

TRIBUTE TO KENNY PERRY

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments and contributions of Kentucky native Kenny Perry. Earlier this month, Mr. Perry gave a memorable performance at the 73rd Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia. Looking to become the oldest golfer to win a major championship at the age of 48 years and 8 months, Mr. Perry played superbly during the Masters Tournament and finished second in the tournament following two exciting playoff holes. Throughout the tournament, he exhibited the same grace and class he has always shown throughout his auspicious career.

Mr. Perry grew up in Kentucky's First Congressional District, attending Franklin-Simpson High School and eventually graduating from Lone Oaks High School in Paducah. He played golf at both schools before attending Western Kentucky University where he continued to excel at the sport. In 1982, Mr. Perry turned professional and has spent the past 27 years building a solid reputation for himself both as a professional golfer and a community leader. He donates a percentage of his winnings to Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN, to provide scholarships to students. Mr. Perry built Country Creek, a public course in his hometown of Franklin. In 1995, he bought 142 acres of land to design and build the only public course in the town. He designed it for mid-to-high handicappers and kept it affordable so that the game of golf could be accessible to all. Mr. Perry is a member of Western Kentucky University Hall of Fame and Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. In 2002, he received the Charles Bartlett Award, given to a professional golfer for his unselfish contributions to the betterment of society by the Golf Writers Association of America.

On the course, Mr. Perry currently ranks 3rd in All-Around Ranking on the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) tour. In 2008, when the Ryder Cup was held in Kentucky, Mr. Perry dedicated himself to qualifying for the event. His hard work paid off when he helped the United States retake the cup for the first time since 1999.

Mr. Perry's contributions both on and off the golf course serve as a shining example of what professional athletes should be and I am pleased to have this opportunity to honor him.

HONORING REVEREND DR. HENRY
L. FULLER, JR.

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Dr. Henry L. Fuller, Jr. as he celebrates his 11th year as pastor of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. A banquet was held on Saturday, April 18th to celebrate this occasion.

In 1999 and 2002, Reverend Dr. Fuller was elected Moderator of the Great Lakes Baptist District Association and held this post until

2007. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Baptist College of A.B.T.S., Nashville; a member of the Strategic Planning Committee of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education; President of the United Bible Institute of Flint; Member At-large of the Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated; Treasurer of the Todd-Phillip Children's Home; a member of the Mayor's Community Advisory Board in Flint; and Governor Jennifer Granholm named him to the State of Michigan Faith Based State Wide Steering Committee. In 2007 he was elected President of the Wolverine State Baptist Missionary Convention at its 88th Annual Session.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the work of Reverend Dr. Henry L. Fuller, Jr. I pray that he will continue to bring the good news of Our Lord, Jesus Christ to the Flint community for many, many years to come.

2009 14TH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT ART COMPETITION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DOYLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the artistic ability of a young woman from my Congressional District, Steph Goodrow of West Mifflin Area High School. Ms. Goodrow is the winner of the 2009 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Ms. Goodrow's artwork, a chalk, pastel, and charcoal composition entitled "A Walk," was selected from a number of outstanding entries to this year's competition.

In fact, fifty-five works from twelve different schools in Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District were submitted to our panel of respected local artists. It's a real tribute to her skill and vision that her work was chosen as the winner of this year's competition. I am certain that Ms. Goodrow's family is proud of her artistic talents and this impressive accomplishment.

Ms. Goodrow's artwork will represent the 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students' artwork that will be displayed in the United States Capitol over the coming year. I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill to view Ms. Goodrow's artwork, along with the winning entries from the high school art contests held in other Congressional Districts, that will be on display in the Capitol tunnel. It is amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

I would like to recognize all of the participants in this year's 14th Congressional District High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery:" from Brashear High School, Nour Qutyan; from the Pittsburgh High School for the Creative and Performing Arts, Sarah Axtell, George Cessna, Dana Laskowski, and Nicolette Santercangelo; from Carlynton High School, Christina Chiccitt; from Carrick High School, Jessica Dietz, Kristin May, Kaci Scheidter, and Mandy Tice; from Montour High School, Dominique Dabecco, Diane

