

Bulldogs. After their third appearance in a Class 1–A title game in four years, the Bulldogs tenaciously took the field with experience, heart and determination, earning every yard to lead them to a well-deserved victory and their first-ever State Championship.

The Hazard Bulldogs defeated a tough team from Mayfield, winning 24–6. More than five thousand fans filled the Houchens Smith Stadium in Bowling Green, Kentucky to witness these focused young men put their athletic ability and knowledge of the game to the highest test. Redeeming themselves from last year's 47–6 loss to Mayfield, the Bulldogs dominated the majority of the game and put an end to Mayfield's state-best 29-game winning streak. Holding the Cardinals to just 237 yards offensively, the Hazard Bulldogs forced five Mayfield turnovers and sealed their victory with an interception returned for a touchdown in the last two minutes of the game.

This season, Coach Mark Dixon led the Bulldogs to a near perfect 12–2 season. Despite defeat in last year's title game, the Bulldogs persevered and came back this season with unwavering determination to bring the state title home to the mountains of eastern Kentucky. These experiences and life lessons learned on the field will be carried on after the game and continue to shape these football players into men of promise and outstanding character.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Coach Dixon and the Hazard High School 2011 Football Team as the KHSAA Class 1–A State Champions. This team has successfully carried on a sports tradition of pride in the mountains and I wish them all the best in the years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH  
CROSLAND

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Elizabeth Crosland for her commitment to her community and for her service to the children of Brooklyn as a Family Assistant with PS 13.

Ms. Crosland was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late William T. and Annie Lee Pinchback. She was the eldest of five siblings, and later moved to Brooklyn, New York.

Ms. Crosland has been employed with the Department of Education at PS 13 as a Family Assistant for 24 years. During her years of service, she has enjoyed working with the administrators, her colleagues, and the students. Ms. Crosland prays everyday that she will empower the lives of the students and their families to become productive citizens in the community.

Ms. Crosland attends the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church on the Hill in Bedford Stuyvesant, where she has been a member for 74 years. She is active on the usher board, serving the needs of the congregation. She also sings in the Robert A. Laws Millennium Choir and was a member of the Allstate Club.

Ms. Crosland is an Honorary past Matron in the order of the Maria Chapter #18 Order of Eastern Stars. She has also been a great contributor to the community by working with the

district leaders and working the primary and general election polls for many years.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Elizabeth Crosland for her exceptional service to her district as a dedicated member of her local religious and government institutions, and as a long serving employee of the Department of Education.

RECOGNIZING THE NOVEMBER 25,  
2011 DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS OF  
MOROCCO

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2011*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the people of Morocco for the free and fair Parliamentary election that took place on November 25, 2011. Participation rates were 20 percent higher than the previous election held in 2007. The Justice and Development Party (PJD), a moderate Islamist party, secured the largest number of seats in the new Parliament. Morocco's King Mohammed VI, in line with the new constitution, has already tasked the leader of the PJD, as Head of Government, to form a new coalition government. This election marks the first time the Moroccan people have gone to the polls within the framework of the new constitution. With this election, Morocco has crossed yet another major milestone in its democratic progress. I extend my warm wishes to the King of Morocco for his leadership and the Moroccan people for their achievements so far and hope they continue on the path of reform and progress.

A TRIBUTE TO DEACON AUDREY  
WRIGHT

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Deacon Audrey Wright who has dedicated her life to the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to her family, colleagues, and community.

Deacon Wright was born to Anna Mae King-Gordon and Mitchell Gordon in Princeton, West Virginia where her parents regularly attended Golden Gate Church. With her strong convictions, Deacon Wright completed high school in a very segregated district of West Virginia, and soon relocated to Brooklyn, New York to complete her undergraduate studies at Medgar Evers College.

Later in life Deacon Wright spent 25 years as an assistant teacher in the Ocean Hill Section of Brooklyn before retiring. Prior to teaching, Deacon Wright was employed by Abraham Strauss for several years in the sales department. After retiring as an assistant teacher, she turned to the Lord and became a member at Berean Baptist Church.

Joining Berean Baptist Church in 1994, she worked as a volunteer with children in the "Time Release Program" for seven years. At Berean, Deacon Wright was ordained on December 13, 1998 and continued her deep involvement with the church. She became a

member of the First Lady's Ministry and served as the Deacon Advisor as well as the Spiritual Advisor to the Hospitality Ministry. Presently, she is a member of the Deacon Ministry, Pastoral Care Ministry, the Sunday School Ministry and the Sisterhood Ministry.

