

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
KARL ERTL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Karl Ertle, whose dedication has helped improve the education and opportunities for hundreds of young women and men throughout southeast Cleveland, Ohio, and beyond.

Mr. Ertle has been the President and Principal of Cleveland Central Catholic High School, an urban high school located in the Slavic Village neighborhood, since 2004. He has turned the school around, managing a \$13 million capital improvement program and overseeing an increase in enrolment of more than forty percent.

Mr. Ertle grew up in the Cleveland area. He studied at St. Ignatius High School and then later began his teaching career there. He earned a bachelor's degree in English from Borromeo College and a master's degree in religious studies from John Carroll University. Between 1983 and 2004 he performed a number of different roles at St. Ignatius, including theology teacher, director of admissions, assistant principal for student services, and vice president of the Mission of St. Ignatius.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Karl Ertle on the occasion of his retirement. He has continuously and unstintingly served the young people of Cleveland, displaying integrity, kindness, and an unwavering commitment to bettering the lives of countless students. I wish Mr. Ertle, his wife Carol, and his children: Tim, Katie, Mary, Annie, Danny and Joe, health, peace and happiness.

CONGRATULATING THE
NEEDVILLE LADY BLUE JAYS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Needville Lady Blue Jays on an outstanding season. The Lady Blue Jays fought hard giving it everything they had, but lost a heartbreaking game in the bottom of the 11th inning in the Texas 3A semifinal matchup.

Although they did not clinch the title, these athletes have shown they have the dedication, determination, and drive to reach their goals. I know these ladies are the pride of their school and community. The Needville Lady Blue Jays' demonstrate excellence in both academics and athletics, and I applaud them on a great season.

HONORING DANIELLE FUENTES

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Danielle

Fuentes, the Award of Achievement Winner for the 4th Congressional District's high school art competition, "An Artistic Discovery." An Artistic Discovery recognizes and encourages the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in each congressional district. The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

Danielle Fuentes, a resident of the 4th Congressional District, is currently a senior at Oceanside High School in Oceanside, New York. Ms. Fuentes offered her piece called "Dead Ringer", which was a pencil still life. Danielle's eye for beauty and shadowing skills are certainly a testament to her achievement.

The contest in the 4th Congressional District continues to flourish and I owe it to all of the talented students like Danielle from our high schools that submitted their art to be displayed in this distinguished contest. It is essential for art programs and curricula to remain in our schools and communities. I believe that having a forum for our young people to express themselves in a creative way is extraordinarily important and I will continue to work in Congress to ensure that the arts are preserved.

The future of this country depends on the hopes and dreams of its children. Our community, and our nation, is enhanced by the contributions of students like Danielle Fuentes. Additionally, I would like to recognize the work of the teachers and administrators at Oceanside High School who dedicate their lives to their students. The staff is the backbone of the students' success and I thank them for all that they do on a daily basis.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my thanks and recognition to Danielle Fuentes.

TRIBUTE TO SCAPPOOSE HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Scappoose High School on winning the Oregon School Activities Association's, OSAA, 4A boys baseball championship. Scappoose finished their season with 22 wins and six losses, beating top-ranked Astoria High School 2-1 in eight innings on June 5, 2010, to capture their first State championship since 1982.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Principal Eric Clendenin, Athletic Director Jim Jones, Head Coach Robert Medley, Assistant Coaches Joe Girres, Matt Bailey, and Neal Lordos, and all of the Scappoose Indians—Cody Backus, Brandon Bernardi, Dillion Davidson, Aaron Egger, Austin Egger, Willy Fouts, Cory Hendryx, Torin Huff, Nathan Kranyak, DJ Maloney, Tanner Meyer, Brad Morrison, Chris Neifert, Nick Paxton, Paul Revis, Jason Sawyer, Max Updike, and Jacob Watt—for winning the OSAA 4A boys baseball championship.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution honoring National Pollinator Week, which takes place from June 21 to 27, 2010. It is my pleasure to announce that with the leadership of the Pollinator Partnership, a majority of States as well as a number of federal agencies, including the Department of Agriculture, have officially recognized the occasion to reflect upon the importance of and challenges facing these species vital to our ecosystem and agriculture.

