

I would like to note one concern I have with this legislation. Section 123 establishes a working group to coordinate the policies of various agencies regarding public access to the results of federally-funded research. I agree that coordination could improve technical uniformity in the dissemination of data, boosting interoperability across agencies and disciplines. However, the working group should not extend its mandate to demand uniformity in all public access policies, such as those for scientific publications. In particular, it should not interfere with the policy of the National Institutes of Health, which requires free public access to the published results of research funded by NIH. This legislation should not be interpreted to restrict existing open access to scientific knowledge, or to prevent its expansion.

This issue aside, I am pleased of the commitment we are making to science and innovation today, and I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, due to being unavoidably delayed, I missed the vote on the passage of H.R. 5014, to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage (roll No. 260). I would have voted in favor of this bill, which passed overwhelmingly by a margin of 417-0 had I been present to record my vote.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BIRMINGHAM GROVES HIGH SCHOOL FALCONS' BOYS SWIM TEAM FOR WINNING THEIR SIXTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Birmingham Wiley E. Groves High School Falcons' boys swimming and diving team, its coaches Matt Watson, Dave Eichenhorn, Seena Karapetian and Virginia Naegly, Birmingham Schools Superintendent David Larson, Groves Principal Fred Procter and Athletic Director Tom Flynn on the team's 2010 MHSAA Division 2 State championship. As a Member of Congress it is both my honor and privilege to recognize the team and its outstanding coaches on this hard fought and impressive victory.

Established in 1959, in the Village of Beverly Hills, Birmingham Groves High School has developed a rich history of academic and athletic excellence. This victory at the 2010 Division 2 MHSAA State swim meet caps off an incredible year for the Falcons, who had a nearly perfect season in their run up to the State championship. This championship victory also marks the team's fourth State championship in the last ten years and sixth State championship in school history. For this year's

seniors, the championship victory represents the culmination of their high school athletic careers. Four years in the making, it is a vindication of the team's hard fought and close second place finish at last year's State championship and a testament to the spirit of the team.

This year's Division 2 State championship meet began as it would end, with victories for the Falcons. The team set the tone for the event by finishing first in the opening 200 meter medley relay, followed by first place finishes in the 100 meter backstroke and the 400 meter freestyle relay. In addition to its terrific wins, the Falcons finished in the top four spots in half of the twelve events at the championship meet.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the Birmingham Groves High School's boys swim team and its coaches on this great achievement. This victory was truly a team effort, made possible by countless hours of practice by the team, the guidance of the team's coaches, the support of the team's dedicated parents and the commitment of the school's administration. The Falcons' determination to succeed and their commitment to excellence are most exemplary virtues. I wish the team and its coaches many more successes and championships in the coming years ahead.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF CYNTHIA DELORES TUCKER

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1094, which honors the tremendous accomplishments of the late Cynthia Delores Tucker. Ms. Tucker dedicated her life to advancing the interests of women and minorities in the United States. Raised in Philadelphia during the Great Depression, Ms. Tucker overcame great hardships to become one of our Nation's leaders in both the Civil Rights Movement and the fight for women's rights. After a life full of achievements and milestones, Ms. Tucker passed away in 2005 at the age of 78. We owe our national gratitude to Ms. Tucker, an American hero who made the United States a more fair and tolerant country.

I thank Chairman CONYERS for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I also thank the sponsor of this legislation, Congresswoman WATSON, for her commitment to ensuring that the legacy of Cynthia Delores Tucker always shines as a beacon of social progress.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Tucker became politically active in 1950, when she worked to register African American voters during Philadelphia's mayoral campaign. She went on to play a central role in the Civil Rights Movement and marched with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from Selma to Montgomery in support of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In January of 1971, Governor Milton Shapp appointed Ms. Tucker as Pennsylvania's secretary of state, making her the first African American female secretary of state in the country. While serving as secretary of state, Ms. Tucker was a leader in the successful effort to add an Equal Rights

Amendment to Pennsylvania's State constitution, guaranteeing equal rights for women under State law. She also oversaw the lowering of the Pennsylvania voting age from 21 to 18 years old.

In 1984, Ms. Tucker founded the National Political Congress of Black Women, an organization dedicated to supporting the interests and well-being of African American women and their families. Ms. Tucker was also the first African American president of the National Federation of Democratic Women and founded the Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association for Non-Violence. Additionally, she founded the Bethune-Dubois Institute in an effort to promote the cultural and educational development of African American youth.

