

## IN HONOR OF SAMUEL L. ODLE ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2012*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Samuel L. Odle on his retirement from Indiana University Health. IU Health is our state's most comprehensive healthcare provider, encompassing twenty hospitals and health centers. U.S. News & World Report has named IU Health as one of the "Best Hospitals in America" for fourteen consecutive years—a laudable achievement and further evidence of Mr. Odle's prowess as one of the very best health care executives in the Nation. For 31 years, Mr. Odle has worked to improve patient care and expand the reach of IU Health to underserved communities throughout Indiana. The establishment of the new IU Health Pathology Laboratory and Neuroscience Center are testament to his leadership and devotion to advancing the practice of medicine.

In addition to spending long hours at IU Health and raising his three children, Mr. Odle has worked tirelessly on behalf of the United Way of Central Indiana, the Jordan Foundation, the Crossroads of America Boy Scouts Council, and the Methodist Health Foundation.

Mr. Odle is more than just an outstanding executive, community leader and philanthropist. On a personal level, he has served as a role model for me and a source of inspiration for many years. Samuel L. Odle is a pillar in the community; he sets a fine example for all of us.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sam Odle for his exceptional service to the 7th District of Indiana. I wish him the very best in his retirement, and look forward to working with him for many years to come.

## OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2012*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,907,138,660,280.97. We've added \$5,280,261,611,367.89 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

## IN HONOR OF SISTER MARY CECELIA HARRISON, FMS

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2012*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an inspiring woman of faith, beloved educator and spiritual leader, Sister Mary Cecelia Harrison, FMS. Sister

Cecelia will be retiring after 25 years of outstanding leadership as Principal of Mother Mary School in Phenix City, Alabama. On Saturday, August 4, 2012, Sister Cecelia will be honored with an appreciation luncheon at the Columbus Trade and Convention Center in Columbus, Georgia.

Sister Cecelia, a native of Kingston, Jamaica, was born on May 7, 1937, the ninth child of Philip and Agnes Harrison's ten children. In 1956, she entered the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help of Jamaica. She graduated from Boston College in Massachusetts in 1966 and then assumed a variety of principalships in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands where she oversaw the increase of enrollment in several schools and was appointed Member of the Cayman Islands Board of Education by the Governor for seven years.

In 1988, Sister Cecilia was assigned as School Principal and Program Coordinator at Mother Mary Mission School in Phenix City, Alabama at a time when the school was almost defunct. It had poor academic standing and low enrollment and plans were in place for its closing. Sister Cecelia was only too happy to take on this challenge. Within three years, Mother Mary School was thriving with increased enrollment, high academic standards and improved facilities.

In her 25 years as Principal of Mother Mary School, Sister Cecelia has become an educational and spiritual mentor in the community. Not only does she contribute to the education of young minds but she also works to provide assistance to the needy within the community. Her generosity is flowing and never ending and her faith is strong and enduring.

Mr. Speaker, one of the things I admire most about Sister Cecelia is her selfless determination to help others. While she was in the Cayman Islands, there was an area of land next to the school where she was Principal that was unusable because of its rocky and uneven terrain. Sister Cecelia wanted the children to be able to use this land for much-needed recess so in any spare moment she had, she would go out there and pick up the rocks one by one herself. Her dedication inspired others to help and within a year, Sister Cecelia had the area leveled, graded and cleared of rocks for the children to enjoy.

Proverbs 11:25 says, "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Sister Cecelia has given her life to God and dedicated herself to the service of others. She has been blessed in many, many ways and enjoys watching the children she has mentored and nurtured grow into good, generous and hardworking men and women of faith.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Sister Mary Cecelia Harrison for her legacy of selfless life service and her 25 years of dedicated leadership to Mother Mary School and the surrounding community.

## A STORY OF RECOVERY FROM THE ALABAMA TORNADOES

**HON. SPENCER BACHUS**

OF ALABAMA

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2012*

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, the State of Alabama will never forget the devastating tornadoes of April 27, 2011.

But the story that has been told since that destructive day is an inspiring one of personal resilience and a resolve to rebuild neighborhoods and communities.

A critical factor has been the commitment that employers have made to their communities.

After a natural disaster of this scale, there is always a choice to confront: rebuild or relocate?

An important part of the economic recovery efforts in Jefferson County was the decision made by Cliffs Natural Resources to rebuild its Oak Grove Mine and Concord Preparation Plant and remain as a strong presence in Alabama.

The tornadoes caused significant damage to the mine preparation plant and overland conveyor system at the coal facility, an employer of more than 500 workers in the western portion of Jefferson County. It also disrupted the transportation system that Cliffs and other companies rely on to receive and move materials.

Most critically, and thankfully, all employees were accounted for after the storms and no one was reported as injured.

Even before the full magnitude of the recovery challenge facing Alabama became clear, company officials were already thinking about how quickly they could begin to resume operations. It soon became evident that this would entail the plant providing its own power and even building a new road. The company's management and workers were undeterred.

In spite of many daunting challenges, underground mining was restarted within two weeks. Within eight months, coal was again being processed to meet our nation's energy demands.

While planning for the long-term work needed for full capacity, the company responded to the emergency needs of the ravaged communities around it. Cliff's donated \$100,000 to the American Red Cross and another \$60,000 to organizations serving storm victims in the immediate area.

The Oak Grove operations marked a significant milestone on May 16, 2012 with a ceremony that highlighted the rebuilding of the Concord Prep Plant. This engineering and construction achievement represented a \$52 million investment and was accompanied by an additional \$30 million investment in a new, LEED-certified mine portal facility.

In all, Cliffs invested \$120 million towards its Alabama operations and preserved more than 500 jobs during a year when our state needed it the most. It is a tale of resilience, determination, and a strong work ethic that stands out as my state continues its recovery from the historic storms.

ON THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HOUSTON EDUCATION FUND

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the League of Women Voters of Houston Education Fund for their commitment to the encouragement of active and informed participation of citizens in government.

The League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of the Houston Area were both established in 1920, the year that the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gave women the right to vote. The League of Women Voters is a direct descendant of the women's suffrage movement, and has become an active and effective organization that serves all voters.

The League of Women Voters of Houston Education Fund has an extensive, respected history of encouraging civic engagement throughout the Houston community. Their mission to encourage active and informed participation by providing accessible information and support services to the people is critical to the success of a democracy.

This August marks the 92nd anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. I join the League of Women Voters in celebrating Women's Equality Day by remembering this historic achievement and the courage, perseverance and accomplishments of women who fulfill the promise of the Nineteenth Amendment.

Members of the League of Women Voters of Houston Education Fund are volunteers who work in their communities to help the realities of the American system of government live up to its ideals. The organization would not be the success that it is today without their hard work and dedication. Their service to our community is greatly appreciated.

And so it is with great pleasure that I recognize the League of Women Voters of Houston Education Fund and celebrate the anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment.

TRIBUTE TO LAKE HEALTH DISTRICT CEO GORDON ENSLEY

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a long time community leader in the heart of Southern Oregon, Gordon Ensley.

On June 30th, after a career in health care spanning 38 years, Gordon retired as Chief Executive Officer of the Lake Health District in the great town of Lakeview, Oregon. In 1996, after 11 years at another small town hospital in Gold Beach, Oregon, Gordon and his wife Pauline moved to Lakeview so he could serve as the Lake Health District Chief Financial Officer. Then in 2003, Gordon took the helm as Chief Executive Officer, and under his leadership the health district's local hospital, long term care facility, and home care and hospice

programs, have experienced tremendous growth and improvement.

Most of Lakeview's 3,000 residents, whether they have encountered Gordon as an employee, patient, colleague, or friend, are likely to agree about the positive impact he has made on their community. This included one of Gordon's crowning achievements, a 10-year project to expand and upgrade the hospital. Gordon and his board knew this project wouldn't be without its obstacles, but nevertheless began work on a plan to find additional finances, which included a plea to the community to support an \$8 million bond. In 2008, voters agreed that improving overall patient care and access was a worthy investment, and approved the ballot measure to help finalize a 33,000 square foot expansion and upgrade to the hospital.

Mr. Speaker, even with this achievement, Gordon still understood the struggles associated with providing health care to rural patients. Most areas within Oregon's Second Congressional District are as rural as you can get, and access to a health provider can be difficult. Lakeview is no exception, but fortunately for this community and its surrounding areas, Gordon embodies the dedication and vision that is necessary to provide quality care and improved access. All this, however, and Gordon will be the first to say that while working in the rural health care field offers its challenges, it presents even greater rewards.

