

all of these issues mandates a strong commitment to make sure the goals are accomplished. I hope you will help American manufacturing succeed by supporting this important legislation.

COMMENDING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF STUDENTS FROM SOUTH TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the students of South Texas High School for Health Professions in Mercedes, Texas for once again excelling in the Health Occupations Students of America state competition. This year 13 Med High students scored first or second among all Texas students in competitions testing their knowledge of subjects ranging from nutrition to personal care to first aid techniques. The hard work of these South Texas high school students is to be commended, as is their involvement with HOSA.

As our Nation struggles to find and train a sufficient number of health care workers to meet the needs of our aging population, HOSA has endeavored to play a leading role in training high school and post-secondary students for futures in health care careers. To date, over 90,000 students have participated in the HOSA program through approximately 2,600 secondary and post-secondary chapters across the country.

By expanding the number of students receiving training and instruction in health care careers, our Nation would be investing in the futures of both our students and our communities. This Congress, I have introduced H.R. 3618, the Safe Schools and Health Care Professional Pipeline Act, to facilitate the expansion of health care and medical education in our secondary and post-secondary institutions. This bill will create a pipeline of trained students into the health professions, where they will be able to provide for the medical needs of their communities. By introducing these students to health care careers at an early age, our high schools and universities will join in our effort to sustain an adequate supply of medical professionals while developing the skills of our young people.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending the accomplishments of the students of Med High and in supporting the Safe Schools and Health Care Professional Pipeline Act.

A TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT EMANUEL PICKETT

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Staff Sergeant Emanuel Pickett of Wallace, North Carolina, who lost his life while defending our Nation on April 6 during a mortar attack in Baghdad. In addition

to his service in the North Carolina National Guard, Emanuel served as a captain with the Wallace, North Carolina, Police Department. He shall be remembered by all those whose lives he touched as the finest example of bravery, honor, and public service.

Emanuel lived in Wallace his entire life, and throughout his 34 years, worked selflessly to make a positive difference in his community. Besides working as a captain with the Wallace Police Department, he also worked as a reserve deputy for the Duplin County Sheriff's office, where he led undercover drug investigations in several surrounding counties. Emanuel's giving spirit found many outlets. He also started a crime watch in his own neighborhood, helped to found a program to mentor kids without fathers, and coached youth basketball.

Emanuel will be missed by his family and friends. He was the son of Harry and Merlese Pickett, the youngest of 6 children. He was the loving father of 3 children—2 daughters, ages 17 and 10, and a 14-year-old son. Over his lifetime, Emanuel earned countless friends. Because of his 13 years of service with the police department and his stint of more than 20 years employed at a local butcher shop, Emanuel owned one of the most recognizable faces in his community. He was so admired within his community, in fact, that his family has received condolences from thousands of people, including some that Emanuel helped send to prison.

Emanuel Pickett was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq when his life was taken. His courage will continue to be an inspiration to us all. His life is a strong representation of what can be accomplished through devotion to a community and its people. May God bless his family, and may we always remember the life of Staff Sergeant Emanuel Pickett.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING GERRY JASPER FOR WINNING THE OHIO DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Gerry Jasper showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Gerry Jasper was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Gerry Jasper 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 Gerry Jasper on winning the Ohio Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARETE WALDEN

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, this past Sunday, April 27, 2008, Margarete Walden of the 7th Congressional District in Washington State, was announced the national winner of the Student Conservation Association and Mazda North American Operation's Conservation in Action multimedia contest. The contest was designed to create new, practical solutions to our Nation's most urgent environmental issues.

Margarete Walden's winning essay, titled The Pen Pal Project: A Kyoto Protocol for the Individual Citizen, develops an action-oriented environmental solution. Implemented on the classroom level, American students would be paired with students from a developing country and would be responsible for lowering their carbon footprint to below per capita 1990 levels by the end of the school year. This pen pal partnership is modeled on the Kyoto Protocol so that the pairs can work together to meet their target while learning about international environmental politics. The project's main goal would be to provide students with a practical opportunity for action on global warming in the short term that would lead to a lifestyle change of great benefit to the environment in the long term.

Today, I am proud to welcome Miss Walden to our Nation's capital where she will receive her cash prize and the 2008 fuel efficient Mazda 3 sedan.

Margarete Walden reminds our Nation that every citizen must be leaders in the incessant challenge to improve old models of conservation.

RECOGNIZING DARRELL R. GREEN AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE CARE AWARD

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Darrell R. Green, an NFL Hall of Famer, seven-time All-Pro defensive back for the Washington Redskins and founder of the Darrell Green Youth Life Foundation, upon his receiving the Commonwealth Academy Recognition for Educators, CARE, Award.

Mr. Green is being honored for his visionary leadership in establishing the Darrell Green Youth Life Foundation, which provides support services to young people facing challenging life circumstances. Through his foundation, Mr. Green has opened the Youth Life Learning Center in the District of Columbia and affiliate centers in Richmond, Virginia, and Nashville, Tennessee. These centers provide comprehensive after-school and summer programs for at-risk teens and pre-teens. They offer academic enrichment and remedial education in the areas of reading, language arts, mathematics, supplemental services, mentoring and character development. In addition to providing these services, Mr. Green's foundation

has created a National Training Institute where community leaders can learn how to launch similar programs in their own neighborhoods.

