

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF CARROLLTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 30th anniversary of the founding of Carrollton Christian Academy (CCA) in Carrollton, Texas. Since 1980, CCA has provided a first-class education to hundreds of students. Its expansions since opening include serving students across the world with its international program, begun in 2002. The school, which truly lives its mandate to provide a quality secular and theological education, has become a staple in the area and a boon to all who benefit from its creation and growth.

Under the leadership of director Constance Waddell, then-Sonshine Christian Preschool added a kindergarten program two years after inception. In 1985, it officially incorporated, and was re-named under its current designation. By 1994, only 14 years after opening its doors, CCA graduated its first class and was forced to expand due to increased interest. A new building—complete with classrooms, a gymnasium, and science and computer labs—was built, and opened in the fall of 1994. The school re-located in 2002 to its current location in Carrollton. Today, the school has an athletic field for football and soccer, and in June graduated 49 students.

There are many people to note for their contributions to CCA. In 1985, senior pastor Dr. Paul Morrell helped lead CCA to its renaming and incorporating. That fall, Dr. Morrell, Jeff Dixon, Carla Vaughn, and Marilyn Headley helped lead the school, and incorporators included Dr. Morrell, Ann Morrell, George Etier, Lamont Scarbrough, Carla Vaughn, John Collier, Cindy Shirley, and Doug Giffen. I thank these entrepreneurs for their efforts to improve the communities in which they lived.

I have experienced the high quality of CCA's education through my own children's attendance. Three of my four children went to CCA, and as a parent I could not be prouder of the experiences they received. In both formal education and theological growth, the benefits of CCA are seen every day in the hundreds of graduates and the positive influences those graduates have on their world. It is with great pleasure and pride that I ask all of my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating CCA for over a generation full of successful work for education in both the secular and religious traditions.

HONORING KIA SHAW, LAND
O'LAKE, FL

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Ms. Kia Shaw of Land O'Lakes, Florida. Kia recently received the distinguished title of National American Miss Florida and is the found-

er of Tampa Bay Teens on a Mission. TBTOAM is a community service organization which seeks volunteer opportunities for children. This organization currently has a total of 115 members. Ms. Shaw has proven to be a leader in youth involvement and has created a gateway for children to be actively involved in our community.

She has devoted her time and talents in the last ten months with more than 200 hours of community service; including service to such organizations as the Boys and Girls Club of America, YMCA, Metropolitan Ministries, Pinellas County African-American History Museum, Mount Calvary Deliverance Church, Lake Myrtle Baptist Church, "Dress for Success", Junior achievement, "Soles4Soles" and the St. Joseph's Children's Hospital where she donated \$152.00 from her birthday money and over 100 stuffed animals, coloring books and crayons.

Kia Shaw is an incredible example that the leaders of tomorrow are already making a lasting impact in our community today. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Kia Shaw for her accomplishments, thanking her for her dedication and wishing her all the very best in the very bright future that lies ahead.

RECOGNITION OF CPL. LARRY A.
DRAUGHN, JR. OF DAYTON, OHIO

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a real American hero, United States Marine Cpl. Larry A. Draughn Jr. of Dayton, Ohio. On May 30th, 2009, while out on patrol in Afghanistan, Cpl. Draught lost both legs and nearly lost his life during an IED explosion. I would like to thank him for his service to his country and place this poem, penned in honor of him by Albert Carey Caswell, in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

O . . . HI . . . O

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Are, all of those men who into the face of hell must go!

Marines, like Larry . . . whose courage upon battlefields of honor shows!

Shows us all, how high . . . to what new heights a soul can grow!

Who stand, so very high as do all of those!

For from this great Buckeye State, have but come such Marines with names so great!

Like the Right Stuff, John Glenn . . . Lima Company . . . all of those magnificent men who await!

Men, who go where Angels so fear to tread . . . who all for our nation have so died

And bled . . .

As upon battlefields of honor, their brilliant blood ran red!

Strength In Honor, Uhraah Jar Head!

For Cpl. Draughn, for us you went into that valley of death. . . .

All for God and Country, as was your fine life was so pledged!

And on that morning when you awoke, and found your loss . . . as to you it spoke!

With your two fine legs gone, all that you had left was but your faith and hope!

As on the edge of death, your fine life lie barely left. . . .

