

to five hundred yards, then three hundred yards and ending at two hundred yards. These shots are taken in the three shooting positions: prone, sitting and standing. Each member of the team fires sixty-four total rounds with just fifty seconds to get into each position and fire. The best competitors can fire a shot a second and hit the target.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the California Grizzlies Junior Rifle Team upon their 2009 victory. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the team many years of continued success.

HONORING BILLY "SINGLE"
CLIFFORD

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the work of the Champaign County Bicentennial Historical Marker Committee to promote the career and contributions of Urbana native and vaudeville legend Billy "Single" Clifford.

Born Clyde Shyrigh, Clifford was born in 1869 in Urbana, Ohio, to Levi and Sarah Shyrigh. His love of music was evident from his early childhood, when he would stage performances in the family barn. Clifford began appearing with a traveling circus at age 10, where he further developed his singing and dancing skills. This led him ultimately to a successful vaudeville career, with performances along the East Coast and throughout Europe.

Clifford built the Clifford Theater in 1905 on the site where his family's barn had stood. The theater was the first of its kind in Urbana, with an 80-foot stage and a seating capacity of 700. In addition to performances by a vaudeville troupe formed by Clifford, it hosted many notable entertainers through the years—including the March King, John Philip Sousa.

On July 24, the Champaign County Bicentennial Historical Marker Committee and the family and friends of Charles L. Mott will dedicate a marker celebrating Clifford and the Clifford Theater. I am honored to join them and the people of Champaign County in commemorating this event.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 374

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize American Legion Post 374, in Berkley Michigan on the occasion of its 70th Anniversary of service to the Veterans of our community. As a Member of Congress it is both my privilege and honor to recognize the men and women of this post for their years of service and contributions which have enriched and strengthened our community.

The Berkley American Legion Post 374 has been a cornerstone of the Berkley community for the last 70 years.

Post 374 owes its provenance to a collaboration between the Berkley American Legion, the

Berkley Odd Fellows and local vets with a vision. Working together, drawing on each strengths and needs and with a lot of heart, Post 374 was established on July 27, 1940.

Since then, Post 374 has been a welcome doorstep for veterans recently returning as well as those whose years of active duty were long past. The Post is truly an institution in Berkley. Its members have built an institution suffused with friendship, camaraderie and service. It engages young people through scholarship and other programs. It helps veterans who have fallen on hard times get the services and support they deserve. Each year, on Memorial Day, the Post places American flags on the gravesites of roughly 3000 veterans laid to rest in a local cemetery. The Post has been the site of countless fish fries, steak fries, special birthdays and weddings. It is a place where the community gathers and it is much beloved.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor the Berkley American Legion Post 374 on its 70th Anniversary and salute its many active members in their service to our veterans and community.

HONORING THE HISTORY AND SERVICE OF THE URSULINE SISTERS OF LOUISVILLE

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of a group of remarkable women who have played a vital role in strengthening communities across Kentucky, throughout the nation, and around the globe for more than 150 years. Since 1858, the reach of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville has grown from a school on the corner of Chestnut and Shelby Streets in downtown Louisville to a mission that touches the lives of thousands of women, men, and children across the nation and across the globe. And on July 25, the Sisters will have their distinguished history and continued service officially recognized by the Commonwealth of Kentucky when a marker is placed at the site where their mission began so many years ago. Today, I am honored to join the chorus of voices praising the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville for their decades of contributions to better the world through their teachings and actions.

The story of the Ursuline Sisters in Louisville began when three sisters from Germany arrived 152 years ago to pursue a tradition of faith and service, answering the call meet the needs of the community's children. In the spirit of their founder—St. Angela Merici—they sought to serve with an openness and eagerness to meet the needs of others. Compelled by faith and principle and driven by hard work, the Ursuline Sisters soon made that mission a reality, each and every day of the last 152 years.

Within weeks of their arrival, the Sisters were teaching dozens of children. Under their leadership, construction on a new convent and school—Ursuline Academy—was completed the following year. Their successful efforts soon expanded exponentially. In less than 25 years, more than 100 sisters were teaching in 20 Ursuline schools.