Elbel, and Hilary Wirkowski; from Northgate High School, Linzie Bussard, Crystal Flora, Alicia Patak, and James Silay; from Penn Hills High School, Julian McClain Hubbard, Carly Otte, Chloe Regan, Lauren Tucci, Sidney Turba, and Chloe Weiss; from South Allegheny High School, Angelia Bianchi-Faiello, Rhett Bilec, Bre Graham, Hollah Brielle Graham, Mollie K. Kish, and Brett Nolfi; from Taylor-Allerdice High School, Shelby Gitchel, Joseph Godovshik, Jasmine Manguel, Juan Melena-Robles, Casey Snyder, and Yajie Yang; from West Mifflin Area High School, Steph Goodrow, Elyse M. Larouere, Rachel Lynn Playsoy, and James Vautier; from the Wilson Christian Academy, Elora Boyd; and from Woodland Hills High School, Candace Davis, Alessandra DeChancie, Elijah Johnson, Sarah Morgan, Maddy Moyta, and Sara Savage.

I would like to thank these impressive young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talents, imagination, and creativity. The efforts of these students in expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are no less than spectacular.

I hope that all of these individuals continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING YOM HASHOAH,
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I remember the millions of souls who died at the hands of the Nazis and, specifically, the approximately six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. I remember the approximately one and a half million children who were brutally murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators. In the United States Congress and all over the world, we embrace this solemn day of remembrance. It is Yom HaZikaron laShoah ve-laGvura, 'Remembrance Day for the Holocaust and Heroism,' known commonly in Israel and abroad as Yom HaShoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day.

I have always aspired to stand by the saying 'Never be a bystander.' For that reason, I find it appropriate to recall the story which took place on the 27th of the Hebrew month Nisan, which is the day in 1951 the Israeli parliament, the Knesset, designated as Yom HaShoah. On this day in 1943, a small group of less than one thousand Jewish rebels in Poland's Warsaw Ghetto were in the midst of fighting back against the elite Waffen-SS soldiers who had been tasked with "liquidating" the Ghetto. With only a few firearms, a tiny supply of ammunition, and a small number of makeshift explosives, it took the Nazis nearly a month to defeat the small band of Jewish fighters. Better known as 'the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising,' this was the most significant act of Jewish resistance during the Holocaust. They never lost hope and, although the story ultimately ended tragically, it remains today an inspiration to us all of the unshakable will of human beings to live in freedom.

I quote my friend, the fifth Prime Minister of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin, when he spoke at the Central Memorial Assembly in Warsaw on the 50th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in 1993: 'There were those who believed

that, with the fall of the Nazis, racism would be abolished from the earth. They were mistaken. Fifty years after the fall of Hitler, his successors have arisen in various corners of the world.'

Today is a time for reflection, but it is not enough to simply remember. We must continue to fight hatred and intolerance wherever it exists, for human freedom depends on the presence of justice, the justice that was denied to so many during the dark days of World War II. To ignore that lesson is unforgivable.

Today in the Darfur region of Sudan, genocide is taking place. This conflict has engulfed millions of people and cost hundreds of thousands of lives. Innocent people are being murdered, starved, and driven from their homes simply because of the color of their skin.

As we commemorate Yom HaShoah, it is my hope that all people will banish the sort of dark hatred that gave rise to the Holocaust and, more recently, to the events in Darfur. May our consciences prevent us always from being bystanders in times and places where that sort of evil is present. Today I remember the past and take a stand for our future.

CONGRATULATING CHRIS GATLIN,
2009 LOUISIANA NURSE OF THE
YEAR

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chris Gatlin, RN, OCN, MHA, a nursing director at the Baton Rouge General, for being named 2009 Nurse of the Year by the Louisiana State Nurses Association.

Chris is a long-time nurse at the Baton Rouge General, and her colleagues and friends state that she is representative of a true leader. From her work as an oncology nurse, to her service to those well beyond the hospital walls, Chris demonstrates the art and caring as a nurse by her promotion of this profession through example and participation.

In addition to being one of the most compassionate caregivers, Chris is involved with many programs, projects, and initiatives related to oncology nursing. From promoting her profession through college classroom visits and national speaking engagements, to teaching classes to help nurses at the Baton Rouge General receive the highest certifications in oncology nursing, Chris is a constant advocate for the profession and a mentor to many.

