

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
WRESTLING TEAM

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 19, 2010*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Division 1 State Champion Wrestling team from my alma mater, Detroit Catholic Central High School. On February 27, 2010, the Catholic Central Shamrocks defeated Rockford 39–24 to hoist their first state championship trophy since 1988.

Third year Head Coach Mitch Hancock, an individual state final winner for the Shamrocks in 2000, saw all fourteen of his wrestlers earn a berth to the Individual State Finals. This is the first time in recent Division 1 history that an entire team has qualified for the Individual State meet. Three Shamrock grapplers brought home individual state titles to complement the team championship. This is truly a tremendous accomplishment for a devoutly dedicated group of young men. 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.

Following in the remarkable tradition of legendary Catholic Central Coach Mike Rodriguez, who was both coach and mentor to current Coach Mitch Hancock, the Shamrock's brought home their eighth state wrestling team title.

Madam Speaker, with a season record of 27–4, the 2010 Catholic Central Shamrocks deserve to be recognized for their determination, achievement and spirit and I am very proud of their determination and effort. 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 FAIRFAX COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2010  
VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

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plified by our public safety agencies and their commitment to the community. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line everyday to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. Nearly 80 individuals are receiving awards at the 2010 ceremony in a variety of categories: The Life-saving Award, the Certificate of Valor, or the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Medal of Valor.

Four members of the Herndon Police Department are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that we submit their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Recipients of the 2010 Lifesaving Award are: Corporal Robert Galpin, Senior Police Officer Justin Dyer and Officer Jeffrey Lange.

Recipients of the 2010 Certificate of Valor are: Corporal Robert Galpin, Senior Police Officer Mark Fraser.

Madam Speaker, we would like to thank all of the men and women who serve in the Herndon Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. We ask our colleagues to join us in commending this group of remarkable citizens.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE  
OF NOWRUZ AND CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF IRANIAN-AMERICANS

SPEECH OF

**HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 15, 2010*

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, the following speech, "Nowruz: A New Day for Humanity," was given by Dr. Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak, on the evening of March 17, 2010, at the Library of Congress for the Nowruz Commission's inaugural event. Dr. Karimi-Hakkak serves as Chair of the Nowruz Commission's Cultural Committee.

NOWRUZ: A NEW DAY FOR HUMANITY

Nowruz, literally meaning "new day," has lived up to its name in wondrous ways. For at least three millennia, it has provided the supreme occasion for renewal and rejuvenation. The power behind its inexhaustible appeal resides in a simple truth: humans need a ritual that transcends distinct and distinguishable group identities to celebrate our common humanity. Nowruz does so by inviting everyone to contemplate nature as it puts on its most magnificent dress at springtime and to synchronize personal and communal relations with the spirit of nature. Pointing to nature's ability to renew itself each and every year, Nowruz manifests intense human yearnings that transcend all divisions. The roots of Nowruz are scattered in myth and in history in much of western Asia and is anchored most profoundly in Persian mythology, where it marks the beginning of the calendar. In recent centuries, as Empires in India and Iran, in Anatolia and Central Asia gave way to the modern countries, Nowruz has been celebrated in accordance with myriad local customs and traditions. Everywhere, however, it offers the promise of a human community in which a race of all races can create a new global culture beyond all nationhood and nationality. It aspires to

no less than a human community as beautiful and colorful as nature on the first day of spring.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
FOOTBALL TEAM

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 19, 2010*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Division 1 State Champion Football team from my alma mater, Detroit Catholic Central High School. On November 27, 2009 the Catholic Central Shamrocks steamrolled Sterling Heights Stevenson 31–21. The win capped off an undefeated season for the Blue and White.

This 2009 Catholic Central football team gave Coach Tom Mach the 10th State Championship in his 34 seasons as head coach of the Shamrocks. This is truly a remarkable accomplishment for this close-knit group of young men. The hard work and dedication of all of its members epitomize 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.

Following a wildly successful Catholic season that saw 6 shutouts and a defense that allowed only 23 points on the season, Catholic Central added yet another shutout, edging Orchard Lake St. Mary's 7–0 for the Detroit Catholic League Championship. After routing Livonia Franklin 42–7 in the district opener, the Shamrocks exacted revenge on Livonia Stevenson, who had ended Catholic Central's 2008 playoff run by trouncing the Spartans 38–0. With the win Coach Mach became only the 7th coach in Michigan history to have reached 300 wins, all at the helm of Catholic Central.

But there was more to accomplish. A determined Canton team forced the Shamrocks into overtime before Catholic Central ran into the end zone on the first possession. The stingy Shamrock defense wouldn't budge, and the beloved Blue and White eked out a 31–27 triumph.

With only Holt standing in the path to the finals at Ford Field, the Shamrocks rolled to a 31–0 win, racking up the 9th shutout of their spectacular season.

Finally a winning team took to the turf of Ford Field as Catholic Central went to the big dance against Sterling Heights Stevenson. While this Stevenson team fared slightly better than their Livonia counterparts, the Shamrocks met their final challenge and soared to a 31–21 victory, raising the Division 1 trophy in triumph.

Madam Speaker, with a season record of 14–0, the 2009 Catholic Central Shamrocks deserve to be recognized for their determination, achievement, and spirit and I am very proud of their determination and effort. 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!

