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COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL

**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2009*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate an important milestone in the history of public health in the community of Southampton, New York. A century ago this year, a group of committed local doctors and philanthropic citizens founded Southampton Hospital, beginning a tradition of quality, compassionate care that continues today.

In 1908, two Southampton doctors received an emergency call from a woman living on the outskirts of the village. The doctors could not risk moving their patient to the nearest hospital, so they conducted a life-saving operation by kerosene lamp in the woman's attic. This incident crystallized the need for a local health care facility where modern emergency procedures could be performed in safety.

In 1909, Southampton Hospital received a charter from the State of New York and a modest home was acquired to house a dispensary and nurse. Since that time, the hospital facility at Meeting House Lane and Lewis Street has been expanded and augmented with the latest in medical technologies. Its mission to provide the highest standard of health care continues to be sustained by the generous and grateful community.

Today, Southampton Hospital offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient services and is staffed by more than 240 physicians, dentists, and other health professionals. Board-certified emergency physicians staff the hospital every hour of every day. In addition, satellite facilities have been established throughout the South Fork of Long Island to provide services in primary care, radiology, physical therapy and rehabilitation to the broader area.

Madam Speaker, as a native of Southampton, the Hospital is an institution especially close to my heart. Two years ago, the hospital administrators gave me a beautiful drawing depicting the hospital and grounds that I proudly display in my personal office in Washington. I was born at Southampton Hospital, as were my two daughters, and it has served my family well in times of distress and joy. As the hospital enters its second century, I offer its staff and administration my deep thanks and best wishes for the future.

HONORING THE STUDENTS OF THE INSULATE! PROGRAM FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2009*

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the invaluable contributions of a group of altruistic college students from Warren Wilson College in Asheville, NC. INSULATE! is an ongoing project at Warren Wilson College through which students assist low income home-owners in reducing their utility bills and their carbon footprints by means of weatherization.

As part of the INSULATE! program, students weatherized 5 homes in five days during their Spring Break this year. The students were able to help one 84-year-old retiree who was spending over a third of her income on utilities alone. After the students' intervention, her utility costs have decreased over 20 percent.

Their efforts will be filmed later this year in an attempt to educate and empower those with similar ambitions on how to help reduce their carbon footprint.

The benefits of increased energy efficiency at a national level are immense. As the United States moves towards energy independence and a large-scale reduction of greenhouse gases, efficiency must play a major role. The ultimate goal of the INSULATE! program is ambitious, they seek to improve the lives of those less fortunate on an individualized basis. The potential on a national level is staggering—in Western North Carolina alone there are 44,000 eligible households. For each of these households helped by INSULATE! roughly two tons of carbon dioxide are prevented from escaping into the atmosphere each year.

On behalf of myself, and my constituents, I would like to thank the INSULATE! program for their contribution to meeting America's energy goals and for their assistance to those less fortunate in our community.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING WADE HOWARD FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Wade Howard showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Wade Howard was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Wade Howard 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 Wade Howard on winning the Boys' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 basketball season.

HONORING THE MABRY MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2009*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mabry Middle School Band, which is currently on a special trip to Washington, DC. Mabry Middle School is located in my hometown of Marietta in Georgia's 11th Congressional District. The Mabry Band Program, directed by Jill Barnocki and Kimberly Bruce, has 377 students enrolled in grades 6–8.

Madam Speaker, members of the band program consistently earn recognition in both the Georgia All-State Band and the Georgia District 12 Honor Band. All of the school's bands earned straight superior ratings in the Georgia Large Group Performance Evaluation. The Mabry Band program has also received invitations to perform at prestigious conferences and competitions throughout the country, including the International Band & Orchestra Conference in Chicago in 2008, the Georgia Music Educators Conference in Savannah, Georgia in 2007, the Southeastern Middle School Band Clinic at Troy State University in 2003, and the University of Georgia Mid-Fest in 2002.

Mabry Middle School has been an exemplary part of the Marietta City School System since it opened in November of 1978. The school is ranked in the top ten schools in the state of Georgia and is a Georgia School of Excellence. In 2005 Mabry Middle School was awarded the Scholastic and Intel's Schools of Distinction Award for Technology Innovation and Georgia's Silver Award for Academic Achievement. Mabry is also a 2008 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the accomplishments of the students and band of Mabry Middle School.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID DWYER OF CONNECTICUT

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2009*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to join me recognizing Mr. David Dwyer of Bristol, Connecticut. Mr. Dwyer is a lifelong Connecticut resident and has been employed by UPS for over 37 years, where he remains a member in good standing of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 671.

He has also been a member of the Forestville Fishing Club, the oldest fishing club in America, since 1978. From 1984 through 1987, Mr. Dwyer served on the club's Board of Managers, and served as Second Vice President from 1987 through 1994. In 1994, Mr. Dwyer was elected President of the Forestville Fishing Club. During his tenure, among other notable accomplishments, he presided over the expansion of club boundaries and successfully completed the Grannis Pond Revitalization Project in 2009.

