the incomparable Gloria Jean Cuming for her outstanding leadership and instruction as well as the six choreographers who worked with the dancers and traveled to Germany with them. Their work with individuals and groups helped to secure this outstanding triumph. In addition, I would also extend a note of thanks and appreciation to the parents and volunteers whose support has enabled the dancers to practice and travel for their competitions. Without their efforts, the success of the USA Tap Dance Team would not be possible.

I am thrilled to stand today join our local communities in extending my sincere congratulations to the USA Tap Dance Team on their great success at the 2007 World Tap Dance Championships. You have all made us proud!