

HONORING ADAM M. ZIMMERMAN

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 8, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Adam M. Zimmerman. Adam 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 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Adam has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Adam 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, Adam has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

RECOGNIZING ALETHEIA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY'S BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AS CHAMPIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES DIVISION IV

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 8, 2011*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Aletheia Christian Academy's Boys Basketball team as Champions of the National Association of Christian Athletes Division IV.

Aletheia Christian Academy is a small school, with a total enrollment of 55 students. While they may be small in number, throughout the course of the tournament, they showed their opponents that hard work, dedication and solid fundamental basketball leads to success.

Along the way, Aletheia Christian Academy faced opponents from larger schools in metropolitan areas. In the semifinals they faced Arthur-Okaw, a perennial powerhouse and 14 time national champion from Chicago. Aletheia's victory in the championship game, against Hamilton Heights, was the school's first National Championship, in its 19th year of existence.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to congratulate the players, coaches, students, faculty and staff at Aletheia Christian Academy. I am certain that this impressive victory will remain a cherished moment in each of their lives.

THE BATTLEFIELD EXCELLENCE THROUGH SUPERIOR TRAINING (BEST) PRACTICES ACT

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 8, 2011*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I recently reintroduced H.R. 1417, the Battlefield Excellence Through Superior Training Practices Act, or BEST Practices Act. This purpose of this bill is protect our troops and our missions overseas by improving combat trauma training courses administered by the Department of Defense (DoD). Currently, the DoD commonly employs the use of "live tissue," or anesthetized animals, for the training of medics, corpsmen, and an increasing number of non-medical military personnel. This training is suboptimal due to the vast anatomical differences between the animals involved and humans. The BEST Practices Act requires the DoD to phase in the use of human-based methods, such as medical simulation, as a replacement for live tissue training.

It is clear that the DoD is behind the times on this issue. The same procedures taught in combat trauma training courses are taught in the civilian sector almost exclusively without live tissue training. Instead, these trauma centers and medical schools employ superior human-based methods such as high-fidelity medical simulation to teach our top surgeons and other physicians these crucial, life-saving procedures. Studies from civilian hospitals and medical schools demonstrate that simulation is a superior methodology and that physicians who train on simulators make fewer medical errors than those who train on live tissue. Furthermore, institutions that have transitioned to human-based methods have reported a long-term cost savings.

The BEST Practices Act requires the Department of Defense to phase out live tissue training by 2016, which adheres to the agency's own projections regarding available simulation technology. The length of this timeline is crucial—we must ensure that our troops receive the best training possible, but we must not endanger our troops by rushing the transition. That's why this legislation contains a clause requiring an annual report from DoD to Congress on the progress of the transition.

Please join me in supporting the BEST Practices Act—to ensure our military uses the best and most modern training methods available and that our troops are kept safe and able to succeed in their mission and in their lives.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF TENNESSEE GOVERNOR NED RAY MCWHERTER

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 8, 2011*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of the second longest serving Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives and the most beloved Tennessee Governor, Ned Ray McWherter. Governor McWherter was born on

October 15, 1930 on a small farm in Palmersville, Tennessee. His tenacious work ethic and his ability to understand the problems of working people would lead him to become a revered Tennessee politician and successful entrepreneur as well.

Ned McWherter grew up the son of a sharecropper and went on to work diligently at his family's restaurant, the Hotdog, at a shoe manufacturing company and as a traveling shoe salesman. In 1973, he found Volunteer Express with just two tractors, five trailers and three employees. He grew Volunteer Express to become one of the first LTL niche carriers in the nation by offering second and third day service to and from the East Coast. He also developed the entirety of the state of Tennessee and the surrounding areas into Volunteer Express' marketplace. This coming August, Volunteer Express will celebrate its 38th anniversary.

Although he worked hard throughout his life as a successful businessman, Ned never forgot his rural upbringing nor did he lose his love for everyday working people in Tennessee. McWherter served in the Tennessee National Guard from 1948–1969 and retired with the rank of Captain. In 1968, he ran unopposed to represent the citizens of Weakley County in the Tennessee House of Representatives. After serving only two terms, McWherter challenged the incumbent speaker of the House and won the speakership by one vote in both the Democratic caucus and the full House. He served in that position for 14 years, the longest tenure for a Tennessee Speaker of the House at that time.

In 1986, McWherter ran for governor and unseated Republican Winfield Dunn. Governor McWherter had a progressive agenda that was positively felt across Tennessee and closely watched by governors in neighboring states. As a champion for education and road projects, he put his slogan "Schools plus roads equal jobs" into action. He restructured and grew K–12 public school funding by 49 percent through his "21st Century Schools Program." This program put money directly into classrooms and funded textbooks, computers and more teachers. His "95-County Jobs Program" was the largest road-building program in Tennessee's history. It linked all the counties of Tennessee via four-lane roads and stimulated jobs in rural areas across the state.

Growing up in a lower income family at the height of the Great Depression, Ned understood the challenges hard working families faced when it came to affordable health care. As governor, McWherter revamped Medicaid services in Tennessee to include coverage of more than one million Tennesseans, up from about 800,000. President Bill Clinton noted how Governor McWherter "blazed a trail" with his reform of Tennessee's Medicaid program.

While I served as a Senator in the Tennessee Senate, I was proud to have worked with Governor McWherter on many projects that helped my city, Memphis. Gov. McWherter included funding in the budget he presented to the Tennessee General Assembly for the conversion of the Lorraine Motel, the site of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., to the National Civil Rights Museum. He supported funding for the Memphis Zoo, a place he visited often as a child and of which he had fond memories. Gov. McWherter was also supportive of the arts, requesting

funding for one of the pre-eminent art museums in the Memphis area, the Brooks Museum, where he is memorialized on their wall for his efforts.

