

several of her teammates in tow. It was “Abby Wambach Day” in Rochester, and she received a key to the city in commendation of her awe-inspiring talents. The regularly scheduled game between magicJack of Boca Raton, FL and the Western New York Flash saw a sellout crowd of 15,404, a record for the 3-year-old league. It is clear that we have all been infused with a love of the game and a respect for our players, and I hope that passion never dies.

The success of the U.S. Women’s National Team is of particular importance because it shows young women and girls that like men, they too can earn the respect and admiration of the world through hard work, teamwork, and perseverance on the athletic field.

Since 2004, I’ve sponsored legislation in the House that would help high schools improve opportunities for girls in sports, and thereby encourage greater participation of both girls and boys in athletics. H.R. 458, the High School Athletics Accountability Act, would require that high schools report basic data on the number of female and male students in their athletic programs and the expenditures made for their sports teams. Without information about how athletic opportunities and benefits are being allocated at the high school level, female students may be deprived of their chance to participate in athletics.

And participation in sports has a multitude of positive effects on young women and girls, both physically and socially. For many young women, sports are often their ticket to higher education through athletic scholarships. I’ve met with so many Olympic gold medalists that told me without Title IX, which gave them access to athletic scholarships; they never would have had the chance to go to college. While we have made significant strides towards equity in athletics—since the 1972 enactment of Title IX the number of women competing in college sports has soared by more than 500 percent while the number of high school girls competing in sports increased by over 1,000 percent—we must continue to monitor our progress and ensure that our nation’s young women have the rights and opportunities they deserve.

This year’s Women’s World Cup was thrilling and is indicative of the amazing talent of our U.S. Women’s National Team. The success of our team has captivated men, women and children who nervously watched as the squad overcame Brazil in the last minute to triumph in penalty kicks, and then swept past France with their athleticism shining as they moved onto the final. I proudly cheered for them as they faced Japan on Sunday in the final, and was filled with admiration for their relentlessness on the field. Their accomplishments as a team are inspiring: two Women’s World Cups, three Olympic Gold Medals, and eight Algarve Cups, earning them a commendation as one of the finest teams in the world. I must also congratulate Japan for their performance and sportsmanship in a game that was watched by millions around the globe, and that kept everyone on the edge of their seats into the final penalty kicks. Though the U.S. team was ultimately unsuccessful in a heartbreaking 3–1 penalty shootout, I cannot imagine a more deserving adversary in Japan, who so recently suffered a devastating earthquake and tsunami. I hope this victory will bring joy to their people, and I know that the Japanese citizens are as proud of their team as we are of ours.

Abby and her teammates have been role models for all with their poise both on and off the field and their dedication to the sport. I could not be more proud of her and her teammates as role models for young women interested in sports. I encourage children of all ages to be as inspired by the success of the U.S. Women’s National team as I am, and to get involved with sports so that everyone can reap the benefits of this highly beneficial activity. Best of luck to the U.S. Women’s National Team in the future; I know this is not the last time we will be cheering for them in the World Cup Finals. With the London 2012 Olympic Games on the horizon, we won’t have to wait long to see them back in action on the world stage. Go USA!

TRIBUTE TO KYLE D. PAGERLY

**HON. TIM HOLDEN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 22, 2011*

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Berks County Deputy Sheriff Kyle Pagerly for his service and sacrifice to Pennsylvania and the United States. Deputy Kyle Pagerly was killed in the line of duty on June 29, 2011.

Kyle was a 2001 graduate of Wilson High School in West Lawn, Berks County, PA. Following his graduation he served honorably as a U.S. Army Military Police Officer in Kosovo and Iraq. Upon returning home, Kyle pursued a career in law enforcement and graduated from the Reading Police Academy, Federal Prison Academy, and Philadelphia Canine Academy.

Kyle proudly served as a Deputy in the K–9 Unit of the Berks County Sheriff’s Department with his German Shepherd partner, Jynx. He loved to be outdoors, hiking, and enjoying nature. He was an active runner and loved to work out. He ran a marathon in 2010 and completed numerous triathlons.

On June 29, 2011 Deputy Pagerly was part of a fugitive task force dispatched to serve a warrant in Albany Township. When task force members arrived, the suspect fled into the nearby woods. Deputy Pagerly and his partner Jynx pursued him when the suspect opened fire. Once Deputy Pagerly was hit, Jynx attempted to pull him to safety and alerted other officers of the shooter’s presence. Deputy Pagerly was gravely wounded and airlifted to a nearby hospital where he succumbed to his wounds. Had it not been for Deputy Pagerly and his partner’s actions, it is very possible that more lives could have been lost.

