

HONORING DETROIT CATHOLIC
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS
TEAM

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Division 1 State Champion Tennis team from my alma mater, Detroit Catholic Central High School. Netting their first championship since 1986, this title marks the third state champion campaign for the Shamrocks.

Before the 2010 season began the Catholic Central Tennis team suffered the most devastating loss in their history when Varsity Assistant and Junior Varsity Head Coach Jim Zaption succumbed to a sudden heart attack. Shocked by the loss of their beloved Coach Z, the team needed to find a way to overcome their grief. They did so by playing in his memory and dedicating their season to him. Twelve top-notch players came together under the common goal of winning as Shamrocks not individuals. The result couldn't have been better and Coach Jim Zaption would no doubt be very proud of his young men.

Initially pegged as the number 3 team in Michigan's Division I rankings behind Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron, Head Coach Jim Stafford's squad took the number one ranking on September 27th after having soundly defeated both the Pioneers and the River Rats. The Shamrocks posted a record of 8-0 in dual meets and won 7 tournaments this season enroute to the Catholic League title.

CC dominated the Regional Championship, racking up 31 points to outpace Novi's 2nd place showing of 18. The Blue and White headed to Midland for the State competition with four number 1 seeds and 3 number 2 seeds. On October 16, 2010, after entering the tournament semifinals tied at 23 points with Ann Arbor Pioneer, the Catholic Central Shamrocks capped off an incredible season by defeating Pioneers 32-30 and hoisted the MHSAA trophy.

Coach Joe Stafford credits Coach Jim Zaption's mantra of being a good teammate, playing the right way and putting the team first with solidifying the phenomenal chemistry that led to his team's success. The hard work and dedication of all of its members epitomizes what it means to be a Shamrock. By the teaching of our Basilian Fathers through goodness, discipline and knowledge the entire Catholic Central family, including this alumnus, shares in this accomplishment.

Madam Speaker, after earning the Division 1 State Championship, the 2010 Catholic Central Shamrocks deserve to be recognized for their determination, achievement and spirit. In recognition of their effort and in memory of Coach Jim Zaption, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Shamrocks for obtaining this spectacular title and honoring their devotion to our community and country. Live and Die for CC High!

RECOGNIZING THE LANGFORD
FAMILY AS THE 2010 HOLMES
COUNTY OUTSTANDING FARM
FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is a great pleasure for me to rise today to extend congratulations to the Langford family for being selected as the 2010 Holmes County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

The Langford family farm, located in Westville, Florida, has been a staple of Holmes County since the 1920s. Its owners, Luke and Laurie Langford, have two young sons, Mason and Carson, and are active members of the Holmes County Farm Bureau and Florida Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Leadership Group.

For the past 24 years, Luke has operated the 1,100-acre farm. Over the years, the farm has become home to a diversified agricultural enterprise, with commercial cow and calf farming, cattle pre-conditioning, custom beef and hay production. The farm produces fruits and vegetables and wood-based products. Additionally, the Langford family farm's picturesque landscape provides a fitting setting for agritourism activities, including fishing, trail rides, dove hunting and a pumpkin patch for Halloween.

Madam Speaker, our great nation was built by farmers and their families. The Langford family stands as an excellent example of the farm families that have been the backbone of Holmes County, Florida, and our nation. On behalf of northwest Florida, I wish the Langford family continued success and hope that their family tradition will continue to prosper for many future generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S RECIPIENTS OF OPERATION RECOGNITION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a group of individuals—heroes—who are receiving the recognition and honor they deserve for their service to our country. Operation Recognition is operated by the Riverside County Office of Education with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veterans' Services. The program awards high school diplomas to veterans who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean war, or the Vietnam war, or due to internment in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

A recognition ceremony was held on November 12, 2010, for the following individuals who received their high school diplomas through Operation Recognition: Clifford Burdick, Charles D. Case, Galen L. Christman, Ronald E. Costi, Bill E. Crowe, Howard N. Curren, Michael J. Hendershot, Martin W. Keller, James F. Lancaster, William A. Lea, Jose Macias, Alfred M. Martocchio, Bobby G. McPherson, Robert Moreno, Albert R. Munoz,

Jr., John M. Palmer, Benjamin A. Perry, Rocky S. Porter, Frank Z. Ramirez, Steve Ramirez, Frank R. Sanchez, Raphael V. Shapiro, Jack Sims, Patrick Stanley, Matthew I. Stein, Marion A. Sugamele, Gregg Thompson, and Michael D. Witfoth.