Governor McWherter continued his support for education by budgeting money for the University of Memphis to construct a new campus library that provides state-of-the-art access to information technology and is fully accessible to the disabled. In honor of his dedication to their project, the University of Memphis named the library the Ned R. McWherter Library.

During and after his tenure, Governor McWherter served as a confidant to Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton. President Carter noted how McWherter was "one of the most effective and finest public servants" he had ever known. President Clinton remembered how Gov. McWherter had a way of calming him down when he was excited and how McWherter's "few blunt words" were invaluable to him while he was in the White House. I remember how McWherter had a way of calming anyone down by simply telling them to "ease along."

Governor Ned McWherter will be remembered for his hard work, his dedication to Tennessee, his many accomplishments and for his down-to-earth nature and ability to connect to with the people he served. He had a charm like no other governor Tennessee has seen. He was blunt and never shied away from the real tasks at hand. He had a witty sense of humor coupled with his own folksy sayings. On the campaign trail, he often joked that all he would need to start the day as Governor was "four vanilla wafers and a cup of coffee."

Governor Ned Ray McWherter passed away on April 4, 2011 at the age of 80. He will be missed by his family and friends as well as the many working and middle class Tennesseans he strove to serve and help. He is survived by his son, Michael Ray McWherter; his daughter-in-law, Mary Jane Wooten McWherter; two grandchildren, Walker Ray McWherter and Mary Bess McWherter; a stepdaughter, Linda Ramsey; and two step-grandchildren, Matthew Ramsey and Brett Ramsey. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Bette Jean Beck McWherter. Gov. McWherter was a great politician, leader, Tennessean and American. We are lucky to have had him come our way. His was a life well lived.

JASON SALAZAR

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 8, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jason Salazar for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jason Salazar is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jason Salazar 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 Jason Salazar for winning the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

ON THE OCCASION OF CONGREGATION B'NAI MOSHE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY SERVING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 8, 2011*

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise today to recognize Congregation B'nai Moshe on the occasion of its 100th anniversary of service to the Jewish community of southeast Michigan.

The history of Congregation B'nai Moshe is an excellent example and chapter of the American story. The congregation was founded on September 2, 1911, by nine Hungarian immigrants who came to America to seek new opportunities and to freely practice their beliefs. An integral part of their journey was to form a congregation that allowed them and the 25–30 Hungarian-Jewish families of Detroit to fully practice their traditions and customs. In 1915, after just 4 short years, the Congregation was able to purchase its first shul on Elliot Street near Hastings which served as a house for worship to over 70 families.

Much as America met the call to face unparalleled challenges of the 1930s and 1940s, so did Congregation B'nai Moshe. Shortly after moving to its new home in the Dexter building in 1929, the congregation was faced with the challenge of overcoming the Great Depression. Not only did the congregation survive those economically tumultuous years, it prospered and by 1944 it had paid off the new synagogue's mortgage. Just as the country rose to answer the call to service during World War II, so did the members of B'nai Moshe. Many served in World War II and fought to protect our freedom and liberty.

As the Jewish community in southeast Michigan grew and evolved so did B'nai Moshe; first moving with its members to Oak Park and later to its current home in West Bloomfield. During this period, members of the congregation ensured that the story of the Jewish community in southeast Michigan would forever be set in stone, founding the beginnings of the Jewish Museum of Detroit. Since its arrival at its present location, the congregation has celebrated the construction of many new resources which have enriched the lives of both its members and the greater community.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Congregation B'nai Moshe with its members and it is my hope that the congregation, just as our great country, will continue to endure into the next 100 years and beyond.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHABAD OF PORT WASHINGTON

### HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 8, 2011*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chabad of Port Washington for 20 years of exceptional spiritual leadership and community, the Chabad has been an anchor of welcoming faith—a constant source of spiritual support for anyone who seeks it.

An "unorthodox Orthodox Synagogue," the Chabad of Port Washington's membership is a conglomeration of Jews from a wide array of ages, backgrounds, and levels of observance. This diverse membership creates a welcoming atmosphere rich in culture and accessible to every corner of the Jewish community. The Chabad's unrivaled religious and educational experiences provide a forum for individuals of disparate backgrounds to come together as a single, unified congregation.

The Chabad's mission focuses on bringing to life traditional Jewish values to promote spiritual growth in a way that is both enjoyable and easy to understand. It is dedicated to promoting wisdom, comprehension, and knowledge of Judaism to both the membership and the broader community. The Chabad provides not only classes focused on a deep and comprehensive understanding of the Torah, but educational opportunities for young Jews experiencing their first exposure to the joys of Hebrew School. This approach to education allows the Chabad to reach out to a broad swath of Jews and create the best opportunities for spiritual growth.

Tonight, the Chabad celebrates its 20 years of good works and pays special tribute to some of the individuals who have made it possible. Adam Katz, the President of the Chabad's board of directors, will have a new athletic center dedicated in his honor. The celebration also will recognize John Maura, Jr. with the Community Service Award; Chaim (Bryan) Sherman and Dr. Orly Calderon-Sherman with the Community Builders Award; and Alan Schoenfeld with the Chesed Award. Without the contributions of these extraordinary individuals, as well as many others, the exceptional achievements of the Chabad would not be possible.

Mr. Speaker, since 1991, the Chabad of Port Washington has been working tirelessly to educate, enlighten, and support its local community. I am proud to recognize the extraordinary dedication and accomplishments of the Chabad and I ask my colleagues join me in thanks and gratitude for its two decades of tremendous work supporting the community and promoting Jewish faith.

JACOB CISNEROS

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 8, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jacob Cisneros for receiving the Arvada Wheat