

nurses who practice in many settings including hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, home health agencies, sub-acute and long-term care facilities, and private companies.

A resident of Elyria, Ohio, Ms. Pierce earned both her Bachelors of Science in Nursing and her Masters of Science in Nursing from the University of Akron. Ms. Pierce went on to earn her Doctorate in Philosophy of Nursing from Wayne State University.

In addition to Ms. Pierce's academic achievements, she is also a National Stroke Council Member of the American Stroke Association. She has presented numerous times on topics relating to rehabilitation nursing, and published several books and scholarly articles pertaining to caregivers of persons with stroke. Ms. Pierce is currently educating the next generation of nurses, as a tenured professor at the University of Toledo, teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me today in recognizing the outgoing president of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, Linda Pierce, for her dedication and exemplary work in the field of rehabilitation nursing. We thank you Ms. Pierce for your ongoing service to the healthcare profession.

A STATEMENT IN RECOGNITION
OF THE LUMBERTON ALL-STAR
MAJORS TEAM BEING NAMED
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS AT THE
2010 DIXIE YOUTH MAJORS
WORLD SERIES

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to ask you to join me in recognizing the Lumberton All-Star Majors team of Lumberton, North Carolina, on being named National Champions at the 2010 Dixie Youth Majors World Series.

Each year, the Youth Baseball Association in my hometown of Lumberton, North Carolina, participates in Dixie Youth Baseball in the Coach Pitch (7–8 year olds), Minors (9 and 10 year olds), and Majors (11 and 12 year olds) classifications. Each baseball season concludes with the formation of an All-Star team chosen by coaches for each of those classifications. These All-Star teams participate in district and State tournaments.

This year, the Lumberton All-Star Majors team won both its district and State tournaments without losing a single game. The team went on to win the 2010 Dixie Youth Majors World Series held in Gonzalas, Louisiana, finally earning the title of National Champions on August 12, 2010. This is the third time that a North Carolina team has earned this title since 1956. It is remarkable that each of these three North Carolina championship teams has come from North Carolina's Seventh District.

Additionally, the team won the "Around-the-Horn Relay" during opening ceremonies and one of its members, Daniel Oxendine, hit sixteen home runs to win the "Home Run Derby." Most importantly, however, throughout their weeks of practice and competition, each player and coach conducted himself in a manner that reflected the values of the people of Lumberton, North Carolina.

Madam Speaker, the members of the Lumberton Youth Baseball Association 2010 Majors All-Star team deserve acclaim for their skill as well as for being outstanding ambassadors of the City of Lumberton, the County of Robeson, and the State of North Carolina. Their names are: Alec Brewington, Raleigh Forrest, Jack Frederick, Gage Hardin, Austin Hayes, Hunter Jolicouer, Tyler Musselwhite, Evan Odum, Daniel Oxendine, Austin Swiderski, Travis Suggs, and Richard Thomas.

As founder of the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports, and also as both a long-time Lumberton little league coach and one who grew up playing baseball in Lumberton, as well as a charter member of the Lumberton Youth Baseball Association, Inc., I appreciate the dedication, determination, and teamwork that earned these players the esteemed title of National Champions. I am also impressed by the volunteer coaches that led this team to victory—Robert Brewington, Kevin Hayes, and Thomas Odum—as well as the parents of each player and the Lumberton community as a whole for supporting these young baseball players as they worked to achieve their dream.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Lumberton All-Star Majors National Championship team, and wishing them the very best in all of their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF SISTER CATHERINE
PINKERTON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Sister Catherine Pinkerton, whose unwavering advocacy on behalf of numerous social justice issues provides strength, hope and a powerful voice to the most vulnerable citizens of our society.

Sister Catherine's life and work continues to reflect a lifelong passion for raising the lives of others through teaching, lobbying and organizing. She began turning her faith into action early on, as a student at St. Joseph Academy high school in Cleveland, where she volunteered to assist the poor and disadvantaged at the Dorothy Day Catholic House of Hospitality. After graduating from St. Joseph, she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph convent in Cleveland, where she began her journey as a Sister in the Roman Catholic faith. She taught at St. Joseph's, and eventually became an administrator within the Order. Sister Catherine was soon elected President of the St. Joseph community. Her focus on issues of poverty, racism, sexism and other social justice issues, combined with her strong intellect and excellent leadership skills, guided her through numerous trips to Washington DC, fervently lobbying for legislation to elevate and empower women, minorities and the poor.

