

HONORING DAVEY “WIZ” WHITNEY
LEGENDARY BASKETBALL COACH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Davey Whitney, National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Famer and the second winningest coach in HBCU College Basketball.

Davey Whitney was born in Midway, Kentucky in 1930. While in high school, he excelled in basketball, but pursued his first love—baseball—and hoped to play professionally. Whitney graduated from Kentucky State University earning more letters than any other athlete at the university.

Coach Whitney, affectionately known as the “Wiz,” began his sports career as a shortstop with the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro Baseball League from 1952 to 1954 replacing Ernie Banks, who went on to play for the Chicago Cubs. Whitney played on the 1954 All Star Team and with Satchel Paige. Subsequently, he was not offered a contract with the Chicago Cubs and shifted his focus to coaching basketball. Though he never wanted to be a coach or teach, Whitney stated, “I guess I carried the same kind of determination in baseball over to coaching.”

Whitney coached high school basketball in Kentucky during the 1960s and was named “Coach of the Year” in 1961, the same year his team won the National High School Tournament Championship. His team went on to capture three Kentucky State Tournament Championships. Coach Whitney’s first collegiate job was at Texas Southern University from 1964 to 1969. The “Wiz” would go on to spend more than 25 years coaching the Alcorn State University Braves and be named the Southwest Athletic Championships, SWAC, Coach of the Year nine times.

Whitney coached at Alcorn State University from 1969–1988 and again from 1996–2002, bringing the Brave squad back to prominence. During his coaching career, Whitney’s overall record as head coach was 550 wins and 337 defeats; 495 of his career wins were as head coach of the Alcorn State Braves. Under the tutelage of Coach Whitney, the Braves were the first historically black institution to compete in the NCAA playoffs. The Braves dominated the SWAC with 12 SWAC regular season titles—a record four consecutive titles from 1978 to 1982; participated in 12 national postseason tournaments, won five NAIA District Titles and placed second and third in the national tournaments during the 1970s.

In 2010, Legendary Coach Davey “Wiz” Whitney was among eight inducted into the 2010 National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.

Again, I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting the stellar coaching career of legendary Coach Davey “Wiz” Whitney.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010–2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—SHEILA CHANDRAHAS

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.

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

I have learned a lot through serving others. I feel as if I have grown as a person and feel better about myself. Helping others is the best way to give yourself satisfaction in life. I love spending time with kids and making a difference in their lives. It makes a difference in my life too as it teaches me to be a caring and kind individual. I plan on taking on the important role of becoming a doctor as I see myself helping kids in an environment just as great as Children’s, so this volunteer placement would definitely fit into my long term career and life plans. As a young teen, I feel that children can connect and relate to us a lot more and feel so much more at ease when they know we care for them just as much. I learned that making a two minute conversation with a stranger can really light up their day. I learned how to be

caring and compassionate for every single person that comes my way, every minute of the day. Being an active member of the community helps you gain a love for where you are from and a sense of compassion.

—Sheila Chandahas.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER CROWE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Christopher Crowe, a remarkable public servant and extraordinarily devoted congressional staffer. Chris passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 30, at the youthful age of 29. He was my legislative aide who mastered our budget, tax, and international trade issues. He was still on the payroll as of Wednesday before his abrupt passing.

Most of Texas’s 30th congressional district residents did not know Chris Crowe personally, but I would like them to understand exactly how this dedicated public servant made a real difference in the lives for my constituents and our country. Chris always exceedingly performed his job in the name of the American people with remarkable efficiency, tenacity, pride and integrity. Nearly each and every time I would return to the district for town hall meetings or other business, I would hear from my constituents their gratitude for Chris’s selfless work. Likewise, Chris would always talk about what a great community we had in Dallas—an appreciation that was reflected greatly in his work.

On Capitol Hill, Chris served as an inspiration and an unwavering ally. His work ethic demonstrated for others what personal sacrifice truly meant and redefined the term “public service” for his constituents. His great interest in international events, cultural trends and current events taught others how to be global citizens. He was a person who enjoyed life and always had a smile to share. He never met a stranger.