SUPPORTING GOALS AND IDEALS  
OF RED CROSS MONTH

SPEECH OF

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2010*

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of our Nation's outstanding service organizations, the American Red Cross.

The American Red Cross has been at the forefront of disaster preparedness and response for more than a century. Since its formation in 1881, the foundation has established itself as one of the most effective and recognizable disaster relief organizations in the world. In President Franklin D. Roosevelt's first Presidential Declaration in 1943, he requested that "people rededicate themselves to the splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross" each March. We have an opportunity this month to continue this tradition, and recognize the essential role the Red Cross plays in our communities.

Over 600,000 Red Cross volunteers provide shelter, food, health, and mental health services for more than 70,000 natural and man-made disasters every year. Additionally, the Red Cross provides blood to disaster victims, helps those affected to access other available resources, and assists concerned family members outside the disaster area.

Whether it is a hurricane or a single-family home fire, the American Red Cross is there. During the past year, the local Red Cross Chapter helped 500 Nassau County residents who were displaced by floods or fires. The timely response to these small-scale, but devastating disasters is one of the Red Cross' most invaluable humanitarian services.

Large-scale disasters also demonstrate the Red Cross' successes. Since the January 12th earthquake in Haiti, the Red Cross has provided assistance to more than 1.9 million people in that country, and will continue to aid hundreds more in the months ahead. In addition to the ongoing, large-scale response to Haiti, the Red Cross plans to assist 15,000 families affected by the recent earthquake in Chile with shelter, emergency medical care, and water and sanitation services.

The employees of the Red Cross, the tireless and dedicated work of volunteers, and the thousands of citizens who donate to support these relief efforts epitomize the altruism and community spirit of the American people. I join with my colleagues to recognize the Red Cross, and once again thank the organization's staff and volunteers for all of their continued assistance to American communities.

## HONORING DICK PURTAN

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 19, 2010*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of WOMC-FM radio host Mr. Dick Purtan after 45 years on the air in Detroit.

During his 45-year career, Mr. Purtan has become a well recognized radio personality

nationwide. From his work at WOMC-FM, Mr. Purtan has been inducted into the Michigan Broadcasters Hall of Fame, National Radio Hall of Fame and won the Marconi award for being the Nation's top radio personality.

Mr. Purtan is also known for his dedication to philanthropic works benefitting the Metro Detroit area. In September 2009, he and his wife Gail were named "Goodfellows of the Year" by the Detroit Goodfellows Organization. Since 1988, Mr. Purtan has raised \$22 million for those in need through an annual Radiothon to benefit the Salvation Army's Bed and Bread program. Also, Mr. Purtan supports Children's Hospital as well as the Karmanos Cancer Center through the Gail Purtan Ovarian Cancer Research Fund.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Dick Purtan will be remembered for his award winning personality and as a philanthropist and friend to Metro Detroit. As we celebrate his retirement, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his many achievements and honoring the contributions he made to society.

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Five members of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that we submit their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Recipient of the 2010 Certificate of Valor is: Second Lieutenant William A. Cooper

Recipient of the 2010 Silver Medal of Valor is: Sergeant Shannon T. Willey

Recipients of the 2010 Bronze Medal of Valor are: Second Lieutenant Charles E. Formeck, Private First Class Frederick H. Cameron and Private First Class Jesse Hernandez.

Madam Speaker, we would like to thank all of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. We ask our colleagues to join us in commending this group of remarkable citizens.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
HOCKEY TEAM**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

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Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Division 1 State Champion Hockey team from my alma mater, Detroit Catholic Central High School. On March 13, 2010 the Catholic Central Shamrocks routed Howell 6-1. In a repeat of last year's matchup the Royal Blue and White again hoisted the championship trophy and capped off a nearly perfect 27-1-1 season.

This victory marked the 14th state hockey title for Catholic Central and a record 5th Division 1 state title for the 2009-2010 athletic season. This victory came right after the cross country, football, wrestling and bowling teams all won championships. This is a remarkable achievement for these exemplary young men. The hard work and dedication of all 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.

Following a successful regular season campaign with only a single 1-0 loss, Catholic Central embarked on a determined postseason run, outscoring their opponents 31-3. After beating Northville 5-1 in their first pre-regional game, the Shamrocks decimated Brighton 8-0 in the second pre-regional round. In the Region 7 Final, they defeated Livonia Stevenson 2-0.

Head Coach Todd Johnson's players crashed the net in their quarterfinal match against Ann Arbor Huron, hammering out an 8-0 win. In a true test of will, CC relied on a strong defense to oust a scrappy Orchard Lake St. Mary's squad as they cleared the semifinal to make their second consecutive trip to the Division 1 final against Howell. Going into the 3rd period the Royal Blue and White held a 3-1 lead before slamming home three unanswered goals for a 6-1 win.

Madam Speaker, with a season record of 27-1-1, the 2009-2010 Catholic Central Shamrocks Hockey Team deserves to be recognized for their determination, achievement and spirit. I am very proud of their effort and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Shamrocks for having brought yet another title home and in honoring their devotion to our community and country. Live and Die for CC High!

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