

in the We the People academic competition outperform national samples of high school students participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress political test by at least 22 percent.

Madam Speaker, the outstanding students from Lamar Academy who participated include:

Aaron Barreiro, Rebecca Basaldua, Victoria Brown, Cameron Crane, Vincent Honrubia, Ali Lopez, Vanessa Lopez, George Mendoza, Luciana Milano, Daniela Montemayor, Patrick Muniz, Jorge Salazar, Paola Salazar, Katy Schaffer, Clark Scroggin, Rodrigo Velasquez, and Tori Velasquez.

I also wish to commend the teacher of the class, LeAnna Morse, who is responsible for preparing these young constitutional experts for the National Finals. Also worthy of special recognition are Jan Miller, the state coordinator, and Mick West, the district coordinator who are responsible for implementing the We the People program in my district.

I congratulate these young "constitutional experts" on their tremendous achievement at the We the People national finals.

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, May 2010 is "Building Safety Month," as declared by the International Code Council, ICC, and its affiliate Foundation. The ICC has a 30-year legacy of safe building and promoting longevity, responsibility, and sustainability in building practices.

I believe it's important to recognize the ICC and "Building Safety Month" because all of us take the painstaking work of code enforcement for granted. Every single day, codes and code enforcers provide safeguards for families, businesses, and governments. We take for granted the codes surrounding fire safety and structural efficiency. We walk through hallways, sleep in bedrooms, work in offices, and exercise in gyms and take our safety and security for granted. May is a month to think about the benefits of building codes and code enforcement and the safety we enjoy because of careful planning.

This year's ICC theme is "Building Safety: Commemorating a 30-year Legacy of Leadership" and a spotlight will shine on four specific areas of the built environment: energy and green building, disaster safety and mitigation, fire awareness and safety, and backyard safety. I applaud the ICC for promoting their safety and awareness values this year, especially considering the devastating effects of natural disasters in the recent past. Furthermore, the President of the ICC Board of Directors, Ronald L. Lynn, reiterated the Code Council's steadfast willingness to support and help lead, along with the State Department, the rebuilding of Haiti in a way that will create "disaster resilience." The ICC is providing leadership and instilling value in an arena that, again, we too often take for granted.

The Code Council's emphasis on sustainable building is another aspect of Building Safety Month I want to acknowledge. This Congress, I introduced a comprehensive, bi-

partisan energy efficiency tax incentives package—The Expanding Building Efficiency Incentives Act of 2009—that has been recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council as one of their top legislative initiatives of the 111th Congress. It is reassuring to know that the ICC is also working to promote and further the goals of sustainable building.

Madam Speaker, I offer my thanks to the International Code Council for their leadership on building safety, disaster awareness, and sustainable building. I believe the Code Council and this House can work together to help lead our Nation and this world into a more secure future.

HONORING JUDY WALT JAMESON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Judy Walt Jameson upon being named as a 2010 Common Threads honoree. Dr. Jameson will be honored by California State University, Fresno at the 2010 Common Threads Award luncheon to be held on Friday, April 16, 2010.

Dr. Jameson is a small animal veterinarian in Tulare County. She and her husband, Connor, who is a dairy industry veterinarian, work very closely with fellow veterinarians in advancing educational experiences. For many years, Dr. Jameson has opened their family home for veterinarian students from the University of California, Davis to train and learn the most advanced techniques and dairy management tools. She also opens her home every year to veterinarians from around the world to attend, or work at, the annual World Age Expo in Tulare, California.

For twenty years Dr. Jameson has served on the Sundale Elementary School Board of Trustees. She is a strong supporter of Sundale's outstanding Ag-Science program that continues to grow every year. She has been a member of the Tulare-Kings Veterinarian Medical Association since 1974, and has been involved with the development of a veterinarian technician program at the College of the Sequoias.

Dr. Jameson is a member of First Christian Church in Visalia, where she has served as Youth Development Chair, Women's Bible Study leader, Mission Ministry Chair and member of the Building Committee. She is a member of the Tulare Kings Veterinarian Medical Association and the Visalia Christian Club. She has served on the Board of Directors and as Board President of Visalia Senior Housing. For her dedicated service, Dr. Jameson received the Sundale School Foundation Award. She and her husband have two adult sons.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Judy Walt Jameson upon her achievements. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Jameson many years of continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF TASTE OF HEAVEN AND THE PRINCE WILLIAM MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Taste of Heaven hosted by the Prince William Ministerial Association. This year, the Taste of Heaven celebrates its eighth service.

The genesis of the bi-annual worship service occurred when members of the Prince William Ministerial Association came together for a prayer group. During their discussion and worship, they came to the realization that the "11 o'clock hour" on Sunday morning in America is our nation's most segregated.

Established in 1996, the Taste of Heaven seeks to break down the denominational and racial barriers that are so starkly borne out during the "11 o'clock hour." The service demonstrates that the churches of Prince William County can come together across ethnic, social and sectarian boundaries and worship as one congregation.