A native of Houston, Texas, Darrell Green had an illustrious career with the Washington Redskins. He was a seven-time All-Pro defensive back, played in three Super Bowls and retired in 2002 after a heralded 20-year career. A top draft choice out of Texas A&I University, Darrell understood the power of an education, going back to school to complete his undergraduate degree which he earned in 1998 from St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia. In 1999, Marymount University recognized Green for his extraordinary humanitarian work and conferred upon him the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters.

Mr. Green has been breaking ground his entire life. At an early age he faced some very challenging circumstances. But, with the support of his high school coach and faith community, Darrell was able to overcome those obstacles, rising to become a celebrated pro athlete. This personal experience is what prompted him to create the foundation, so that at-risk young people can receive the support they also need to succeed.

I am delighted to be presenting the prestigious CARE award to Darrell Green, an outstanding community leader who has worked tirelessly to enhance the lives of young people. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Darrell on this award and for his ongoing commitment to improving the lives of others.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, last week I regrettably missed a number of votes to attend to a family emergency. Had I been present for these votes, I would have voted as indicated below.

On Roll #213, the Matheson of Utah Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #214, the Capito of West Virginia Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #215, the Foster of Illinois Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #216, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions, I would have voted "no."

On Roll #217, final passage of H.R. 5819, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #218, on Ordering the Previous Question, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #219, on agreeing to H. Res. 1126, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #220, the Poe of Texas Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #221, the McNerney of California Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #222, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions, I would have voted "no."

On Roll #223, final passage of H.R. 2830, I would have voted "aye."

#### HONORING NATIONAL MINORITY CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

#### HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks to recognize National Minority Cancer Awareness Week.

Cancer continues to devastate American families throughout the United States. The Congressional District I represent lies in the Cancer belt of California, with increase in the number of cases diagnosed every day. Minorities in my area continue to be significantly impacted and every day are faced with the question of what to do and how to pay for costly treatments.

National Minority Cancer Awareness Week is recognized on the third week of April to raise awareness of the alarming incidence and effects cancer has amongst the minorities. This awareness contributes to much needed outreach education to those most affected.

High cancer rates among minorities are a widely known fact, and sadly due in large part to the health disparities in access to high quality prevention, early detection and treatment services.

In Congress, I have continued my efforts in combating Breast Cancer by partnering with Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN in reauthorizing the Breast Cancer Research Stamp for another two years. Without research we are all in the dark. Thanks to this stamp, research for breast cancer has increased by over \$50 million.

Increasing awareness is vital at a time when we are facing cuts in Medicaid funding to States, and a shortage of funding to important programs like S-CHIP and WIC. Families need to realize that cancer does strike disproportionately in the minority community.

Sadly, many patients find out about a cancer diagnosis after it is too late. This is especially tragic when we know that only about 5 percent of all cancers are strongly hereditary, most cancers result in damage (mutation) to genes that occur during one's lifetime, according to the American Cancer Society.

African Americans have the highest death rate for all cancers than any other group. In fact, African American men are twice as likely to die from prostate cancer as white men. The American Cancer Society also reports that an estimated 152,000 African Americans will be diagnosed and more than 62,000 African Americans will die from cancer this year.

For Hispanics in the United States, the data is just as alarming. Cancer is the second leading cause of death for Hispanics in the United States. Moreover, cancer rates are higher for Hispanics for the cancers of the stomach, liver, cervix, and gallbladder.

These are alarming statistics that are only a reflection of the devastating effects of cancer in our minority communities. Cancer touches the lives of not just only the patients, but the family as well.

American families are the backbone of our society, it is essential that we help them in any way we can. Increased research and educational outreach is the first step.

We are all facing the detrimental effects of the skyrocketing gas prices and a devastating

number of foreclosures; these families affected with cancer especially need our help. No one should have to choose between paying for medicine and paying for gas to get to a doctor's appointment.

#### A TRIBUTE TO COMMISSIONER R.E. "GENE" BROWN

#### HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Pender County Commissioner R.E. Brown of Burgaw, North Carolina, who recently passed away at the age of 85. Affectionately referred to as "Gene" by those who knew him and those he served, Commissioner Brown had been a commissioner in the town of Burgaw for over 20 years and was serving as mayor pro-tempore. As a native of southeastern North Carolina and as a public servant, he offered an unwavering service to everything he did and to everyone who knew him, and he had admirable commitment to his responsibilities as an elected official.

Truly an asset to his community, Commissioner Brown understood the people he represented and cared deeply about making a positive difference in their lives. Over his lifetime, Brown dedicated himself to both government and public service. He was a member of the U.S. Army during World War II, and afterward he served for 42 years as the postmaster in the towns of Burgaw and Wallace. He was active in several community organizations, including the Burgaw Jaycees, the Burgaw Lions, the King Solomon #138 Masonic Lodge, and was an original member of the Pender County Rescue Squad. He was chairman of the Pender Adult Services executive board. A man of faith, he was also a member of Burgaw Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. In honor of his extensive involvement and giving spirit, Brown was awarded the North Carolina Governor's Award for Volunteerism and Community Service in 2004. A father of three and grandfather of five, Brown leaves behind his wife of 57 years.

Commissioner Brown's dedication to the town of Burgaw, both as a citizen and as an elected official, is an inspiration to us all. His record of service is a strong representation of what can be accomplished through devotion to a community and its people. May God bless his family, and may we always remember the leadership and life of Commissioner Gene Brown.

#### A PROCLAMATION HONORING SHANE YORK FOR WINNING THE OHIO DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Shane York showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and