But one of Chris' most important and meaningful achievements was spearheading an initiative to increase awareness about the management of pain for cancer patients. As an oncology nurse, Chris saw how pain affected the daily lives of those suffering with this terminal disease. With a simple commitment to help her patients, she shepherded resources and stakeholders—creating the Louisiana Pain Initiative. Through this group, she secured grant money from the Pain Foundation to conduct the first Survey on Pain in Louisiana. She was also able to gain support around the state and participated in countless interviews for the "Power Over Pain Louisiana Campaign." Chris continues to work closely with the group, making a difference in the lives of many in our state.

Chris is also highly involved with the American Cancer Society (ACS). She participates annually, usually as a team leader, in the Relay for Life event and serves as a member of ACS's board of directors. She is also active in the community by promoting skin and prostate cancer screenings, breast self-exams, lung cancer awareness, and smoking cessation education.

Anyone who knows Chris quickly learns of her excitement and enthusiasm for nursing and zest for life. Colleagues at the Baton Rouge General look to Chris as an example of how the power of one dedicated person can change the world for many. And though Chris would never seek out this type of recognition for her amazing work, everyone at Baton Rouge General believes she earns the right and privilege to be named Louisiana's Nurse of the Year.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chris Gatlin for being named Louisiana's Nurse of the Year. This truly amazing and selfless individual has proven that one person can change the world for many.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MILITARY
OFFICERS ASSOCIATION FED-
ERAL CHARTER ACT

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to introduce, along with my colleague WALTER JONES, a bill to grant a federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America.

The MOAA is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan organization that plays an active role in military personnel matters while working with Congress to propose legislation affecting our active duty, National Guard and Reserve forces, the retired community, veterans and survivors of the uniformed services.

The MOAA is the largest professional association for military officers and the fourth largest veterans group in the nation with nearly 370,000 members. Nonetheless, MOAA remains the only major veterans organization in the country without a Congressional Charter.

Although a Federal Charter does not confer any specific rights or benefits, it provides public recognition to membership organizations that serve the public interest. A Charter also will enable some state-level MOAA affiliates to represent veterans on Governor-level veterans advisory councils from which they are presently excluded.

MOAA has established a distinguished 80 year history of service to the military community, veterans, survivors and their families by offering career transition assistance, military benefits counseling, and educational assistance to children of military families.

I am proud to stand in support of MOAA with my colleague Representative JONES and with our Senate colleagues BILL NELSON and SUSAN COLLINS, who introduced the bi-partisan companion bill.

After eight decades of service to our men and women in uniform, the MOAA richly deserves congressional support for a federal charter—not only for their benefit but for the benefit of those whom they serve and represent.

DEAN ROBERT ROSEN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Dean Robert Rosen, outgoing Dean of the internationally acclaimed UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television. A world renowned archivist, recognized for his contribution to the restoration and preservation of films, Bob is to be commended for his work in the preservation of this American art form.

Bob has dedicated thirty years to guiding the growth of the UCLA Film & Television Archive. Evolving from a small study collection to the world's largest university-based holding of original film and television materials second only to the Library of Congress, Bob's dedication has certainly paid off. He has cemented his stature as an international leader in film preservation, first as director of the UCLA Film and Television Archive (1975–99) and since then as Dean of the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television. Under Bob's leadership, the National Center for Film and Video Preservation at the American Film Institute was founded.

His involvement in the field of film is extensive as he dedicates his time and efforts to serving on numerous boards such as the executive committee of the International Federation of Film Archives and the National Film Preservation Board of the Library of Congress. Along with Martin Scorsese, Bob created the Film Foundation, and today he is the Chair of the Film Foundation's Archivists Advisory Council. His interests extend beyond film with his service as a Board Member of the Geffen Playhouse and the Latino Theater Company.

His many contributions and commitment to film preservation and restoration have not gone unnoticed. In 2008, he received the Film Foundation's John Huston Award from the Directors Guild of America. His work has also been honored internationally, including recognition by the French government as an Officer of Arts and Letters and his receipt of the International Documentary Association's Career Achievement Award for Scholarship and Preservation.

Madam Speaker and distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in saluting Dean Robert Rosen for his impressive tenure at UCLA and for the indelible mark he has left on the film industry.

RECOGNIZING JOHN M. CONNALLY,
JR.

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John M. Connally, Jr., who recently was honored for his contributions to the insurance and financial services industry.

The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors-Dallas named John the 2007 Advisor of the Year at their awards ceremony last June. This organization encourages