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HONORING THE YALE  
WHIFFENPOOFS OF YALE UNI-  
VERSITY ON THEIR CENTENNIAL  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2009*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the Yale Whiffenpoofs—the oldest continuous collegiate a cappella singing group in America—as they celebrate their centennial anniversary.

The Whiffenpoofs of Yale University were first formed at the old Mory's Bar on Temple Street in New Haven, Connecticut one hundred years ago by 5 men, Denton Fowler, James Merriam Howard, Carl Lohmann, Meade Minnigerode, and George Pomeroy, where they performed weekly concerts. Thus began one of Yale University's most celebrated and hallowed traditions.

Each year, fourteen men are selected to participate in this time honored institution and are asked to make an international tour to U.S. Embassies, foreign capitals, palaces, churches, and the smallest of villages on every continent. These outstanding songsters serve as ambassadors of song and goodwill on behalf of Yale University, college students, and the United States. The Whiffenpoofs also stand as a model for a cappella singing groups formed at colleges and universities across America.

The Whiffenpoofs are perhaps best known for the "Whiffenpoof Song"—an unpublished setting of Rudyard Kipling's "Gentlemen-Rankers." The "Whiffenpoof Song" was the adopted theme song of the brave men of the Black Sheep Squadron of the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II and, over the years, has been recorded by some of America's greatest artists including Bing Crosby, Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, and Elvis Presley. We could not be more proud of all that this wonderful singing group has accomplished over its 100-year history.

For their many contributions to our community and for all the joy they have brought to audiences around the world, I am very proud to stand today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Yale Whiffenpoofs as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary. I wish them all the best for another century of song, tradition, fellowship, and friendship.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
DUSTY BYERS FOR WINNING THE  
BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASE-  
BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Dusty Byers showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Dusty Byers was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Dusty Byers always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Dusty Byers on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2009*

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, September 22, I was absent for three roll-call votes. If I had been here, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall vote 720, "yes" on rollcall vote 721, and "yes" on rollcall vote 722.

HONORING DIANE LYNCH

**HON. WALTER B. JONES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2009*

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Diane Lynch, a great North Carolinian and a great educator, upon the occasion of her August 31st retirement from the Public School System in my State.

All of us in Congress know, or should know, that educating our youth is key to insuring a prosperous future. Diane Lynch, of the Moss Hill Community of Kinston, North Carolina, dedicated her entire working life—some thirty-six years—to the ideal of imparting the very best education possible to young people.

For Diane, educating young people was an imperative that she fulfilled tirelessly every day, even when doing so was sometimes thankless and unappreciated. Diane Lynch is an example to all of us of the power of personal commitment. Her professionalism, dedication, perseverance and love served very well, not only her students and co-workers, but also the hundreds of families whose lives she touched and improved.

Starting as a teacher in 1973, and then rising to Assistant Principal, then Principal and finally to Associate Superintendent, Diane's career spanned thirty-six years. Her energy and love of education will be sorely missed.

Congratulations to Diane Lynch for her long and valuable service.

Madam Speaker I ask that an article about Diane Lynch's retirement, which appeared in the August 18, 2009 edition of the Kinston Daily Free Press be submitted in its entirety.

[From the Kinston Daily Free Press]

SAYING GOODBYE

(By Chris Lavender)

Diane Lynch, long-time teacher and principal and current associate superintendent of Lenoir County Schools, will soon say goodbye to a career she has developed for the past 36 years.

Lynch will retire from the school district Aug. 31, after making a decision this summer

to walk away. Lenoir County Schools Superintendent Terry Cline announced Tuesday that Lynch had decided to retire.

The announcement was made during a Lenoir County Schools opening ceremony for staff held at Kinston High School. A majority of those in attendance weren't aware Lynch was stepping down, Cline said.

Cline said the school board members were notified last Thursday of Lynch's retirement plan. On Monday, the school district's senior central staff and principals were notified. Lynch said there was no specific reason she decided to retire this month.