Responsible for almost \$20 billion worth of products in the United States alone, an estimated one-third of all food and beverages is derived from pollinators. With 75 percent of all flowering plant species relying on animals like birds, bees, bats, and butterflies as the vehicle for transferring pollen for fertilization, there is no escaping the fact that pollinators are essential not just for plants, but for the sustainability and security of our food supply.

Because new threats are emerging against these animals all the time, we should use National Pollinator Week to learn about how to help protect and encourage pollinators' growth and survival. There are many things we can do. For example, we can plant a garden with native flowering plants supplying pollinators with nectar, pollen and homes as well as work to minimize pollution and use of chemicals that contaminate their habitats. We can also educate our friends on the importance of pollinators and can learn even more from the Pollinator Partnership's Web site, which can be found at www.pollinator.org.

Madam Speaker, National Pollinator Week provides us an opportunity to recognize how important pollinators are to the sustainability of our environment. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the goals and ideals of National Pollinator Week.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
DOROTHY MANN

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dorothy Mann and celebrate her retirement after 33 years as the bold and visionary Executive Director of the Family Planning Council in Philadelphia.

The Family Planning Council administers all public funds for family planning services in the five-country Philadelphia region. Under Dorothy's leadership, the Council worked to prevent teen pregnancy, HIV infection and other STDs; to provide care to HIV positive women, children and families; and to provide breast and cervical cancer screening programs for uninsured women and so much more. In 2008, the Council served 145,000 patients, and in 2009 was the 6th largest provider of Title X family planning services in the nation.

Dorothy has worked tirelessly to improve reproductive health care for women and men in the United States. Beginning as a family planning outreach worker in California, she went on to play a key role in the development of groundbreaking research paving the way for the Title X Family Planning program we know today.

Arriving in Pennsylvania in the early 1970's, Ms. Mann was instrumental in opening the first federally funded family planning programs in the Commonwealth. A tenacious advocate, Dorothy Mann took her leadership to a national level where she testified before Congress and served on two Institute of Medicine panels about the importance of preventing STIs and the perinatal transmission of HIV. In addition, Ms. Mann is a founding member and former Board President of National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association (NFPRA) and the AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families.

On personal note, I am grateful to be among those with the honor of calling Dorothy Mann a colleague and a friend. We have spent many years working closely together, and I am very proud of our work.

Today we recognize the achievements of Dorothy Mann and her preeminent career in the field of public health. She has done vital work to advance the Title X Family Planning Program and promote the critical link between preventive health care and opportunity for women are the hallmarks of her career.

COMMENDING THE HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H. Res 1357, a resolution congratulating the Hollywood Walk of Fame on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

The star-studded sidewalks at Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street are an iconic symbol of the American entertainment industry. First envisioned by former Hollywood Chamber of Commerce President E.M. Stuart, the Hollywood Walk of Fame today prominently fulfills its mission to maintain "the glory of a community whose name means glamour and excitement in the four corners of the world."

Since its inception in 1960, over 2,000 individuals have been awarded stars on the walk in the categories of motion picture, television, music, radio broadcasting, and theater. Individually, these stars honor the talents and extraordinary achievements of artists as varied as Sidney Poitier, Carol Burnett, Elvis Presley, Gloria Estefan and Bob Hope. Collectively, the Hollywood Walk of Fame celebrates an entertainment industry that is an engine of creativity and ingenuity and an emblem of American culture at home and abroad.

Today, our Nation is proud to honor the Hollywood Walk of Fame, which attracts an estimated 10 million visitors a year, and its development as a lively hub for tourism and a thriving monument. It is most certainly a destination worth visiting and commemorating.

HONORING DR. JAMES "JEFF" KIMPEL

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. LUCAS. Madam Speaker, it is unusual that America has an opportunity to thank an individual citizen for his contributions to protecting lives and property of our citizens, but in the case of Dr. James "Jeff" Kimpel, the Director of NOAA's Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, Oklahoma, we have just this kind of individual tirelessly dedicated to improving the research and development of weather and meteorology programs. Jeff Kimpel is now retiring on June 18 to spend more time with his 5 children and 2 grandchildren in Norman, Oklahoma.

