

basis. Mrs. Anderson sees the Summer Camp Program as a program where the teachers instill in students that, they are somebody, they have a sense of pride, and they can become critical and logical thinkers as they grow into adulthood, facing the challenges that await them in a world of uncertainty. She has worked as a volunteer with the center for almost 2 years.

Mrs. Anderson has taught boys and girls for almost 38 years in the field of education, not for the money that the job brings, but because teaching has given her rewards that cannot be calculated on an adding machine, nor deposited in a bank, but it gives her tangible awards, such as the countenance on a child's face that has learned under her guidance, a pat on the shoulder, and the knowledge of knowing that those vibrant children are enjoying themselves and learning because of her efforts and carefully daily planning.

Her philosophy of teaching is that it takes a special group of people with special skills and dedication to focus on the strengths of children and not their weaknesses. She is a firm believer that all children can learn regardless of their background, and socio-economic status, whether it be by visual, auditory, kinesthetic, tactile, or some other means.

To her family, community and friends, she gives thanks for believing in her, understanding her, and encouraging her in her endeavors as an educator.

"To God be the glory for all that He has done."

NORTHERN NIGHTHAWKS RULE NORTH CAROLINA

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, there is an old saying that the "third time's the charm," and that can be applied to Northern Guilford High School, located in the Sixth District of North Carolina, for winning our state's 3-AA State Football Championship in only its third year of existence. The Northern Nighthawks celebrated their first state title when their opponent, Boling Springs Crest, missed a game-tying extra point with 15 seconds remaining, allowing Northern Guilford to escape with a thrilling 21–20 victory.

Northern Guilford survived two second-half goal line stands to capture the state crown. "It was like something you see in a movie," Nighthawks senior quarterback Rocco Scarfone told the (Greensboro) News & Record. "They could make a movie off this game. It was just surreal how it happened. I couldn't believe it."

One reason it all happened, Mr. Speaker, was the dedication of all involved in the football program and that included the fans and the band. The Northern Nighthawks made it difficult for any team to defeat them this season, thanks in large part to the more than 3,000 fans who packed in to see every home game this past season on the way to a 14–2 record. Many also traveled to distant away games. The team band was also an important part of their championship season, and was affectionately known as the 12th man. Nighthawk Nation followed their team throughout

the playoff run, often traveling more than an hour to get to each game.

The Nighthawks were lead by captains Maurice Harris, Alan Hart, Rocco Scarfone, and Stephen Machanic. Along with their teammates Tre' Purcell, Mohamed Khellah, Austin Hoke, Daniel Downing, TJ Logan, Justin Wallace, Nick Jones, Mark Mitchell, Shaheen Lashani, Shaquille Fields, Max Heavner, Burney Sindab, Scooter Mooney, Chris Ripberger, Austin Cooper, Robert Willcox, Rory Bergen, Kyle Wilhelm, Bernard Sindab, TJ Ruff, Austin Coltrane, Alex Hasler, Trevon Cooper, Earl Smith, Wade William Churchill, Jordan Williams, Trevor McKee, Austin Simmons, Ryan Johnston, Bob Hicks, Drew Milot, Max Klietsch, Colin Beirsto, Kamen Smith, Chris Forlano, Sam Parker, Jacob Roberts, Eric Hayes, Brian Iddings, Garrison O'Bryant, Taylor Rumley, Carlos Williams, Josh Moore and Kris Gafford.

Of course, Northern Guilford could not have achieved its state championship without an outstanding coaching staff led by Head Coach Johnny Roscoe and his assistant coaches Brian Thomas, Todd Sharp, Richard Burton, JR Troutman, Ben Hepler, Dovonte Edwards, Chris Shaffer, Justin Davis, and Justin Ollis. Others who were also instrumental in the championship included Jane Roscoe (Mrs. Coach), Kirstin Shepperson (Team Physician), Jan Wyrick (Women's Order Director), Team Managers Chelsea Ray, Taylor Phillips, Sydney Monroe, and Mercedes Wigglesworth, along with film editor Jenna Livingston. Male Manager Perry Johnson and Ball Boy Britt Thomas also contributed to the title.

Congratulations are also warranted for all of those who supported the football program at Northern Guilford High School. Principal Will Laine, Assistant Principals Doug Foutty, Angela Graves and Kris Vecchione, and Athletic Director Brian Thomas all can take pride in the state title.

