

IN HONOR OF SOUTH JERSEY
OLYMPIANS

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our South Jersey Olympians: Tamika Catchings, basketball; Rachael Dawson, field hockey; Michelle Vittese, field hockey; Jordan Burroughs, wrestling; and Steve Kasprzyk, rowing. They have traveled to London to compete in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games.

These athletes represent the United States on the world stage, affording them the distinct honor of serving as role models for citizens across South Jersey area and the entire nation. Their success, derived through hard work and dedication, and exemplified through athletic competition, is something every American can aspire to as a shining example of the American dream. In the same way our national ethos rewards fortitude and persistence, these athletes earned the opportunity to compete on the Olympic stage through long hours of training and sacrifice.

Part of the Olympic Creed, originating from a speech by Ethelbert Talbot during the 1908 London Games, states: "The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well." One hundred and four years later, as the Olympics return to London, the message rings as true as ever. Through fierce competition amongst the nations of the world, these athletes continually push the limits of human achievement. The resulting bonds of friendship, gained through equally world-class sportsmanship, enrich both these athletes and their nations.

Mr. Speaker, the dedication of these South Jersey Olympians and their teammates to athletics and sportsmanship should not go unrecognized. I join all of South Jersey in expressing our pride in their efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OFFICER
JEFFREY DICK

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Police Officer Jeffrey Dick who is retiring after more than three decades of protecting citizens in the Bay Area.

Throughout his career Officer Dick has gone above and beyond the call of duty to support fellow officers and to serve our community. He began his law enforcement career in 1979 at the Alameda County Sheriff's Department and has been an officer at the San Mateo Police Department since 1984. He has been a law enforcement liaison and board member for the Northern California Chapter of the Concerns of Police Survivors, an organization that provides assistance to the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty and in that capacity he travels around the state to attend funerals of police officers and offer their families support. He makes sure they receive the benefits due to them from the state of California. As a member of the San Mateo Police Officers Association Board of Directors, Officer Dick

held the position of president three times. For 16 years he served as team captain for the San Mateo Critical Incident Stress Management Team, a non-profit organization that offers counseling, mentoring and follow-up for emergency personnel after crises. In 2010 he assisted emergency personnel following the San Bruno fire in spite of his fear of fire.

In March 2003 he received the 2002 Peninsula Lions Club Heroism Award related to the pursuit and capture of two bank robbery suspects.

His interests include Harley Davidson motorcycles and photography. His community volunteerism is noteworthy. He volunteers for the American Heart Association, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, and other non-profit organizations as a photographer, and he has also volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House for more than 22 years.

In his retirement Officer Dick looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Linda Barstow-Dick. Officer Dick has two grown children, Erin Kristine Templin and Brian Joseph Dick. He also has a grandson, Devin James Templin.

Although Officer Dick is retiring from a long and meaningful career, he will continue to play a vital role in our community. Mr. Speaker, Officer Dick has dedicated his life to protecting residents of the Bay Area. I ask that the House of Representatives to join me in commending him for his extraordinary selflessness and service.

HONORING MARIAN CANNON
SCHLESINGER ON HER 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my constituent, Marian Cannon Schlesinger who will celebrate her 100th birthday on September 13, 2012. I am proud to join her legions of friends and admirers, and her loving family, in honoring her.

She was born the fortunate daughter of Dr. Walter Bradford Cannon, an eminent Harvard physiologist, and Cornelia James Cannon, a noted feminist writer. An alumna of Cambridge High and Latin School and Radcliffe College, she is the mother of four children, Andrew, Christina, Stephen and Katharine. Her rich and balanced life has been full of family, politics, painting, writing, and tennis.

A strong Progressive voice and wise chronicler of her times, Marian Schlesinger has been for almost ten decades a force to be reckoned with in the feisty politics of her hometown, Cambridge, Massachusetts. She canvassed for local politicians as a teenager and later campaigned for Adlai Stevenson. With her husband, the historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., she was an active participant in President Kennedy's New Frontier. Still today, she follows political news avidly, committed to democratic principles and Democratic ideals.

Early in her life, she became a landscape and portrait painter of distinction, travelling extensively, painting people and places from China to Guatemala to Manchester, New Hampshire. She wrote and illustrated several children's books. In her 70's she began writing

her memoirs, and she has published two spirited and insightful volumes chronicling a century of notable experiences in Cambridge, as well as her adventures around the world. She attributes her enduring vitality in part to her love of tennis which she played weekly, well into her mid-80s.