On Capitol Hill, Sister Catherine's work focused on fair housing, health care reform, civil rights initiatives, and family and medical leave legislation. In meeting rooms and on the House floor, Sister Catherine promoted NETWORK—a women-led Catholic social justice lobby that collects and analyzes critical data

about how our Nation's laws affect the poor and disenfranchised. She also made numerous trips to Rome, as the official representative of sisters in the United States. Sister Catherine's work has been recognized with numerous local and national honors. She was awarded the Centennial Education Medal by John Carroll University; named as Cleveland's 100 Most Influential Women; and, she was honored by the National Institute of Women with the Today's Woman of the Year Award.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of Sister Catherine Pinkerton, whose faith in action continues to give a voice to the silent, strength to the weak, and power to the powerless—thereby making our Cleveland community, our Nation, and our world, a better place.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JOSEPH
MCCLAIN

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to recognize and congratulate an outstanding Naval Officer, Captain Joseph McClain, for the successful completion of 29 years of distinguished Naval service, culminating with his position as the Director of the U.S. House of Representatives Liaison Office in the Department of the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs. I am honored to commend Captain McClain's achievements and recognize his devotion to our great Nation.

A 1982 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Captain McClain earned his wings in 1983 and was designated a Naval Flight Officer. He has sailed around the world flying the S-3 Viking and has served in four squadrons aboard four different aircraft carriers.

Captain McClain served as the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of the Blue Wolves of VS-35. During this tour, he adeptly led his squadron on two successful deployments aboard USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72). Under his leadership, the Blue Wolves were awarded the Battle "E" for operational excellence within the Air Wing, the Golden Wrench for maintenance superiority, and the Pacific Fleet Retention Award. He later returned to command Sea Control Wing Atlantic, again displaying inspirational leadership for thousands of sailors and skillfully leading the Viking community through a majority of its Sundown.

In his final assignment, Captain McClain stood honorably in the shoes of every sailor worldwide as he advocated on their behalf and ensured the continued success of the Navy.

Captain McClain retires after 29 years of honorable service to this Nation. His professional success would not have been possible without the steadfast support of his wife, Deanna; sons, Joshua and Jeremy; and daughter, Allison. Their shared sacrifice is a credit to their personal character.

Madam Speaker, I wish Captain McClain continued success and fulfillment as he transitions to civilian life after nearly three decades of service. I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in saluting this outstanding Naval Officer.

HONORING RECIPIENTS OF 2010
THIRD DISTRICT EXCELLENCE IN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AWARD

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor eleven individuals, organizations and businesses from Nebraska for receiving the 2010 Third District Excellence in Economic Development Award.

Nebraska, like many rural states, unfortunately has seen a "brain drain" in recent years and, now more than ever, needs entrepreneurs and innovators.

In June, I called for nominations for individuals, businesses, and organizations which have helped strengthen Nebraska communities. These entrepreneurs do more than just build successful businesses. They host charity events, serve on local chambers of commerce, and shape the character of our towns and cities.

The nominations came from many different people, from teenagers starting their own business to leaders in the business communities. All of the nominees have shown they are striving to help their home towns succeed into the future.

Hartelco (Hartington): This firm has contributed significant economic growth and business retention in rural Nebraska by supplying state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure, including plans for all businesses and residents to be connected to fiber optics. The company recently completed a \$1.5 million dollar office building and donates manpower, equipment, and time to community projects.

Ward Laboratories, Inc. (Kearney): This company provides agricultural testing of soil, plant, and fertilizer samples which lead to more informed land management practices. The company, through principles based on science, has contributed to the economic advancement of many rural areas in Nebraska.

Green Revolution Handbags (Albion): Lauren Bygland, a Boone Central High School senior, produces fashionable purses made of recyclable materials—including film strips, rice bags, and playing cards. She will continue her earth-friendly design business while majoring in business in college.

Don Freeman (York): Don Freeman has followed his family tradition of community service for over 50 years, both as a business owner and by serving on many community boards. He has contributed to job creation through expansion of his own company, and by supporting the economic development efforts of the region.

Tracee Ford/Stacey Adamson (Cody/Kilgore): These two teachers worked with students to secure grant funding, along with community contributions to start a student business incubator, including a student-run and community-owned grocery store. The project has revitalized the area and serves as an example of education in entrepreneurship bringing economic opportunities to rural areas.

