

Are but our Lord's tears up in Heaven, coming from his heart now so very deep!
 As it's for your selfless sacrifice Amanda and Roger, and your families he now so weeps!
 And to those five sons, whose pain now so lies so very deep. . . .
 They are with you, as you awake and as you sleep!
 Watching over you and us to keep!
 And remember, that it was your happiness that they would seek. . . .
 So bless them, and bless their memory. . . . by living a great life to be!
 And they will live on in your hearts, for all the world to see!
 Until, that fine day up in Heaven. . . these Blue Angels and you, will all so meet!
 Blue. . . .
 Blue Angels, watch over me!

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF STANLEY J. "BUD" GRANT FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT FRIENDS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GLAUCOMA CAUCUS FOUNDATION, INC.

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride, admiration and sadness as we in the United States House of Representatives pay tribute to our dear friend and Buddy, Stanley J. "Bud" Grant. We join with the many family members, friends and colleagues at Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Manhasset, New York to celebrate the life of Stanley J. "Bud" Grant who passed away Saturday morning, March 26, 2011, after a short illness.

My wife Alma and I want to extend our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Richard, Suzanne, Robert, Thomas, Joanne, Steven and the entire Grant family as we honor the memory and the legacy of your dear beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather and uncle and all the wonderful times you shared together as a family.

Stanley J., affectionately known as Bud, was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York and served our nation in the Pacific theater during World War II with valor in the United States Marine Corps. He graduated from St. Francis College and attended Fordham University and the New York University School of Public Administration. Bud lived in Douglaston for over 40 years with his late wife, Suzanne Gobel Stabnick, and raised six children who all attended local schools. Bud was very active in the community, particularly with the Saint Anastasia's Roman Catholic Church parish where he was long-standing member of the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus.

The New York Congressional Delegation worked very closely with Bud in his efforts as a representative of the Medical Society of the State of New York and other important medical associations. Bud established a special interest in Health Care, Health Administration and Health Economics; and also served on the Board of Directors of Wagner College and New York Hospital Division of Queens.

As we entered into a new millennium in the year 2000, Bud Grant inspired me to lead a group of my Congressional colleagues, which included ED TOWNS, MIKE OXLEY, MARK

FOLEY, and DONNA CHRISTENSEN to create and co-found the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus. This organization would be dedicated to helping all Americans prevent the scourge of glaucoma and other eye diseases. Through Bud's advocacy and enthusiasm, we were quickly joined by more than two dozen other Members of Congress.

After the Glaucoma Caucus was established, Bud formed the Friends of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation, a federally funded, non-profit foundation which screens disadvantaged populations for glaucoma and other eye diseases across the United States. Under his leadership as President, the Foundation provided the first Mobile Eye Screening Unit.

Since that historic day, the Friends of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation has performed over 300,000 total screenings; has made over 40,000 referrals; has identified over 50,000 other eye diseases; and has routinely followed up with over 200,000 patients. Through Bud's efforts, the foundation's Student Sight Saver Program had partnered with many of our elite universities, colleges and Ivy League schools throughout the nation. I am so proud of the foundation's work with our federally funded health clinics and the screenings that take place at our neighborhood health fairs.

Bud Grant was a true New Yorker who tirelessly fought to bring health care to the underserved and stem the tide of all eye diseases in every major way. We are a grateful nation for the life of my Buddy, Stanley J. "Bud" Grant.

**CONGRATULATING LIFE-SAVER
SHAUN ANDERSON OF DIVERSITY
IN AQUATICS**

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a young man of remarkable achievement. Shaun Anderson is co-founder and President of Diversity in Aquatics Inc., a visionary network that works to save lives through global efforts to reduce the incidence of drowning.

But that's not all. Shaun is a consultant to USA Swimming, a college faculty member, a former coach as well as a collegiate swimmer and track team member at his alma mater, Pennsylvania State University. He began swimming competitively at age four.

Citing these accomplishments and more, Penn State has named him one of 12 alumni under the age of 35 to receive the 2011 Penn State University Alumni Achievement Award. He will be honored on April 8.