In her later years, Ms. Tucker spearheaded a campaign against gangster rap music containing lyrics glamorizing criminal lifestyles and disrespect of women. In this effort to combat the negativity in gangster rap music, Ms. Tucker initiated a boycott of companies that produced such music and spoke out in objection to the NAACP honoring rapper Tupac Shakur with its Image Award.

William Tucker, Ms. Tucker's husband of more than forty years, once described her as "one of the most fearless individuals I have ever known. She will take on anyone, anything, if that is what she thinks is right. . . . I tell her there are times you have to compromise, but she is not one who will readily entertain the idea of compromise about anything." It was this dedication to social progress and unwillingness to settle for anything short of equality for all that makes Ms. Tucker a national hero.

I salute the dedication and resilience that characterized Ms. Tucker's work throughout her life. I am truly grateful for her efforts to help women and minorities achieve equality and justice.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1094.

RECOGNIZING MARK SPENCER

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mark Spencer as he retires from teaching with the Flint Community Schools. A celebration will be held on May 21st in his honor.

As part of a long line of educators, Mark began his career teaching with the Swartz Creek School District in 1978. He taught in Swartz Creek Schools for 7 years and then moved to Flint Community Schools working first as a Community School Director then as a school teacher. Over 25 years, Mark worked at Doyle Ryder, Potter, McKinley, Whittier, Cody, and Neithercut Schools. He holds a Master of Arts degree from Central Michigan University and is considered a master teacher by Flint Community Schools.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mark Spencer as he retires from Flint Community Schools. I commend him for his work developing the talents of children and wish him the best as he starts the next phase of his life.

HONORING THE RICHMOND HIGH
SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding season put forth by the Richmond High School Blue Devils Wrestling Team. Throughout the entire year, the members of the 2010 team demonstrated true solidarity, and great individual fortitude worthy of many accolades. And judging by the trophy case, the Blue Devils have the hardware to prove it.

To start, Richmond won the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Division III Team State Title! This is the school's fourth state title since 2000, after winning the State's top award in 2002 and 2006. But I would be remiss if I did not also point out the Blue Devils' other impressive final finishes where they earned state runner-up in 1996, 2004 and 2007. In addition, Blue Devils Brian Henke and Stephen Ireland dominated their weight classes to win individual state titles. They manufactured impressive overall records of 50–0 and 30–0 respectively.

Madam Speaker, my home county of Macomb certainly noticed what the Blue Devils were able to accomplish as they took home "Team of the Year" honors. But this was just icing on the cake as individual team members picked up numerous awards. Stephen Ireland, Dominic Cattera, Justin Russo, Pat Baruth, Preston Treend, Brian Henke, Adrian Morang, Roger Crump and Dakota Boldrey all earned First Team All Macomb County for Division II, III, and IV. Dustin Pitcel, Garrett Edwards, Casey Martin and Greg Sebastian were named to the Second Team; while Austin Cattera and Josh Rivard earned spots on the Third Team. Brandon Pawlak, Grant Hafner, Sean Clancy, Alex Morang, Austin Kratt, Scott Gulette, Robert Clancy and Eric Boyd followed up with Honorable Mention distinctions.

Macomb also selected an All-County Dream Team which had five members from Richmond—Stephen Ireland, Dominic Cattera, Justin Russo, Preston Treend, and Brian Henke who all got the nod.

I commend Coaches Robert Hablin, George Hamblin and Brandon Day for their efforts to prepare this team for battle on the mat every day. They were shining examples of strong leadership. They also realized this quest to be very demanding, so they put the team through intense physical training and offered the guidance and mental focus needed to wrestle.

I believe these key attributes are crucial and inseparable once you cross that line to compete. The Blue Devils coaching staff had the ability to keep the team energized and hungry each time they faced off against their opponents. This is an extremely difficult task, considering the various pressures and distractions a high school student-athlete encounters.

Madam Speaker, simply put, it is not easy to remain at the top of your chosen field, no matter what your profession is. Once a team wins a championship they become a target, and their foes become even more determined to defeat them.

