

which continues to thrive today—in spite of a difficult economic climate.

Fouche's Hudson Funeral Home continues to be a source of pride in the Bay Area, serving our local African-American community with diligence and personalized care. A former educator, with a master's degree in Curriculum Development, Mrs. Fouche was also a fearless principal, as well as a celebrated teacher and instructor of media studies. Among her numerous accolades and associations, Mrs. Fouche was named Teacher of the Year, oversaw many of her students' award-winning animation films, and produced a weekly television program for parents to enhance their children's at-home learning.

In addition to her proud membership with the One Hundred Black Women of Funeral Service Organization, Mrs. Fouche is active in NFD&MA, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Friends of Father Augustine Tolton, and Phi Delta Kappa National Fraternity. Mrs. Fouche has also spent countless hours supporting and volunteering for local organizations aiding the underserved through food assistance, education scholarships, veterans services, faith ministries and AIDS awareness and prevention. She has also traveled the world extensively and counts tennis and dance among her hobbies.

As Fouche's Hudson Funeral Home management, staff and supporters look forward to its centennial anniversary in 2014, the receipt of Mrs. Fouche's Living Legends honor is timely and well-deserved. Thank you to all of the One Hundred Black Women of Funeral Service for being leaders in your communities and for providing families dignity, closure and excellent care.

On behalf of California's 9th Congressional District, Mrs. Aloysia Fouche, I salute you. Your many years of service have made an indelible mark in our community. Thank you for your continued work, and best wishes to you and your loved ones in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
PARALYMPIANS IN LONDON,
ENGLAND

HON. ALLEN B. WEST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. WEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements of a class of athletes whose stories embody the classic American values of perseverance and commitment to excellence.

I am speaking of the laudable Paralympians who represented our nation in the Paralympic Games in London.

There is perhaps no better event to remind us of the unwavering desire for greatness, inherent in every American, than the Paralympic Games. The Olympic Games in London have amplified the patriotic spirit that unites us as Americans and reminds us, with each American medal, of our grand fortune as citizens of this blessed country and our legacy of exceptionalism.

Paralympic athletes complement the narrative of our history by reinforcing the notion that determination and dedication trump any of the hurdles circumstance may send our way. Their remarkable achievements as

Paralympians alike shatter misconceptions that physical disability implies shortcoming of any kind. I am proud to stand alongside them and support them as emissaries of the United States.

Their rousing individual stories prove just as remarkable as the event itself. As a Member of the House of Representatives from south Florida, I am overjoyed to represent five inspiring Paralympians.

Justin Zook, a young man from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, has quite the résumé. Justin competed on the United States Swim Team in the London Paralympics, and earned a gold medal in the men's 100 meter backstroke. In his special event, Justin has won a total of three gold medals in the 100 meter backstroke. He has set impressive world records in the 50 meter backstroke, 100 meter backstroke and 400 meter freestyle. He has represented Team USA for the past two Paralympic Games in the S10 division, winning gold and bronze medals at both appearances. Justin's record of excellence charges on, never affected by his disability.

In addition to his marked brilliance in the realm of swimming, Justin remains committed to his academics as he pursues an MBA in Sport Management at Florida Atlantic University and ultimately strives for the position of Athletics Director at an NCAA Division I institution. His focus and determination to excel in all aspects of life are qualities deserving of the utmost respect.

Paul Callahan, of Palm Beach, Florida competed in the Three-Person Keelboat Sonar sailing event along with two other team members, and came in seventh place. Paul currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of "Sail to Prevail", a non-profit corporation whose mission dates back to 1982 and seeks to provide disabled children and adults with the opportunity to overcome adversity through therapeutic sailing. Paul's championing of "Sail to Prevail" is reflected in his own experience and story.

After an accident during his junior year at Harvard rendered Paul a C4–5 quadriplegic in 1979, he returned to school after years of therapy, obtained a degree from the prestigious Harvard Business School, and worked at Goldman Sachs for a number of years. Paul left Wall Street to join the team at "Sail for Prevail", where he learned to sail nearly 15 years after his accident and cultivated the sailing expertise and philosophy that would eventually lead him to become part of the United States Sailing Team in 1998, and a participant with the 2000 and 2012 Paralympic teams. Paul's dedication to providing the means and occasions for disabled individuals to sail alongside their able-bodied counterparts reflects his vision to create bigger and better opportunities for disabled athletes to counter the physical and psychological challenges that can sometimes come with disability. Among many other notable qualities, Paul's tenacity and love for his craft makes him a standout athlete and Paralympian.