Our country owes a debt of gratitude to all the above recipients for their service and sacrifice. I salute all the above individuals and congratulate them on receiving their high school diploma.

HONORING DR. ROBERT HARVEY

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an educator and mentor from my District in Knoxville, Tennessee, who has dedicated his life to young people and Knoxville College, the institution he loves.

Dr. Robert Harvey has stepped down as President of the College, and he leaves behind an institution much stronger because of his selfless devotion to the school, its students, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Harvey's tenure at Knoxville College spans 68 years, beginning with his time as a student through his time as a beloved professor and finally, the school's President.

I am proud of the role that Knoxville College has played in my District. As Co-Chairman of the House Historically Black Colleges and Universities Caucus, I have always offered whatever support I could to assist the school through the years.

No one has done more for Knoxville College than Dr. Harvey. As long as I can remember, he has always been there when needed.

After graduating from the school in 1946, he went on to teach mathematics. Even after his retirement in 1988, Dr. Harvey continued to teach on a part-time basis and stepped in as interim President four times.

On the occasion of his retirement, Knoxville College has dedicated a scholarship in his name, which will be awarded to a student pursuing higher education in math and science.

Dr. Harvey told the Knoxville News Sentinel that the measure of an institution is how far the student travels. No one has traveled further or sacrificed more to ensure Knoxville College's place for future generations than Dr. Robert Harvey.

I have the privilege of being a member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, the same church to which Dr. Harvey and his wonderful wife, Edwina, also belong.

Bob and Edwina are two of the kindest, most compassionate people I have ever known.

Both grew up, as my father did, in what would be considered bitter poverty today. But far from being bitter, they are two of the most grateful, appreciative people that one could find.

They are grateful to both God and country, and this Nation would be a much better place if there were more people like Dr. Robert and Edwina Harvey.

Madam Speaker, I urge my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in congratulating Dr. Harvey, at the age of 87, on the occasion of his much-earned retirement.

Knoxville College's legacy will forever be tied to his devotion.

A TRIBUTE TO NAJEE J.
HENDERSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Najee J. Henderson for his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

In earning the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts, Najee J. Henderson completed a service project that he planned, organized, and provided leadership for. His project involved educating the community on testicular and prostate cancers. In addition, Najee has demonstrated Scout Spirit, leadership, and advanced skills and knowledge in various subjects by earning a number of Merit Badges.

Najee has demonstrated that he is a positive role model, and has provided an example for younger Boy Scouts to follow.

The skills that Najee has acquired through his experience are valuable skills that will serve him well for many years.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements Najee J. Henderson.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
HONORABLE WARREN SLOCUM

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life's work of the Honorable Warren Slocum, San Mateo County's Chief Elections Officer and County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor, who is retiring after more than two decades of extraordinary service to the County.

There's an old expression that "the people who vote count, as well as the people who count the votes." Warren Slocum counted the votes. He counted them for 23 years, always keenly aware of the importance of both the voters and the counters to the functioning of our government. Warren Slocum has been, quite simply, the man behind the machinery of our great democracy.

Long before becoming that man, Warren Slocum was a soldier and a student. He enlisted in the Army and served in Vietnam, returning to attend San Diego State University on the G.I. Bill, and graduating with Honors in History in 1972. He later pursued graduate studies at San Diego State and Stanford University and worked in the private sector before embarking on his storied public service career.

Rising from Elections Supervisor to Assistant County Clerk and Recorder, Warren Slocum was elected County Clerk-Recorder in 1986, and Chief Elections Officer and County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor in 1993. Warren Slocum's office gave him the longest official title in the County and some of the greatest responsibilities. He managed up to 2,500 staff and an annual budget of \$24 million, over-

seeing the conduct of all elections and voter registration, the valuation of property, and the recording of official documents, including birth, death, and marriage certificates.