"It's just the right time," she said.

Lynch said she plans to stay active in the school district until her final day. Lenoir County schools open for students Tuesday. She said she plans to visit several schools during opening week.

Cline said he was reluctant to accept Lynch's retirement because of her value to the school district.

"I am happy for her but it's a sad day for Lenoir County Schools," Cline said. "I can't replace her because she is a very special lady."

Cline said he hasn't decided yet if the school district will hire an interim or full-time associate superintendent. A decision will come in the next few months. Cline said.

Lynch began her career during 1973 with Wayne County Schools, where she taught elementary school. After several years there, she continued her career at Moss Hill Elementary School in Lenoir County. She taught at Moss Hill for nine years.

Lynch later became assistant principal at La Grange Elementary School and then principal at Northwest Elementary School for 13 years. For the past three years, Lynch has served as associate superintendent.

During her career, Lynch said she strived to help students excel and reach their goals. The personal connections she made with her students will last forever, she said.

"I am always satisfied when I see my former students in the community and we talk about good times," Lynch said. "I was always fair and consistent and worked to earn the respect of my co-workers."

Lynch said she doesn't know what she will do during her retirement. She said she is looking forward to a break from the daily grind.

"I'm going to rest for a few months," Lynch said.

During their five years together, Cline said he developed a strong working relationship with Lynch.

"We cried and laughed together," Cline said. "There were things that I told her that I didn't tell my wife because I didn't want to get my wife involved in the politics. Superintendents have very lonely positions."

Lynch acknowledged she had a great working relationship with Cline. She thanked him for working to make Lenoir County Schools a better place for students.

MINNIE LOUISE THOMPSON  
GARDNER

**HON. BOB INGLIS**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2009*

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, October 8, 2009 marks the 100th anniversary of Minnie Louise Thompson Gardner. She departed this life on Sunday, January 7, 2007. Her life was committed to God, service to family, friends and community.

Early in her youth, she accepted Christ and united with Springfield Baptist Church, where

she became active in the Choir, Usher Board, Baptist Student Union and the Missionary Society. Minnie worked faithfully until the birth of her children and care of ailing parents curtailed her involvement. However, her dedication and faithfulness to the legacy and growth of the church during her more than 80 years of membership remained constant. Life led Minnie toward employment within the field of hospitality. She retired from public service as the head cook of the Holiday Inn Chain of Greenville, South Carolina.

Minnie attended Greenville County public schools and was among the first graduating class of the Sterling Normal and Industrial Institute in 1927. During this time, she was a founding member and soloist of the Marian Anderson Music Club. Minnie was also a founding member of the Hattie Duckett Cultural Club. She was recognized in 1998 by the Phillis Wheatley Center and American Federal Bank for sharing her story as an outstanding member of the Phillis Wheatley basketball team. Following high school, Minnie continued her education at Benedict College, where she was awarded a Teacher's Certificate.

Minnie's lifelong commitment to family was evident in the foundation that she laid to promote personal and professional success of her children and children in the community. SHARE recognized Minnie as a community leadership icon and legendary human advancement advocate for her service to the antipoverty/Community Action movement in upstate South Carolina. In response to her long-standing dedication to the community, the Thompson-Gardner Park in the newly developed Viola Street Community was dedicated in her honor by the City of Greenville on July 11, 2005.

The Minnie Gardner College Fund for the CDC Agency for Toxic Substance Disease Registry Chapter of Blacks in government and the Minnie L. Gardner Scholarship have been established since her death.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully request the attention of the House today to pay recognition to an important educational institution in Montgomery, Alabama, as it celebrates 40 years of excellence in higher education.

In September 1969, the doors to Auburn Montgomery were formally opened to students. Since that time, the student population has grown by a factor of nine and the areas of study from sixteen to over 90. Through its 40 years, Auburn Montgomery has conferred more than 31,000 degrees.