Today, the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville have grown to serve a community of faith in eight states and Peru.

The Ursuline Sisters do not just offer a quality education or health care—they provide invaluable guidance and assistance to those who need it most. Throughout their history, the Sisters have worked on behalf of the underserved and the disenfranchised, seeking to empower every life they touch. Today, the schools they have established and operate, the students they have taught, and the people they have served stand as a living legacy to their mission to create stronger communities and a stronger world.

By placing a historical marker at the place where this powerful mission began, the legacy of the Ursuline Sisters will remind and educate our community about the impact of service. The Ursuline Sisters of Louisville don't just change with the world—they help shape it through knowledge, compassion, and a selfless commitment to service.

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me today in further recognizing the extraordinary work and dedication of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville.

VIRIDIANA ROBLES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Viridiana Robles who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Viridiana Robles is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Viridiana Robles is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Viridiana Robles for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE SETH HAMMETT, RETIRING SPEAKER OF THE ALABAMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable service of a true public servant from my home State of Alabama. A native of Andalusia, Seth Hammett is retiring this year as Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives and Representative for the 92nd House District serving Covington and Escambia counties.

Speaker Hammett, a pilot in the United States Air Force and founder and president of

the First National Bank of Andalusia, was first elected to the Alabama State House of Representatives in 1978.

Since that time, the speaker has been regarded as truly one of the most effective leaders ever to serve in the Alabama House of Representatives. Not only has he earned bipartisan respect from his colleagues in the Alabama House, but organizations such as the Business Council of Alabama and the Alabama Rural Electric Cooperatives, to name just a few, have time and again called upon Seth for his calm leadership and sound judgment.

During his time in office, Speaker Hammett has become a fierce proponent of higher education. For over a decade, he served Lurleen B. Wallace Community College as its president. Additionally, his efforts have earned him many awards, including the Courage of Conviction Award given by the Higher Education Partnership, The Legislative Leadership Award given by the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools and the Legislative Award given by the Alabama Association of School Boards.

Due to his strong convictions and commitment to serving the State of Alabama, Speaker Hammett has also been the recipient of the Children's Hero Award given by the Alabama Department of Human Resources and the Meritorious Service Award given by the Montgomery Advertiser. In addition to these honors, Seth was named Citizen of the Year for the city of Andalusia and a Guardian of Small Business by the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Speaker Hammett also had the honor of serving as chairman of the 16-State Southern Legislative Conference as well as president of the National Speakers Conference. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee for both conferences.

In his business life, he also serves the vice president of business development for PowerSouth Energy Cooperative and as president emeritus of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College.

Madam Speaker, in addition to his undying commitment to his community, Speaker Hammett is an equally devoted father and husband. He and his lovely wife, Nancy, have been blessed with a wonderful family that includes adult children and grandchildren. He is also an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Andalusia.

Speaker Hammett has been the epitome of a servant leader and has represented the great State of Alabama with unprecedented devotion. Over the years, he and I have had several occasions to work on economic development projects that have proven important to the State of Alabama and while it is with genuine sadness that I watch my good friend leave office, it is also with great gratitude that I thank him for his incredible life of service to our beloved Alabama.

HONORING THE LATE LORRAINE BERRY, FORMER MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late Lorraine L. Berry,

who made her final transition on July 19th. She was born on St. Thomas on November 15, 1949, the eldest of nine children. Her mother, Emelda, and father, Joseph, provided their children with a sense of responsibility and commitment to their community.

Lorraine developed an interest in politics as a teenager, inspired by the riveting and profound words of Dr. Martin Luther King in his "I Have a Dream" speech during the August 8, 1963 march on Washington, DC. His remarks made an indelible mark on Lorraine and she never wavered in her zeal to someday make that dream a reality.

Lorraine got her feet wet as the president of the PTA of Joseph Sibilly Elementary School (formerly known as the Robert Herrick School). Her aggressive agenda and her assertive and dedicated commitment to the improvement of the school so impressed the late Governor, Cyril Emanuel King, that he encouraged her to get involved in politics and join his party, the Independent Citizens Movement. She took his advice to become politically active, but because of the strong impression she had established in the community, she was drafted by then Senator Earle B. Ottley and political activist, Roy Gottlieb to serve on the Democratic Party Territorial Committee.