I am honored to recognize the churches and organizations participating in this noble exercise in fellowship and community: All Saints Church, Bethel AME Church Dale City, Bethel UMC, Larry G. Brown, Care Net Pregnancy Resource Centers, Centerpoint Church of God, Christ Chapel Assemblies of God, The Connection, Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Cutting Edge Ministries, Dale City Christian Church, First Mount Zion Baptist Church, Heritage Presbyterian Church, Harvest Life Changers Church International, Hylton Memorial Chapel, Iglesia de Dios Canaan, Little Union Baptist Church, Mount Olive Baptist Church, Mount Zion Baptist Church, New Covenant Fellowship, New Life Anointed Ministries, Open Heart Open Bible Community Church, Preston Wines, Sentara Potomac Hospital Chaplaincy, Reconciliation Community Church, The Salvation Army, Star of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Tribe of Judah Miracle Center, Trinity Temple Church of God, Victory Family Outreach Ministries, Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Young Life, Word Alive Full Gospel Church.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Prince William Ministerial Association for bringing together local faith communities to celebrate their common purpose. We sow the seeds of tolerance and understanding when we respect our differences and celebrate our common humanity.

CONGRATULATING ESTHER SILVER-PARKER

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to recognize and extend my congratulations to Esther Silver-Parker as she retires from a trailblazing career as one of America's top African-American female corporate executives. Her reputation as a consensus builder and advocate for diversity has won her

many accolades and honors for her commitment to practical solutions in today's global economy.

A vocal champion of equal opportunity access to healthcare, education, and employment, Esther Silver-Parker was most recently Wal-Mart's Senior Vice-President of Corporate Affairs. Responsible for strategic-planning and management, Silver-Parker focused on the company's relationships with stakeholders in emerging markets, small businesses, and entrepreneurial initiatives. Prior to joining Wal-Mart, Silver-Parker served as Vice President of Corporate Affairs at AT&T, and President of the AT&T Foundation. She also directed AT&T's National Constituency Relations, Issues Management and Corporate Social Responsibility Programs.

Silver-Parker's excellence in corporate leadership, however, is unmatched by her dedication to compassionate and impactful service at both the national and international levels. She has served as President of the International Women's Forum and has traveled to the Congo, Burundi, and Kenya with the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church to study health conditions and quality of life of women and children. She is a frequent speaker on issues pertaining to women, diversity, corporate social responsibility and strategic philanthropy.

Throughout her journey, Esther Silver-Parker has mentored countless young people and has made it a personal priority to extend her individual and professional success into many communities. Her work on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation has made a lasting impact in the lives of African-American students, teachers, parents, and schools.

Esther has received numerous awards, including the Ebony Magazine Award for Outstanding Women in Corporate Marketing, the Congressional Black Caucus Unsung Hero Award, the DECA Award for outstanding businesswoman, New York City Gus D'Amato Community Service Award, the Atlanta Business League's Outstanding Corporate Person Award, the National AIDS Fund's Leadership Award, the Asian Pacific Islanders Women's Leadership Starfish Award, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. President's Award, Northwest Arkansas' Just Communities Humanitarian of the Year Award, The Links Spirit Award, the 100 Black Men of America Excellence Award, The Diversity Advocate Award and The Corporate Excellence Award from the National Action Network.

I am immensely grateful for Esther Silver-Parker's selflessness and dedication, and deeply honored to call her my friend.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,940,953,934,792.90.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,302,528,188,499.10 so far this Congress.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 7

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for April 2010.

SD-106

MAY 11

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine current issues related to offshore oil and gas development including the Department of the Interior's recent five year planning announcements and the accident in the Gulf of Mexico involving the offshore oil rig Deepwater Horizon.

SR-325

Finance

To resume hearings to examine the President's proposed fee on financial institutions regarding the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), part 3.

SD-215

Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

SD-226

Environment and Public Works

Water and Wildlife Subcommittee

Oversight Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) role in protecting ocean health.

SD-406

2 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Employment and Workplace Safety Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine safe patient handling and lifting standards for a safer American workforce.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine economic and environmental impacts of the recent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

SD-406

MAY 12

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Iran sanctions, focusing on why the United States Government does business with companies who do business with Iran.

SD-342

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Reserve component programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Judiciary

Terrorism and Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine espionage statutes.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Air Force.

SD-192

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Disaster Recovery Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Stafford Act reform, focusing on sharper tools for a smarter recovery.

SD-342

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the future of United States human space flight.

SR-253

2:45 p.m.

Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on operations in Afghanistan.

SVC-217

MAY 13

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian school safety.

SD-628

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine building a secure future for multiemployer pension plans.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-226

MAY 18

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To resume hearings to examine issues related to offshore oil and gas exploration including the accident involving the Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico.

SD-366

MAY 19

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the proposed Constitution of the U.S. Virgin Islands, S. 2941, to provide supplemental ex gratia compensation to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for impacts of the nuclear testing program of the United States, H.R. 3940, to amend Public Law 96-597 to clarify the