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Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Cody Bartholome for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN MEMORY OF RETINELLA
“NELLA” OCTAVIA ELIZABETH
EDGAR CROOKS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Retinella “Nella” Octavia Elizabeth Edgar Crooks, a lady I was proud to call my friend and constituent. An accomplished public servant and educator, Mrs. Crooks passed away on May 30, 2010, at the age of 108.

Mrs. Crooks lived a very long and full life. She was born in Watt Town, Jamaica, on October 1, 1901. She was educated in Jamaica and then immigrated to the United States in 1924 where she met her husband, Dr. Kenneth B.M. Crooks. The happy couple was blessed with four children, twelve grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

After ten years at the Hampton Institute, which is now Hampton University, Dr. and Mrs. Crooks moved from the United States to Jamaica where they worked at Happy Grove, a Quaker secondary school. Mrs. Crooks served there as a missionary educator, a member of the Jamaica Federation of Women, and as a fundraiser for the Religious Society of Friends.

In 1957, Dr. and Mrs. Crooks returned to the United States and became very involved in Georgia’s Second Congressional District. Mrs. Crooks served as a resident manager at what is now Fort Valley State University. While at Fort Valley State University, Mrs. Crooks became known for her unparalleled hospitality hosting teas. Of the many national and international dignitaries she entertained, she was very proud to include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. among her guests.

Following a short stay at Fort Valley, Dr. and Mrs. Crooks moved to Grambling College in Louisiana. There she completed her Bachelor of Arts Degree while serving as a resident manager for the college. However, in 1959 her husband, Dr. Crooks, sadly passed away.

Mrs. Crooks then returned to Fort Valley and earned her Master’s Degree in counseling at the young age of 64. She was a member of the college faculty and published several books, including two books of poetry, her travel diary, her husband’s biography, and her autobiography.

Throughout her long and blessed life, she remained a very active member of the Episcopal Church, a YWCA organizer, and her beloved sorority, Delta Sigma Theta. She also worked tirelessly for her community, founding a children’s reading club and volunteering for seniors’ organizations.

Madam Speaker, the State of Georgia, and especially the Second Congressional District of Georgia, have been truly blessed to have benefited from the tremendous contributions of Nella Edgar Crooks. She will be remembered for her compassion, her intense desire to help others, her unwavering love for her family, and her dedication to education, which lives on through the Nella Crooks Scholarship Fund at Fort Valley State University. It is a fitting tribute to her life and academic legacy, which was as long in accomplishments as it was in years. May she continue to serve as an inspiration to others.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HAYWOOD
HARRIS

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, the University of Tennessee sports family and the city of Knoxville, Tennessee have lost a legend and dear friend.

Haywood Harris recently passed away at the age of 80. I have always said that the colors orange and white are almost as patriotic in my District as red, white, and blue. Anyone who bleeds big orange knows the name and work of Haywood Harris.

Haywood served as Sports Information Director, Assistant Athletic Director, and Associate Athletic Director for the University of Tennessee from 1961–2000. Following retirement, he took on the role as the athletic department’s historian.

I have known Haywood since I sold programs, popcorn and Cokes at UT athletic events as a small boy. He is a very close and longtime personal friend.

Haywood’s life and legacy is shaped not just by his knowledge and love of UT athletics and extraordinary professional success but also by the way he treated others every step of the way.

Upon word of his death, tributes from every corner of the sports world poured in. The Knoxville News Sentinel published many of these reflections, and I was taken aback by the tales of his humility, generosity and kindness. He held the esteem of everyone who ever knew him.

“The word legend gets thrown around way too much, but Haywood is a legend,” said Tony Barnhart of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. “He is one those special people who made the SEC what it is today.”

“I am convinced Haywood was one of the best sports information directors in America—ever,” said Marvin West, former Knoxville News Sentinel sports editor. “He was gracious, patient and efficient,” and “as good as he was as a professional, he was a better man.”

John Pruett of The Huntsville Times wrote about an occasion where, as a young reporter who had lost his press pass on a UT opening

day, Haywood came down from the press box to let him into the stadium. “Not a blockbuster anecdote, maybe. But I never forgot Haywood’s courtesy and professionalism that day to an out-of-state sportswriter who was little more than a casual acquaintance at that time,” he concluded.

Brent Hubbs of volquest.com was a UT student when Haywood went out of his way to help him with a project for a television class. “Haywood’s nature was to treat everyone like they were the most important person in the world,” he said. “And he did it for a 19-year-old student for a project that was never going to air anywhere but in the classroom for teachers to grade.”

“He always had a keen interest in what you were doing and what might have been going on in your life. Kind, thoughtful and sharp as a tack when it came to UT sports history,” writes Rick Russo of WVLT-TV in Knoxville.

Even simple encounters with Haywood Harris turned into lasting memories for those who had the pleasure of meeting him. Mark Bradley of the Atlanta Journal Constitution recalls, “The highlight of my life—then, and maybe still—was being a guest on Haywood’s pregame radio show back in 1981.”

Chris Dorch of the Blue Ribbon Yearbook writes, “I can say with absolute certainty that Haywood Harris is the kindest, most gracious sports information director I’ve met, worked with or heard tell of.”

WATE-TV’s Jim Wogan said, “My first year in Knoxville wasn’t without a few bumps, and Haywood was always polite, patient and a go-to source for background on Tennessee sports.”

“Haywood Harris is a person you never forget once you meet him. He was salt of the earth and loved Tennessee down to the bone. Institutions like Haywood are far too few today,” said Joe Biddle of The Tennessean.

Chris Low of ESPN.com, a UT alumnus himself, writes, “. . . to Haywood, it was never a job. The University of Tennessee was his life, which is why he was so good at what he did.”

