

NHICAM HANNAH NGUYEN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nhicam Hannah Nguyen who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Nhicam Hannah Nguyen is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nhicam Hannah Nguyen is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Nhicam Hannah Nguyen for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

DEPUTY BRIAN LAMAR
MAHAFFEY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, Whereas, our lives have been touched the life of this one man . . . who has given of himself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, Deputy Brian Lamar Mahaffey has served five years in the Rockdale County Sheriff Department and gave his life in the line of duty; and

Whereas, this giant of a man thought there was never a job too small or too big; he would provide professional service with the intention to always serve and protect our community; and

Whereas, this remarkable man gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life; he never asked for fame or fortune to uplift those in need, he just wanted to do what was right and he was committed to protecting and serving the citizens of Rockdale County; and

Whereas, Deputy Mahaffey was a husband, a father, a son, a brother and a friend; he was our warrior, a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting and service of our community until his end; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow an honorable mention and recognition on Deputy Brian Lamar Mahaffey of the Rockdale County Sheriff Department for his leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens in Georgia; a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby attest to the 111th Congress that Deputy Brian Lamar Mahaffey of Rockdale County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honorable Mention";

Deputy Brian Lamar Mahaffey, U.S. Citizen of Distinction, in the 4th Congressional District;

Proclaimed, This 12th day of May, 2010.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. BOSWELL. Madam Speaker, I regret missing two evening votes from the House on May 24th, 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 292 and 293.

IN TRIBUTE TO CHRIST THE KING
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL**HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Christ the King Regional High School's boys and girls basketball teams on the occasion of the New York State Federation Class AA championships. Christ the King has made history in New York State by becoming the first high school to win both boys and girls Federation Basketball Tournament of Champions titles in the same year. This is an extremely difficult feat that deserves our recognition.

Christ the King's Royals and Lady Royals are renowned basketball teams not only in New York City, but throughout the country. Some of the National Basketball Association's and Women's National Basketball Association's best players, such as Lamar Odom, Tina Charles, and Speedy Claxton attended this fine high school located in Middle Village, Queens and played on its great basketball teams. The Class AA championship was the third for the Royals. First they won the Brooklyn-Queens diocesan crown and then swept the city championships. The Lady Royals have won a record 14 championships.

I would like to recognize this season's champions. Maurice Barrow, Roland Brown, Omar Calhoun, T.J. Curry, Corey Edwards, Terrel Hunt, Optimystic Kinard, Justin Kirkland, Dominykas Milka, Khadim Ndiaye, Edson Silva, Kareem Thomas, Mike Thompson, and Aaron Williams led the Royals to a record of 26–5. Ariel Page, Tara Rock, Jacqueline Michel, Nia Oden, Jacqueline Mullen, Lauren Nuss, Ariel Edwards, Sasha Santamaria, Bria Smith, Sarah Shanderson, Jessica Wasserfall, Rayne Connell, and Quincey Martin-Chapman led the Lady Royals to a record of 26–5. I would also like to extend my congratulations to Joe Arbitello and Bob Mackey, the coaches of the Royals and Lady Royals.

Christ the King opened its doors in 1962 and has set a record of excellence not only in athletics, but also in academics. In its 48-year history, it has provided thousands of Queens' youth with an exemplary education. Additionally, its commitment to serving the neighboring communities of Middle Village and Glendale has made Christ the King one of the most esteemed institutions in New York City.

I am pleased to congratulate the Royals and the Lady Royals on the occasion of their championships and wish them many successful seasons to come.

NADIA SOLANO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nadia Solano who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Nadia Solano is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nadia Solano is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Nadia Solano for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,987,796,841,336.51.

On January 6, 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 \$ 2,350,669,663,237.20 so far this Congress. The debt has increased \$1,298,568,194.50 just since yesterday.

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

LIFE OF GEORGE B. VASHON

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an exciting event that occurred this month bringing long overdue recognition to an accomplished African American: George B. Vashon. Growing up in St. Louis, I learned of Mr. Vashon's legacy as my high school was dedicated to him as he was a person who committed his life to help educate countless African Americans. While George Vashon himself never lived in St. Louis, his widow relocated to the city after his death and raised their family in Missouri. Vashon High School was named in 1927 and is one of the few monuments to a man who was a distinguished educator, lawyer, abolitionist, and poet who lived from 1824 to 1878.

Mr. Vashon's life was one full of numerous "firsts." Raised in Pittsburgh by parents who

were leaders in the anti-slavery efforts there, he was the first African American to graduate from Oberlin College. He studied law under the Honorable Judge Walter Forward in Pennsylvania and applied for admission to the Pennsylvania bar in 1847 and again in 1868. Both times, he was denied admission because of his "negro descent." Not to be held back, Mr. Vashon went to New York to take the bar and became the first black lawyer in that state. He later went on to be the first African American in New York to run for public office when he was a candidate under the Progressive Party for Attorney General. A close friend and associate of Frederick Douglass, Mr. Vashon penned many columns for Douglass' paper, *The North Star*.