As once again, you began a new most heroic quest!

To rebuild somehow, where none lies left!

Day by Day . . . Step by Step . . . as defeat you Marine, would not accept!

For you've got a life to lead and live . . . as you got up. . . . As gained speed!

For Marines Do . . . For Marines Succeed!

And for each other, they will so sacredly live, die and bleed!

As to new heights on this day Larry, all of us you so lead!

Teaching Us . . . Beseeching Us So . . . O . . . HI . . . O, Larry high are you so!

As all in one short year, your strength . . . your courage, has so appeared!

For you are the kind of Son, any father would endear!

Showing us all how high, and far a heart can go . . .

Yes, Maximus . . . you are O . . . HI . . . O!

HONORING THE CITY OF
BURKESVILLE, KENTUCKY

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the bicentennial celebration of the town of Burkesville, Kentucky. I wish to recognize the town of Burkesville's history and its cultural contribution to our country.

Founded by Samuel Burkes, an early settler from Virginia, Burkesville has embodied small town virtues, patriotism, hard work, and the spirit of helping one's neighbor for just over 200 years. As a city on the border of Kentucky, Burkesville played an integral part in the American Civil War and the Cumberland River on the city's southern border served as a major natural barrier between opposing forces during the war.

In the present day, the Cumberland River has provided the City of Burkesville an economic engine due to its excellent recreation and the tourism it provides. Also known for its tourism and bass fishing is the Dale Hollow Lake located just south of Burkesville. Within the great state of Kentucky Burkesville is seen as a place that shows the pure heart and true character of the United States. Everyone who has had the pleasure to set foot within the City's old fashioned town square, myself included, has been able to appreciate the history that this unique town represents.

Madam Speaker, the City of Burkesville is an integral part of Kentucky's history and it is an honor for me to bring this great town to the attention of this House.

RECOGNIZING THE 99TH
ANNIVERSARY OF TAIWAN

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, on October 10th, the Republic of China and Taiwanese Americans will celebrate National Day. The holiday, also known as Double Ten Day, marks the start of an uprising that led to the establishment of the Republic of China. Similar to Independence Day here, National Day is celebrated with parades and firework displays.

As the Republic of China, or as most Americans know it—Taiwan, celebrates its 99th anniversary, the people of Taiwan have much to be proud of. Taiwan is a modern democracy with a strong, advanced economy, and a proud culture.

But, like most any other country, Taiwan must remain vigilant in defending its 23 million citizens. Since passage of the Taiwan Relations Act in 1979, the United States has been an ally of Taiwan, helping it meet its defensive needs. Working in partnership, we can continue to meet the security challenges in East Asia to ensure peace and stability.

I therefore, urge all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Taiwan on its proud 99-year history.

FREEDOM TEMPLE OF ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the tenth anniversary of Freedom Temple Ministries in Rock Hill, South Carolina. The Church was founded on October 8, 2000, as a group of 38 people began "Preparing for the Promise" on the campus of Winthrop University. Freedom Temple Ministries now calls 215 Main Street in Rock Hill its home. The structure, called The Freedom Center, includes a sanctuary which seats 700, a gymnasium with a walking track, and 65 classrooms. Various youth and community outreach programs are housed here and the congregation looks forward to making the facility an intricate part of the Rock Hill community. Today, Pastor Herbert C. Crump, Jr. leads the congregation. Freedom Temple Ministries has made a significant impact on the spiritual wellbeing of its followers and will continue to serve God and country for years to come.

HONORING DR. VENKAT RAO

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Venkat Rao. On Saturday, October 30th, the Genesee County Medical Society will honor its outgoing president, Dr. Venkat Rao, at their annual Presidents' Ball to be held in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Dr. Rao graduated from Guntar Medical School College and completed his residency and pulmonology fellowship in Chicago. After serving on the faculties of Loyola University School of Medicine and at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Dr. Rao practiced medicine in Peoria, Illinois from 1986 to 1992. He relocated to the Flint area and now specializes in pulmonology-critical care and sleep medicine.

Active with the Genesee County Medical Society for many years, Dr. Rao is a member of the Board of Directors, represents Genesee and Shiawassee Counties on the Michigan State Medical Society Board of Directors, serves as a delegate to the Michigan State

Medical Society House of Delegates and has served on several American Medical Association committees. Deeply committed to enhancing the overall health of people, Dr. Rao works to end the morbidity triangle of obesity, diabetes and smoking.

