

WNBA Championship twice in the last three seasons and they are now set to solidify their mark in women's basketball. The Mercury proved to be the best team in the WNBA from start to finish, ending with the best record in their conference and in the league.

The Mercury succeeded through the dedication, hard work, and passion of the players, coaches, and staff. More importantly, this team owes a great deal of its success to their fans, which have demonstrated their support in record numbers. Arizonans and WNBA fans across the world share in the excitement and pride that the Phoenix Mercury displayed both on and off the court during this inspiring victory.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the Phoenix Mercury team, including Head Coach Corey Gaines and his Assistant Coaches, Julie Hairgrove and Bridget Pettis; and players Dawanna Bonner, Candice Dupree, Sequoia Holmes, Tameka Johnson, Taylor Lilley, Nicole Ohlde, Brooke Smith, Tangela Smith, Ketia Swanier, Penny Taylor, and Diana Taurasi.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the remarkable success of this team, whose achievements and camaraderie should be models for other teams across the country. Congratulations to the Phoenix Mercury on an impressive season and best of luck in continuing your championship stride.

RICHARD J. WILDING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Richard J. Wilding. Richard will be retiring July 31 after 19 years on the Mid-Continent Public Library Board of Directors.

Richard has served as Director of Libraries for the past four years, providing the leadership and vision that has provided the Kansas City area with a fiscally sound library program and expanded the Mid-Continent Public Library system into the largest in the State of Missouri. Richard has also taken an active part in the construction and renovation of libraries throughout Clay, Jackson and Platte Counties throughout his many years serving as Business Manager, Assistant Director and Director of Libraries.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Richard J. Wilding for his accomplishments with the Mid-Continent Public Library System and in wishing him the best of luck in the years to come.

HONORING SIERRA NO. 3

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the Railtown 1897 State Historic Park volunteers upon their diligent work and commitment to restoring the famous Sierra No. 3 locomotive. The restored Sierra No. 3 made its debut at

the Railtown 1897 State Historic Park in Jamestown, California on Friday, July 2, 2010.

Sierra No. 3 is an 1891 vintage steam locomotive built by Rogers Locomotive Works in Paterson, New Jersey. The locomotive was originally purchased in 1891 for use on the Prescott and Arizona Central, a railroad owned by Thomas Bullock. Due to the failure of the Prescott and Arizona Central railroad, Sierra No. 3 was transported to California and used in the building of the Sierra Railway from Oakdale, California.

In the early 1900's, Hollywood producers first discovered Tuolumne County and its historic trains. Since then, Hollywood has been filming Sierra No. 3, the photogenic steam locomotive along the Sierra Railroad's scenic route, to satisfy America's love affair with Western movies. Starring in more than 100 movies and television productions, Sierra No. 3 has appeared in more motion pictures, documentaries and television productions than any other locomotive. It appeared in The Virginian with Gary Cooper in 1929, the first sound movie filmed outside of a Hollywood sound stage. Shortly after it appeared in The Texan, Sierra No. 3 was derailed from the movie business as the depression hit and the Sierra Railway was struggling with bankruptcy and reorganization. In 1948, repairs were made to Sierra No. 3 and the locomotive hit the movie scene once more, appearing in High Noon, The Great Race, Bound for Glory, Back to the Future III and Unforgiven. The locomotive also appeared on numerous commercials and television shows, including Lone Ranger, Tales of Wells Fargo, Petticoat Junction, Rawhide, Death Valley Days, Lassie, Gunsmoke, Bonanza, The Wild, Wild West, and Little House on the Prairie.

After sitting idle for many years, Sierra No. 3 was overhauled and returned to service in 1948. It operated for many years pulling special excursion trains and starring in movies. It was Sierra No. 3's use in the movies that preserved the Historic Jamestown Shops and Roundhouse when most railroads were scrapping their locomotives and demolishing the old railhouses. In 1995, the Federal Railroad Administration implemented new requirements to ensure the safe operation of the aging American steam locomotives. The 110-year-old Sierra No. 3 was assessed and it was determined that major repairs were required for it to be in compliance with the new regulations. In early 2000, a crew began to disassemble the locomotive, but the project was put on hold until a major fundraising effort was initiated in 2007. The restoration process took almost three years and cost 1.5 million dollars to complete.