Several of her hobbies include writing, reading and exercising. During her tenure at Berean, Deacon Wright wrote and directed seven plays; two of which were performed to raise funds for Women's Day and five others that were written to raise funds for the church. In addition to being an avid reader and writer, Deacon Wright has been dedicated to her health and exercise—walking two miles every day.

Deacon Wright is married to Samuel Wright, and has been blessed with three sons—Bobby, David, and Dominic. She is thankful for God in her life, and gives thanks to the Lord every day for loving and caring for her.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and accomplishments of Deacon Audrey Wright.

HONORING DR. EDWARD WAITE  
MILLER

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2011*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in sadness today to honor my friend, Dr. Edward Waite Miller, who passed away October 27, 2011, at the age of 92. He was a prominent surgeon and writer in Marin County, California, as well as a loving family man.

Born in Oyster Bay, New York, in 1919, Dr. Miller studied at Union College in Schenectady and at Cornell Medical School with an internship at Boston City Hospital. He then served at the US Naval Hospital in Corpus Christi and in the South Pacific during WWII. He was awarded the American Theatre, Asiatic-Pacific, and Victory Medals. Reactivated in 1953, his service varied from making training films in the California desert to witnessing nuclear testing at the Bikini Atoll. He then received the Korean Service, United Nations, and National Defense Medals.

Dr. Miller also had a distinguished medical career. While working as a research fellow at the Cleveland Clinic with Dr. Willem Kolff in the 1950s, he published some seminal studies on the angiography of the heart that led to research in the new practice of coronary bypass surgery. He later worked as a surgeon in Mann General Hospital in Greenbrae, CA, and Children's Hospital in San Francisco, CA, and as a physician at Novato Community Hospital in Novato, CA.

In retirement Dr. Miller became well known in the community and around the world for his writing in the Coastal Post newspaper, a Mann County publication that gave him free rein to speak out on issues he was passionate about. From advocacy for peace and human rights to his sometimes controversial pro-Palestinian stance, he penned opinion pieces that reflected his deeply held beliefs and his great knowledge of world events.

I had many conversations with Ed Miller about these issues, and, although I sometimes didn't agree with him, I always enjoyed our time together and appreciated his commitment

and his compassion. He loved discussing everything from politics to poetry (which he quoted from memory) with friends and family.

A long-time resident of the Lucas Valley area, Dr. Miller enjoyed landscaping his yard, and he was a board member and President of the Lucas Valley Homeowners' Association.

Dr. Miller is survived by his wife Fusae Ito Miller; his children and stepchildren, Trudy Vriethoff, Susan Ray, Lori Callahan, Jeffrey Miller, Grace Bransford, and Robert Fleming and their spouses; and 5 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I always looked forward to seeing Ed Miller and will miss our lively discussions. Please join me in offering condolences to his family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO RONNY L. BEESLEY

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2011*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, on December 31, 2011, US Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District employee, Ronny L. Beesley will retire after 40 years of service to his country. It is my pleasure to pay tribute to Mr. Beesley for all he has done for the people of Texas and the United States.

Mr. Beesley's long and distinguished career with the Federal Government began in October 1968 when he joined the US Army. Mr. Beesley served in Vietnam as part of the 1st Infantry Division, 101st Airborne Division until June 1971. After leaving the Army, Mr. Beesley earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering at Texas A&M University, in Kingsville, Texas.

Mr. Beesley started working with the Galveston District, Army Corps of Engineers in July 1975. He has held numerous positions with the Corps over the past forty years including: Civil Engineer in the Fort Point Area Office, Civil Engineer and Project Engineer in the Houston Area Office, he worked in the Construction Branch of the Construction Operations Division, General Engineer in the Plant Branch of the Construction Operations Division, and he was promoted to Chief of the Plant Branch in 1990 until he became the Chief of Management Support Branch in 1995. In July 1998, Mr. Beesley was again promoted to Senior Operations Project Manager, Project Operations Branch, and Operations Division. Mr. Beesley's outstanding work was recognized by the Galveston District in 2004 when he was selected as Employee of the Year.

In July 2010, Mr. Beesley was promoted to Chief of Project Operations Branch in the Operations Division of the Galveston District. His duties include managing and supervising Operations and Maintenance of the District's projects including Addicks/Barker Dams and Reservoirs, Brazos River Floodgates, Wallisville Lake Project and the Colorado River Locks. He is also responsible for overseeing expenses for Operations and Maintenance at the Neches Saltwater Barrier, as well as for inspection of projects built by the Government and operated by local sponsors. Mr. Beesley provides support/assistance to the Chief, Operations Division in areas of land and water resource management and is responsible for maintenance of the district's floating plant. Under Mr. Beasley's leadership, the Op-

erations Division acquired a new floating plant for the Galveston district.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ronny Beesley provided outstanding services to his country and his town as both a soldier and an employee with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District. It is therefore my pleasure to once again extend my congratulations and thanks to him as he prepares for retirement.