Noah Yablong is a recent graduate of the University of Arizona with a degree in mechanical engineering from Ocean Ridge, Florida. Noah's immense talent qualified him to travel with Team USA to compete in the London Paralympics in the sport of wheelchair tennis. In the London Paralympics, Noah qualified to compete up to round 32 in the wheelchair men's tennis doubles, along with

his teammate Steve Baldwin. He also succeeded in making it to round 64 in the wheelchair men's singles. Noah's athletic endeavors, achieved in spite of the disease that limits his mobility, have provided him with opportunities of travel and sport that most American athletes can only imagine. Noah has visited five of the seven continents for tennis, and represented the United States in the World Team Cup three times.

Noah's story is a classic one that speaks to the American spirit of perseverance. A participant in every sport imaginable, Noah's athletic experiences before his diagnosis included basketball, baseball, soccer, tennis, golf, and swimming. At age ten, Noah was diagnosed with Legg Calve Perthes, a rare and degenerative hip disease that makes it exceedingly difficult for him to walk and run. A devoted athlete through and through, the thirty hours of weekly training Noah dedicates to his craft extinguishes the assumption that disabilities limit accomplishments, and ultimately dreams. Noah's story, like Paul's, is a testament to the power of hard work and proves inspirational to all Americans, regardless of background or circumstance.

A fourth example of athletic excellence is Brad Johnson, a member of the United States Paralympic Sailing Team three times over and a lawyer by trade. Never limited by the automobile accident that severed both of his legs, Brad began his career as a nationally-renowned athlete and Paralympian by participating in the national sit-volleyball team after graduating from law school. Brad's love for sailing was one that he cultivated relatively recently, illustrated by the fact that he took up the sport at the age of thirty. Nearly a decade and a half later, Brad has managed to collect a variety of medals and championships that distinguish him as truly one of the best in both sit-volleyball and sailing. Along with one of his teammates Paul Callahan, he placed seventh in the Three-Person Keelboat Sonar sailing event.

After Brad medaled at the 2004 Athens Paralympic Games in the sonar class of sailing, he returned to sit-volleyball and traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil as part of the winning-U.S. Men's Sitting Volleyball Team in 2007. In 2010, Brad attended the Sitting Volleyball World Championships as a participant of Team USA, where the team placed tenth. As a practicing attorney and Paralympian residing in Pompano Beach, Florida, Brad maintains a full schedule, but always seeks to integrate his love for sport, determination in his career, and commitment to changing perceptions toward disability in his daily life. The versatility and activism with which Brad approaches his craft makes me proud to represent him.

Scott Danberg resides in Cooper City, Florida and represents one of the most recognized athletes in the Games. Scott competed in the past four consecutive Paralympic Games, which makes his appearance in London his fifth Paralympic Games. While there, he placed seventh in the men's discus throw. Over the 20-plus years that Scott has competed, he has garnered accolades in a variety of events as part of the U.S. Track and Field Team. His distinction in the events of javelin, shot put and powerlifting characterize Scott as an outstandingly talented athlete, which speaks to the discipline he shows in his personal life, as well as his competitive life.

Scott works as the Director of Fitness at Pritikin Longevity Center in Aventura, Florida, a company dedicated to promoting a holistic approach to health that focuses on nutrition, exercise and mind-body health. As a Master's of Kinesiology and a Ph.D. candidate in Leadership and Education, it is clear that Scott's true passion lies in his desire to harmonize all of his strengths, talents, by inspiring others to also achieve their dreams. Scott's lifestyle and achievements distinguish him as an exceptional Floridian and one that I am honored to represent. I enjoyed watching him compete in both the shot put and discus categories in the Games, and commend him for leading by example.

These great Paralympians are some of the best athletes that our country has to offer. Their will to succeed is not limited, but rather encouraged by the adversity they have faced. These men are defined by so much more than their disabilities. They are defined by their fearlessness, by their steadfast movement forward in pursuing bigger and better, by their medals, by their families and communities, by their hearts, and by the American spirit built in each of them.

Justin, Paul, Noah, Brad, and Scott set an example for men, women, and children in every way. During the 2012 Paralympic Games, they made all Americans and our Nation proud.

IN MEMORY OF FATHER BEITING

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Monsignor Ralph Beiting, a compassionate, self-sacrificing man, who devoted his life to bettering the lives of those in eastern Kentucky. On August 9, 2012, Father Beiting joined his generous God in heaven at the age of 88 following a brief illness. His heart for the impoverished and his sincere generosity to those in need has touched the lives of others and he will be forever remembered in Appalachia and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

After World War II, Father Beiting began serving the people of eastern Kentucky with countless social service programs. Born and raised in northern Kentucky, Father Beiting first traveled to Appalachia in 1946, encountering a new kind of poverty, one not seen even during the Great Depression. His compassion and sympathy for rural families developed then as he made it his mission to help the impoverished and needy of my region. In 1950, Beiting returned to eastern Kentucky to help launch a church, and although this committed Catholic Priest was not always welcomed with open arms, Beiting continued his work of never letting the poor go untended.

