

game, both sides worthy of accolades. The Falcon defense, however, was able to take over in the second half while paving the way for the win. The Falcons define team work and dedication and that starts with the Head Coach Scott Young and all of his assistants.

With many players returning next season, including the offensive and defensive MVPs, the Falcons have vowed to continue their winning streak. On February 3, 2011, I was honored to meet with the team and offer my personal congratulations on another outstanding season.

The players on this championship team are Tyler Stamp, Trey Mashore, Daishon Barger, Odell McBride, Clifford Long, BJ Sherrill, Dinkin Miller, Quentin Sifford, Connor Edwards, Jamarian Mabry, Eric Cowan, Ethan Wansley, Harvey Landy, Taylor Garczynski, Jockaile Burnside, Bertin Suarez, Jarvis Morgan, Domonique Noble, Kendall Hosch, John Dunlap, Darryl Jackson Jr., Andrew Garrison, Trey Cuthbertson, Brandon Ijames, Mack Flanagan, Terence Robinson, Troy Culbertson, Patrick Hampton, Trevor Loudin, Desmond Jackson, Emmanuel Gbunblee, Trey Shepherd, Tacoma McNeely, Cody Eggers, Kiero Cuthbertson, Jacob Tomlin, Logan Stoodley, Jordan Davenport, Terrence Polk, Andre Archie, Matthew Choi, Charles Holloway, Preston Garner, Chad Bailey, Brandon Hansen, Xavier Still, Cody Haire, Hunter Mashburn, Josh Bailey, Jordan Myers, Greg Dixon, Mike Norman, Rashad Sherrill, Zeke Blackwood, Davon Quarles, Jarius Lewis, Louis Kraft, Hobie Proctor, Jalen Morrow, Ahmed Blackwell, Quinton Phifer, Maurice Warren, Kelly Miller, Keyows Weeks, Justin Teeter, Jovani Alvirer, Daisean Reddick, Ray Bath, Derrick Fortson, Teoz Mauney, and Michael Pinkston.

Every great team needs a great coaching staff, as well as support from their school community. Plaudits must go to Head Coach Scott Young, Assistant Coaches Ed Bowles, Butch Browning, Durwood Bynum, Jeff Chapman, Tim Dixon, Ralph Ellis, Dave Hunt, Lee Linville, Darrell Misenhiemer, Joe Nixon, Kevin Parks Sr., Stevie Williams, James Collins, Zeb Link, and Mark Young. In addition, it should be noted that Scott Young has been honored as the Associated Press Prep Football Coach of the Year for North Carolina.

In addition, we need to congratulate Head Trainer Amber DeDoming along with student trainers J.J. Pangburn, Ashley Gaston and Nicole Barber. Additionally the cameramen Alan Champion and Jonathan Brown, the ball girls Ally Young, Sarah Day and Mary Sobataka and ball boys Bryant Young, Owen White, Marcus Corry and Brandon Wallace, all deserve to be recognized for the total team effort.

Last, but certainly not least, we offer our congratulations to Athletic Director Todd Bell and Principal Dr. Jamie Durant for their support of a national high school football dynasty.

Again on behalf of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate the West Rowan High School football team, faculty, staff, students, and fans for another history-making season. This team will be remembered for many years to come for its perfection on the field and resilience in securing a third straight North Carolina 3-A state championship.

## FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 17, 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. PAYNE. Mr. Chair, under the Higher Education Act, proprietary colleges and universities and career training programs are required to offer programs that lead to gainful employment in a legally recognized occupation in order to participate in the federal student aid programs. In July 2010, the Department of Education published a proposed rule to enforce this statutory requirement. While I share the Department's desire to ensure that federal financial aid dollars are spent wisely and that students are not taken advantage of, my concern is that the proposed rule does not accurately address this purpose and the consequences have not been fully considered.

Rather than using actual measures of educational quality such as job placement and graduation rates, the Department is promulgating a regulation that defines "gainful employment" through a complex matrix that examines the student loan debt-to-income ratio of graduates to the student loan repayment rate of graduates in the programs. The proposed rule would also require the US Department of Education to approve every new program created at a proprietary institution prior to the start of the program. This proposed rule needs to be further developed and possible unintended consequences considered.

In the midst of our economic crisis and high national unemployment rate, there remains a group of employers who struggle to find workers with skill sets required for today's changing job market. These employers have, in some cases, partnered with community and career colleges to build a 21st century workforce. Today, more than 6 million non-traditional students—including single parents, displaced workers, and low income individuals—are enrolled in community colleges and another 2.8 million in career colleges to develop the skills necessary to advance in the 21st century workplace.