With all these achievements, she made no claim to being a "celebrity." She always was and she is today a good citizen. She made her mark with paints and with words, with hard work and political savvy. As Marian Cannon Schlesinger approaches her 100th birthday, she remains an inspiration to us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 95TH
BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LITTON

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a legendary environmental hero on his 95th birthday. Martin Litton is the quintessential take-no-prisoner environmental activist of his era. Thanks to his perseverance and passion, there is no dam in the Grand Canyon and there is no Disney resort next to Sequoia National Park.

Mr. Litton has been fighting for the environment for decades and still has plenty of fight left in him. He grew up in Gardena near Los Angeles and enjoyed hiking in the Southern Sierra as a child and teenager. When he was 18, he wrote a letter to the LA Times denouncing the diversion of water from Mono Lake to the growing population of Los Angeles. His wrote, "The people of the entire state should rise up against the destruction of Mono Lake. Mono Lake is a gem-among California's greatest scenic attractions." It has been with this sentiment and determination that he pursued all battles in life.

In the 1940s, Mr. Litton worked in the circulation department at the LA Times and started writing environmental freelance articles. He caught the attention of David Brower, executive director of the Sierra Club, who in 1952 hired Mr. Litton for a campaign against the construction of two dams in Dinosaur National Monument. Mr. Litton explored the Green and Yampa rivers in a wooden dory and the resulting publicity helped persuade the Congress to vote against the dams in 1956.

This was the first of many campaigns that stopped the building of dams. In 1964, Mr. Litton led a river trip through the Grand Canyon with David Brower, photographer Philip Hyde and writer Francois Leydet which led to the publication of the book Time and the River Flowing with photographs by Ansel Adams and Hyde. The Sierra Club then took out full page ads in the New York Times—Mr. Litton's idea—opposing the building of a dam in the Grand Canyon. Public opposition to the project was sealed.

Mr. Litton started his love affair with the Grand Canyon in 1955. He was only the 185th person to float the Colorado River first pioneered by John Wesley Powell. He continued to run the river for decades. In 1971 he founded Grand Canyon Dories and throughout the 1970s and 80s led commercial trips. Other river runners used rubber rafts, but Mr. Litton preferred the small wooden boats that were

originally used in Oregon and adapted them so they could be used on the Colorado. Mr. Litton sold the business in 1990, but continued to raft the Grand Canyon. Just three years ago he broke his own record as the oldest person to run the canyon in a dory.

From 1954–1968 Mr. Litton was the editor of *Sunset Magazine*. His cover story “The Redwood Country” in 1960 launched a movement that eventually led to the establishment of Redwood National Park. As a life-long pilot, Mr. Litton flew then Governor Edmund “Pat” Brown over the redwoods in Northern California to convince him not to sign a bill that would extend a freeway through the forest. It worked.

Mr. Litton continues to fight for the redwoods. He is deeply engaged in a campaign to stop logging in the Sequoia National Forest and the Giant Sequoia Monument.

Surpassing Mr. Litton’s love for the environment is only his love for his wife of 69 years, Esther.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Martin Litton who has kept some of the most beautiful places in America pristine and in existence for all of us to admire and enjoy. His tenacious spirit serves as an inspiration to all of us.

CONGRATULATING THE SAIPAN SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL MANTA RAY BAND’S OLYMPIC PERFORMANCE

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, here is a story to make us all cheer:

46 high school musicians from America’s smallest insular area raise a quarter of a million dollars to go to London and perform during the Olympics—where they win a silver medal.

That is the story of the Saipan Southern High School Manta Ray Concert Band, who played their hearts out at the London Celebration Music Festival this week in Central Hall Westminster, and came away with silver.

They played throughout the 2012 Summer Olympics: at the main bandstand in Olympic Park, in a torch ceremony in Central London, at storied Westminster Abbey, and at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre nearby Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament.

As they played, we all cheered in the Northern Mariana Islands. Because the Manta Rays represent us all. We are the only U.S. insular area that did not send athletes to London. We sent our students. We sent musicians. And they were awarded silver.

It took silver to send them there. It took bake sales, rummage sales, garage sales, a bowling tournament, tree plantings, car washes, a radio telethon, lunches, and raffles. It took businesses, government, civic organizations, and individual donors—too many to list by name all chipping in to make this possible for the 46 Manta Rays and their 14 chaperones. It seemed an impossible goal for a community of barely fifty thousand, struggling economically, to raise two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. But we did.