Again on behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate Northern Guilford High School football team, along with the faculty, staff and excellent fans for their championship season. This team will be remembered for many years as football fans will say, "remember when the Northern Nighthawks made the saying 'the third time's the charm' come true."

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, as a result of the official U.S. House calendar indicating that last votes for today would conclude at 3 p.m. I committed to travel to Sana'a, Yemen at the invitation of the National Defense University's Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies to address a conference of senior officials of the Government of Yemen on the subject of establishing a national security strategy. The Department of Defense is paying for my travel to this official event. I have attached the letter of invitation for inclusion in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

My absence means I will not be present to vote on H.R. 1, the continuing resolution that

will fund the federal government through September 30, 2011. My opposition to H.R. 1 has been very public and it was my intention to vote against the harmful and ill advised bill that hurts communities, families, and puts America's most vulnerable at even greater risk.

With regard to my amendment to H.R. 1 to prohibit Department of Defense sponsorship of NASCAR, I would have voted in favor.

NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY,
NEAR EAST SOUTH ASIA CENTER
FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES,

Washington, DC, January 25, 2010.

Hon. BETTY McCOLLUM,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN McCOLLUM: Following up on our fruitful conversation the other day, I would like to invite you to participate as a speaker at a Near East South Asia (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies sponsored National Security Seminar to be held in Sana'a, Yemen on Saturday February 19, 2011.

The seminar will bring together up to 800 Yemeni officials, from ministries of the Yemeni government. In addition, members of the Yemeni parliament will attend and you will be introduced by a senior parliamentarian. Military students from the Military High Academy, a Yemeni version of our National Defense University will also attend. The purpose of the Seminar is to help build strategic capacity on a whole of government basis within the Yemeni government.

As we discussed, I would ask that you participate in a session on bilateral Yemen-U.S. relations. This session will follow remarks by U.S. Ambassador Gerald Feierstein. The Yemeni Bi-Lateral speaker is Dr. Hussein Al-Amri who is a former Yemeni Ambassador to the United Kingdom (1994–2001), a current member of the Shura Council since 2001 and a Professor of modern and contemporary history at Sana'a University. You will have approximately 15 minutes for remarks.

DoD regulation permits us to offer you coach fare air travel, per diem and lodging. The NESA Center contact for support is my Executive Assistant, Ms. Kelly Cure at (202) 685-4127 or curek@ndu.edu.

Your knowledge and insights as a member of Congress and your interest in Yemen will add great value to this important event. I thank you for your willingness to participate.

Sincerely,

AMBASSADOR JAMES A. LAROCCO,
Director, NESA Center.

HONORING WILLIE STEEN BATTLE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Willie Steen Battle. Ms. Battle, born April 17, 1945 to the late Thomas and Virginia Ellis in Flora, Mississippi graduated from East Flora High School in 1964 and furthered her education with an Associate Degree from Hinds Community College.

She is an active member of Fearn Chapel Free Will Baptist Church where she serves on the Mother Board. She is President of Flora Community for Progress where she volunteers her time with organizing food drives to give baskets to the elderly and disabled during the

holidays. She also assists with giving benefit programs to people in the community whose homes have been destroyed by fire. Willie Steen is the mother of three: Tony, Erik and Michael.

**FULL-YEAR CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011**

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Chair, I wish to express my strong support for the Sustainable Communities Initiative and oppose any cuts to this important economic development program in H.R. 1.

The Sustainable Communities Initiative illustrates a successful partnership among government agencies to invest in our local economies. At a time when there's so much talk of making government work better, this initiative is a shining example of cutting red tape and fostering collaboration among similar community interests.

Through this initiative, the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and the Environmental Protection Agency award competitive grants to communities for innovative projects that connect the creation of good jobs, sustainable housing and efficient modes of transportation.

In just the short time that this initiative has been in existence, it has awarded numerous competitive grants to communities across the country.

In 2010, a total of 630 communities requested \$1.2 billion in finding and HUD awarded 61 grants worth \$69 million. Clearly, communities see the great potential benefits for the projects funded by this unique initiative.

Although my hometown of Worcester, Massachusetts was not a grantee in the last round of awards, it earned the designation of "preferred sustainability status." Eliminating funding for the Sustainable Communities Initiative would prevent Worcester and dozens of communities across the country from having the opportunity to receive grants to meet their multiple economic, environmental and community needs.