Warren Slocum pledged and delivered the highest quality service, guaranteeing integrity and access in the voting process, promoting civic literacy and participation, and providing accurate assessments and first-rate record keeping. Under his leadership, overall office expenditures were reduced by 20%, making millions of dollars available for other programs. Warren Slocum's colleagues have recognized his tireless efforts by selecting him to head countless professional associations. The San Mateo County Economic Development Association has hailed his work as "an example of responsiveness, efficiency and action by an elected official and government office which should be the model for all public agencies."

Throughout his service, Warren Slocum never stopped seeking better solutions. A self-proclaimed "public sector entrepreneur," Warren Slocum brought the spirit of Silicon Valley to his many endeavors, making the San Mateo County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's office the most committed to innovation in the nation. In 1992, and with no supplemental appropriations, he converted the old lever voting machines to a cutting-edge optical scan system, and followed up in subsequent years with an extraordinary display of innovation and modernization. He co-founded the Smart Voter Project, which provides sample ballots and voter information online, and he was the first in California to implement electronic recording. He created the "Wedding Cam" system, allowing friends and relatives to view civil ceremonies on the Web. His blog was the very first on the subject of election reform and verified voting, and his expertise on these matters led him to become a leading voice on high-tech voting in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, MSNBC, and NPR.

Warren Slocum's well-deserved retirement will give him more time with his wife Maria Diaz and their two sons, and for his many hobbies, which include hiking, kayaking, golfing, reading, and playing the piano. Knowing Warren Slocum, however, he won't stop moving. He once swam the "Escape from Alcatraz" race, finishing 286 out of nearly 1,000 swimmers. No doubt, even in retirement, there are more impressive efforts in his future.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary work of Warren Slocum and wish him a retirement filled to the brim with good health and many new adventures. Warren says he was raised to believe that one person can make a difference, and he has been working all his life to do just that. The creativity and accountability he has brought to the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's office, and the deep integrity and abiding respect for our system of government, have made Warren Slocum a model County official, and a man we could count on to count right. I count myself blessed to know this dedicated public servant who has done so much to make our democracy flourish, and has strengthened our community and our country in countless ways.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES W.
"CHARLIE" MEYERS, SR.

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Charles W. Meyers, a native San Franciscan, who passed away recently. He is survived by his beloved wife, Alene, and his daughters Charlene and Geraldine and his son, Charles "Chip" Meyers.

Charlie, who enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942, served 20 years in the State Assembly where he admirably represented San Francisco. First elected at age 24, he was one of the youngest men to be seated in the State Legislature. He chaired several key committees and distinguished himself in his work on protecting water quality, especially in the Bay Area. He was a staunch opponent of filling in tidelands and he won key protections for the right of cities and counties to exercise control over the location of highways and freeways. He was a great consumer advocate, authoring laws to toughen penalties for product trademark counterfeiting while cracking down on unscrupulous car mechanics and tow truck operators.

He was a member of a wide variety of service organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, Native Sons of the Golden West, Guadalupe Parlor, the San Francisco Friars Club, the Disabled American Veterans, the San Francisco Bay Area Emerald Society and he was a charter member of the United Irish Cultural Center. In 2006, he was honored as the San Franciscan of the year by the San Francisco Forum, and the following year the University of San Francisco recognized him for his many years of public service. He will be sorely missed as will his infectious smile and the ease at which he would break into laughter. Of course, his annual crab feed was legendary as were the phone calls he would make on behalf of the causes he supported.

Madam Speaker, I ask that this body join me in a moment of silence for a tireless public servant who has left us with fond memories of a life well lived.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALL SAINTS
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate All Saints Roman Catholic Church on its momentous 150th Anniversary. The history of All Saint, located in Bridesburg, in Northeast Philadelphia, is the chronicle of a dedicated group of faithful parishioners determined to establish a spiritual home. The founding families were immigrants seeking to build a congregation where language was not a barrier. In 1860, a shortage of priests and a scarcity of money to buy land to build a church challenged the founders' efforts. These adversities were overcome with the help of His Grace, Father James F. Wood, Archbishop of Philadelphia, who requested