Yes, there are "bad apples" among career preparation programs, who are taking advantage of vulnerable populations. In fact, before coming to Congress, I was at the forefront of an effort to close a beauty school in New Jersey which had done a disservice to students in the area. For this reason, again, I share the concern of many regarding the abuse of Title IV funds as well as any institutional action which would cause a student academic failure or financial harm. However, I also know that many good career colleges and community college programs exist that remain strong partners in the effort to meet the President's goal of leading the world in the percentage of college graduates by 2020.

My concern is that the Department's rule, while addressing poor quality programs, will have a negative impact on high quality pro-

grams as well. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this amendment to provide for the reevaluation of the proposed metric system and full consideration of its impact.

RECOGNIZING KATHY ICHTER, DIRECTOR OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPON HER RETIREMENT

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2011*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Kathy Ichter, the Director of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation for her long and dedicated service to the residents of Fairfax County, Virginia, and to wish her well in her retirement. Ms. Ichter started with the County in 1984, and spent 27 years working tirelessly to improve regional transportation. She began as a Transportation Planner, served for twelve years as the Division Chief of the Department's Transportation Planning and Operations Division, and was subsequently appointed as Director of the entire Department in 2005. I was a Member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors at that time, and happily supported Ms. Ichter's appointment. Having worked closely with her on many transportation issues over the years, I developed a profound respect for her abilities and dedication.

Ms. Ichter was instrumental in improving all modes of transportation, including roadways, supporting pedestrian and transit opportunities and implementing innovative alternatives such as telework. While no one transportation project will completely eliminate challenges in urbanized areas, Ms. Ichter's wide-ranging focus provided residents with a number of options for their daily commutes. During her time as Director, she facilitated a partnership with the private sector to expand capacity on the Washington Beltway at no cost to taxpayers, oversaw the final planning and start of construction on extending Metrorail to Dulles Airport—one of our region's most significant transportation improvements, and planned redevelopment for the Tysons Corner area to transform the currently gridlocked urban core into a workable community. In addition, she worked diligently with me when I served as Chairman of the Board to enact two Four-Year Transportation Plans, the first such efforts in Fairfax to develop and implement a comprehensive, long-term transportation strategy.

Throughout her years of service, Ms. Ichter received a number of awards recognizing her efforts and leadership, including the Les Dorson Public Leadership Award in 2004 and the A. Heath Onthank Award, the highest honor awarded to Fairfax County government employees, in 2005.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in providing further recognition to Kathy Ichter and thanking her for her years of service to the citizens of Fairfax County and her dedication to improving the National Capital region's transportation challenges.

RECOGNITION OF MR. RAÚL  
MAGDALENO

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2011*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to congratulate one of my constituents who will be honored for his extraordinary volunteerism leadership in the community. Mr. Raúl Magdaleno will be presented with the MillerCoors 2010 Lider of the Year Award at the Latino Cultural Center in Dallas, Texas on Thursday, February 24, 2011.

Raúl Magdaleno was the one among 12 Hispanic leaders chosen for outstanding contributions to his community through volunteerism at Parents Step Ahead/Padres un Paso Adelante. Mr. Magdaleno was selected through an online public voting campaign hosted from September 15 through October 29, 2010. In compliment to his award, Parents Step Ahead will receive a \$25,000 grant for a community leadership project in collaboration with MillerCoors. The focus of Parents Step Ahead is to encourage parents to participate in their children's education.

Although this is a prestigious award, this is not the first honor bestowed upon this exceptional Dallasite. Mr. Magdaleno is a 2004 recipient of the United States Congressional Gold Medal for his more than 29,000 hours of community service. He has clearly demonstrated his dedication to the Hispanic community and leadership ability to serve those in need. At present, Mr. Magdaleno oversees the office of Diversity and Community Outreach for Southern Methodist University's Meadows School of the Arts.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Raúl Magdaleno for his remarkable commitment as a servant leader. He is one that our youth across the nation can aspire towards to make this country a better place to live. In his own words, "Perseverance and determination triumphs over any disadvantage life may bring you."

TRIBUTE TO LEONARD METZGER,  
JR.

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2011*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer tribute to Mr. Leonard Metzger, Jr., a beloved and respected member of the South Alabama business community who recently passed away at the age of 81.

To his many friends, Leonard Metzger was a gentleman, an avid outdoorsman, a devoted businessman and booster of the community.

Born in Mobile in 1929, Mr. Metzger graduated from University Military School, UMS, where he was the 1948 Julius Tutwiler Award recipient. He would later serve on the UMS-Wright Board of Directors for 25 years.

He attended the University of Alabama until he was called home to lead the family clothing business, Metzger's, after the death of his father, Leonard Metzger, Sr.