Like so many of East Alabama's proud institutions of higher education, Auburn Montgomery has produced great leaders and thinkers who have made enormous contributions to our state and our nation. We are all proud of AUM for achieving this important milestone, and look forward to its continued growth and prosperity in its next 40 years of academic excellence.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2009*

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be here to cast my vote in support for the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act, but I strongly support the targeted extension of unemployment benefits provided by H.R. 3548.

The 314,000 Americans set to lose unemployment insurance this month—and the more than 1 million who will exhaust their benefits by the end of the year—need help to avert an even bigger financial tragedy, such as the loss of their home or a medical bankruptcy, which would ripple out into our larger economy.

Extending these benefits is a cost-effective and efficient way to stimulate the economy. Every \$1 spent on unemployment benefits generates \$1.63 in new economic demand. Not only does it help the unemployed worker stay on top of their bills, it keeps capitol flowing through small businesses and keeps the larger economy on the right track to recovery.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING JAMIE BURCHER FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Jamie Burcher showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and Whereas, Jamie Burcher was a supportive coach; and

Whereas, Jamie Burcher always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Jamie Burcher on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

CRANIOFACIAL ACCEPTANCE MONTH

### HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2009*

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to share my support and acknowledgement of September as Craniofacial Acceptance Month.

Each year, approximately 100,000 children are born in the United States with some form of facial disfigurement. In many cases, reconstructive surgeons can correct these problems early—often while the children are still infants. In other cases, however, reconstruction is not as easy or even possible.

The Children's Craniofacial Association (CCA) is an organization that supports these

children and their families. Nationally and internationally, CCA addresses the medical, financial, psychosocial, emotional, and educational concerns relating to craniofacial conditions. CCA's mission is to empower and give hope to individuals and families affected by facial differences. I am honored to acknowledge that 2009 marks their 20th anniversary and am pleased to share my support and thanks for their designation of September as Craniofacial Acceptance Month.

In 2001, my constituent Wendelyn Osborne brought the craniofacial disorders issue to my attention. At a young age, Wendelyn was diagnosed with Craniometaphyseal Dysplasia (CMD). CMD is a rare disorder that affects only 200 people worldwide. Specifically, CMD involves an overgrowth of bone which never deteriorates. In Ms. Osborne's case, this caused an abnormal appearance, bilateral facial paralysis and deafness. Other cases can include those characteristics, as well as blindness and joint pain. Wendelyn has undergone many extensive reconstructive surgeries to counteract the medical difficulties that comprise her disorder.

Unfortunately, the majority of reconstructive surgeries, such as those Wendelyn has undergone, are not covered by insurance companies. Rather, many of them are treated as strictly cosmetic. As a result, individuals are forced to fight their insurance companies just to receive the life-saving surgeries they need. The fact that these surgeries have been grouped in the same "cosmetic" category as surgeries that simply make people look better or younger is a tragedy.

It is my hope that further education and understanding of craniofacial disorders will allow our nation to move forward and update existing laws to better meet the medical needs of those needing reconstructive, not cosmetic, surgery. I urge my colleagues—especially in a year focused on health care reform—to join in this effort and help recognize these conditions through Craniofacial Acceptance Month so that all Americans can access the care they need.

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2009*

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to the City of Jonesboro on the 150th anniversary of its establishment. I stand to recognize this milestone in the City of Jonesboro's history and reflect on how far this community has progressed.

The City of Jonesboro is located in Craighead County, which was created in 1859. Despite the opposition of State Senator Thomas Craighead, the Arkansas Senate created the new county from parts of Greene, Mississippi, and Poinsett Counties. In an effort of goodwill, State Senator William Jones, who represented St. Francis and Poinsett Counties and was a proponent of the bill, named the new county after Senator Craighead. In return, once the county seat of Jonesboro was established that same year, it was named in honor of Senator Jones.

In 1860, historical records indicate Jonesboro had a population of 50. Currently,