HONORING RETIRED MASTER  
SERGEANT NATHAN WEISER

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2011*

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Retired Master Sergeant Nathan Weiser, on this the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, a horror which by the grace of our Almighty God, Mr. Weiser survived.

After graduating from Albion College with a teaching degree in 1939, Nate Weiser enlisted in the newly formed United States Army Air Corps along with two of his friends in October 1940. All three men were sent to Hawaii as part of the 15th Fighter Group, 45th Fighter Squadron and were stationed at Pearl Harbor on the horrific day of December 7, 1941.

Retired Master Sergeant Weiser and his two friends were in the mess hall waiting in line for breakfast when the attack began. He recalls the planes flying low enough to be able to see the red scarves and goggles of the pilots hell-bent on destruction. After surviving the initial wave and the smaller second wave of enemy planes, it began to rain. Having lost the friends he enlisted with to the Japanese fury, Weiser and his unit headed toward a mountain fox-hole and spent some very uncomfortable nights in the flooded dugout.

In 1943, Staff Sergeant Nate Weiser was sent back to the mainland to attend special schooling. He was asked to serve as an Army officer and declined. Weiser requested to be sent back to the Army Air Corps and was assigned to Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. From there he was detailed to the 365th Fighter Bomber Group, 386th Squadron based out of Richmond, Virginia. Nate Weiser arrived in Normandy, France on June 13, 1944, a mere seven days after the initial invasion. As 1944 gave way to 1945, Weiser served in the grueling 40 day Battle of the Bulge. Master Sergeant Nate Weiser undoubtedly saw some of the fiercest combat in the history of these great United States and was released from service in August, 1945.

Mr. Speaker, Nathan Weiser has faithfully served and dutifully protected the citizens of the United States. Our nation owes him a deep debt of gratitude. He has been retired since 1996 after 55 years as a small business owner. He is blessed to enjoy life with his beloved wife of 65 years, Norma, their daughters Karen and Kendra and two granddaughters. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and acknowledging Master Sergeant Nathan Weiser for his years of loyal service to our community and country.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. R. SANDLIN  
LOWE, III

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. R. Sandlin Lowe, III, MD for his outstanding contribution to Neuroscience and the treatment of brain disorders and injuries.

Originally from Coosa County, Alabama, Dr. Lowe obtained his MD from Tulane University in 1987. Currently on the Faculty of New York University School of Medicine with appointments in both the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Physiology and Neuroscience, he is the Consulting Neuropsychiatrist to the NYU School of Medicine Brain Research Laboratories and Collaborating Psychiatrist at the NYU Langone Center for Neuromagnetism. After 18 years of service and research (for which he was honored with a Congressional Award), Dr. Lowe has become a member of various research councils and health centers.

Dr. Lowe is an expert in Translational Clinical Neuroscience and Therapeutics and has created new paradigms for the conceptualization, evaluation, and treatment of consciousness spectrum disorders associated with brain injuries. In the past few years, for personal reasons, his efforts have focused on autism spectrum disorders.

Currently, Dr. Lowe and his colleagues are exploring small molecules, biological, cellular and regenerative medicine therapeutics, and applied field energy techniques to find new treatments for autism and brain injuries.

Dr. Lowe is a co-founder of the Global Alliance for Innovation in Neuroscience, to which he brings his experience and ability to creatively approach the study and management of coma and other brain injuries. Dr. Lowe possesses a remarkable energy with an unparalleled faith and optimism that are apparent in his approach to research and his dedication to patient care.

Dr. Lowe has recently been awarded a grant of over \$3.2 million from the Marcus foundation to study the safety and efficacy of cellular and regenerative medicine therapeutics in the treatment of autism. This work will be done by the GAIN labs at New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation in collaboration with the Stem Cell Institute in Panama, along with Inverion Technologies, Ltd. and Xplora Interactive India. Preliminary data from the individuals with autism who have received these treatments shows that these new methods are both safe and promising.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. R. Sandlin Lowe, III, MD for the advancements he has made in the study and treatment of autism spectrum disorders, brain injuries, and other disorders.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF NANCY COWLES

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2011*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Cowles, who was