For three decades, Mr. Metzger guided the store and supervised its expansion. He sold

his business interest in the early 1980's and turned his attention to local civic activities, including the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo and the Junior Miss Pageant.

Mr. Metzger loved fishing, duck hunting and telling humorous stories as much as he loved making friends.

His contributions to our community in business and civic activities are many and he will be sorely missed.

On behalf of the people of South Alabama, I wish to extend condolences to Mildred, his wife of 36 years; his son, Leonard "Lee"; daughters, Nancy, Peggy and Debbie; step-daughter, Marty; sister, Clare; 6 grandchildren, and extended family and friends. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DAVID M.  
ALTWEGG

**HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2011*

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement from the Department of Defense, I wish to recognize Mr. David M. Altwegg, Rear Admiral (RADM) (Retired) for his more than six decades of dedicated military and federal service to the security of our country. In his most recent assignment, he served as Executive Director at the Missile Defense Agency, where he advised the Director on issues related to the management and operations of one of the most dynamic organizations within the Department of Defense. Mr. Altwegg has made an enormous contribution to the successful development and fielding of a defensive system to protect this nation, American troops deployed abroad, and our allies and friends from attack by ballistic missiles.

Mr. Altwegg enlisted in the Navy in 1947 and after attending aviation electronics training, he earned a fleet appointment to the United States Naval Academy, earning his commission in 1952. He rose through the ranks as a Surface Warfare Officer where he led sailors and Marines through three decades of distinguished military service, retiring from active duty in 1985. RADM Altwegg's passion to serve this great country led him to continue his federal government service for another quarter century as part of the Senior Executive Service. It is to this nation's benefit that Mr. Altwegg decided to pursue a post-navy career in civil service.

Mr. Chairmen, very few individuals demonstrate the passion, patriotism, loyalty and dedication to national security as exemplified by Mr. Altwegg. His accomplishments and leadership over the course of his 24 year senior executive career contributed significantly to the Department of Defense in the areas of complex combat systems development, acquisition reform, and the fielding of a ballistic missile defense capability for the Nation. As a senior executive, he served in positions of increasing responsibility in the Naval Sea Systems Command and the Program Executive Office for Theater Air Defense (later renamed Theater Surface Combatants). He served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Theater Combat Systems before being assigned to the newly formed Missile Defense

Agency where he rose to the position of Executive Director, the senior civilian in this organization.

Mr. Altwegg has been at the forefront of the Department of Defense efforts to improve and streamline the acquisition of complex combat systems for his entire civilian career, but nowhere has he had more direct impact than in his current Missile Defense Agency assignment. He pioneered the portfolio management concept when MDA was formed in 2002 through the consolidation of all Service ballistic missile defense programs under this new Defense Agency. Concurrent with this effort, he revamped the budget development and oversight process for MDA's \$8 billion annual portfolio, and he dramatically improved the detail and applicability of budget documentation for Congress and other national leaders, resulting in bipartisan praise for promoting a much clearer understanding of a very technically complex program of work. His vision for managing disparate systems as a single integrated system, networking air and space surveillance resources to allow the warfighter to take advantage of the full kinematic range of the family of missile defense interceptors, revolutionized the way we think of the DoD Acquisition Model. MDA's early application of spiral development to introduce future capability in blocks became the new lexicon used by the Defense Acquisition University where we train our future acquisition experts.

Mr. Altwegg also championed the re-engineering of the agency's management structure to better administer and support a revolutionary approach to developing and fielding missile defense capabilities. He redefined the Executive Management Council organization around the three core executive management functions of the Director (head of agency, acquisition executive and program manager) improving teamwork, increasing the information flow among senior executives and dramatically reducing decision cycle time. His tireless efforts streamlined staff, improved communication among more than 30 departments, and advanced the interests of the Department of Defense and American taxpayers in more efficiently delivering improved ballistic missile defense capabilities.

Consistent with the President's Quality Management Agenda as set forth in 2002, Mr. Altwegg pushed for better metrics and measures to support all aspects of ballistic missile defense acquisition. When the Office of Management and Budget implemented their Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART), the MDA was included in the first group of government agencies to be reviewed. The MDA earned an unprecedented score of 75 in the first year. This objective assessment by an outside organization was a direct reflection of Mr. Altwegg's ability to set measurable goals for MDA and to communicate a complex strategy and revolutionary spiral acquisition process.

He was also singularly responsible for the agency's implementation of the President's Management Agenda spotlight activity for Budget-Performance Integration, achieving 100 percent integration of the agency's strategic and budgetary goals. He articulated a recurring strategic rhythm where investment, development, testing and fielding decisions are based on periodic reviews of the maturity, progress and balance of the ballistic missile defense portfolio. Strategic decisions on element progress are based on their ability to