

the Government Shutdown Prevention Act of 2011, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 224, on passage of H.R. 1255, the Government Shutdown Prevention Act of 2011, I would have voted "no."

RECOGNITION OF REITZ MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Reitz Memorial High School Girls Basketball Team from Evansville, Indiana. On March 5, 2011, the Lady Tigers won the Indiana High School Athletic Association's Class 3A State Championship for the first time in school history. Today, I would like to congratulate Coach Bruce Dockery and the 16 young ladies for their success.

After a regular season of 21 wins and only 1 loss, Coach Dockery led his #1 ranked team to the school's second appearance in the state finals in Fort Wayne, Indiana where it took a 58 to 50 overtime victory against #3 ranked Benton Central to bring home their first championship. I would also like to commend Coach David Baxter and his team for their exceptional season.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Lady Tigers of Reitz Memorial High School for their hard work and dedication that culminated with a record of 28 wins and 1 loss in Coach Dockery's 23rd season and their first ever Indiana High School Athletic Association's Girls Basketball Title.

MEMORIAL LADY TIGERS

Rachel Davidson
Nicci Bland
Ruth Hedrick
Maggie Minnette
Sarah Stone
Grace Shymanski
Natalie Cohlmeier
Jena Lutz
Anna Hackert
Marie Hackert
Emily Nesbitt
Mallory Ladd
Head Coach: Bruce Dockery
Asst. Coaches: Monica Auker, Whitney Jenkins, Thom Endress, Joan Miller
Student Managers: Emily Purdue, Kelsey Falls, Jessica Durcholz

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, I missed rollcall vote No. 202. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

HONORING MEMORABLE FACTOR'S OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

HON. TIM SCOTT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, to recognize and honor Memorable "Mem" Factor of Charleston, SC and to congratulate him for winning first place in the first grade division at the State MathFest competition and for being named a National Champion of Le Grand Concours 2010 French Competition.

Whereas, the members of the U.S. House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Memorable "Mem" Factor took first place honors at the State MathFest competition and was named a national champion of Le Grand Concours 2010 national French competition; and

Whereas, six-year-old Mem Factor's two favorite activities are math and basketball, and he thinks "being good at math is really cool"; and

Whereas, he had very big shoes to fill at MathFest because last year's first grade winner was his sister Cailey Factor, and for the first time in the six years of the competition's history, siblings became State winners in the same year when his sister took top honors this year for the second grade; and

Whereas, his sister also won a national first place in the 1A category of Le Grand Concours in 2008, and "Mem" followed her once again in the 1A category for children in the first through third grades by winning it this year; and

Whereas, also fluent in Mandarin and Spanish, he earned the highest score in the United States in his category and says he loves everything French, especially the food; and

Whereas, the national French exam, consisting of oral and written portions, is given by the American Association of Teachers of French to over one hundred thousand French students in all fifty States and abroad; and

Whereas, this year's South Carolina MathFest was held in Columbia, and four thousand math students from around the State competed in the State's competition of the national math contest; and

Whereas, a group of elementary educators created MathFest in 2001 to provide an extended math initiative that would motivate students, parents, and teachers to raise the standards and expectations in math; and

Whereas, the founder of MathFest, Dr. Ron Boykins, hopes to generate enthusiasm for math in the elementary years in order to provide students with necessary skills to compete in middle and high school; and

Whereas, the members of the U.S. House of Representatives are pleased that talent and hard work have brought this success to Mem Factor, and they are grateful for the pride and recognition he has brought to his home school and to his community. Now, therefore, the members of the U.S. House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Memorable "Mem" Factor of Charleston, SC and congratulate him for winning first place in the first grade division at the State MathFest competition and for being named a national champion of Le Grand Concours 2010 French competition.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Memorable "Mem" Factor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICK BERG

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. BERG. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 210, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 216, I inadvertently voted "no," when I meant to vote "yes."

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—ANDREW BALDWIN

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives that the students of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) from the Third District of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far-surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the Third District's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These impressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, "CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces." I am beyond thrilled that CYAC has helped students unleash their full potential and chase their dreams.

President George H.W. Bush once said, "A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the

2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work! I salute you!

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

I have heard people say, “When you give to someone else, you end up receiving far more than you give.” After serving many volunteer hours, I believe this is true. On October 30th, I took part in an Adopt-A-Highway clean-up project in Allen. For two hours, we picked up gum wrappers, soda cans and anything else you could imagine along Highway 5. We gathered many bags of trash. In the end, we were hot and thirsty, but it felt good to know we left the highway looking better than when we started. My second activity was the Ultimate Gift Event. On October 23–24, several chapters worked on a beautification project for the Douglas Community in Plano. I cleared debris from the area and planted flowers. There was also a picnic and carnival for the kids in the area. It was two hours well spent. Study Buddies was my third activity. For 1½ hours on January 6th, I helped students living in the Chaparral apartments in Allen. We helped them with their homework and fed them pizza. Without our help, many of these kids would go to bed hungry. It was good to show these boys and girls that someone cares about them.