And as we develop policies in Washington, D.C., it is crucial for Congress to do so only after seeking the advice of on-the-ground experts like Gordon and those like him. Fortunately, he has always been more than willing to take time out of his otherwise busy days to offer his valuable expertise, and he has never been afraid to get in touch with me to express his concerns. Whether discussing pending legislation, burdensome federal regulations—on which Gordon has certainly made his position known—or even sometimes non-health related issues, I have greatly appreciated his expert guidance and useful counsel over the years.

So as Charlie Tveit, the Lake Health District's new CEO, takes over, he begins on the solid foundation laid under Gordon's strong leadership. And while I know Gordon had reservations about leaving his post after so many dedicated years of doing what he knows best, I think all of those who know him, most notably his wife Pauline and their family, would agree that he has earned a well-deserved break.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Gordon's many years of service to his community as we wish him a long and happy retirement.

CONGRATULATING THE MSC COYOTES GREEN UNDER-14 GIRLS SOCCER CLUB ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an incredible group of young ladies—proud members of the MSC Coyotes Green Under-14 Girls Soccer Club—who

brought home to the great State of Maryland the National Championship.

Yes, this team has reached the top of youth soccer. They may just be rising 9th and 10th graders—most of them residents of Montgomery County, Maryland—but they have already achieved in sports what most young athletes can only dream about. And they didn't get there without putting in the work. Being fast and strong and athletic are important, but putting in the work is what sets you apart from your competition. These young ladies trained endlessly—in rain, snow, extreme heat, and freezing cold—while staying focused on academics.

They arrived in Rock Hill, SC last week as the sole representative of Region 1 (Maine to Virginia), and they left Rock Hill, SC as the top U14 girls club team in America. I rise to recognize these young ladies, their families, and their great coaches for all of their hard work, dedication, grit, and perseverance.

The MSC Coyotes Green qualified for the National Championships after winning the Region 1 Championships in Lancaster, PA having to survive matches against some of the top ranked teams in America. They won this prestigious Regional Championship but not the easy way—the Coyotes won their semi-final and final matches in winner-take-all penalty kicks.

The National Championships was a round-robin between the Final 4 teams in America from Maryland, California, Ohio, and Tennessee. To put the MSC Coyotes Green achievement in perspective, over 10,000 club teams competed for a chance to play in the Regional and National Championships.

The National Championships round-robin started Wednesday, July 25, 2012 in Rock Hill, SC. The Coyotes Green tied their first match against Beach FC '97 from California 0–0 on Wednesday; lost their second match against Tennessee '98 Azzurri 2–0 on Thursday; and won their third match—a win or go home game—on Friday against Ambassador FC from Ohio 3–0. The Coyotes qualified for the Title Game and earned a rematch with Tennessee '98 Azzurri on Saturday, July 28, 2012 at 6:45 p.m. in Rock Hill, SC for the U14 Girls National Championship. It was a tough match, but the MSC Coyotes Green won 2–0, earning their spot as the nation's top U14 girls team.

I would like to recognize the following MSC Coyotes Green players who will play—or already do play—for several Washington, DC and Maryland suburban high schools:

1 McKenzie McCaul, F, Lingenore; 2 Naomi Gross, GK, B–CC; 3 Annika Jansa, M/D, Bullis; 5 Sara Johnston, D, Stone Ridge; 10 Paula Germino-Watnick, M/F, B–CC; 13 Julia Abbott, F, Good Counsel; 14 Cristina Valianatos, M, Walt Whitman; 15 Jade Rueters, F/M, Holy Cross; 16 Amanda Wilson, D, Good Counsel; 20 Lindsay Wytkind, D, Walt Whitman; 21 Emma Anderson, F, Walt Whitman; 23 Kristen Darragh, GK, Poolesville; 25 Deena DeSilva, D, Magruder; 26 Kristen Bissell, M/F, Undecided; 27 Juliania Comer, M, Churchill; 28 Elizabeth Coletti, F, St. John's Catholic Prep; 29 Clare Severe, M/F, Walt Whitman; and 44 Julianne Keehan, F, Holy Cross.

I also want to commend the two coaches who led them to victory—Alex Gould and Kevin Layton.

It's not often that you can pause to recognize national champions in your congressional