

Whereas on December 10, 2011, Robert Griffin III became the 1st Baylor football player to win the Heisman Trophy, college football's most coveted and prestigious award: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends Robert Griffin III for his academic and athletic accomplishments;

(2) congratulates Robert Griffin III for winning the 2011 Heisman Trophy; and

(3) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolution to Baylor University President Ken Starr and Head Football Coach Art Briles for appropriate display.

HONORING CAMERON L. MASON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cameron L. Mason. Cameron is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 249, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cameron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cameron has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Cameron has earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, led his troop in various leadership positions, and earned the Eagle Coup in 2011. Cameron has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Cameron removed and replaced the base for the sign for Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Weston, Missouri, as well as replacing and installing new landscaping around the church.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cameron L. Mason for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. TED CAIN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow veteran and treasured citizen of Rockwall, Ted Cain, who passed away on December 18, 2011, at the age of ninety-four.

Ted was born on March 18, 1917 in Rockwall, Texas, to parents Jessie Hubert Cain and Sadonia Estelle (Lillard) Cain. He grew up in the family home on Renfro Street and was one of eight children. Renfro Street bustled with not only the eight Cain children but with many cousins and friends. The home place along with the smoke house and tool shed is still standing.

Ted was preceded in death by his sisters, Lola Faye Phillips, Billie Raye Smith, and Thelma (Pickie) Tucker, and his brother, Hugh

Cain. He is survived by three devoted sisters, Jessie Mae Rives and her husband, Billy, of Odessa, Texas, Shirley Cupp and her husband, Danny, of Edgewood, Texas, and Nell Samples and her husband, Clarence, who reside near the old family home on Renfro Street in Rockwall.

During World War II, Ted proudly served as First Sergeant in the United States Army in Africa and Europe from 1942 to 1945.

He was always very active in the Rockwall community. He joined First Baptist Church on December 14, 1941. As an adult, Ted could be found at First Baptist Church on most Sundays, ushering and welcoming everyone. He served on the church building committee when the church moved its location from near the downtown Rockwall square to the current location on Goliad Street.

Ted served many years as a member of the Rockwall Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce and was past-president of the Rockwall Rotary Club. Ted also helped establish the Rockwall Lions Club and was a member of the Board of Directors of the First State Bank and Independent Bank NA. A thirty-second degree mason, Ted was a member of the East Trinity Masonic Lodge #157 for over 50 years.

Ted served two terms on the Rockwall City Council during which time the first major industry, Texas Aluminum Company, was brought to Rockwall, providing many new jobs for the area.

Ted attended Rockwall schools and has always exemplified what it meant to work hard. From picking cotton and working at his Uncle Gus' gin as a very young boy, to owning and operating his own businesses, Ted's work ethic was unwavering.

All of his businesses were located around or near the downtown Rockwall square, the heart of his beloved hometown. Ted was successful in numerous businesses; from Ted Cain's Real Estate, where he bought and sold property throughout Rockwall County, to Mobile and Texaco service stations where he pumped gas, washed cars, changed countless tires, and distributed a piece of bubble gum with every "fill-up" to happy Rockwall children; from Cain's Variety Store where the shelves were lined with most anything one could want, to his last and perhaps, favorite business, Ted Cain's Used Cars.

Ted opened "the car lot," as it is still affectionately known, after his official retirement. Fulfilling his lifelong love and knowledge of everything pertaining to cars, Ted Cain's used cars were some of the best around. He bought and sold many cars and was always willing to offer the loan of one of the cars to a friend or family member in need.

Over the years, "the car lot" became less about the cars and more about the friends who arrived every morning for a cup of Ted's strong coffee and to share in the camaraderie of the lively conversations and tall tales.

I have met many Saturday mornings at the Ted Cain car lot, where several of us would get together to discuss everything from Rockwall High School football games to politics—local, statewide, and national. One day I prepared two pages of names I had forged on a petition to give us Members of Congress a fifty percent increase in our annual salaries—a raise in pay for Congress. I, of course, was joking, but most of those present were not buying it, and we quickly went back to bad-

mouthed all Congressmen! I had never heard so many "what the heck are you doing" and "hey—wait a dadgum minute," to "are you crazy?" We had new problems and topics to discuss every Saturday, and we all miss it now. Ted was a great host, and a man I admired and loved as a brother.

