

These student-athletes, and their coaches, have represented themselves, their school and their community in a first-rate fashion, and I join with the other Members of this House in congratulating them, and wishing them all the best in their future academic and athletic endeavors.

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a group of Olympic champions from my home area of Rochester. All Rochesterians—and Americans—are incredibly proud of these dedicated athletes who have trained to be the best and who achieved their dreams at the XXX Olympic Games in London.

Abby Wambach led the United States Women's Soccer team to their third straight Olympic gold medal. Abby grew up in Rochester, NY where she played soccer and basketball at Our Lady of Mercy High School, and was named to Parade Magazine's high school All-America team. She attended the University of Florida, where she was a first-team All American and led her team to the Final Four in her senior season. In 2001, Abby joined the Women's National Team and played in her first Olympic games in Athens in 2004, contributing four goals and one assist to the gold-medal effort for Team USA. She missed the 2008 games in Beijing because of a broken leg sustained in a collision in the final match before the Olympics. Abby was back with a vengeance in 2012, however, and scored a goal in every game leading up to the final match where the USA was victorious in dramatic fashion.

Jenn Suhr soared to a hard-fought Olympic gold in the Pole Vault. Jenn was born in Fredonia, NY and was a multi-sport athlete at Fredonia High School, playing softball, basketball, soccer, and track and field. As a senior in high school in 2000, Jenn won the New York State pentathlon. She then went on to Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester and focused her athletic energy on basketball and track and field. Not only did she take her basketball team to the NCCAA national championship game and become the team's all-time leading scorer in basketball with 1,819 points, but she also graduated with a degree in psychology and began a graduate degree in school psychology. Jenn did not even begin working on her pole vaulting skills until 2004, but she quickly proved her excellence in the sport. She was an Olympic silver medalist in 2008 in Beijing, and fought her way to the gold medal in London.

Meghan Musnicki was one of the women's eight team who rowed to their second straight Olympic gold in London. Meghan was born in Naples, NY and attended Canandaigua Academy for high school, where she played soccer and basketball. She first picked up an oar as a freshman in college at St. Lawrence University in 2001. Later Meghan transferred to Ithaca College, where she helped row her team to NCAA Championships in 2004 and 2005, including an undefeated season in

2004. Meghan graduated from Ithaca College with a degree in psychology. She was first selected to the U.S. National Rowing Team in 2010, after narrowly missing a chance at the Olympics in 2008, and was part of two World Championship eight boat teams prior to winning the gold in her first Olympic games in 2012.

Ryan Lochte swam to five medals in the 2012 Olympics, adding two golds, two silvers and a bronze to bring his total to 11 medals over three Olympic games. Ryan was born in Rochester, NY and attended school in Canandaigua before his family moved to Florida, where his father coached swimming. He was a 7-time NCAA Champion while swimming for the University of Florida and was named an NCAA All-American twenty-four times. Even more laudable than Ryan's athletic achievements is his commitment to raising awareness for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a neuromuscular illness to which Ryan lost a family member. He has helped Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy "Go for the Gold" by raising money for research projects towards finding a cure for the disease.

Henrik Rummel rowed with his team to a bronze medal in men's four race of the 2012 London Olympics. Born in Denmark, Rummel moved to Pittsford, NY with his family in 2000 and attended Pittsford Mendon High School. Previously a basketball player and a skier, Henrik began rowing on the Pittsford Crew Team in 2001. He made his first national team just three years later in 2004. Henrik was recruited to Harvard, where he studied applied mathematics and economics while rowing for one of the most renowned crew teams in the country. He swept the Harvard-Yale regatta in 2008 and 2009 and won gold in the pair with coxswain at the 2009 World Rowing Championships. Henrik's bronze medal with the men's four came in his first Olympics games.

Jason Turner competed in sport shooting events in London for the third time as an Olympian. Jason is originally from Rush, NY and graduated from McQuaid Jesuit High School. At just 12 years old, Jason began shooting competitively in 1987, and was named to the 2004 Olympic team in the free pistol and 10m air pistol events. He won a bronze medal in the 10-meter Air Pistol at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. In London, Jason finished 34th with a score of 569 in the qualifying round.

Kara Lynn Joyce spent time in both Irondequoit and Webster, NY as she grew up, and still holds two school records in Webster. She attended the University of Georgia where she was an All-American three years in a row, and became the first female swimmer to win the 50-meter, 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle events. The London Olympics were also the third for Kara, who earned a pair of silver medals in the 2004 Olympics in Athens, and two more silvers in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Kara competed in the 50m free in London, and after finishing her heat tied with two other swimmers for sixteenth and final semifinal spot, treated fans to an exciting swim-off that was won by the host country's swimmer.

Jim Boeheim, best known to Western New Yorkers as the Hall of Fame coach of the Syracuse University men's basketball team, traveled to London to coach in his second Olympic games as an assistant coach for the USA Basketball team. Jim is a native of Lyons, NY and graduated from Lyons Central High

School before attending Syracuse University where he attained a degree in social science. His remarkable career as a college basketball coach, which includes 34 consecutive years at one school—and the record for most career wins at one school—has now been enriched by leading the U.S. men's basketball team to two gold medals.

Gloria Peek made history in London as an assistant coach for the first-ever women's boxing event at the Olympics. Making history was nothing new for Gloria, a native of Geneva, NY and a former counselor for juvenile delinquents in Rochester, who was banned from amateur boxing in the 1970's for being a woman. She founded the Montgomery Boxing Club in the basement of the West Avenue Methodist Church in Fairport, NY in 1988 to keep young people off the streets, and she helped them finish school, apply to college and find jobs. At the 2012 Olympic games, Gloria helped coach the three women who qualified for the U.S. boxing team, including Claressa Shields, the first woman—and only member of the 2012 U.S. boxing team—to win Olympic gold.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud of these men and women who dedicated themselves to excellence, and took advantage of the opportunity of the Olympic games to showcase to the world what Rochester can do. I look forward to following their future careers, as well as those of all the young Rochesterians that they have undoubtedly inspired to pursue dreams of their own.

HIGHLAND 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 175th birthday of the great city of Highland, Illinois. Originally settled in 1831 by the Swiss immigrant Koepfli family, and named Helvetia, or New Switzerland, Highland got its name five years later when a local man, General Joseph Semple, commented that the area reminded him of his native Scotland. A year after that, in 1837, Highland was formally chartered as a city. The town still retains its connection to Switzerland, partnering with the Koepfli's home in Switzerland, Sursee, as a Sister City since the 1970s, and hosting numerous festivals each year honoring the Swiss and German roots of the community.

Highland was the home of Louis Latzer, also known as the Father of Pet Milk, because he was the man who perfected the process of condensing milk, thereby making milk, and its myriad health benefits, available to large numbers of people. Mr. Latzer's homestead and museum remain open today in Highland for visitors.

Today, Highland is home to 9,919 people, the Highland Bulldogs, and many fine civic clubs, churches, and businesses, large and small. In September, the city will celebrate the 175th Jubilee, a three-day celebration of Highland's proud past, while looking toward a bright future.

I want to congratulate Mayor Joe Michaelis and Lynn Hargus, President of the Highland Historical Society, along with their staffs and

volunteers, for all of their hard work organizing this fall's Jubilee. I especially want to salute all the hard-working citizens of Highland, past and present, who have made the community such a great place to live and work. I am proud to represent such an outstanding community, and I want to wish them another 175 years of success.

RECOGNIZING CARONDELET VILLAGE

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the August 23, 2012 ritual celebration of the new Carondelet Village in Saint Paul, Minnesota, a shared vision of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Presbyterian Homes and Services to raise the standard for older adult living in this community.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet have long used their faith to forge relationships to promote the common good throughout our community. They understand that working for the good of all requires all elements of the human condition to be addressed. This is the idea that guided the Carondelet Village project—designing a community where all aspects of the lives of seniors could be nurtured and strengthened. They found an excellent partner in Presbyterian Homes and Services.

Presbyterian Homes and Services has been addressing the housing and health needs of the senior community in Minnesota since 1946. Striving to do more than just meet housing needs, Presbyterian Homes also works continuously to improve the quality of its buildings and the care it provides for the older adult community. Seeing a need for senior living in Saint Paul, it drew upon decades of experience to address it. With the Sisters of St. Joseph, Presbyterian Homes posed the question of how to attend to the needs of seniors as a whole, rather than merely providing a place to live.

When the Sisters of St. Joseph and Presbyterian Homes came together, they created a community that respects diversity and provides a space for spiritual development in order to enrich the lives of residents and their families.

The Carondelet Village is a place that enables residents to reach their highest potential. At the heart of the Village is the embodiment of this vision—the Carondelet Circle—a community space where residents can work on their art, faith, health or just grab a cup of coffee.

Neighbors met the Sisters of St. Joseph and Presbyterian Home plan with praise and intense interest. Before ground was even broken, seniors began placing reservations. By the time the doors opened in December of 2011, the Village was nearly at full occupancy.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Carondelet Village and the successful efforts of the Sisters of St. Joseph and Presbyterian Homes in providing needed housing and a supportive community for older residents of Minnesota.

A TRIBUTE TO DON TOLLEFSON

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Don Tollefson for his years of dedicated journalism in the city of Philadelphia. For almost 40 years, Don Tollefson has represented the essence of sports in the Delaware Valley.

Moving to Philadelphia in 1975, Don Tollefson held the position of Sportscaster and Sports Director for Channel 6 News. Don is most notably known for his years of service at Fox 29. Don was the co-host of Good Day Philadelphia for several years and also hosted a variety of sports-related programs including The Ray Rhoades Show and Eagles Game Day Live. More recently, Don has reported preseason games and halftime shows for the Philadelphia Eagles and co-hosts the show Eagles Game Plan.

Don Tollefson's contributions to the area stretch further than his journalism. Don is the creator of a non-profit motivational program, One Child Saved, that brings together athletes, entertainers and people in the television industry to talk to disadvantaged children. One Child Saved teaches under-privileged kids the importance of anti-hatred and anti-violence, while motivating the children to pursue careers.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring Don Tollefson and thanking him for his years of service and dedication to the city of Philadelphia.

GOREVILLE BLACKCATS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of a state championship softball team from Goreville, Illinois.

After a number of successful seasons, including a close call last year, the Goreville Blackcats finally reached the IHSA softball state finals this year. But they did more than just show up: the Blackcats swept through the semifinals and finals without allowing their opponents to score a single run, en route to the program's first state championship.

I want to extend my congratulations to Coach Shanna Massey, who also won her 100th career game this year, and her assistant coach Teresa Cash. But I especially want to congratulate the members of the 2012 Goreville Blackcats state championship team: Ashlee Webb, Sydnee Rushing, Taylor Odom, Laenya Maze, McKenzie Schaeede, Shelby Miller, Alison Webb, Haley Darnell, Hannah Murley, Brittney Pritchett, Micaela Allred, Kaylee Webb and Tiffani Shadowens. They have made history for their school and made their community proud.

I join with the other Members of this House in congratulating to the Blackcats, and wishing them best of luck in all their academic and athletic endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL PHILLIP E. MCGHEE'S 33 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major General Phillip E. McGhee, for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Major General Phillip E. McGhee will retire as the Director of the Army Budget. His service spans over thirty-three years active military duty of which he served selflessly dedicated, extra-ordinary effort both peacetime and combat to the United States Army.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry in 1979, after his graduation from Columbus State University with a bachelor's degree in Business, Major General McGhee went to his first assignment as an Infantry Platoon leader with the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. Following his transfer into the Finance Corps, Major General McGhee has served around the world in a wide variety of finance and comptroller leadership assignments throughout his illustrious career culminating as the Director of the Army Budget at the Department of the Army, Washington, DC, responsible for the Army's \$245 billion current budget.

Major General McGhee has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Senior Parachutist Badge, just to name a few.

The United States Army and the Nation will dearly miss one of its most respected and valued leaders as Major General Phillip E. McGhee retires and moves back into his role as a citizen. We will miss his humility, selflessness, candor and integrity. Major General Phillip E. McGhee's exemplary leadership and selfless devotion to duty has touched fully three generations of Soldiers and their families and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure to recognize Major General McGhee's long and distinguished career today and also acknowledge the great benefit to the Nation he has provided as the Director of the Army Budget. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Major General McGhee for a lifetime of service to his country. For all he and his family have given and continue to give to our country, we are in their debt. We wish him, his wife Candy, their son Shawn and his wife, Stacey, and his two granddaughters, Hailey and Aiden, all the best as they continue on in their life's journey.

YOU HAVE NO IDEA

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit the following work that was offered to me on behalf of Marine Corporal Jessie Kent Fletcher, a constituent and wounded warrior who honorably served our country in Afghanistan.