Today, Sierra No. 3 is fully repaired, restored and ready for its debut. The locomotive is housed at the original Historic Jamestown Shops and Roundhouse (now Railtown 1897 State Historic Park). Railtown 1897 operates, preserves and interprets one of just two remaining, fully intact and still functioning steam-era shortline railroad roundhouse complexes in the United States. With the dedication of many volunteers and partnerships, Sierra No. 3, originally built almost 120 years ago, will be available to carry passengers along the historic gold country route.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the Railtown 1897 State Historic Park volunteers and the partners involved upon their success in bringing back Sierra No.

3. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing all involved many years of continued success.

HONORING JACK SAUM FROM
MARYLAND AS TRUCK DEALER
OF THE YEAR

HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. BARTLETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine who was recently honored by his peers within the trucking industry. Mr. John "Jack" Saum was named the 2010 Dealer of the Year by the American Truck Dealers, ATD, and Heavy Duty Trucking magazine during the annual ATD Convention and Expo in Orlando, FL. The award recognizes excellence in dealership performance, industry leadership, civic contributions and community service. The winner was chosen by a panel of distinguished professors from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business.

Mr. Saum is Chairman of the Board of Beltway Companies, LLC, which is headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland in my Congressional district. Beltway Companies LLC is a truck dealership with six locations in Maryland which provide sales, parts and service to a large number of trucking companies and their truck fleets. Two of Jack's dealerships are in the Sixth District. Central Maryland International Truck is in Hagerstown, Maryland. Central Maryland International Truck and Idealease is in Frederick.

Mr. Saum has been involved in the truck business for more than 40 years having begun his career with International Harvester as a sales trainee in 1969. He held a series of management positions with International Harvester in the Northeast region of the country before joining Beltway International in 1984. Mr. Saum initially served as general manager at the Beltway dealership and assumed the role of dealer principal in 1997 when he purchased the dealership.

Under his leadership, the dealership grew exponentially from a single point location in Baltimore to six locations throughout Maryland.

Mr. Saum is also a strong supporter of green technologies both in commercial trucks as well as dealership fixed operations. His innovative business approach is exemplified in his "A New Truck is a Green Truck" initiative which focuses on environmentally friendly truck technologies. With support from the National Automobile Dealers Association, NADA, and Navistar, Mr. Saum has led efforts to educate public officials about the environmental and fuel efficiency advantages of new truck design improvements with a focus on new diesel-powered trucks, diesel-electric hybrid trucks, auxiliary power units, APUs, and retrofit programs. Another example of Jack's commitment to being a green truck dealer was his incorporation of "green" features at his newest dealership in Frederick. Jack installed a recycled oil heating system at this state-of-the-art facility that reduces the carbon footprint of Beltway's operations.

As part of his education outreach, Jack contributed a new class 8 18-wheeler "green truck" as an exhibitor at the second annual Go

Green Conference that I hosted in Frederick, Maryland on June 7, 2010. This free community service event featured more than 125 exhibitors including over 25 energy efficient, low emissions green vehicles. These exhibitors were mainly small and local businesses, like Jack's, committed to help homeowners and small business owners discover practical ways you can save money, use less energy, protect our environment and go green on any size budget.

Jack has been a winner of multiple awards from International for dealership performance, financing, lease and rental and operations excellence. More importantly, Mr. Saum was named International Dealer of the Year for 2004 which is the highest honor an International dealer can earn.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent Mr. Jack Saum and many of his employees at Beltway Companies, LLC. I ask that you and other Members of Congress join me in congratulating him for this recent honor and for his effort on behalf of his fellow customers, his fellow business owners and all Marylanders. I wish him the best for continued success in the future.

HONORING LEIGHTON STUART

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Leighton Stuart. Leighton 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 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Leighton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Leighton has been involved with scouting, he has not only contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project and earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, on July 20, 1974, a heavily armed Turkish invasion force landed on the beaches of its sovereign, independent neighbor—Cyprus.