Let me tell my colleagues a little more about this amazing young man. His brainchild, Diversity in Aquatics, boasts members across a worldwide spectrum including Olympians, coaches, elected officials and educators. The organization is literally a life saver. It helps spread the word about water safety through advocacy, educational programs, and action, holding regional water safety clinics, and connecting individuals and groups through their website.

I was pleased to provide a welcoming video for the Diversity in Aquatics Network, which

has been active in support of swimming and water safety in Philadelphia's communities of color. The Network has spotlighted the work of Jim Ellis, who developed Philadelphia's first all-African American swimming team and was the subject of the biopic "Pride."

In 2009, USA Swimming named Shaun a diversity consultant, giving him responsibility for developing programs for under-served communities throughout the country. He has become a global spokesperson on the issue of diversity in swimming and aquatic safety. For example, he was interviewed and appeared in a Newsweek article in September 2010 about efforts to lower the rate of drowning among African American children.

Shaun Anderson devotes himself to a vital but often overlooked cause. It is a sad fact that worldwide, 388,000 people a year—an average of more than 1,000 a day—are known to perish by drowning, although this data may dramatically understate the problem. In our nation and overseas, a disproportionate number of drowning victims, and victims of non-fatal injuries from submersion, are children from communities of color and from low-income backgrounds. The reasons are many, but the "cure" is obvious: teach youngsters how to swim, use safety techniques and respect the perils of water.

In pursuit of this goal, Shaun Anderson has assisted with clinics in Brazil, the British Virgin Islands, the Philippines and elsewhere. Most recently he helped the Bahamian Ministry of Education and International Olympic Committee in implementing a nationwide learn to swim program for the Bahamas.

Anderson also serves as a faculty member in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Exercise Science at Norfolk State University. At Penn State he was a varsity athlete in two sports: three years on the track team and a four-year member of the swim team. In addition to his degree in Kinesiology from Penn State, he holds an M.B.A. from California State University—Long Beach.

It is no wonder that Shaun Anderson has been widely recognized and honored for his "diversity" of achievements. He is a multi-tasking role model and advocate who carries a life-saving message and the imperative of diversity into regions and disciplines never before imagined. Across our nation, young people of all races and communities are healthier, better swimmers—and very much afloat in life—thanks to a talented, tireless young man named Shaun Anderson.

**HONORING THE SMOKY MOUNTAIN
HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANGS MEN'S
BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR
OUTSTANDING SEASON**

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Smoky Mountain High School Mustangs 2010–2011 Men's Basketball Team.

Through their hard work and dedication, the Mustangs had an undefeated regular season. They held the longest single season winning streak in North Carolina for all 4 classifications in the 2010–2011 season. They went on to finish as the WNCAC Regular Season and Tournament Champions. The Mustangs finished

the year as the NCHSAA sectional runner-up with an impressive 26–1 record. These awards are especially notable considering North Carolina is considered a powerhouse for high school basketball.

Five players were recognized for their individual accomplishments by being named All-Conference. They include Will Carpenter, Micah Carter, Tanner Cogdill, Mark Thompson, and Jackson Simmons. Jackson Simmons also went on to be named the Conference Player of the Year for his extraordinary play during the season. The team's recognition did not stop with just the players. Head coach Jimmy Cleaveland was named Conference Coach of the Year.

As a former student athlete in Western North Carolina, I understand the commitment it takes to compete at such a high level. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the many accomplishments by the Smoky Mountain High School Mustangs 2010–2011 Men's Basketball Team.

FLOWER MOUND HIGH SCHOOL
CHOIR

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Flower Mound High School Choir. In 1999 the high school opened with the hope of becoming "A World Class School Educating Tomorrow's Leaders." Since then, Newsweek Magazine named it one of the "Top 1000 Best Public High Schools" in the U.S., based on AP scores. Of the school's many accomplishments, none resonate quite like the Flower Mound High School Choir.

The Flower Mound High School Choir regularly enjoys success at University Interscholastic League competitions as well as private competitions. Over time they have earned a slew of "Sweepstakes" awards as well as "Best of Class" and "Grand Champion" awards from all over the country. Students have also had the honor of performing throughout Europe, both at the Vatican and the Salzburg Cathedral. And just last week they were here in Washington D.C. to perform at the WWII Memorial. In their song choice, they sought to honor our nation's veterans.