But to this point, I would evoke the words of Green Bay Packers legendary football Coach Vince Lombardi who once said, "Winning is

not a sometime thing; it's an all the time thing. You don't win once in a while; you don't do the right thing once in awhile; you do them right all the time. Winning is a habit. Unfortunately, so is losing." History clearly shows the Richmond High School Wrestling Program has developed a habit of winning and an environment that breeds success.

Moreover, I wish to recognize the hard work, determination and teamwork displayed by all the members of the 2010 Richmond High School Wrestling Program. I applaud the coaches, support staff, teachers, parents and fans alike, for their assistance and for making this another season to remember.

Despite the injuries and grueling practices, the Blue Devils showed once again they had what it takes to accomplish their ultimate goal—a state title! Teamwork, dedication and friendship all helped deliver this championship. I know the City of Richmond and Macomb County take great pride in what these young men were able to accomplish at each level of achievement.

Madam Speaker, I certainly share that pride and express my personal congratulations. This team has exceeded all expectations and lived up to the strong traditions that define Richmond Wrestling. Way to go Blue Devils!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes due to a natural disaster in my district. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows: May 4, 2009.

Rollcall vote 243, on motion to suspend the rules and agree—H. Res. 1307—Honoring the National Science Foundation for 60 years of service to the Nation—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 244, on motion to suspend the rules and agree—H. Res. 1213—Recognizing the need to improve the participation and performance of America's students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields, supporting the ideals of National Lab Day—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 245, on motion to suspend the rules and agree, as amended—H. Res. 1132—Honoring the USS *New Mexico* as the sixth Virginia-class submarine commissioned by the U.S. Navy to protect and defend the United States—I would have voted "aye."

May 5, 2010.

Rollcall vote 246, on motion to suspend the rules and agree, as amended—H. Res. 1320—Attempted Terrorist Attack in Times Square on May 1, 2010—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 247, on motion to suspend the rules and agree—H. Res. 1272—Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the May 4, 1970, Kent State University shootings—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 248, on motion to suspend the rules and agree, as amended—H. Res. 1301—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Train Day—I would have voted "nay."

May 6, 2010.

Rollcall vote 249, on agreeing to the resolution—H. Res. 1329—Providing for consider-

ation of the bill (H.R. 5019) to provide for the establishment of the Home Star Retrofit Rebate Program, and for other purposes—I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote 250, on motion to suspend the rules and agree—H. Res. 1295—Celebrating the role of mothers in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of Mothers Day—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 251, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended—H.R. 1722—Telework Improvements Act—I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote 252, on agreeing to the amendment—H.R. 5019—Barton of Texas Amendment No. 2—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 253, on agreeing to the amendment—H.R. 5019—Burgess of Texas Amendment No. 4—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 254, on motion to recommit with instructions—H.R. 5019—Home Star Energy Retrofit Act—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 255, on passage—H.R. 5019—Home Star Energy Retrofit Act—I would have voted "nay."

INTRODUCTION OF "ACCESS TO
BIRTH CONTROL ACT"

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing the Access to Birth Control (ABC) Act along with 12 other Members of the House of Representatives. Senator FRANK LAUTENBERG is introducing companion legislation in the Senate. Ninety-eight percent of American women use birth control at some point in their lives. This bill ensures that any woman who would like birth control and who has a legal prescription or is seeking over-the-counter emergency contraception, will be able to get it in a timely and convenient manner.

The ABC Act would make it illegal for a pharmacist to refuse to return a birth control prescription, or for a pharmacist to intimidate, threaten, or harass customers, or intentionally breach, or threaten to breach, medical confidentiality.

Under my bill, if a pharmacist on duty refuses to fill the prescription, then the pharmacy must ensure that another employee on staff fills the prescription for the customer without delay.

Very simply, this legislation ensures a woman's legal access to birth control.

An alarming trend has erupted in some pharmacies across the nation. Over the past few years, there have been increasing reports of pharmacists refusing to fill prescriptions for birth control pills. In some cases, pharmacists have kept and refused to transfer a prescription, refused to sell over-the-counter emergency contraception, or given the customer false medical information about the requested birth control. Pharmacists have taken it upon themselves to decide whose prescription they will fill and which over the counter medication they will provide.

Despite action by the Food and Drug Administration to make emergency contraception available without a prescription to women over the age of 17, refusals among pharmacists continue to be a problem. Access to birth control is especially important for women living in