

YEKATERINA MOROZOVA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Yekaterina Morozova for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Yekaterina Morozova is a 12th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Yekaterina Morozova is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Yekaterina Morozova for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO FAY DOUGLAS-LANE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Fay Douglas-Lane for her service to and excellence in the practice of nursing.

Fay was born in Kingston, Jamaica. Her extensive nursing career began at the University Hospital of the West Indies' School of Nursing, where she received certification in both medical and surgical wards. Throughout her life, Fay provided critical services to her community as a nurse, mentor and volunteer to those in need.

Fay began her career in 1983, as an Operating Room nurse at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. For nearly nine years she served in this capacity. She left Downstate Medical Center for a brief period, but returned in 1994. When Fay returned, she served in supervisory roles until her promotion to Associate Nursing Director in 2003. Fay has a unique understanding of perioperative nursing; her expertise was instrumental to the healthcare team at SUNY. Among her accomplishments, Fay championed and facilitated the Team STEPPS Program, an evidence-based teamwork system designed to improve quality, safety and efficiency for perioperative services. Fay retired from Downstate Medical Center on December 31, 2010.

Fay has always been committed to achieving excellence in the practice of nursing. She was involved in the Brooklyn Chapter of the Association of Operating Room Nurses, including two separate terms as President. She also served as mentor to numerous Registered Nurses, Operating Room Technicians, Nursing Assistants, and Resident Physicians.

Fay was not consumed by hospital work. She devoted time to assisting teachers and

staff at P.S. 397, a children's elementary school in Brooklyn, NY, and has been actively involved in the Parent Teacher Association of Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn. Fay also spent significant time volunteering. In 1986, she worked with a team of doctors and nurses to care for the poor and needy in Jamaica, West Indies. In 1998, she contributed her time and service to the People United to Save Our Children Community Choir.

Fay has a strong commitment to her faith. In March of 2000, she received a certificate for Outstanding Christian Services from Berean Baptist Church in Brooklyn. In December 2010, she was ordained a deacon at Berean Baptist Church, where she has been a member for over twenty years.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Fay Douglas-Lane.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the National Association of Parliamentarians. I would also like to welcome the Robert Rocks in Cleveland biennial District Four Conference to Cleveland, Ohio. The district four region consists of Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Ontario, Canada.

The National Association of Parliamentarians advocates the studying and teaching of the philosophies and principles of various legislative bodies. The Association, based in Independence, Missouri, is currently entering its 80th year of existence, a monumental occasion for the organization.

In addition, the current congregation of the fourth district is only the fourth time the conference has taken place in the state of Ohio. This year marks the first time that Cleveland has been chosen as the host city.

The goal of this conference is to educate the public about meeting management and various other parliamentary procedures. Educational workshops will be open to the public and the election of a new district director will take place.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, join me in honor of the National Association of Parliamentarians as they gather in Cleveland, Ohio for their District Four Conference. This conference is a benefit to both those in attendance and the community as a whole.

HONORING EBBY HALLIDAY ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2011

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dallas legend Ebby Halliday on her 100th Birthday.

On March 9, Dallas legend Ebby Halliday will celebrate a century of life. From her humble beginning on a farm in Kansas where she

started selling tins of Clovertine Salve at age eight to her successful real estate company, which is now one of the largest privately owned real estate firms in the United States, Ebby has always reached for the stars and inspired others to do the same.

From her first job after graduation selling hats, to the real estate mogul we all know and love today, Ebby Halliday truly personifies the American Dream. Not only has she revolutionized the real estate business with her savvy, her wit, and her charm—Ebby's dedication to serving her community has made her a household name and a true Dallas treasure. Known to many as "The First Lady of Real Estate," I am privileged to call her friend.

Happy Birthday Ebby, and thank you for the many contributions you have made to the State of Texas and our nation over the past 100 years.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2011

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, as a 5th generation Kansan and proud alum, I would like to offer ecstatic congratulations to the University of Kansas Jayhawks.