During her political career, she founded Virgin Islanders for Democratic Action Club (VIDAC) to raise the community's consciousness and provide the basis for political and legislative initiatives and promoted responsible and responsive political leadership. Her most recent symposium was on the "Responsibilities of Political Leadership" and she encouraged women to become involved in the process and run for public office.

Virtually from the time she entered the labor force, Lorraine has been a dedicated public servant. She served in several governmental posts including Manager of the St. Thomas District Office the Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress, Ron de Lugo. In 1982, she successfully ran for a seat in the St. Thomas District of the Virgin Islands Legislature.

Senator Berry gained vast experience in her service as the Chair of the Committee of Government Operations in the 15th Legislature; Chair of the Committee on Finance in the 17th, 18th and 23rd Legislature; Majority Leader of the 18th Legislature; Chair of the Committee on Health in the 19th and 20th Legislatures; President of the 22nd and 26th Legislatures; and Vice-President and Chair of the Committee on Public Safety, the Judiciary, Homeland Security and Justice in the 25th Legislature.

In her twenty-four years as a lawmaker, Senator Berry's courageous leadership shepherded passage of landmark legislation that critically impacted on the political, economic and social fabric of our society. The initiatives she enacted provided much needed support for families, economic development incentives for investors, public safety of the community, business opportunities for residents, employment opportunities and public sector employment for Virgin Islanders.

Over the years, one of the most challenging issues was the state of the health care system. Senator Berry supported the establishment of semi-autonomy for our hospitals, and the use of Tobacco Settlement funds for a cancer center on St. Thomas and the cardiac center on St. Croix, both of which are fully operational and successful facilities today pro-

viding services that Virgin Islanders would have to go off island to receive.

In 1986, Senator Berry sought the Democratic Party primary bid for Governor of the Virgin Islands, along with her running mate for Lt. Governor, Senator St. Clair Williams. She fostered a progressive platform that included mandatory education for the children of the Virgin Islands as a birthright. She waged war against the "four horsemen of the apocalypse"—fiscal irresponsibility, corruption, cronyism and rampant waste. Although, she did not prevail, she remained committed to establishing a government that provided services to its citizens, while remaining fiscally viable.

Because of her strong advocacy for women and the obstacles in sexism she had endured over her lifetime, she agreed to join gubernatorial candidate Judge Edgar Ross to run in the 2006 Democratic primary. She wanted to raise the political bar for women in the Virgin Islands. She felt that the Executive Branch had eluded women for far too long, and it was her obligation to enter the race to stimulate women's interest in running for higher office. Although the Ross-Berry team was defeated, their message was positively received by the public and to this day, have a core group of loyal supporters that remain committed to the principles that they ran on.

As she battled with her illness, Senator Berry was unwavering in her concern for the lack of women in the political process and the welfare of our young people. She believed that no future Legislature should be without women. Women make up more than 55% of the population, but over the past 10 years, there has been only one woman in the Senate. She felt that women must encourage and support women in and out of public office if the issues of women, children, and families are to be adequately addressed.

Lorraine leaves behind a legacy that will be difficult to match. The entire Virgin Islands community owes a debt of gratitude to her.

To her husband, Richard, and her children, Roxanne and Curt, thank you for giving her the support as she fought for the Virgin Islands. As you struggle to adjust to Lorraine's passing, please find comfort in knowing that many of us remain dedicated to ensuring that she will never be forgotten.

On behalf of the 111th Congress, my staff and my family we offer our heartfelt sympathy. May her soul forever rest in eternal peace.

RECOGNITION OF THE MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF LYNRYD SKYNYRD

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, in the music world, it is challenging enough for a band to record one hit song, much less become a voice for an entire region and a true icon. That is why Congressman CONNIE MACK and I are pleased to jointly recognize the accomplishments and patriotic spirit of the legendary Lynryd Skynyrd.

From humble beginnings, Lynryd Skynyrd has become one of the most revered and accomplished bands in the history of music, having sold nearly 30 million records worldwide in