

## 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 Kraft, 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

rural areas who may not have multiple pharmacies near them and for women from low-income communities who lack the resources to find another pharmacy in the appropriate time. Women from all walks of life are being traumatized and humiliated at the hands of pharmacists who are denying them their right to contraception based on their own personal beliefs.

The Access to Birth Control, ABC, Act is an important step in protecting a woman's constitutional right to contraception. Birth control and emergency contraception are part of women's basic health care and pharmacists should not have the right to interfere.

AMERICA COMPETES  
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. VERNON J. EHLERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5116) to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes:

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Chair, in 2007, Congress responded to the recommendations of many experts that the federal government must increase its investment in basic research and in science and math education by passing the America COMPETES Act. The reauthorization before us today continues the United States on the path of investing in programs that will keep the U.S. competitive in the global economy.

Beginning in 2006, President Bush's American Competitiveness Initiative (ACI) launched a three-pronged approach to competitiveness by strengthening research at the National Science Foundation, the Office of Science at the Department of Energy, and the laboratories and construction of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST. The America COMPETES Act of 2007 established a 7-year doubling funding pathway for these agencies and also included some new ideas, such as the establishment of a DARPA-like agency at the Department of Energy. ARPA-E is still in its infancy, but testimony before the Science and Technology Committee indicates that this agency has the potential to overcome some of the greatest hurdles to commercialization of innovative energy technologies. The reauthorization bill provides more flexibility to ARPA-E and increases its authorization in future years.

The reauthorization measure before us today also focuses on the challenges facing our nation's manufacturers by broadening and strengthening manufacturing extension services and reviving manufacturing innovation through research and development. Although manufacturing has experienced tremendous technological gains over the last few years, international competition has exacted a toll on our Nation's manufacturers. Furthermore, today's economy has placed a great strain on States to participate in federal programs like the Manufacturing Extension Partnership at NIST. This bill would temporarily relax the cost-share requirements on States to allow for

continued participation of the greatest number of small manufacturers across the Nation who depend on this program to help them continually innovate.

I recognize that many of my colleagues are concerned that this bill authorizes spending more than \$80 billion over the next 5 years. Indeed, our economy is suffering, we are deeply in debt, and fiscal restraint must be exercised. However, if there is ever an investment that will guarantee an economic return, this is it.

The reality is that if we are unwilling to spend this money now, we are deciding to pay it later to other countries that make these investments today and produce the products that we will need tomorrow. A recent article in The Economist focused on emerging international markets, and noted that:

Last year productivity in China grew by 8.2%, compared with a rise of 1.0% in America and a decline of 2.8% in Britain. A few years ago Airbus and Boeing were willing to outsource only basic work to Indian firms, but now they entrust some of their most complicated tasks to them.

Other countries are now competing with us not only on cost, but also creativity. We have thought for years that there are certain innovative activities that will only happen in the United States, but I feel less certain that is still the case. To keep on the cutting edge of creativity, we must make these investments in science and technology, or we will simply be left behind.

Science and technology are the fundamental movers of our economy, and if we want to remain globally competitive, this bill is the surefire way to guarantee results. The dividends paid by training scientists, engineers, and teachers will multiply throughout all sectors of our economy.

I want to thank Chairman GORDON and Ranking Member HALL for working on this legislation. I hope my colleagues will support this investment in our Nation's future.

HONORING GUERNEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Guerneville School District on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. The school can trace its history to several separate one-room schools in Russian River communities in Sonoma County, CA. The earliest was founded in 1860, and the last one merged into the Guerneville School District in 1955.

The direct forerunner of the school opened its doors in the old-time logging town of Guerneville on First Street, in a building which now houses the Sonoma County Veterans' Memorial Hall. There were four classrooms serving students in first through eighth grades. In 1949 the school moved to its current location, one mile north on Armstrong Woods Road.

Guerneville School District operates from the Armstrong Woods Road site today, although it has gone through many transformations to raise it above flood level and to gradually replace the original rooms with spa-

cious classrooms, offices, gymnasium, library, and computer lab, as well as a modern play yard. Today it houses students in grades K-8.

But the school's biggest asset is its community of students, parents, and staff who work together to create a learning environment that addresses the whole student. To achieve this, Guerneville School District offers "a campus that is friendly, safe, and welcoming; a district that accepts and is committed to diversity; and an educational environment that promotes unity of staff on both professional and community levels."

The school also works in partnership with the larger community to impart a sense of citizenship to the students and secure local support. One of its programs, Circle of Sisters, was started as a pilot project by St. Joseph Health System to promote the self esteem of middle school girls; Circle of Sisters was such a success that it has been replicated around the area.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the Guerneville School District and all of its family, friends, alumni, students, and staff as they celebrate this momentous occasion. Happy 150th birthday!

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF AMERICORPS

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVID WU**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor AmeriCorps Week, and the nearly 12,000 Oregonians who are AmeriCorps alumni that have pledged to "get things done for America" since the program began in 1994.

Whereas service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet our challenges by volunteering in their communities; and

Whereas those AmeriCorps members have served more than 774 million hours nationwide, including 14,388,200 served by residents from Oregon, helping to improve the lives of our State's most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system; protect our environment, and contribute to our public safety, and;

Whereas the Corporation for National and Community Service State Office and Oregon Volunteers! Commission on Voluntary Action and Service play a key role in determining where AmeriCorps resources should be directed to meet State and local needs; and

Whereas residents of Oregon have earned more than \$32,097,912 in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards to help pay for college or pay back student loans; and

Whereas AmeriCorps members, after their terms of service end, remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers, public servants, and nonprofit leaders in disproportionately high levels; and

Whereas last year I cosponsored and helped pass the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act which sets AmeriCorps on a path to grow to 250,000 members by the year 2017 and focuses AmeriCorps on critical national