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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 BASKET- BALL 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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position for the record on a vote cast during consideration of H.R. 658, The FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011.

On rollcall vote No. 212, cast March 31st, 2011, I voted "aye." It was my intention to vote "no" on Amendment No. 18 offered by Congressman GINGREY of Georgia.

RECOGNIZING MRS. MODEEN
BROWN IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Modeen Brown in honor of Women's History Month. I thank you for giving us all an opportunity to celebrate the life of this truly remarkable leader.

Mrs. Modeen Brown rose from the cotton patches of Georgia to the Governor's Mansion in Colorado. As an African American woman, Modeen is a shining example of how minority women can succeed through a commitment to excellence in education. Prior to 1980, Women's History Month did not exist. Ms. Brown, like many other women, validated the necessity of celebrating women. Raised in a time when few African Americans—let alone women—attended college, Modeen was determined to change that standard. A devoted mother of five, she had always instilled in her children the importance of education.

Modeen was born on a Georgia farm and raised by her loving aunt upon the death of her mother. Inspired by her aunt's strength and selflessness, Modeen developed a strong work ethic. She passed this essential trait on to her children, evident in the fact that all of them have obtained bachelor degrees or higher. Three of Mrs. Brown's children have graduated from the University of Florida and her oldest daughter, Angela, has served as a teacher for children with special needs for the past thirty years. Her daughter, Carolyn, is currently a major in the Sheriff's department of Bradenton, FL. Shariel, her third child, once played for the Florida Gators and now works for ESPN. Mrs. Brown's only son, Ernest, is a physician and her youngest daughter, Nyra, is an actress. Mrs. Brown is a proud grandparent of seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mrs. Brown's high expectations and strong work ethic have been clearly passed down, apparent from her 13-year old granddaughter who is a straight A student attending a specialized school and Ernest's daughter, Charisse, who recently graduated from Harvard with a PhD in biochemistry.

Modeen's strong dedication and hard work was not restricted to education. In her professional life, she coordinated the fundraising for former Lt. Governor of Colorado George Brown, who later became her husband. Mr. Brown, who passed away in 2006, was the first African American to hold statewide office in Colorado.

Mrs. Brown is a prime example of the fact that women can accomplish great things. Her daughter, Carolyn, and her granddaughter, Shariel, are a testament to women succeeding in nontraditional career paths and her granddaughter, Charisse, has proved that education is the great equalizer among races and classes. Modeen's support of her late husband excludes what it means to lead by serving. Mrs. Modeen Brown has truly made a difference in the lives of many, and I am privileged to recognize her as a hard worker and brilliant leader in honor of Women's History Month.

CONGRATULATING JIM
SHACKLEFORD ON THE OCCA-
SION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM
TECO COAL

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 Jim Shackleford, the president of TECO Coal, in honor of his retirement after contributing more than 27 years to the TECO Energy subsidiary and thousands of families in the Appalachian coal fields.

Jim Shackleford is both an astute businessman and a dedicated humanitarian. Under his watch, TECO Coal sales increased from an annual one million tons of coal for one utility, to annual sales of nine million tons of coal to third-party international and domestic customers. Mr. Shackleford's vision for TECO Coal amounted to hundreds of high-paying jobs across all six TECO Coal operations for families in central Appalachia.

With a heart of compassion, Mr. Shackleford structured TECO Coal as a good steward of the communities in which it operates. He awarded thousands of dollars of donations to various community organizations, emergency response groups and schools. He established the TECO Coal Children's Fund to provide clothing and toys to about one thousand underprivileged youth each year. In addition, many families have food on the table, thanks to TECO's support of local food banks.

Jim Shackleford's impeccable leadership skills have been coveted by organizations across southern and eastern Kentucky. He is a member of the Kentucky Coal Association board of directors and is a former chairman. He served as the former chairman of the board of the Whitley County Forward in the Fifth, was an advisory board member for Baptist Regional Medical Center and served on the Corbin Little League Board of Directors.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jim Shackleford. I congratulate him on his retirement and wish him all the best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CON-
GRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY
COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUT-
STANDING SERVICE TO THE
COMMUNITY—BRIANNA
BURNSTAD

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 United States 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!

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I decided to volunteer with Upward Basketball at Christ United Methodist Church. Upward Basketball is a Christian affiliated basketball league for elementary aged children of any faith. The program focuses on providing a fun experience for all of the players and is a league that guarantees equal playing time for each player. While volunteering I had a variety of tasks to accomplish. I helped prepare the gym for both practices and games. This included preparing the basketball hoops, setting out bleachers and benches, and providing the coaches with any materials needed. After practices, I read devotionals to some of the children that included bible stories and topics such as teamwork and good sportsmanship. I believe I made a difference in my community because I was able to help create a fun, energetic and