Deputy Kyle Pagerly died a hero. He dedicated his life to the protection of his fellow man. He gave life, even through his death, by donating his organs and tissues so that others can live. Kyle’s death has not been forgotten by the community he loved and served. At Deputy Pagerly’s memorial service, Berks County Sheriff Eric Weaknecht retired Kyle’s call number and awarded his partner Jynx the Medal of Honor. Deputy Sheriff Kyle Pagerly was later awarded the same Medal of Honor posthumously.

A memorial fund has been set up in Kyle’s name, numerous benefits have been held in his honor, and thousands of people have joined Facebook pages dedicated to his life

and memory. Kyle Pagerly is survived by his wife, Alecia Anne, as well as his parents, his siblings, and his first child, due in January.

Mr. Speaker and fellow colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of a true American hero, Deputy Sheriff Kyle D. Pagerly.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND  
DR. ROLEN LEWIS WOMACK, JR.  
AND REVEREND DR. BETTY  
WASHINGTON WOMACK

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 22, 2011*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Reverend Dr. Rolan Lewis Womack, Jr. and Reverend Dr. Betty Washington Womack, the founding pastor and first lady of Milwaukee’s Progressive Baptist Church. After 23 years of dedicated service to their congregation and the greater Milwaukee community, they are retiring to their native Texas.

While fulfilling his role as pastor/teacher/prophet, Dr. Rolan Womack completed his Doctor of Ministry degree at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He is a native of Houston, Texas and is a graduate of Texas Southern University with an earned Masters of Divinity degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, Illinois. Dr. Betty Womack is a native of Galveston, Texas, a graduate of Huston-Tillotson College and an earned Masters of Education degree from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. She served as Director of Student Services in the Beaver Dam School District and received her administrative certification at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She received a Doctorate of Education from Milwaukee’s Cardinal Stritch University.

Dr. Rolan Womack has a social justice activism and community advocacy ministry that features an Afrocentric frame of reference. He is one of the strongest advocates in the community and is a frequent guest on local radio talk shows and local television on issues related to justice and public education. Dr. Rolan Womack has been featured in Education Weekly and other periodicals and has participated in educational forums in many major cities.

The ministry at Progressive Baptist includes a Youth Ministry, Music and Stage Ministry, Discipleship and Men’s Fellowship, Women’s Fellowship, W.I.N.G.S. HIV–AIDS ministry and Custodial and Fiscal Ministries. Dr. Betty Womack has a strong commitment to the development of youth and youth programs at Progressive. She has fostered the Christian development of youth by organizing and administering Vacation Bible School and Youth Outings to historic and scientific sites. Together they actively work with new members in Foundation classes to integrate them into the life of Progressive Church. Dr. Betty Womack is the past president of the W.I.N.G.S. HIV–AIDS ministry.

She is the past President of the Wisconsin Pastor’s Wives Association and the former Executive Board Member of the American Baptist Education Association of Wisconsin. He is the past president of the Wisconsin Baptist Pastors Conference, a director of the Minority Ministers Alliance, past General Secretary of the

Wisconsin General Baptist State Convention, and serves on the boards of various organizations. They are the proud parents of two daughters: Cheray and Brooke.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that I can call them friends. I commend them for their many years of valued service to citizens of the 4th Congressional District. I wish them the very best in their retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2011 BRONX  
DOMINICAN DAY PARADE

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 22, 2011*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to the twenty-second annual Bronx Dominican Parade and Festival which will take place on Sunday, July 24, 2011. This famed event is eagerly anticipated by the Dominican and Bronx communities each year. It is a wonderful celebration of the spirit and richness of Dominican culture.

Under the continued leadership of Felipe Febles and Rosa Ayala, the Bronx Dominican Day Parade, Inc., La Gran Parada Dominicana del Bronx, has grown into an important institution that increases the self-awareness and pride of the Dominican people in order to promote economic development, education, cultural recognition, and advancement.

Dominicans have made invaluable contributions to the city, as well as to the entire nation. Although the highest concentration of Dominican people live in Washington Heights, a significant number have enriched the Bronx with their unique culture and spirit. The Dominican culture is one characterized by, among other things, diverse multi-culturalism, strong family values, distinctive art, amazing music and unique cuisine. We are grateful that so many have chosen to make the Bronx home.