During his last 13 years of federal service Jeff Kimpel has served the nation by working to improve the lead-time and accuracy of severe weather forecasts and weather warnings in order to save the lives of many Americans and to save property from being destroyed. In the state of Oklahoma, severe weather is a massive problem, and accurate estimates of the true threats from severe weather are especially of interest to not just our state, but to a wide range of users. This includes weather forecasters, the insurance industry, emergency management communities and the general public. Dr. Kimpel has worked with the NSSL and was able to establish strong programs that have helped speed up the construction of the National Weather Center building, which is shared with the National Weather Service (NWS), and the University of Oklahoma Meteorology Program.

Dr. Kimpel has been a pioneer in the field of technology and meteorology. The NSSL has been able to expound on many programs to enhance their technology, all under the watch of Dr. Kimpel. The NSSL has performed research that has led to the upgrade of NEXRADs (NEXt generation weather RADar) from propriety to open systems, which also added super resolution capability and designed dual polarization upgrades.

As a long serving member of the House of Science and Technology Committee, I commend the work of Dr. Jeff Kimpel and recognize his outstanding science related positions including President of the American Meteorological Society, National Science Foundation positions, Department of Energy, and a participant in major decision making policy in the environmental, and meteorological and atmospheric areas for NOAA and other government agencies. Dr. Kimpel was instrumental in establishing support for NSSL that led to the construction of a magnificent national weather center building shared with the National Weather Service and the University of Oklahoma's meteorology program. He is truly one of the world's foremost authorities on severe weather including tornados, thunderstorms, hail, strong winds, heavy rainfall, ice storms, flooding and winter storms who has explored new technologies during his career for using weather information to assist government forecasters and federal, university, and private sector partners.

Today we would like to thank you for your service and dedication, and for all the work

that you have put in. Thank you and best of luck with all your future undertakings.

HONORING SERGEANT DONALD LAMAR, USMC

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember a United States Marine who serves as an example of courage and patriotism to us all. Sergeant Donald J. Lamar II, of the United States Marine Corps, recently gave the last full measure of devotion and sacrifice for our beloved nation while supporting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. Men such as Sergeant Lamar epitomize the core value of selfless service that we all hold so dear in the United States, and especially in the United States Marine Corps.

Sergeant Lamar grew up in Stafford County, Virginia, and graduated from Stafford High School in 2004. There, he was known by his teachers, coaches, and friends as a well-rounded leader who excelled in sports, particularly wrestling and football. After graduation, Sergeant Lamar joined the Marine Corps and was assigned to the First Battalion, Second Marine Regiment, Second Marine Division, of the Second Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Although already among America's elite fighting force as an infantryman, Sergeant Lamar chose to be part of an even more exclusive group—Marine Sniper. He stood out at every opportunity and always gave his utmost.

Sergeant Lamar's awards at the time of his deployment included the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and Afghanistan Campaign Medal. To add to his list of accolades, he was recently meritoriously promoted to Sergeant, a unique and fitting distinction for a combat-proven leader of Sergeant Lamar's caliber.

A man of character and fortitude, Sergeant Lamar bravely served two combat tours in Iraq. He was most recently serving his third combat tour in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan, where fierce fighting was taking place daily during 2010. Tragically, on May 12th, 2010, Sergeant Lamar exhibited the ultimate sacrifice for his country, family, and friends while engaged in combat operations there. His leadership in the Marine Corps and his local community will not be forgotten.

I extend to Sergeant Lamar's entire family my sincere condolences and deep appreciation for their sacrifices and service to our nation. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Lamar, and daughter, Madison; his parents, Don and Coleen Lamar; and two younger brothers. The liberties and freedoms we enjoy here in the United States are in place because of brave and courageous men such as Sergeant Lamar who routinely answer the call to duty and place sacrifice above self. We are eternally grateful to him and his family for their service to our nation.