George Vashon was one of the first black college professors in this country, a founder and the first black professor at Howard University and was president of Avery College in Pennsylvania. As an abolitionist, he also led many anti-slavery conventions and was central in the lobbying efforts to pass the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the Constitution. For years he was active in helping escaped slaves find freedom on the Underground Railroad when they made their way through Pennsylvania and New York.

Despite his many contributions and achievements, Mr. Vashon encountered discrimination and barriers to achievement. Being denied entrance into legal practice in his native Pennsylvania was a deep disappointment for him and a terrible injustice. I was thrilled, however, to hear recently that after two of his descendants petitioned the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Mr. Vashon was posthumously admitted to the bar 163 years after his first attempt. While it was long overdue, I join with the Vashon family and my fellow Vashon High School graduates in marking this important event and celebrating the life of this outstanding figure in American history.

IN RECOGNITION OF RANDY COLLINS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker I rise today to recognize Randy Collins who is retiring after 30 years in fire services in California, the last seven of which have been as Chief of the Healdsburg Fire Department.

Chief Collins began his career in 1980 as a volunteer with the Arcata Fire Protection District while attending Humboldt State University. Upon graduation, he moved to San Jose and began work in the electronics industry and joined the Campbell Fire Department as a reserve fire fighter. He became a full-time fire fighter in 1987 when he joined the Healdsburg Fire Department. He moved up through the ranks from Fire Captain and Fire Engineer to Fire Marshall until he was named Chief in 2003.

While at Healdsburg, Chief Collins established the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, began a local fire academy to improve the skills and training for reserve staff, increased full-time staff and worked with neighborhood groups to develop fire safety counsels.

Chief Collins actively participated in the community as a member of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club, St. Paul's Church and North County Community Services.

In addition to his BA degree in Industrial Arts from Humboldt State University, Chief Collins holds an AA degree in Fire Science from Mission College in Santa Clara, California. He is a graduate of the National Fire Academy and holds several advanced fire science degrees.

After retirement, Chief Collins plans to spend more time with his wife and two children and pursue his hobbies of kayaking, woodworking and hiking the great mountain peaks of the west.

Madam Speaker, Chief Collins has a distinguished 30-year public safety career and it is therefore appropriate that we acknowledge and honor him today and thank him for his service.

MONIQUE ULM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Monique Ulm who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Monique Ulm is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Monique Ulm is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Monique Ulm for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

SHAW LEAVES THE GEORGIA HOUSE TO JOIN THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jay Shaw's appointment to the board of Georgia Department of Transportation after a successful 30 year career in state and municipal government.

Since the late 1970's, Jay Shaw has dedicated himself to a life of public service. At the age of 32, Mr. Shaw was elected mayor of Lakeland, Georgia. Although being a small town mayor is not an easy job with everyone in town expecting something of you, he took the job in stride, always vowing that he was there for his constituents.

In 1994, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives. He has fought for

the interests of small business owners and successfully ended long-distance phone calls within counties. His many bipartisan friendships demonstrate his congenial attitude. However, let this not be confused with his strong force and tireless effort to stand up for beliefs.

Jay Shaw grew up in a family of public servants. His mother, Dorothy Pafford Shaw, served as a state representative for 12 years before serving on the Georgia Public Service Commission for two decades; his father, Slaton Shaw, served on the Lanier County school board; and his son, Jason Shaw, is now running for his District 176 seat.

Mr. Shaw's hard work and unwavering loyalty are just two of the many attributes that have helped him to serve his constituency well. He is personable, outgoing and always has a good attitude. Aside from his outstanding work, the people of Lakeland and I find a good friend in Jay Shaw. That is why I warmly congratulate him on his appointment to the board of Georgia Department of Transportation and wish him the best of luck.

RECOGNIZING FRANK LAY UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of a great man and a good friend. Mr. Frank Lay is the true measure of a man—through his humility, through his leadership, through his commitment to others; he is a shining example to us all. For that reason, Madam Speaker, I am privileged and grateful to honor Mr. Lay on this day.

Mr. Lay has spent the last 21 years as the principal of Pace High School. During his years as principal, Mr. Lay has been a driving force for growth and improvement throughout the halls of Pace High School. To the students, he is a compassionate friend. To the faculty, he is an innovative visionary. To the community, he is a principled leader.

Mr. Lay is a committed and caring educator. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Troy University in 1970. He later then earned a Masters in Physical Education from Georgia State University and a Masters in Administration from the University of West Florida. During his career, he was selected as the Georgia Teacher of the Year, Track and Field Coach of the Year, and Principal of the Year. Most recently, he was honored with the God in Government Lifetime Achievement Award. These accolades are a true testament as to the character and commitment of Mr. Lay.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize Frank Lay for his service to Northwest Florida. He is a dedicated educator and leader who will be sorely missed after his retirement. My wife Vicki and I wish all the best for continued success to Frank and his wife Nancy, his children, grandchildren, and entire extended family.