Because these Manta Ray musicians dared us to dream—as they have before. They proved to us that with “faith, effort, and determination,” and, of course, the hours of individual diligence, closing out the world, playing scales, practicing their parts, over and over again, that even the seemingly impossible can come to be.

Ten years ago there was no high school band in our islands. Most families in the Marianas could not even afford to buy a band instrument. Then, through the vision of teacher Will DeWitt and the support of the leadership at Saipan Southern High School and the Northern Marianas Public School System a seed was planted. The dream began to grow.

Students begged or borrowed instruments and held them for the first time. They began to make music.

How quickly they learned. They started to win regional competitions in Guam. They gained notice and were invited to perform during the Beijing Olympics four years ago.

They were even called to play at Carnegie Hall, earning second place in the New York International Music Competition.

Then, last year, the invitation came to the 2012 Summer Olympics. And this week the silver medal in London.

Perhaps, nothing better demonstrates how much the Northern Marianas believes in its young people than this bake-sale effort to send the Manta Ray Concert Band to the 2012 Olympics.

Perhaps, nothing better demonstrates how much our young people believe in themselves and in their future than that they took on this impossible, improbable goal—and succeeded.

So, today, we say, “Congratulations, Manta Rays!”

And we say, “Thank you.” Thank you for doing your community proud. Thank you for rewarding our faith in you.

Thank you for confirming that there is no better place to put our hope and hard work than helping in the growth and development of our children.

Here is a story we can all love and applaud: a story of dedicated teachers and students who were inspired to do something they had never done before, something that on its face was “impossible.” This is a story of what makes any of us great: stepping beyond what we imagine we can do, bringing to life a new and unimaginable world.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF NICK’S RESTAURANT

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Gust family that has owned and operated Nick’s Restaurant in Pacifica for 85 years and has made significant contributions to the community. It is undisputed among locals—and some out of towners in the know—that Nick’s serves the best crab sandwich on the coast.

Nick’s 85th Anniversary Bash will go on all week and it reflects the generosity and love of music and food of every member of the family: Charles, Anastasia, Nick, Lorraine, Kathy, Chuck and Lena.

Located at Rockaway Beach in Pacifica, Nick’s has become a destination for visitors drawn by the restaurant’s dramatic setting right on the beach with breakers crashing against boulders, pelicans gliding through the salty air, surfers catching waves and of course, the fabulous food.

The original Gust family member to come to Rockaway Beach was Stalios Karagianis. He left Macedonia, Greece in 1907, arrived in New York by ship and then traveled across the United States to San Francisco. He worked a variety of jobs, including one with the Ocean Shore Railroad which first brought him to the coast. While working as a contractor, Karagianis sent for his wife, Anastasia, to join him. They bought a house in Daly City and had three daughters and a son. In 1927, Karagianis returned to the coast and bought a piece of property on the edge of Rockaway Beach. He opened a small shack selling sandwiches, peanuts and candy to fishermen.

After losing his business to fire twice and rebuilding for the third time, Karagianis and his family decided to move into the business and make it their home to prevent another fire.

Karagianis faced a challenge. Over and over he was told that his name was too difficult to pronounce, so he changed it to Charlie Gust.

After 20 years of running the restaurant, Charlie eventually handed the reins to his son Nick and daughter-in-law Lorraine who continued the family tradition of always improving and expanding the business. Nick and Lorraine turned Nick’s into one of the most unique and pleasant dining spots drawing visitors from all over the world to this beautiful cove on the Pacific coast. Nick served as mayor of Pacifica for four terms and on the city council for ten years ruling the city from the restaurant and bar at Nick’s.

Now Nick’s is in the hands of the third generation of Gusts. Nick’s son Chuck has been running the restaurant for the last 10 years and daughter Lena is working there as well.

What has not changed over the last 85 years is the welcoming atmosphere, the hospitality of the Gust family and the great food. May Nick’s serve its famous crab sandwich for the next 85 years!

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor the Gust family for being an integral part of Pacifica and providing an endless supply of comfort, sustenance and community service. As a long-time friend of the family I am proud and grateful for their many contributions to the vitality and folklore of Pacifica.

RECOGNIZING WASHINGTON STATE ATHLETES COMPETING IN THE 2012 SUMMER OLYMPICS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Aretha Thurmond, Ariana Kukors, Courtney Thompson, and Tejay van Garderen from the State of Washington for representing the United States and competing in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London.

The 2012 Games will be Aretha Thurmond’s fourth appearance at the Olympic Games