—Andrew Baldwin.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OPPORTUNITY AND RESULTS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 471, the so-called Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act.

When Republicans took over the House majority in January, they promised to uphold the Constitution—even going so far as to read it on the House Floor.

They also pledged to reduce the deficit by fully offsetting any new discretionary spending. But the ideological legislation offered today breaks both promises.

It also continues to push the extreme and reckless social agenda of the majority while failing to offer any bill to create much-needed jobs.

As I have said before on this Floor, it is not enough to simply read the Constitution, but to abide by it, and carry out its charge. This bill violates a fundamental principle enshrined in the First Amendment of the Constitution—the Establishment Clause.

This “wall of separation,” as Thomas Jefferson so famously put it, is ripped asunder by H.R. 471, which unabashedly funnels millions of public tax dollars to private religious schools.

The bill compels the American public to spend its tax dollars to fund religious schools that do not have to adhere to important civil

rights laws or federal statutes requiring equality such as Title IX. This is simply unacceptable.

We must defend the “wall of separation” between church and state as envisioned by our nation’s founders and we must fight to uphold it for all Americans.

H.R. 471 also violates the Republican leadership’s “CutGo” promise.

This completely unpaid for legislation would increase the federal deficit by \$300 million to reauthorize and expand a program that has utterly failed to increase student achievement.

What is even more appalling is the fact that Speaker BOEHNER is pushing the use of public dollars for private religious schools while at the same time slashing federal education funding by almost \$5 billion in the majority’s job-killing FY11 spending bill passed in February.

Across the country public schools are still reeling from the great recession that helped create large state budget deficits.

In fact, in my home state of Florida, the Republican Governor, is proposing an additional \$2.3 billion in cuts to public education.

Rather than turn our backs on students, we should be working together to improve public education, make sound investments balanced with smart cuts, and ensure that all students have access to instruction that will give them the tools they need to succeed in the 21st century.

Instead, we stand here today debating a bill that doubles down on a failed Republican program in the District of Columbia which veers far away from these ideals.

The Department of Education found that many of the students in the voucher program were less likely to have access to key services—such as English as a Second Language programs, learning support and special needs programs, counselors, or even teachers with a bachelor’s degree.

Democrats will continue to judge each piece of legislation that comes before the House by whether it creates jobs, strengthens our middle class, or reduces the deficit. H.R. 471 achieves none of these goals while also violating the Constitution.

I urge my colleagues to vote no on this ill-conceived bill.

CONGRATULATING THE PIKEVILLE COLLEGE BEARS FOR WINNING THE 2011 NAIA DIVISION I MEN’S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Pikeville College Bears for winning the 2011 NAIA Division I Men’s Basketball Championship. Coach Kelly Wells masterfully guided the unseeded Cinderella team to earn the division crown.

On March 22, 2011, the Bears defeated a talented team from Mountain State University, winning 83 to 76 in overtime.

The team surpassed a number of expectations this season, setting a school-record with 30 wins and becoming the first unseeded

team in NAIA history to beat five seeded teams for the championship title. The accomplishments of this team will be shared with pride in the mountains for generations to come.

In addition, I commend Coach Kelly Wells on being named the National Coach of the Year and I congratulate the tournament’s most valuable player, Trevor Setty, who finished the tournament with 108 points, including 18 three-point shots and 49 rebounds.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Coach Kelly Wells and the 2011 NAIA Division I Men’s Basketball Champions. Coach Wells, his staff and his players displayed outstanding dedication, teamwork, unselfishness and sportsmanship throughout the course of the season in achieving this great honor. I congratulate them and wish them all the best in the years to come.

RECOGNITION OF WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Washington High School Boys’ Basketball Team from Washington, Indiana. On March 26, 2011, the Hatchets won the Indiana High School Athletic Association’s Class 3A State Championship for the second consecutive year. Today, I would like to congratulate Coach Gene Miller and the young men for their success.

The #1 ranked Hatchets finished their season with a record of 24 wins and only 4 losses where they achieved a 61 to 46 victory against Culver Academies in the state finals. I would also like commend Coach Mark Galloway and his team for reaching their first ever state championship game.

This was the fourth state championship since 2005 for the Hatchets, who were led by McDonald’s All American Cody Zeller. Mr. Zeller was also named the winner of the Arthur L. Trester Mental Attitude Award in Class 3A Boys Basketball.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Hatchets of Washington High School for their hard work and dedication that culminated with their second consecutive Indiana High School Athletic Association’s Boys Basketball Title.

WASHINGTON HATCHETS

Jacob Stephens
Derek Arvin
Trey Garber
Jaydan Hawk
Dylan Ervin
Kurtis Anthony
Adam Lane
Tyler Stoll
Cody Zeller
Robert Pittman
Andy Garland
Cullen Arnold
Head Coach: Gene Miller

Asst. Coaches: Brandt Schuckman, Mike Kramer, Kyle Cornelius, Scott Neidigh, Brett Matteson

Student Managers: Eric Wadsworth and Eric Long