Furthermore, language in H.R. 1 to rescind unobligated funds would threaten projects in communities that were recently awarded grants.

Mr. Chair, cutting funding for the Sustainable Communities Initiative would be harmful to job creation efforts and would take away a vital tool to help communities transition to a 21st century economy.

I urge my colleagues to support the Sustainable Communities Initiative and oppose any cuts to this program.

**FULL-YEAR CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011**

SPEECH OF

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to the C.R. put forward by my Republican colleagues, and specifically to the defunding of Title X family planning programs authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

Begun in 1970 by President Nixon, Title X funding provides for voluntary family planning projects, and is essential to protecting women's health services. Currently, Title X is our Nation's only program dedicated to providing low-income Americans with family planning and reproductive health services.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle are attempting to misconstrue Title X as federal subsidizing of abortion. However, Title X does not provide for abortion services. But it does cover essential health care for millions of families and women. From birth control to cancer screenings, approximately five million Americans rely upon Title X programs every year.

We simply cannot afford to cut lifesaving and preventive care services for those who would not otherwise have access to such care, especially in our current economic climate.

I urge my colleagues to vote against the defunding of these vital health programs contained in Title X by voting against the C.R.

HONORING FLORA BUSH STIGLER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the long and distinguished life of Mrs. Flora Bush Stigler. Born June 28, 1935, in Carroll County, Mississippi she was the 9th of 10 children born to the late Charlie and Susie Bush. She attended Ware school in Carroll County and Knox High School in Winona, MS. Upon completing her studies she received a music scholarship in choir from Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi. While at Rust College, she majored in education, with a concentration in history. She also did further studies at Mississippi State University. She taught one year in Pelahatchie, MS and twenty-nine years at J. Z. George High School. She retired in 1986. While at J. Z. George, she taught 7th grade history and later taught 11 grade history. Of course, she was known for her no-nonsense atmosphere in the classroom. She carefully cultivated her students' natural abilities while demanding and commanding discipline. She ensured and assured each child that edu-

cation is and would be the key to success. She retired from education after 30 years of service.

As a member of Helm Chapel Church, she serves diligently as Director of Christian Education and Music Director for both the adult and the youth choir. She also served many years as director of Prater Day Care Center of Helm Chapel CME Church, the first day care center in our area.

In April 2008, she received her Golden Degree from Rust College. She is politically active, serving as County Coordinator for Congressman BENNIE G. THOMPSON, and treasurer of the Carroll County Voters' League. Currently at age 75, she is still working with people in the community by way of managing a state program known as "Meals on Wheels" for seven counties, (Attala, Carroll, Grenada, Holmes, Leflore, Montgomery and Yalobusha) through North Central Planning and Development District.

She is the mother of three daughters, a grandmother of 6, a great grandmother of 7 and a person who never meets a stranger. Today, as in past years, she is known for her community service. She is an "active" and vocal member of the PTO at J. Z. George High School.

RECOGNIZING H. DOUGLAS
CHAFFIN AS THE MICHIGAN
BANKERS ASSOCIATION 2011
BANKER OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize H. Douglas Chaffin's being named the Michigan Bankers Association (MBA) 2011 Banker of the Year. Doug serves as the President and CEO of Monroe Bank and Trust (MBT), a locally owned and operated community bank headquartered in Monroe, Michigan. He has been with Monroe Bank and Trust since 2001 and assumed the role of CEO in 2004.

Doug has guided Monroe Bank and Trust with a steady hand through the turmoil of the current recession. In a time of great uncertainty and anxiety, he has led the bank with dignity and grace. Due to his keen instincts, high character and responsible management, Monroe Bank and Trust not only has weathered the financial maelstrom but, unlike its national counterparts, continued without interruption to lend to a community in dire need. Doug's vast knowledge of the financial industry and sage counsel have helped inform me for years, and his expert testimony to the House Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Financial Services in November 2009 helped bring a community bank's valuable perspective to the financial regulatory reform debate.

Doug's role in the community extends far beyond the walls of his bank. He is a community leader in every sense. Doug has served as the past chairman of the Michigan Bankers Association. He also serves on the board of directors for the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation, City of Monroe Downtown Development Authority, The Foundation at Monroe County Community College, and Mercy Memorial Hospital System.