On behalf of Texas’s 30th congressional district, I extend our heartfelt sympathies to the Crowe family, his friends, and his colleagues. As they honor their beloved son, brother, friend, and neighbor, know that we will always miss his presence.

Mr. Speaker, I add my statement and my staff’s comments about Chris to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and I encourage my colleagues to read them.

“Chris worked in politics to make a difference, he always stood up for what he believed in and always did so with a smile on his face. He was a committed colleague to work with and was always a joy to be around.” J. Collin Chlebak

“Christopher Crowe’s unparalleled commitment to service to our congressional district, our Member, and to the causes he believed in made him a professional role model for me. Yet, his unflinching spirit and vibrant personality are what I will truly miss and carry forever.” Cameron Trimble

“Chris was a young man who had a sincere passion for public service. His commitment and dedication was evident in the approach he took when serving the constituents of the 30th district and the state of Texas. We will dearly miss his upbeat and joyous personality.” Esperanza Worley

“Chris was a comedian when you needed a laugh, a strong voice of reason when you couldn’t focus and mighty force to be reckoned with when he had your back. His light will forever shine and anyone who ever had any contact with him knew right away that he was special.” Dena Craig

“Chris put simply, was a great guy. I admired and respected his knowledge of political issues and the process. He had a zest for life and it was evident in his every action which impacted many. I know I am a better person to have met and worked with such an amazing person. He will be dearly missed by us all, however, he will live on through every person he interacted with.” Eric Hammond

“Chris was a colleague that was easy to work with and always willing to help. He enjoyed life and we (my wife & I) will surely miss him. RIP my brother!” Rod Givens

“Chris had the ability to light up a room wherever he went. I was always amazed at how many people he knew and was friends with. People could tell what a special individual he was and were drawn to him. He didn’t believe in letting life, opportunity or fun pass him by. He lived more in his 29 years than some people experience in a lifetime. I believe all the lives he touched and inspired will be his legacy.” Jennifer Stiddard

“Chris beamed life!” Nanette Spencer
 “Chris Crowe was a friend to everyone he met and always had a smile on his face. His bright presence, good humor, and friendship will be sorely missed and remembered fondly by many.” Chris Kelley

“Rarely do you meet a human who is ray of sunshine that is coupled with a warm, radiant smile. And, when this unique person comes along, you never forget the impact on your life. For me, that is who Christopher Crowe is and will always be.” Kwamme Anderson

“Elif and I are shocked and saddened by Chris’s passing and we share the Crowe family and friend’s grief and deep sadness. Chris was an exceptional individual, friend and a global citizen. He will be missed by all of us privileged to have known and worked with him.” Murat Gokcigdem

CONGRATULATING ROCK ISLAND
 HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS’
 BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. ROBERT T. SCHILLING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SCHILLING. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Rock Island High School Varsity Boys’ Basketball team for their victory in the Illinois Class 3A State Championship. On Saturday, March 19, the Rock Island Rocks defeated Centralia High School 50–40 in a double overtime victory to clinch their first ever State Championship.

I would like to commend each player’s commitment, hard work and dedication to their team. Royce Muskeyvalley, Cameron Ruiz, Romal Davis, Chasson Randle, DaShawn Banks, Marquel Beasley, Devon Jones, Darquez Bonner, Denzel McCauley, Greg Henderson, Keith Keesy, and Shaquille Jalloh. In addition, I would like to extend my congratulations to the head coach, Thom Sigel, to the assistant coaches, Dan Coyne-Logan, Tony Hickman, Chad Baker, Damon and Brandon Colvin, Rod Leatherman, and Keith Beck, and to the athletic trainer, Tim Mangold. Finally, I wish to extend a special thanks to the

parents, teachers and classmates who provided support and guidance to all the players.

The Rocks finished their season with a remarkable record of 30–3. Their success was driven by incredible work ethic and devotion to team. For the nine graduating seniors, this memorable championship run will serve as the perfect conclusion to their high school careers.