It is heartening to know that this burgeoning generation continues to hold our veterans in such high regard. I want to thank the Flower Mound High School Choir for coming to our nation's capitol to honor our veterans.

HONORING ALEXANDER CHRISTIAN
NASON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alexander Christian Nason. Alexander 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 376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alexander has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alexander 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, Alexander has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and the position of Senior Patrol Leader in his troop. Alexander has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Alexander planned and supervised the construction of a storage closet for Liberty United Methodist Church in Liberty, Missouri.

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

AFGHANISTAN WAR POWERS
RESOLUTION

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of swift U.S. troop withdrawal from Afghanistan. This decade-long war is costing our country tens of hundreds of lives and hundreds of billions of dollars. In 2010 alone, nearly 500 brave American men and women lost their lives, which is 63% more than the 2009 death toll. And as I speak, our government, which has vowed to reduce the deficit, has sent millions more overseas for a war with no foreseeable end. From 2008 to 2011, overall government spending has increased by 9%, while funding for the war in Afghanistan has increased by a startling 25%. As many of my colleagues demand \$100 billion budget cuts, they need look no further than our reckless war spending. For the good of our troops and the health of our economy, this war must end.

And this viewpoint is shared across the nation. According to a recent Washington Post poll, nearly two-thirds of the American people support an immediate withdrawal from Afghanistan. Mr. Speaker, our job in this chamber is to represent our constituents, and they have spoken loud and clear. The American people are fed up with a war that has done little to improve our national security or bolster our international standing. Furthermore, after nearly ten years of fighting, it is crystal clear that the problem in Afghanistan cannot be solved by military means alone. Stabilization and reconstruction, governance, and peace-building activities can help to stabilize states, promote rule of law, and bring enduring peace at a sliver of the cost we pay for troops on the ground.

Make no mistake about it: I firmly support our men and women in uniform. For this reason, we must bring them home from a battlefield with no real hope of military victory. I thank my colleague, Mr. KUCINICH from Ohio, for re-introducing this Resolution. I was proud to cosponsor it in the last Congress, and I will firmly offer my support today in hopes that we can finally end this war.

RECOGNIZING PENSACOLA STATE
COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
TEAM AS STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pensacola State College Women's Basketball Team on their recent victory as Champions of the 40th Florida Community College Activities Association Women's Basketball Tournament.

In 2010, the Pensacola State College Lady Pirates suffered a difficult defeat in the final seconds of the state semifinal game; however, under the leadership of Coach Chanda Rigby, PSC's players were able to use this defeat as motivation for their 2011 season. The Lady Pirates entered into the season with high expectations and ranked 14th nationally in the pre-season National Junior College Athletic Association Women's Basketball Poll.

After an impressive early season run, including a victory over the 5th ranked team in the Nation, the Lady Pirates soared to the ranks of 3rd in the Nation on November 17. The following week the Lady Pirates continued to rise in the rankings, moving all the way to the number 1 slot. The Lady Pirates did not let the pressure of being the top ranked team affect their performance, and they finished the regular season with a perfect record, 29–0, never relinquishing their place atop the polls.

Victories in their first two games of the Florida state championship set up a fourth meeting with nationally ranked Northwest Florida State College. The previous three meetings between these teams were highly competitive, with two of those three outcomes decided in overtime. The championship game was an equally competitive affair. Ultimately, however, the Lady Pirates' season-long goal was fulfilled, as they cut down the nets, improving to 32–0 and moving on to the National Junior College Athletic Association's national tournament, where they finished their season with a victory in the consolation game and the number 3 national ranking.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I congratulate the Pensacola State College Lady Pirates for their outstanding accomplishments. My wife Vicki joins me in offering our best wishes to the players, coaches, faculty and staff at Pensacola State College for their continued success.

SOUTHWEST GUILFORD GIRLS WIN
IT ALL

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize the girls' basketball team of Southwest Guilford High School, located in the Sixth District of North Carolina, for winning their first 4–A state championship since 1985. The Southwest Cowgirls defeated their opponent, Raleigh Millbrook, in convincing fashion by a nine point margin with the final score of 44–35.

Southwest Guilford scored the first seven points and never relinquished the lead