While ostensibly on a peaceful mission to restore order, the Turkish military carried out a brutal campaign against Greek Cypriots, called "Operation Atilla".

Over five thousand Greek Cypriots were estimated to have been killed; an additional sixteen hundred Greek Cypriots were reported missing; and over two hundred thousand

Greek Cypriots were evicted from their homes, never to return.

Demetris Drakos, who was a child during the invasion, recently recalled his impressions to the BBC: "Fear and confusion as the Turks invaded, running out under the cover of night with nothing but the clothes on our backs, leaving behind our ancestral homes, our lives and in some cases our loved ones."

Subsequently, as part of an "ethnic cleansing"-style campaign, as some have deemed it, the occupying Turkish forces converted churches to mosques and brought Turkish squatters to settle in homes from which Greek Cypriots had been forced to flee.

The violent military occupation that began in July 1974 and the subsequent illegal actions by Turkey on Cyprus have been repeatedly criticized by the international community.

The United Nations Security Council has passed seventy-five separate resolutions calling for Turkey to allow Greek Cypriots to return to their homes and to withdraw its troops from Cyprus.

In 1976, 1983 and again in 2009, the European Court of Human Rights ruled that Turkey was illegally occupying Cyprus and must return all seized properties to their Greek Cypriot owners.

Turkey continues to ignore such condemnations of its actions.

While both the United States and the United Kingdom have unequivocally stated their support for a Cypriot-authored solution for the reunification of the country with a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation enjoying a single sovereignty and citizenship, to date no similar commitments or comments have been issued by the Turkish government.

Turkey has a moral obligation to grant the Turkish Cypriot community full autonomy in the reunification negotiations and to clearly commit to abiding by any terms agreed upon in a Cypriot reunification agreement.

Above all, Turkey must withdraw its occupation troops from Cyprus.

Those actions would go farther toward achieving peace and stability in Cyprus than all the rhetoric of good intentions we have heard over and again from Ankara.

On this 36th anniversary, we reaffirm our commitment to supporting Cypriot efforts to establish a lasting, peaceful solution to the conflict that has ravaged their country and divided their people for far too long.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF TOM CALIPER

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the career of Tom Caliper as he retires as business manager of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 551 and as executive director of the Egyptian Building and Construction Trades Council.

Tom Caliper is the son of Frank and Lola Caliper. Frank, in addition to serving as Mayor of the Village of Colp, Illinois, for 52 years, was the owner of Caliper Plumbing and Heating. Tom undoubtedly learned the plumbing trade from his father, but Tom says his father

also taught him a great deal about leadership and about caring for others, qualities that Tom has put to good use both as a labor leader and through his extensive charitable work.

Through 29 years in leadership for the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 551 and 25 years at the head of the Egyptian Building and Construction Trades Council, Tom Caliper has made an indelible mark on the labor landscape of Southern Illinois. One of his most effective achievements was the implementation of a project labor agreement whereby all publicly funded projects in Southern Illinois would be constructed by Southern Illinois tradesmen and women. This led to increased economic and community development in the region as wages earned by Southern Illinois workers were re-invested within Southern Illinois communities.

Not only was Tom Caliper a driving force for organized labor but he was also responsible for improving the lives of countless area families through his volunteer and charitable efforts. Tom was instrumental in starting the "Coats for Kids" campaign which, through his tireless fund-raising and organizational efforts over the years, has provided needed warm-weather clothing for area children. It was important to Tom that the children who were the beneficiaries of the "Coats for Kids" program received only new, good-quality clothing, nothing second-hand.

Tom Caliper has been the model of leadership throughout his career. He has worked effectively in representing and advocating for his members, he has helped create additional opportunities for job creation and he realized the importance of giving back to his community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Tom Caliper for his years of dedicated service to the working men and women of Southern Illinois and to wish him the very best in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 19, 2010, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 450, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1219, had I been present for the last vote of the series.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER BAKER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher Baker. Christopher 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 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities.