

contender in the 2012 London Olympics. David has been passionate about BMX since he was eight years old, and received his first factory sponsor in sixth grade. He is currently taking time off from pursuing his college degree in Denver to focus on his Olympic career.

David has been a household name in the world of BMX since he burst onto the scene in 2007. He is known as one of the fastest starters in the sport, and has two World Cup wins under his belt. After placing 22nd in the 2011 World Championships in Copenhagen, David began pushing himself harder and harder toward his dream of joining Team USA in the 2012 Olympics. His hard work and dedication paid off in the 2012 World Championships in England, where he finished fifth to become the first U.S. BMX rider to book his place in London.

David's dedication to his sport is mirrored by his dedication to his family in Colorado. Though he prepares for the Olympics with his coach Greg Romero at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California, David makes sure to divide his time between California and the Denver area.

I extend my deepest congratulations to David Herman for his hard work and perseverance. It is an honor to see a native of Colorado rise to this Olympic level. David embodies the best our country could hope for in the next generation of Americans. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEORGIA PEANUT COMMISSION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to extend a heartfelt congratulations to the Georgia Peanut Commission as it celebrates 50 years of providing support to Georgia farmers. The Commission will be celebrating this great milestone with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Commission's new location in Tifton, Georgia on Tuesday, July 31, 2012.

The Commission, funded by Georgia peanut growers, began operations in 1961 and has represented farmers through programs in research, promotion, education, and communication. For 50 years, Georgia peanut farmers, through the Commission, have been successful in improving the profitability of peanuts and peanut products by reducing the cost of production through research and by working to promote and increase consumption. The Commission is recognized nationally and internationally by its little red bags of peanuts found in all Georgia Congressional offices on Capitol Hill.

When the Commission was first formed in 1961, farmers harvested 475,000 acres of with an average yield of 1,200 pounds of peanuts per acre. In 2011, farmers harvested 475,000 acres with an average yield of 3,520 pounds per acre, a 300 percent increase and a testament to the hard work on behalf of the Georgia Peanut Commission.

I take much pride in the fact that Georgia leads the Nation in production of peanuts with

nearly 50 percent of the annual peanut crop. Georgia has 14,000 farms with peanuts and about 4,500 active farmers. Approximately 200 businesses in Georgia are peanut-related. Two million bags of peanuts are distributed annually and the industry contributes more than 50,000 jobs and an estimated \$2 billion to the economy of the State of Georgia.

Since George Washington Carver discovered the many uses for the peanut in the early twentieth century, peanuts have become a household food staple and a source of dietary fiber, protein and other healthy nutrients. Although peanuts are produced in other parts of the country, I am a firm believer that no peanuts are of higher quality or more delicious than Georgia peanuts.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Don Koehler, Executive Director of the Georgia Peanut Commission, and the rest of the wonderful staff as well as Chairman Armond Morris and all those who serve on the Board of Directors. Their hard work and dedication has contributed to the success of the Commission in many ways.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, the state of Georgia, and all those nationwide and worldwide who enjoy our tasty Georgia peanuts, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to the Georgia Peanut Commission for their exemplary services and dedicated efforts to support Georgia's 4,500 peanut growers over the past 50 years.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF CARL ADDISON

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to commemorate Mr. Carl Addison on the occasion of his 95th birthday, which he and his loved ones will celebrate on August 8. Mr. Addison has led an incredible life, truly worthy of this distinction.

In 1939, Mr. Addison joined the 6th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Oglethorpe, Georgia. The "Fighting Sixth" became an integral wing of Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army during World War II. Mr. Addison's group landed in France on June 8. This team served as a reconnaissance squad as they moved across Europe, and was there when Gen. Patton made his heroic run to Bastogne to rescue U.S. troops.

At Bastogne, Mr. Addison was wounded from a gunshot wound to the knee and was sent to England for medical treatment. Though scheduled to return to the United States for further treatment, he went back to France to rejoin his group. His superior officer ensured Mr. Addison could stay with the 6th Cavalry, where he remained until the allies claimed victory in Europe.

Mr. Addison returned home to Monroe, LA. in 1945 and married Bea Shamblin in the following year. They have one child together, Carl Addison, Jr.

As his family and friends prepare to join together to honor Mr. Addison, he continues to exemplify a strong character of leadership and dedication. I ask my colleagues to join me in

congratulating Mr. Addison on this truly significant birthday.

MISSY FRANKLIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Missy Franklin for her service to our community.

Missy Franklin, of Aurora, Colorado, will compete in seven events at the 2012 London Olympics and will be the first U.S. female to swim that many races at the games. Missy has been a competitive swimmer since an extremely young age, and qualified for her first Olympic trials at the age of 12.

In 2011, Missy competed at the first long-course World Championships of her career, and won a total of five medals, three of which were gold. Shortly after, Missy won the 100m freestyle and 100m backstroke titles at Nationals. Later in 2011, she broke her first world record at a FINA World Cup meet in Berlin.

Missy consistently impresses those around her with her tireless dedication to her sport. As a 17-year old high school student, Missy is faced with the formidable task of balancing high school life with a world-class athletic career. Her ability to stay grounded and focused in both aspects of her life shows incredible strength and maturity. Missy attributes much of her success to her wonderful parents in Colorado, who encourage her to make education a priority even after an exhausting day in the pool.

I extend my deepest Congratulations to Missy Franklin on your hard work and perseverance. It is an honor to see a native of Colorado rise to this Olympic level. Missy embodies the best our country could hope for in the next generation of Americans. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO BRITTANY WIEBBECKE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brittany Wiebbecke of Nashua, Iowa for being awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest award that a high school-aged Girl Scout can earn. This is an extremely prestigious honor, as less than 6 percent of all Girl Scouts will attain the Gold Award's rigorous requirements.

To earn a Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete a minimum of 80 hours towards a community project that is both memorable and lasting. For her project, Brittany assisted a local animal rescue center by providing supplies and learning materials for new pet owners. The work ethic Brittany has shown to earn her Gold Award speaks volumes about her commitment to serving a cause greater than herself and assisting her community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young woman and her supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication

and perseverance. I am honored to represent Brittany and her family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating her on obtaining the Gold Award, and will wish her continued success in her future education and career.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO EARL CAMPBELL

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise before you today to recognize Earl Campbell, one of the best football players to ever play the game and a visionary businessman who started from the bottom and worked his way to the top. The Tyler Rose is a living legend in the state of Texas, and it gives me pleasure to recognize him before Congress and this Nation.

Earl was born in Tyler, Texas, the "Rose Capital of the World." In 5th grade he began playing football as a kicker, before realizing that he enjoyed delivering the hits. Earl became a star linebacker and led John Tyler High School to the Texas 4A State Championship in 1973. When coaches moved his strength and intensity to the offense, he became one of the most powerful running backs in history.

Naturally many colleges all wanted someone with the leadership abilities and strong work ethic that Earl possessed. He chose to stay close to home and play with legendary Coach Darrell Royal at the University of Texas in Austin. Earl had a celebrated career at Texas, winning the Heisman Trophy, college football's highest honor after his senior year in 1977. He was a two-time All-American choice and finished his career with 4,443 yards and 41 touchdowns. Earl restored the Longhorn dynasty to its rightful place among the top collegiate programs in the country.

The Houston Oilers made Earl the first overall draft pick in 1978, once again keeping him close to home in Texas. His punishing running style made an immediate impact on the team, leading them to a 10-6 record and a playoff appearance. They lost in a classic game against the Pittsburgh Steelers now known as the "Ice Bowl." Despite the loss, Earl finished the season with 1,450 yards and 13 touchdowns, earning the Rookie of the Year Award and the Offensive Player of the Year Award. Most importantly, he helped shepherd in the "Luv Ya Blue" era that had the Astrodome rocking and brought pride to the city of Houston.

For the 8 years that Earl played in the NFL, he was one of the most feared yet respected players. Opponents feared his tough, physical style of play. His 5'11", 244-pound frame was described as a "one man demolition team." Teammates respected his leadership and dedication. When they needed him, he was there, missing more than two games a season only once. He would finish his career with 9,407 yards, 74 touchdowns, 5 Pro Bowl appearances, 3 All Pro teams, and the Most Valuable Player Award in 1979. Earl is a member of both the College and Professional Football Hall of Fame and will be remembered as one of the greatest players to ever hit the gridiron.