Ted courted and married the true love of his life, Maurine Williamson. They were married on June 8, 1941 in Holdenville, Oklahoma by Maurine's uncle. Ted and Maurine traveled from Rockwall to Holdenville for their wedding in a borrowed car with \$15.00 in Ted's back pocket. They have remained devoted to one another for 70 years.

Ted is survived by his wife, Maurine, and their son and daughter-in-law, Dewayne and Ann Atkins Cain. He adored his two grandchildren, Chris Cain and Amy Cain Cox, and Amy's husband, Wendell Cox, and three great-grandchildren, Jackson Luke Cox, John Nash Cox, and Virginia Ann Cox.

Ted's family thanks the wonderful group of ladies who have provided and continue to provide such kind and professional care: Miatta, Patricia, Jane, Esther, Maria, and Teresa. They are also grateful to everyone at Season's Hospice.

Ted's heart was made of gold. He never met a stranger. Greeting everyone with a smile and a kind word, Ted loved to share a laugh and a good story. "You've got to have a little fun every day," was his motto, and more often than not, a goal he met regularly.

Throughout the course of his long illness, Ted cherished his wife, his family, and his many friends. While mind and body grew weak, his kind and gentle disposition remained ever strong, and an occasional glimpse of his charming quick wit surfaced to warm the hearts of his family and remind them to "have a little fun every day."

Ted's son, Dewayne, served as a page with me in the Texas Senate, and I was always proud that he called me "Old Dad." Ted and Maurine were made for one another, and Maurine was there for him in his last days on this earth. There had never been a better guy—no better husband, father, and grandfather—and no better citizen than Ted Cain. We will miss him, and Mr. Speaker, I ask you to close this session of the House of Representatives today in his honor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. ANDRIANNA FERRI ON HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Andrianna Ferri, who will be celebrating her one hundredth birthday tomorrow. Throughout her life, Mrs. Ferri has been a great asset to the community, and truly deserved to be praised for her accomplishments.

Andrianna was born in New London, Connecticut, on December 21, 1911. She is the proud mother of three children and has also been blessed with nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Ferri has been a longtime resident of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in the 8th Congressional District.

It is my pleasure to commend Mrs. Andrianna Ferri on this great accomplishment. I praise her for a long life filled with generosity and caring for the well-being of others. I am honored to represent Mrs. Ferri in Congress. I wish her many more years of joy and happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
COLONEL JOSEPH P. RICHARDS,
USMC

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Joseph P. Richards, Commander, Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21, upon his retirement after more than 31 years of faithful and dedicated service to the United States Marine Corps.

Colonel Richards' long and distinguished career has been marked by his selfless dedication to duty and his unwavering love of country. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1980 and trained as an aircraft mechanic. Colonel Richards attended Westfield State College as a Criminal Justice major, graduating in 1985 before embarking on his career as a commissioned officer and Naval Aviator.

During his remarkable career, Colonel Richards served in a number of flying squadrons, deploying overseas with the 13th, 15th, 31st, and 24th Marine Expeditionary Units. On one such deployment, he participated in Operations Allied Force and Noble Anvil, supporting the air campaign over Yugoslavia in 1999. In addition to his operational experience, he has also served in a number of training billets, instructing new pilots and teaching officers at senior level schools. His record of accomplishment is well-documented and earned him command opportunities at every level from detachment to group.

Colonel Richards has served as Commander of Marine Aviation Training Support Group at Naval Air Station Pensacola since May 2009. His leadership and professionalism during his tenure have been nothing short of superb.

Colonel Richards' professional achievements have been rewarded on numerous occasions during his career. His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various campaign and service medals.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the career and accomplishments of Colonel Joseph P. Richards. His service to country and Corps has been exceptional. My wife Vicki and I wish him, his wife Susan, and three children—Matthew, Michael, and Meghan—all the best.