This weekend, the KU men's basketball team charged their way to a 2nd consecutive Big 12 Tournament Championship and clinched their 7th straight regular season Big 12 title. As Coach Larry Brown said of Kansas: "There's no better place to coach, there's no better place to go to school, there's no better place to play."

Thanks Jayhawks for again proving those words true. As the proud and mighty Jayhawk Nation gets ready for the big dance, I would like to wish Coach Bill Self and his team the best of luck in the tournament. ROCK CHALK JAYHAWK! Go KU!

REMEMBERING ARVIN DALE SHORT, M.D.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the memory of Dr. Arvin Short, who passed away on March 3. For decades, Dr. Short provided a public service to the North Texas community through his work in General Surgery.

Arvin Dale Short was born on September 21, 1942 in Weatherford, Oklahoma. Dr. Short graduated from the University of Oklahoma Medical School in 1969, after completing his undergraduate work at Southwestern State College. After completing his internship and residency in General Surgery at the University of Texas Medical School in San Antonio, he earned his certification from the American Board of Surgery in 1975.

Dr. Short was recruited to practice surgery in Denton by my father, the late H.M. Burgess, and the two men formed a lifelong bond. No matter what the circumstance, Dr. Short was

always available with an encouraging word or fresh perspective. Since 2004, he has served as the Medical Director of the Wound Center at Texas Health Resources Presbyterian Hospital, where he also served on the Board of Directors from 2003 to 2007.

Dr. Short has an established career which included serving as Chief of Staff and Chief of Surgery at Lewisville Memorial Hospital, Flow Memorial Hospital and Denton Community Hospital. Committed to his field, he was affiliated with the J.B. Aust Surgical Society, the Texas Medical Society and served as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, as well as President of the Denton County Medical Society.

Dr. Short's legacy extends beyond his contributions as a surgeon. His support of the arts went beyond his interests in reading, music, and history. Arvin Short was also an accomplished writer, poet and playwright. His works include the published novel, "Reckoning", the award winning play, "The Call Room," and numerous other short stories, novels and poems. A philanthropist, Dr. Short served on the Board of Directors of the Denton Community Theatre and received the Greater Denton Arts Council Community Arts Recognition Award in 1991.

Through all his service as surgeon, artist, and philanthropist, Dr. Short was known first as a family man. His real love being his wife Carol, his sons, his daughter-in-law and granddaughter.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to join his family, friends and colleagues in honoring the life of Dr. Arvin Short. His legacy as family man, surgeon and artist is one that will endure for years to come. I am honored to have known him and represented him in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING ELLIOT L. LUONI

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2011

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial of Elliot L. Luoni of Massachusetts. Elliot celebrates his 100th birthday today, March 14.

An avid musician and former professional drummer, Elliot has entertained young and old on cruise ships across the Atlantic. His sharp talent has given him a place in history; he has performed with the likes of Tommy Dorsey and Frank Sinatra.

A hero of his community, he was present at the infamous Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston, Massachusetts on November 28, 1942 when disaster struck. Tragically, 492 people lost their lives in a building fire that night—many of them young soldiers celebrating a night off duty. Without hesitation, Elliot organized transportation for the injured to the nearest hospital. The families of the Cocoanut Grove fire survivors have Elliot to thank for his selflessness.

No one appreciates Elliot more than his three children, nine grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren—sweet reminders of his fifty-five year marriage to the lovely Elsa Luoni.

I extend my happiest wishes to Elliot on his 100th birthday, and I wish him the best of health and happiness in many more to come.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH MELENICK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Joseph Melenick, a 17 year-old man who has dedicated his adolescence to finding a cure for Crohn's disease.

Five years ago, Joe was diagnosed with Crohn's disease, a disorder that causes swelling in the digestive tract, severe pain, and gastrointestinal complications. Since being diagnosed, Joe has remained committed to raising money to find a cure for the disease, to helping others with his condition, and to keep fighting for the benefit of others.

On his twelfth birthday, Joe decided to host a fundraiser at a bowling alley, with the hope of raising \$1,000 for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation for research. With over 100 participants in the fundraiser, Joe well surpassed his goal and raised approximately \$4,700. Since that first fundraiser, he has made this an annual event and has raised close to \$50,000.