Mr. Speaker, the roots of Dominican New Yorkers lie in a country with a fascinating history and arresting beauty. The Dominican Republic is the home of a number of people from various heritages. As a result, the culture is charged with strong Taino, African, and European influences. One visit to the Dominican Republic will put to rest any questions one might have as to why Dominicans in America retain such a strong sense of pride in their homeland and never stop missing it.

The achievements and contributions made by Dominican-Americans and Dominican residents have spanned the realms of politics, science, the Armed Forces, literature, public service, and the arts, and undoubtedly make them an integral part of American society.

The Bronx Dominican Day Parade and Festival of the Bronx is a great opportunity to celebrate Dominican culture, history, and its bright future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in honoring the Dominican Day Parade and Festival of the Bronx.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARTIN HEINRICH**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 22, 2011*

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I unfortunately missed two votes this evening, which included rollcall votes 601 and 602. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote No. 601, H.R. 33. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote No. 602, on Approving the Journal.

TRIBUTE TO COHOCTON  
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 22, 2011*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the brave men of women of the Cohocton Volunteer Fire Department who have tirelessly served our local and national community for 125 years. As the Cohocton Volunteer Fire Department celebrates its 125th anniversary, I applaud the many ways they have served our community.

From July 22–24, members of the department will hold several events commemorating the service of their valiant volunteers. Historical displays, parades, competitions and dinners will be held. The department will even be publishing a commemorative book on its history to celebrate this milestone.

For the past 125 years, members have selflessly given their time and energy to serve our community throughout periods of emergency and disaster. While the Cohocton Volunteer Fire Department should be commemorated for all of their service to our community, I want to especially highlight their tireless work during the 1972 Flood, the Ice Storm of 1991 and the Blizzard of 1993—three major storms which devastated the Chemung Valley.

Furthermore, the department also aided the national community during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Under a mutual aid request, the department sent an ambulance and personnel to the Twin Towers Site after the attack. The ambulance was equipped with medical supplies donated by the local community for use by the FDNY.

Members of the Cohocton Volunteer Fire Department have repeatedly risked their lives in order to save our friends and neighbors. I am proud to recognize such a self-sacrificing and courageous organization. I congratulate the Cohocton Volunteer Fire Department and thank them for their 125 years of service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DIANE BLACK**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 22, 2011*

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on amendment rollcall No. 615, No. 616, No. 617, No. 618, No. 619, No. 620 as well as rollcall No. 621 for final passage of H.R. 1315, I am not recorded because I was attending to a family

matter. Had I been present, I would have voted: No—Representative Sheila Jackson Lee Amendment No. 4; no—Representative Brad Miller Amendment; no—Representative Sheila Jackson Lee Amendment No. 3; no—Representative Carolyn Maloney Amendment; yes—Representative Scott Rigel Amendment; no—Democrat Motion to Recommit; and yes—Final Passage of H.R. 2551.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. AUSTIN SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 22, 2011*

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on July 21, 2011 in order to attend the funeral of one of my staffers. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall votes 612, 613, 614, 619, 621 and “no” on rollcall votes 615, 616, 617, 618, and 620.

CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE  
WATERS' STATEMENT ON THE  
LOSS OF HER FRIEND AND COM-  
MUNITY ICON, LILLIAN  
HARKLESS-MOBLEY

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 22, 2011*

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I am heartbroken that one of my closest and dearest friends, Lillian Mobley, has passed away. I worked with Lillian—known throughout South Los Angeles communities as “Ms. Mobley”—for over 3 decades. We have marched together, participated in protests together, and fought off anyone who attacked our community together. Lillian was my ‘shero.’

Lillian Mobley is without a doubt the most accomplished and successful community activist South Los Angeles has ever had. She helped found numerous community institutions and organizations that include Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital, Charles Drew Medical Center, Los Angeles Southwest College, Black Women's Forum, the Lillian Mobley South Central Multipurpose Senior Citizens Center, Mothers in Action, Grandma's Hands Los Angeles Birthing Project, Watts Towers Community Action Council and others. She is on the Walk of Fame in Watts, has a building named after her at the Maxine Waters Employment Preparation Center, a clinic at Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital that also houses a bust of her image, the Mother of Africa statue at WLCAC was dedicated to her as well as the amphitheater at Watts Towers and a Family Housing Center, and of course the senior center she founded that now carries her name.

She served on the board of over 20 organizations and was highly sought after by politicians hoping to win her endorsement to be elected to office. And it was only if Lillian believed that their election to office would benefit the community and help preserve the very institutions she helped to create like Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital would she support them.

Lillian Mobley is one of the icons of South Central and the Watts communities of Los Angeles that has helped to educate the city and