I wish to congratulate Mr. David Dwyer on his 14 years of dedicated and devoted service

as President of the Forestville Fishing Club, and encourage all of my colleagues to join me in wishing him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING J.D. HALE FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, J.D. Hale showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, J.D. Hale was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, J.D. Hale 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 J.D. Hale on winning the Boys' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 basketball season.

HONORING BERNARD OLIVE

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2009*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bernard Olive, a respected and noble citizen of the city of Baytown.

Mr. Olive has been devoted to serving his community and through his devotion has been nominated for The Baytown Sun's Citizen of the Year award. Serving as the Fire Marshall for the city since 1992 as well as the Emergency Management Coordinator from 1999 to 2007 he has displayed a true commitment in aiding his fellow neighbors in times of need.

Along with his service Mr. Olive has shown an enthusiasm in volunteering throughout his community. Speaking to different organizations concerning hurricane preparedness, fire prevention, and other various topics he has become a source of knowledge that others seek for advice. Mr. Olive is a member of Cedar Bayou Masonic Lodge 321, a member of the 6th Cavalry Association of Living History, and is a board member on the Hill of Rest Cemetery, as well as the Baytown Heritage Society.

For his invaluable service to the City of Baytown community I extend my deepest gratitude, and honor Mr. Bernard Olive.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JIM SCHMIT

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2009*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the numerous organizers and volunteers of the 2009 Special Olympics

World Winter Games in Idaho. It was because of the hard work and dedication of the volunteers from Idaho and elsewhere and their commitment to Special Olympics that this great event was possible. I would like to recognize one volunteer in particular, Mr. Jim Schmit. Mr. Schmit served as the Chairman of the Games Fundraising Committee, and he did an exemplary job.

The Special Olympics World Winter Games attracted more than 2,000 athletes from nearly 100 countries. It was the largest multi-sport event ever held in the State of Idaho. While my home state was proud to host this prestigious event, we faced many unique challenges along the way. Host sites are typically named four years in advance of the Games, but Special Olympics International awarded the Games to Idaho just 24 months in advance. This left the Fundraising Games Committee with an extremely condensed timeframe in which to raise money and prepare for the event. The Committee faced an even greater challenge created by the difficult economic times that our businesses, corporations, and citizens confronted, which caused donations to charities and non-profits to drop significantly.

Working on an unpaid volunteer basis, Mr. Schmit worked tirelessly with businesses and corporations in Idaho and throughout the country to secure both monetary donations and in-kind donations of food and beverages for the athletes as well as supplies needed to run the events. He coordinated with the state and local governments to obtain assistance from them. In addition, Mr. Schmit worked closely with Senator Craig and me to help us in our efforts to secure federal funding in support of the Games. Faced with such a difficult economic environment, Mr. Schmit and his team were able to raise sufficient funds to put on the hugely successful Games and still have funds left over to donate back to the community.

Madam Speaker, I have had the honor of knowing and working with Mr. Schmit in his position as President of Qwest Idaho for many years. Today, I am honored to commend him for his tremendous work as the Chairman of the Games Fundraising Committee. His commitment and dedication were critical to making the Games such a huge success, and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize him for all of his hard work.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE RESTORATION ACT

**HON. CAROL SHEA-PORTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2009*

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce today the Family and Medical Leave Restoration Act. Since its enactment in 1993, the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) has helped workers and family members to balance the responsibilities of the workplace with their or their family's medical needs. This job protected leave provides workers with the comfort of knowing that their job will be safe while they tend to their health needs, or the health needs of a loved one.

FMLA leave is unpaid leave, but it provides the worker with the basic assurance that their

job will be protected while taking the family or medical leave that they need. Unfortunately, the previous Administration issued new rules regarding the use of FMLA leave that place additional burdens on workers. Workers who find themselves in a position that requires FMLA leave should not have to worry about meeting additional requirements for accessing their FMLA leave.

The Family and Medical Leave Restoration Act will repeal the most restrictive of the new regulations, restoring the common sense—and fair—regulations that were previously in place. It also directs the new Secretary of Labor to revisit and revise other FMLA regulations that were promulgated under her predecessor.

I look forward to working with Secretary Solis—a proven champion for workers' rights—on this issue, and on behalf of the workers of New Hampshire and the nation.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING KYLE ONDERA FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

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Whereas, Kyle Ondera 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 Kyle Ondera on winning the Boys' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 basketball season.

HONORING MELVIN GOINS

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2009*

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor a great West Virginian, Melvin Goins. Like Jimmy Stewart's character in "It's a Wonderful Life," this Friday, surrounded by friends and family and the love and admiration of his community, Melvin Goins will be the richest man in Bramwell—a town noted for the millionaire coal barons who called it home at the turn of the 20th Century.

A phenomenally talented bluegrass musician, Melvin Goins has spent a lifetime making music and gaining fame throughout all of bluegrass country. His photo once graced the cover of Smithsonian Magazine. He was named an "Appalachian Treasure" by Morehead State University in 2000, and he was inducted into the "Bluegrass Hall of Fame." But I suspect that the recognition by his hometown of a local boy done well is, to him, the most sublime of all possible honors.

As a youngster, Melvin, along with his brother Ray who passed away in 2007, worked and