

leaving to work for the House Budget Committee as General Counsel in 2007.

As Counsel to both the House and Senate Budget Committees, Ms. Millar has been dedicated to the proper interpretation of the law, the drafting of bills and amendments, and the development of important concepts related to those laws.

Throughout her public service, she has fearlessly advocated to preserve the integrity of the budget process and the principles of the House and Senate.

For all of the outstanding work she has done in her 32-year career, her greatest accomplishments and her proudest achievements are her two children, Joe and Jeanne.

We deeply appreciate Gail Millar's long service to Congress and to the Executive Branch, which has been manifested in so many ways and in so many roles. We will truly miss the wisdom that she brings to her work. We wish her the best in her retirement and in her new opportunity to spend more time with her family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO ERNESTINE CORNETT

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ernestine Cornett, in honor of her retirement after dedicating nearly 30 years to WYMT-TV, a CBS-affiliate in Hazard, Kentucky, providing continuous news coverage and serving as a tireless ambassador for southern and eastern Kentucky.

With Ernestine Cornett at the helm of WYMT as General Manager, hundreds of thousands of families gained access to local, live-remote news coverage in southern and eastern Kentucky with the station's first satellite truck. Over the years, WYMT-TV has also answered the call for more than news coverage. To promote higher attainment rates for college degrees, Ernestine led the way for thousands of students in the region to gain access to college scholarships through fundraising efforts by the station. In the midst of flooding, tornadoes and other natural disasters, the station has provided staff and airtime for numerous telethons to raise money to give back to families and communities in dire need. During the holidays, WYMT also promotes food and donation drives to make sure the less fortunate have something to celebrate.

Ernestine Cornett is also a model for women in business in rural communities. Starting in the commercial traffic department at WYMT more than two decades ago, Ernestine worked her way up the ladder to general manager in 1990 through her loyalty to the region, integrity in decision-making, her astute leadership, and pure hard work. The station's call letters, WYMT, stand for "We're Your Mountain Television" and it's Ernestine's passion for connecting and improving the region that have served as hallmarks for the station's mission.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a leader and dear friend of southern and eastern Kentucky, Ernestine Cornett, on her retirement. My wife, Cynthia and I wish Ernestine and her family all the best in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for a vote on June 26th 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall No. 416—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Connolly of Virginia Amendment) "yes."

CONGRATULATING THE MIAMI HEAT

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Miami Heat on its 2011–2012 National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship. The Miami Heat's journey to its second championship is a testament to teamwork and selflessness. In honor of their remarkable season and leadership in my community, I submit the following poem, written by Albert Carey Caswell.

THE HEAT IS ON,

FEEL . . . FEEL THE HEAT!

IN HONOR OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONS
THE MIAMI HEAT

THE HEAT IS ON, FEEL . . . FEEL THE HEAT!

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

THUNDER and HEAT!

When two forces of nature so meet!

But only one can so hold that title so very sweet?

As World Champions, as out into a future which so speaks!

Feel . . . Feel The Heat!

"WADE" a minute, your over your head . . . so very deep!

Something so fast and so furious that no one can beat!

Like a Category 5 Hurricane coming at you, up from the beach!

You better get your children inside, because this title is so out of reach!

Feel! Feel The Heat!

It begins . . . with a little boy with a ball in hand. . .

As into the wee hours of the night he now so stands . . .

Shot after shot, rebound after rebound, as he takes command!

Dreaming that Dream, that once so began!

To walk upon that hardwood, and so see and so feel the crowd . . .

To play in the NBA, all of those sights and so sounds!

As it all so begins with that first basketball, The Round!

Pee wee leagues, elementary, pick up games, middle and high school ball!

And just maybe a college so comes to call . . .

And then The Pro's, The Greatest of All!

Oh how I wonder, if all of this Dr. Naismith saw?

And for many, this dream but so gives them that chance!

To leave a life of heartache and poverty, and to so advance!

To go to March Madness, and The Big Dance . . .

And to get an education, and have a life and make future plans!

And yet still for some, even greater dreams may so advance!

To play in The NBA!

And then the greatest of all of them,

That One Golden Chance!

To be a World Champion,

and wear that crown and ring and so dance!

And so reside at The Top of Round Ball,

oh what a romance!

That of a World Champion, to so take that most lofty stance!