Sandhills Country Door Café and Coffee House (Mullen): Tim and Jennifer Macke have offered locals a place to get home cooked meals, specialty drinks, computer repairs, and local greeting cards—as well as providing a

space for locals to gather to mark a special occasion. The efforts of this couple in providing essential community services contribute to sustaining the community.

Barb Sprague (Red Cloud): Barb has given selflessly to the Red Cloud community through public service, school involvement, and faith-based events. She has recently initiated a leadership group in Red Cloud which has resulted in receiving grant funding to promote business development in the community.

Heartland Shooting Park (Grand Island): Created primarily through private donations and thousands of volunteer hours, this city-operated shooting park has been the site of several national competitive events, including the U.S. Practical Shooting Area 3 Championships and the National 4-H Invitational, bringing hundreds of visitors to the region.

Apogee Retail, LLC (Columbus): Apogee employees conduct outbound phone calls on behalf of various charities requesting donations of household and clothing items. The Columbus facility employs more than 600 area residents and has been recognized for hiring and training employees with disabilities.

Thompson Wildcat Trailers (Albion): Curtis Thompson, a junior at Boone Central High School, designs, builds, and modifies custom trailers. He has utilized his skills in welding and wiring to start his business. Following graduation, he plans to expand his business through continued training in diesel mechanics.

I am proud to be able to recognize all of the honorees today and I thank them for their service to Nebraska.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mrs. NORTON. Madam Speaker, on September 16, 2010, I was not able to be present for votes on amendments to H.R. 4785, the Rural Energy Savings Program Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall No. 529.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
DONALD LEE BEAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mr. Donald Lee Bean, a devoted husband, father and friend. His life reflected his love for family and friends and an unwavering dedication to journalism.

Mr. Bean grew up in Northfield as one of five boys. He served for four years in the U.S. Air Force, and then he enrolled at Kent State University, where he graduated in 1954. He worked for several Cleveland news outlets, including the Cleveland Press, Cleveland News and a number of radio stations before joining the Plain Dealer in 1961. As a reporter for the 'PD,' Mr. Bean covered all sections of the paper, including crime, City Hall happenings,

courts, feature articles, general assignments and obituaries. He also held the title of Assistant City Editor and for decades was deeply connected to the inner circles within Cleveland's political and social scenes. Thanks to his experience and knowledge, Mr. Bean was the reporter who uncovered stories that no one else could break.

Mr. Bean was a colorful character known for his humor, wit and kindness. He was also known as a great mentor and friend to colleagues. Mr. Bean covered the major stories that helped shape the history of Cleveland, including the Hough and Glenville Riots and the Dr. Sam Sheppard murder trial. Mr. Bean was relentless in his pursuit of the truth; his reporting consistently demonstrated honesty, integrity and fairness. In 1983, he selflessly shared his own personal struggles with alcohol in a piece he wrote for the Plain Dealer, giving hope and inspiration to countless readers. He was also a lifelong blood donor.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mr. Donald Lee Bean. I offer my condolences to his wife, Olga; to his daughter, Nadine; to his sons, Matthew and Scott; to his six granddaughters and one great-granddaughter; and to his many extended family members and numerous friends. Mr. Bean lived his life with a generous heart and love for family and friends. He will always be remembered by those who knew and loved him, and I count myself as one those who loved him.

HONORING MARTY DICKENS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marty Dickens on his receiving the Joe and Honey Rodgers Leadership Award. Named for Honey and the late Joe Rodgers, former United States Ambassador to France, it is fitting this award honor Marty Dickens. From hosting international students, to leading major corporations, to serving on local boards, Dickens shares the drive and example set forth by Ambassador Rodgers.

Following the vision of evangelist Billy Graham, the Operation Andrew Group was launched to meet the spiritual and social needs of Middle Tennessee. Bringing together 250 churches, from a broad spectrum of Christian faiths, the Operation Andrew Group seeks to unify faith-based organizations to act as the catalyst for change. Operation Andrew Group's first major outreach project, The Gathering, attracted over 8,000 attendees in joint worship and praise. Similar events are held annually to focus the faithful of Middle Tennessee on the mission of the Almighty.

I appreciate all the churches, businesses, and civic agencies who from their offerings meet the changing needs of growing community. I also appreciate Marty Dickens for his dedication to Nashville and the surrounding community. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Marty Dickens for his outstanding leadership, commitment to character, and consistency in living the Christian faith.