Married to Dr. Rama Devi Rao, the couple has two children. Daughter, Hima, and son, Bharat, are both pursuing careers as physicians.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the work, dedication and enthusiasm of Dr. Venkat Rao as he steps down as president of the Genesee County Medical Society. I admire his commitment to improving the lives of physicians and his compassion for his patients. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE BROADCOM MASTERS PROGRAM

HON. JOHN CAMPBELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CAMPBELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Broadcom, one of the world's leading chip makers with headquarters in my congressional district, on their announcement of the Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering for Rising Stars), a science fair program designed for students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

The Broadcom Foundation has partnered with the Society for Science and the Public, SSP, to sponsor and run science fairs, which will involve over 100,000 students from over 350 SSP science fairs around the nation.

Of all those participating, judges will nominate 7,500 contestants to compete and, from that group, they will select 300 semi-finalists. Once the semi-finalists compete, 30 students will be chosen for the finals, which will occur in Washington, DC, in the fall of 2011.

The winner will receive a \$25,000 scholarship from the Henry Samueli Foundation—Mr. Samueli is the founder of Broadcom.

I commend Broadcom for its efforts to provide this exciting opportunity for middle school students to showcase their interest in science, technology, engineering and math—what is commonly referred to as STEM education.

STEM education is an area in which the United States led the world for many years, but lately, has been consistently outperformed by several countries. This must not continue. America literally cannot afford to lag behind our competitors in math and science education. There are serious consequences for this failure and they impact the future of this country. We must be proactive in addressing the crisis of a shrinking next generation of American engineers, scientists, mathematicians, and chip makers, like those that propel a company such as Broadcom to success.

Programs like the Broadcom MASTERS will help to both ignite the imaginations of American students and show that math and science have fascinating applications in the real world.

Madam Speaker, I want to express my thanks to the Broadcom Foundation and the Society for Science and the Public for their continued good works, and I look forward to these exciting and inspiring science fairs.

TRIBUTE TO THE POINT BREEZE FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Point Breeze Fire Department in honor of its centennial anniversary. The Point Breeze Fire Department has provided a hundred years of service to the beachside communities of Breezy Point, Roxbury, and Rockaway Point, which are located on the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens, New York, the most populous barrier island in the country.

The Point Breeze Fire Department was established in 1910 and is one of the ten remaining volunteer fire departments in the city of New York. The original department had an operating charter for fifteen years, and in 1976 the Point Breeze Volunteer Fire Department was officially incorporated and recognized as a fire department by Mayor Abraham Beam.

The first fire house was located on Hillcrest Walk near Point Breeze Avenue, facing the bay. It was a wooden structure built above the sand that contained two hose reels and a large, mounted CO₂ extinguisher, all of which had to be pulled manually by the members to a scene of a fire. In 1938 another firehouse was built at 32 Point Breeze Avenue. It would remain the department's headquarters until 1975. The current home of the Point Breeze Volunteer Fire Department, constructed that same year is a modern facility that facilitates the needs of an effective fire department.

The neighborhoods protected by the Point Breeze Fire Department are geographically challenging. The Breezy Point Cooperative is surrounded on two sides by the Atlantic Ocean and on one side by Jamaica Bay. The residential homes are mostly located in the sand and require four wheel drive vehicles to reach them.

The Point Breeze Fire Department has assisted in several marine rescue operations, including the rescue of stranded fisherman and over 300 passengers from a ship named *The Golden Venture* in 1993. The department bravely responded to the World Trade Center attacks on September 11, 2001 and continued to assist the FDNY and NYPD in its rescue efforts at Ground Zero. Only a few months later the department was one of the first companies at the scene of the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 in Belle Harbor.

Today Chief Martin J. Ingram and seventy-five members of the department are responsible for protecting and serving the Breezy Point community. The Point Breeze Fire Department responds to over 125 calls a year which are emergencies such as brush, car, and structure fires; car accidents; floods; storm-related accidents; downed power lines; boats in distress; and blackouts.

Point Breeze Fire Department and all of its members have faithfully served the many communities of the Rockaway peninsula. They have provided necessary services to an isolated part of New York City that rarely receives the attention it deserves. I am pleased to congratulate the department on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.