WELCOMING THE ORLANDO DEANERY
BOYCHOIR AND GIRLS
CHOIR TO WASHINGTON, DC

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to welcome the Orlando Deanery Boychoir and Girls Choir to Washington, DC. An outreach ministry of the Cathedral of St. Luke in Orlando, the choirs are founded on European models and affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music in England. Students participating in the choirs develop the ability to create beautiful music and learn teamwork, professionalism, and respect for other cultures.

As representatives of Central Florida, the choirs serve our community, nation, and world. In addition to frequently performing in the greater Orlando area, the choirs have toured venues in the United States including Carnegie Hall, and abroad in many countries, such as Canada, Austria, Japan, and the Czech Republic.

Recently, the President Barack Obama recognized the choirs' talent and invited them to perform at the White House on Tuesday, December 20, 2011. The parents and directors of these choirs should be pleased with these exemplary students due to the discipline and dedication required to achieve this level of recognition.

On behalf of the citizens of Florida's 8th Congressional District, I am pleased to recognize the Orlando Deanery Boychoir and Girls Choir and congratulate the students for their hard work and accomplishment.

RECOGNIZING RETIRED SERGEANT
ELISHA LANGDON II FOR HIS
CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE
TO COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, Retired Sergeant Elisha Langdon II. Mr. Langdon is a lifelong resident of the Mississippi Delta.

Sergeant Langdon was drafted to serve in United States Army after graduating from Alcorn High School. Sgt. Langdon served during the time of the World War II. While serving our great country, he spearheaded a protest letter to General Douglas MacArthur, Commander of the 8th Army, President Harry S. Truman, and the U.S. Department of Armed Services to abolish segregated armed services in the United States and overseas.

As a result of Mr. Langdon taking a stance against segregation, President Truman, prior to the Korean War issued Executive Order #9981 establishing equality of treatment and opportunity in the Armed Services for people of all races, religions, and national origins. This brought about the abolishment of all-black units in the United States.

Sergeant Langdon earned the rank of Sergeant and an Honorable Discharge after his tour of duty. Upon completion of his tour of

duty, he returned to the Mississippi Delta to continue his education at Alcorn State College in Lorman, Mississippi where in 1951 he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Vocational Agriculture, and then on to Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama where he received a Masters of Education in Vocational Agriculture.

Sergeant Langdon has broken many racial barriers. He became the first African American employed with the USDA Farmers Home Administration in Tunica, Mississippi, and in 1978 he was appointed as an United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Counselor, serving seven southern states and the island of Puerto Rico.

In 1989, Sgt. Langdon was also the first African American elected to the City of Ruleville's Board of Alderman. Mr. Langdon is married to late Ms. Everett Wims-Langdon and proud parents of one child.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and our colleagues in recognizing Retired Sergeant Elisha Langdon II for his dedication to serving our great country.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FROM
YOU CUT: SAVES UP TO \$1.2 BILLION
OVER TEN YEARS

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, the federal government collects fees from coal mining companies to restore abandoned mining sites. Money from those fees is paid to states to restore abandoned mines within their state. However, several states have successfully restored all of their abandoned mining sites and now are permitted to use the federal mine cleanup payments for anything they want to spend it on. Effectively, for the states that have been "certified" as having successfully restored critical mining sites, the mine payments serve as an unrestricted federal subsidy. Several tribal governments also receive payments despite having already remediated all contaminated mining sites on their land. The Obama administration has proposed terminating these mine reclamation payments to states that no longer use them for their intended purpose.*

FROM THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Here's suggested text to reform the Abandoned Mine Lands program. It's more narrow than the Administration language that adds on whole bunches of bells and whistles, like advisory boards and councils and a competitive grant component without guaranteeing a net reduction in payments. CBO scored our draft language with an initial estimate of \$1 B. This language was in the Joint Committee's Republican proposal.

*FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET
TERMINATION: UNRESTRICTED ABANDONED MINE LANDS
PAYMENTS

Department of the Interior

The Administration proposes to terminate mandatory payments from the Treasury to States and tribes that have finished restoring their abandoned coal mines. These payments can now be used for any purpose, and therefore do not contribute to the goal of addressing these hazards.