And The Knoxville News Sentinel’s Mike Strange puts it simply, “Not just a nice guy. The nicest guy.”

Haywood will not only be missed by his many friends, family, and colleagues but also by his many fans. He co-hosted a radio show, “The Locker Room,” with Gus Manning for decades. Gus told The Knoxville News Sentinel, “I have lost an incredible friend.”

Haywood holds many awards for his work, too many to fully recount here. He was an Inductee in the College Sports Information Directors Hall of Fame, the Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame, Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, and he received the very prestigious Arch Award in 1991 and UT Chancellor’s Citation in 1992.

As much as Haywood loved sports, he had other interests as well. One was his great attention to politics and national issues of importance. He was a patriotic American with a great love for his country and native east Tennessee.

Even many of Haywood’s Democratic friends commented after his death that they respected his deep love and strong loyalty to the Republican Party.

Haywood’s grandson, Matthew Lehigh, is a former member of my staff. I find that Matt holds many of his grandfather’s qualities, and I can think of no better legacy for Haywood

than his values and character living on through his three children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. I extend my deepest sympathies to them and his wife Carolyn Jo.

Madam Speaker, I call the life of Haywood Harris and the remarkable impact he made on my district to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD. Haywood's close friend and longtime Voice of the Vols announcer John Ward sums up his life best: "Haywood didn't ask for credit; didn't want it. He simply did what a really smart person does—help other people."

DALTON EVAN GREEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dalton Evan Green. Dalton 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 357, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dalton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Dalton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Becoming an Eagle Scout represents a great deal of dedication and perseverance by Dalton and I am sure that he will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Dalton Evan Green for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, affecting countless across the world, cancer strikes at the core of our lives, our health, our families, and our communities. Sometimes silent, sometimes ravaging, and often all-encompassing, cancer can take what we hold most dear: life. Events like Relay for Life allows communities to come together, tennis shoes laced, and fight against such an enemy.

The multi-purposed Relay for Life generates awareness, promotes outreach, supports recovery, and builds survivorship. In its 26th year, Relay for Life is held across the country, in more than 600 communities internationally, and spans 21 countries.

I congratulate the participants of Williamson County's Relay for Life event. By honoring those who lost their battles with this horrific disease and celebrating those who have yet to cease in the struggle, your hopeful passion encourages us all. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the event's organizers, team captains, walkers, and all who still seek a cure.

H.R. 1017, CHIROPRACTIC CARE AVAILABLE TO ALL VETERANS ACT

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in strong support of H.R. 1017, the Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act. This legislation ensures that chiropractic care and services will be offered to all veterans through Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) medical centers and clinics by the end of 2012.

The benefits of chiropractic care are widely-known, and make a tremendous difference in the quality of life for so many Americans. As a regular chiropractic patient, I can attest to the benefits of this valuable service.

Veterans deserve a wide-range of services to meet their individual needs. As chiropractic care has grown in popularity, it is only logical to offer this service to our veterans. I am pleased, therefore, that this legislation will ensure access to chiropractic care for Kansas veterans.

I urge all my colleagues to join with me in support of H.R. 1017.

CONGRATULATING NESHAMINY MANOR

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Neshaminy Manor Long Term Care Facility for achieving My InnerView's National Excellence in Action Award.

This award, which recognizes nursing homes that have received the highest satisfaction ratings from residents, families and employees, was bestowed upon Neshaminy Manor for its excellence in providing outstanding continuing care and setting a positive example for other long term care facilities to follow.

Established on April 30, 2000, Neshaminy Manor has offered the community an invaluable service by contributing significantly to the lives of our most vulnerable citizens. This award illustrates the leadership and dedication exhibited by the facility's staff and underscores the remarkable impact they have had on the lives of Neshaminy Manor's residents and their families.

Neshaminy Manor has demonstrated its commitment to providing exceptional care and service to ensure that residents enjoy the quality of life they deserve as well as providing employees with a great place to work.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize and congratulate Neshaminy Manor for achieving this award, and I would like to thank the staff for their tremendous work and contribution to our community.

DONOVAN L. EDMUNDS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Donovan L. Edmunds. Donovan 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 288, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Donovan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Donovan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Becoming an Eagle Scout represents a great deal of dedication and perseverance by Donovan and I am sure that he will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Donovan L. Edmunds for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND SAILING TEAM

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the St. Mary's College of Maryland Varsity Sailing Team on winning the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association's Team Race National Championship. This year's event was held May 29–31 on Lake Mendota in Madison, WI.

Unlike traditional fleet sailing, the team race event pits three boats against three boats. This event is often described as "chess on water" as sailors use unconventional tactics like slowing down and trapping their opponents to help teammates who are trailing to catch up. To win a race, the team of three must have a winning combination of finishes which total 10 points or fewer.

In the first round of competition, in which each team competes in six races, the Seahawks went undefeated in Group 1. In the second round among the top eight teams, the Seahawks had the best record with 11 wins and three losses. At the end of final round of the four winningest teams, the Seahawks went one and two, had a final record of 12 wins and 5 losses, and won the event.

I want to extend my congratulations to the following members of the Varsity Sailing Team who competed in this event: Ted Hale, Francis Kupersmith, Michael Menninger, Kelly Wilbur, Jesse Kirkland, Madeline Jackson, and Mike Kuschner. I want to commend Head Coach Adam Werblow, who has been with this program for 22 years, and Bill Ward, Director of Sailing, for their leadership of this team.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the entire St. Mary's College sailing team for their diligent training, teamwork and dedication to the sport, and for continuing the legacy of excellence in racing at the college.