The dedication to success that Earl displayed on the field translated off of it as well. In 1991, after hearing raves about his sausage recipes, he took \$150,000 and started his own company, Earl Campbell Meat Products, Inc. The small business is the heart of the American economy, and Earl worked hard to make sure that his company stood out. He drove hundreds of thousands of miles, all over Texas and the south, to promote his products. Today, they are one of the largest sausage manufacturers in the country, selling over 11 million pounds a year.

While being one of the most famous Texans around, Earl has never lost the small town values that helped shape him. He married his high school sweetheart, Reuna, and they have two sons, Christian and Tyler. After Tyler was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, the family rallied together and became ambassadors for the National MS Society. They have helped raise thousands for research and remain committed to fighting the disease. He also helps mentor athletes at the University of Texas, preparing them for the life-altering changes they will soon experience. The State of Texas and our Nation is a better place because of people like Earl.

Earl Campbell is a shining example that the American Dream is possible for anyone. Through tireless effort and internal fortitude, he became a world-class athlete, respected businessman, and noted philanthropist. I am honored to recognize Earl, a true Texan, for his lifetime of inspiration and service to the community.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING MILITARY SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CHARLES E. STENNER, JR. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr., upon his retirement after 39 years of distinguished military service to our Great nation in the United States Air Force and the United States Air Force Reserve.

General Stenner was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1973 and went on to fly the F-4, A-10, and F-16 aircraft. General Stenner's last military assignment was as both Chief of the Air Force Reserve, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, DC, and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. As Chief of the Air Force Reserve, he served as principal adviser on reserve matters to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. As Commander of Air Force Reserve Command, he had full responsibility for the supervision of all U.S. Air Force Reserve units around the world.

General Stenner led a modernization effort of the Air Force Reserve which increased combat effectiveness and improved response capabilities to humanitarian crises and disaster relief operations in the United States as well as operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa, Libya, Japan, Haiti, and numerous

other locations around the globe. General Stenner moved the Air Force Reserve from a Cold-War-model, or "Strategic Reserve," to a full partner major command through his Air Force Reserve 2012 initiative. Creating a cultural shift in both Active and Reserve Components, he was able to rebuild the Air Force Reserve's infrastructure to support its newly evolved twin missions of being first and foremost a "Strategic Reserve" that can be leveraged to support daily operations as an "Operational Reserve."

After conducting more than 20 years of continual combat operations, the Air Force Reserve's success is evident today. General Stenner's efforts were critical to implementing new policies supporting Air Force Reservists, their civilian employers, and their families who were impacted by increased Reserve operations. Thanks to his continuous dialogue with Congress, reservists now get improved health care, new credits toward retirement, inactive duty training travel pay, and post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits.

Because of General Stenner's visionary leadership, planning, and foresight, the Air Force, the Department of Defense, and the United States will long reap the benefits of his many years of service. I thank General Stenner for his many years of dedicated service I wish him and his wife Dee the very best as they enter retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO DIANA ZHANG

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Diana Zhang for being named a state winner of the Library of Congress's Letters about Literature program.

Letters about Literature is a national reading and writing program that is sponsored by the Library of Congress. The program asks students to write to the past or present author of a book that has affected their life. Approximately 59,000 young readers from across the country submitted letters last year to compete for the state-level awards for 2012.

A panel of judges that can include published authors, editors, publishers, librarians, teachers, and even state officials chose Diana's letter as a state winner. Diana wrote a letter to author Catherynne M. Valente to explain how Valente's two novel series, *The Orphan's Tales*, affected her life. Valente's acclaimed novels spoke to Diana, and now Diana's letter to Valente has earned her recognition in her community as well as here in Washington.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young woman demonstrates the rewards of harnessing one's talents and sharing them with the world. Diana's efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her and her family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating her on her achievement and will wish her continued success in her future education and career.