Again, congratulations to the Rock Island High School Varsity Boys’ Basketball team and go Rocks!

IN RECOGNITION OF
 MEMORIALCARE HEALTH SYSTEM

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate an innovator in the health care delivery industry: MemorialCare Health System. A not-for-profit integrated delivery system, MemorialCare serves the health care needs of individuals and families throughout southern California. Two of MemorialCare’s flagship facilities, the Long Beach Memorial Medical Center and Miller Children’s Hospital Long Beach, play a major role in promoting the health and wellness of my district. MemorialCare’s other facilities—Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center in Fountain Valley, CA and Saddleback Memorial Medical Center in Laguna Hills, CA and San Clemente, CA—are also vitally important to the wellbeing of the populations that they serve.

In addition to its already impressive list of recognitions and accolades, MemorialCare was recently honored with the Gallup 2011 Great Workplace Award. The Gallup Great Workplace Award is based on what is being called “the most rigorous workplace research ever conducted.” This year only 28 other companies received this honor, which is reserved for the most productive and engaged workforces in the world. According to Gallup, employees at MemorialCare and other honored companies are twice as likely as employees elsewhere to agree that: they receive recognition for their good work; they feel like their opinions count; their colleagues encourage their professional development; they have co-workers who are committed to quality work; and they work for a company whose mission and purpose make them feel like their job is important.

MemorialCare Health System has recognized something that is critical to our future prosperity: productive and enlightened management that respects and empowers workers leads to economic success and strong communities. I am proud that the Long Beach Memorial Medical Center and Miller Children’s Hospital Long Beach stand as shining examples of this approach in my district. As we continue working as a nation to create good-paying jobs and strengthen our economic recovery, I hope that employers across the country will take note of MemorialCare’s leadership in this area.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere congratulations to MemorialCare Health System for this honor.

TRIBUTE HONORING BISHOP
 DANIEL ALEXANDER PAYNE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a legendary theological educator who helped found the Wilberforce University and was a driving force in bringing the African Methodist Episcopal Church to the South. The 200th anniversary of Bishop Daniel Alexander Payne’s birth is being celebrated on April 1, 2011, by the Seventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. I join with them in commemorating the remarkable life of this South Carolina native who was an instrumental figure in the education and development of a uniquely African-American church in communities of color.

Daniel Alexander Payne was born in Charleston, South Carolina, on February 24, 1811. He was born free, and was of African, European, and Native American descent. He had a thirst for knowledge and was educated by the Minor’s Moral Society school when he was eight and nine. He also received instruction for three years from a private tutor. Because there was a lack of quality schools for black students, he continued to educate himself at home in mathematics, physical science, and classical languages.

In 1829, when he was just 18 years old, Daniel Payne opened his own school in Charleston to teach black children how to read and write. Six years later, the South Carolina General Assembly out of fear of a slave revolt passed legislation that restricted the rights of people of color and slaves. Among those laws was a prohibition on teaching free blacks and slaves to be literate. The penalty carried fines and imprisonment. This forced Daniel Payne to close his school, and he ultimately chose to leave South Carolina.

In 1835, he traveled to Philadelphia where he enrolled in the Lutheran Theological Seminary. He was unable to finish his studies due to failing eyesight, and did not complete his ordination. In 1842, he joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church, because he believed that a strong black denomination could play a significant role in combating slavery and racism. He worked within the church to improve the education of ministers, so they would have a broad base of knowledge that would help them more effectively lead their congregations.

He was still passionate about teaching, opening a new school in 1840 for the education of young blacks. By 1845, he established an AME seminary to help teach his philosophy about ministers’ educational pursuits. While the seminary didn’t last long, his stature in the church led him to new opportunities.

In 1848, Daniel Payne was named as the historiographer of the AME Church. That was followed in 1852 by his election and consecration as the sixth bishop of the AME denomination. Just four years later, he joined with two other AMEs and 18 white representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church in founding Wilberforce University in Ohio. Bishop Payne was selected as its first president, which also earned him the designation as the first African-American college president in America. He led the college from 1856 until 1877. In