For only a very few will ever be in such a circumstance!

For these are sheer men of might!

Who fly through the air almost at the speed of light!

Who jump high above those backboards all on game night!

With such catlike reflexes and speed, to the crowds to ignite!

Even Spider Man could learn lessons from them all about flight!

The ones who can shoot the eyes out of basket going left or right!

And who will wear this most hallowed crown, so very bright?

And earn that great title of World Champions, this night!

THUNDER AND HEAT!

When two forces of nature on the hardwood so meet!

Something's got to give, THUNDER AND HEAT!

And after last year's loss they had down graded, The Heat!

But, this year's version . . . according to The Book of King James, "hunt it . . . hunt it" was ready to compete!

As they took that loss and planted it all in their hearts so very deep!

As day in and day out they so strived for that title to seek!

AS THE THREE AVENGERS AND THE TEAM,

ALL CAME TOGETHER AT WARP SPEED!

THE BIG THREE, WHAT HELL TRULY CAN BE!

Melding into a perfect storm, in the NBA to create such havoc, to reek!

Making grown men so weep!

AS IT WAS JUDGEMENT DAY!

AS THIS TIME THEY WERE PLAYING FOR KEEPS!

A New Kid in town, Durant and his Thunder at the OK Corral!

When, The James Gang came riding into town!

Two of the best ball slingers in the NBA to be found!

But they were ambushed in game one, as The Heat went down!

As Dwayne said "WADE, A MINUTE . . . WADE A MINUTE NOW!"

And King James said, "its' not OK, we're going to be wearing that crown!"

And he said, "you won't get this title sooner, much later now!"

And BOSH, put it into high gear . . . high performance so now!

As The Heat evened the series,

and cried that me to Miami. . . were heading South!

As it was Mano v Mano,

LeBron and Durant who would so bow?

Even Spider Man wishes he could be like LeBron,

someway. . . or somehow!

Maybe if he goes to his basketball camp,

King James will show him just how!

A question asked, "did LeBron, really turn that role of Spider Man down?"

As the next three games, were all so insane. . .

As THE HEAT said feel my pain!

With a wave of DEFENSE, that washed The Thunder out!

As this Hurricane's intensity grew so, and how!

Even the weather channel was forecasting major damage, about!

As they gave The Thunder fair warning to evacuate this town!

As Dwayne was smooth as silk, as he comes from a different ilk!

Is he from another planet? WOW!

Shooting the eyes out of the basket, up and down the court on a cloud!

As The Thunder said,
"cape crusaders in the NBA should not be allowed!"

Like Batman and Robin. . . King James and Wade,

The Dynamic Duo said throw in the towel!
Now that's what I'm talking about!
And then throw in THE BOSH, making The Big Three!

IT'S LIKE A BATTLE STAR, HOLY COW!
James, Wade and Bosh have more combined take offs and landings,
than Miami's airport does so now!
We need an air traffic controller on the court,
to regulate these take offs and landings somehow!

You know, "Sometimes you get a "REVEALING"!"

Like you never had before!

As they turned UP THE HEAT and LeBron triple doubled,
and went beyond a category 5 to victory insure!

A category, is that what his number 6 on his jersey stands for?

Ruling, over his Kingdom from baseline to baseline. . .

Something so beautiful and pure!
He'll slam you, he'll jam you, like a vampire make your neck sore.

As he was a Man For All Seasons, need I say more?

He's a Tour De Force!
As once again MVP once more!

As Miller Time, throwing up three's like he was out of his mind!

And Shane Battier would "Duke it out", making threes from the back line!

As they were all giving James, a very Harden time!

As Serge couldn't Iblocka each and every Heat shot he'd find!

And Westbrook, Miami's D gave him the hook making him whine!

As Mario Charmed them from down town one at a time!

And Udonis U Hasem,
all on defense and rebounds making them hide!

AND WHEN GAME FIVE WAS DONE,
THAT'S HOW THE WEST WAS WON!
AS KING JAMES SAID, THE HEAT IS ON!
STAY OUT OF THE HEAT MY SON!

Even skin block won't protect you, get the job done!

As you looked around,
you saw the tears in The Heat's eyes!

As they had a feeling like they never had before!

A revealing!

As coach Erik Poelstra said, "I'm so proud of you guys!"

And Riley said, "Erik, I worship you on high!"