In addition to his annual bowling fundraiser, Joe often speaks to groups in the Cleveland area about the disease and how he copes. His presentations show the group that they are not alone in battling this terrible disease, and that there is hope for a cure.

Joe has facilitated other events to raise awareness and gather donations for the foundation in collaboration with a team he formed, called the "GI Joes." Events include a 2-mile walk around Progressive Field with the Bay High School drum line and the GI Joes. The team has collected sponsorships from local companies, friends, families and concerned citizens.

As a result of his hard work and dedication to finding a cure for the disease, the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation chose him as the 2010 Honored Hero for the Cleveland area. In addition, Joe was recently named one of the top two youth volunteers for 2011 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Joseph Melenick as he strives to raise funds for finding a cure for Crohn's disease, and for acting as a role model for Cleveland's young people.

THE PREVENT LOCKOUT OF
ATHLETES THIS YEAR ACT

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to introduce H.R. _____, the PLAY Act. This bill will ensure that a congressionally granted antitrust immunity is never again misused to build up an improper "war chest" to gain leverage in a football lockout and put our nation's most popular sport at risk.

An independent United States District Judge recently found that the NFL acted in bad faith by negotiating broadcast contracts ensuring the league would be paid even if it locked out players. In other words, the league manipulated broadcast negotiations to maximize its ability to force and win a lockout, and did so—

in the Court's words—"to advance its own interests and harm the interests of the players."

Those flawed negotiations were conducted under the protective umbrella of the antitrust immunity given to football by the Congress. Accordingly, the PLAY Act would strip this immunity from professional football so it can never be misused in this way again.

FURTHER BACKGROUND

The Sports Broadcast Act of 1961. Under the Sports Broadcast Act of 1961, the four major United States sports currently enjoy immunity from our antitrust laws so they can negotiate league wide broadcast contracts. Without this immunity, the antitrust laws could limit league competitors from jointly negotiating these deals. And potentially anti-competitive provisions of the broadcast pacts such as overly extended blackout territories could be subject to antitrust scrutiny.

Broadcast revenue is critical to the National Football League and its players. According to recent court testimony of Commissioner Roger Goodell, "broadcast contracts generate approximately half of the NFL's total revenues"—or over \$4 billion per year. This revenue is critical to the players as well as the league and its owners, as it forms the heart of the shared revenue pool that is used for health and other benefits, as well as salaries.

Congress—and the House Judiciary Committee in particular—has long been vigilant in the exercise of its antitrust jurisdiction regarding the economic impact of major sports business on America's communities, in particular taking action in the wake of a professional sports work stoppage.

In 1994, following the baseball strike, the Judiciary Committee under Chairman Brooks held hearings and passed legislation partially repealing baseball's antitrust exemption, which culminated four years later in the enactment of the Curt Flood Act. In 1996, after the Browns left Cleveland, the Committee, under Chairman Hyde, again considered legislation and held antitrust hearings. In 2001, under Chairman Sensenbrenner, after Major League Baseball announced the possible contraction and elimination of the Minnesota Twins franchise, we conducted hearings on antitrust legislation that I introduced.

Bad Faith Contract Re-negotiations. In May 2008, the National Football League re-negotiated its contracts with the major broadcasters who televise professional football. While the particulars of these negotiations varied, in all or most cases, the district court's opinion describes how the league insisted on provisions that would shield it from the economic impact of a lock out.

In response, the National Football League Players' Association (at the time, the certified bargaining representative for NFL Players), petitioned the United States District Court overseeing the league's collective bargaining relationship with its players for a declaration that the league's approach to the negotiations violated its contractual duty to maximize total revenue to the league and the players each season.

On March 3, 2011, United States District Judge Doty, who is expert in NFL-related matters and has handled league/player disputes for roughly twenty years, issued an order agreeing with the players' contention. Judge Doty explained: "The NFL sought to renegotiate broadcast contracts to ensure revenue for