In 1957, Beiting launched a fully-integrated summer camp for boys from poor families in the counties where he ministered. By 1964, his ministry had developed into the Christian Appalachian Project, CAP, an interdenominational, non-profit organization that serves Kentucky's mountain residents. Today CAP stands as the 15th largest human services charity in the nation. A warehouse and thrift store in Louisa also bears Beiting's name. The Father

Beiting Appalachian Mission Center distributes food, clothing, furniture, and provides four local thrift stores with low-cost merchandise, in keeping with Beiting's spirit of meeting physical and human needs. In fact, Beiting spent much of his time personally delivering food, clothing and household goods to help the needy in eastern Kentucky.

Father Beiting's legacy of charity, love of Kentuckians, and volunteer efforts is an inspiration all across our region. Always sharing God's love with everyone he met, Beiting served as a bright light for thousands of Appalachian families in need. On behalf of my wife Cynthia and myself, I want to extend our deepest heartfelt sympathies to his family, friends, and those he served with in Appalachia. Our region will miss this great man.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the late Father Beiting, a true man of God, who dedicated a lifetime of service to bettering the lives of those in eastern Kentucky.

HONORING THE PETALUMA NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE ALL STARS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the Petaluma National Little League All Stars for their amazing run in the 2012 Little League World Series. I couldn't be prouder of the way they represented our community and themselves.

Even though they fell short of the national championship, they distinguished themselves as one of the nation's and the world's best youth baseball teams. More than 6,500 teams from around the globe entered the tournament, and the boys from Petaluma finished second in the United States and third in the world. They played more games than any other team in the tournament, winning five and losing two. Even in their final loss to Tennessee, they showed fierce determination and a refusal to give up, rallying for a 10-run comeback to force the game into extra innings.

Bradley Smith led the way with an astounding .636 batting average, a tournament-leading 14 hits, a record-breaking 6 doubles and 11 RBI, as well as great fielding and pitching.

Hance Smith hit .429, leading the team with 4 home runs and knocking home more runs (12) than any other player in the Little League World Series.

Daniel Marzo hit .348 with a walk-off game-winning home run in extra innings against New Jersey, on top of his outstanding pitching.

Cole Tomei batted .333 with clutch hitting and dazzling third base defense that reminded many of Brooks Robinson.

Logan Douglas, who provided great all-around leadership and top-notch relief pitching, also had a .318 batting average, and his 11 runs scored were the second-highest in the tournament.

Catchers Austin Paretto and James O'Hanlon provided perfect handling of the pitching staff throughout the tournament, with

James contributing timely hits and Austin adding 8 runs scored in only 8 at-bats.

Dylan Moore, Blake Buhner and Kempton Brandis all contributed clutch performances, including Kempton's two home runs against Tennessee; Blake's big hit to spark a rally against New Jersey; and Dylan's overall solid work in the field, on the mound and at bat.

Porter Slate scored 8 runs out of the leadoff slot while playing stellar defense at second base.

Quinton Gago's home run against the Southwest would still be going if it hadn't hit the side of a hill. And his dominant pitching performance against Texas gave the team a huge lift.

Andrew White provided outstanding relief pitching, not just in the Little League World Series (where he earned the team's only save), but throughout District 35 and regional play.

Not enough can be said about the coaching staff, led by manager Eric Smith. He, pitching coach Trevor Tomei and assistant coach Mike Slate built a cohesive group that gasped and applied the fundamentals of the game. Their commitment to the team and the families was nothing short of remarkable. They didn't just teach the boys on-the-field skills; they instilled in them poise, determination and drive.

The Petaluma National Little League All Stars are talented ballplayers, but they also succeeded because of grit, hustle and desire. Most importantly, at every step along the way, they revealed themselves to be poised young men of strong character. They demonstrated sportsmanship in victory and in defeat. They were models of teamwork and discipline, qualities that will serve them well throughout their lives.

And they were backed up by a tight-knit community that couldn't have been more enthusiastic and supportive. There were generous fundraising efforts to allow family members to travel to Williamsport to see the games in person. There was hardly a movie theater, restaurant or bar in town that wasn't showing the games. Their effort was inspiring. It filled us with pride. What fun it was to see them have so much fun.

The Petaluma National Little League All-Stars exemplify what is best about youth sports. They have been true to the mission and values of Little League Baseball. Their performance on and off the field is a testament to their coaches, their parents and their teachers. These boys are unquestionably champions. They are America's future, giving us great confidence for our country. Today we honor and salute the Petaluma National Little League All-Stars.

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for women and families affected by ovarian cancer. In 2012, it is estimated that approximately 22,280 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and 15,500 will die of the disease. In my state, Arizona,