For money can not buy, that feeling of a dream deep down inside!

That all little boys hearts, one day hope to realize!

Somewhere in America tonight, a little boy stands. . .

shot after shot, rebound after rebound into the night making plans!

Dreaming that dream, fighting that fight!

WARNING! WARNING! A NATIONAL WEATHER ALERT!

MORE HURRICANES ARE PREDICTED IN THE FUTURE THAT HURT!

MORE NBA CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE COMING FROM THE HEAT!
THE HEAT IS ON, IT'S ON THE COURT, IT'S IN THE SEATS,
IT'S IN THE OCEAN, IT'S IN THE STREETS, ON BISCAYNE BVD
SO SWEET! THE HEAT IS ON, FEEL. . . FEEL THE HEAT!

HONORING CRYSTAL BROCKINGTON AND JOHNATHAN DAVIS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Crystal Brockington and Johnathan Davis have distinguished themselves as an outstanding research team in the area of Science from Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology; and

Whereas, Miss Brockington and Mr. Davis have competed throughout the state of Georgia, the Nation and internationally; and

Whereas, their research project the "Optimization of Solar Cells Using Quantum Dots & Nanofibers" received the designation and prestigious ranking of #2 worldwide as a Silver medalist this year in Istanbul, Turkey; and

Whereas, these students have studied hard, sacrificed much and balanced their lives as teenagers maintaining high grade point averages throughout the school year; and

Whereas, they are model student leaders with the heart to serve their community and a drive to one day be the best of the best for their school, their family and their country; and

Whereas, their boundless energy and enthusiasm have opened internationally recognized opportunities, helping Fourth District Congressional students understand that their futures are as limitless as the skies; and

Whereas, we are grateful for the accomplishments and work of these outstanding students of honor who define the power of education and imagination; and

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 12, 2012 as Crystal Brockington and Johnathan Davis Day in Georgia's 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 12th day of June, 2012.

IN CELEBRATION OF HOWARD E. JEFFERSON'S 75TH BIRTHDAY

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the 75th birthday of a respected community and business leader, Howard Jefferson. Born in Mississippi, on this day in 1937, Mr. Jefferson rose from humble beginnings to preeminence in Houston, Texas.

He excelled in school, graduating from Southern University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. In 1962, he was the recipient of the prestigious Academic Year Fellowship in Science and Mathematics from the University of Texas. Mr. Jefferson received a Masters Degree in Administration and Su-

pervision from the University of Houston in 1967.

A born scholar and educator, Mr. Jefferson finished his education and quickly rose to the position of Assistant Superintendent in the Houston Independent School District, where he supervised over 120 schools and eight area superintendents. He later retired and went on to become the Chairman of Protectors Insurance and Financial Services, LLC as well as the Protectors Health Partners, LLC.

Mr. Jefferson has held leadership positions on various boards and commissions, including President of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Houston Branch, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Houston Housing Authority, Chairman of the Veterans Advisory Committee, Vice President of the Houston Principals Association, Vice President of the Mustang Little League Football Team and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Operation PULL. He has also been a member of numerous boards and commissions, including the Harris County Board of Education, Shell Oil Company Diversity Advisory Board and City of Houston Urban Policy Advisory Board.

Mr. Jefferson's leadership and community service have been consistently recognized by his colleagues. Amongst other honors, Mr. Jefferson has received the State of Texas NAACP Heroes Award, the NAACP Mickey Leland Humanitarian Award, National Baptist Association Humanitarian Award, Houston Lawyers Association Outstanding Services Award, Houston Black Fire Fighters Service Award and had a day pronounced in the city of Houston in his honor by Houston mayor Lee P. Brown.

Mr. Speaker, I am blessed to have the opportunity to pay tribute to a man who so selflessly acts as an agent for change and a coalition builder. He is an exemplar for all those who aspire to selflessly serve others, and most of all he is a friend.

RECOMMENDING THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER BE FOUND IN CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS

SPEECH OF

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2012

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday's contempt votes were yet another example of partisan politics and an attempt by House Republicans to discredit the Obama Administration. I could not, in good conscience, participate in such deception and disservice to the American people. To simply vote against the House Resolution does not adequately demonstrate the outrage and disdain that I feel about this unfair and woefully political vote.

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF EUGENE SHEA

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the life and achievements