

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MADISON'S
SHAKESPEARE THEATRE OF
NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, Madison, Morris County as they begin their 50th Anniversary season this year.

The proud tradition of the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey began in 1963, when Paul Barry and Phillip Dorian formed the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival in Cape May. Their Festival was met with such success that the group was offered a permanent home on the campus of Drew University in Madison, New Jersey in 1972.

The Shakespeare Theatre has been dedicated to bringing the classics of Shakespeare and classical playwrights alive for audiences for 50 years. The Theatre's plays and outreach programs have showcased live theater to diverse audiences throughout the state and have also served as the training ground for the newest talents on the stage.

To improve the theater experience for all patrons, the Theater has undergone a number of lasting and unique changes over its history. The first of these changes was the construction of the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre in 1998. This space arose out of the Shakespeare Theater's desire to create a lasting performing space that could meet the artistic demands of its schedule and provide an intimate setting for patrons to view the performances. This state of the art facility features modern theater lighting, sound and seating as well as complete handicapped accessibility. With just over 300 seats none of which is more than 32 feet from the stage, the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater provides a truly unique venue to view theater.

Debating in 2002, the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey's Outdoor Amphitheater on the campus of the College of St. Elizabeth, allows patrons to view the arts from a whole new perspective. The outdoor space takes its inspiration from the Theater of Dionysus in Athens and hopes to transport viewers back in time through a wide range of classical theatrical offerings and is one of the only theatres of its kind in the United States.

The Theatre's newest addition is a 49,000 square foot renovated factory in Florham Park that will serve as a training and rehearsal space. The new facility will be filled with office spaces, scene and costume shops as well as multiple rehearsal and classroom spaces, greatly enhancing the educational and outreach capacities of the Theatre. This space will allow the Theatre to enhance current stage offerings and provide a future of unique performance and shows.

Through its mission statement and commitment to the arts in New Jersey, the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey has proven to be a pillar of the local community and a large contributor to the arts in New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey, Madison as they celebrate their 50th season and their continuing contributions to New Jersey's vibrant arts community.

HONORING KEVIN FRECHETTE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, at the request of the colleagues and friends of Kevin Frechette of Howell, New Jersey, I submit the fitting tribute they composed following the sad news of his passing at the young age of 52.

KEVIN FRECHETTE, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS EXECUTIVE, NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVIST, LIFE-LONG MONMOUTH COUNTY RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Kevin Frechette, 52, of Howell, NJ, passed away peacefully at his home on September 5, 2012. Mr. Frechette, who leaves behind a beloved son, Kyle Frechette, also of Howell, a student at Ramapo College, was a Senior Vice President and General Manager at MWW, an independent global public relations firms with offices across the nation including a headquarters in East Rutherford and an office in Trenton, NJ.

Mr. Frechette ran MWW's Trenton office and worked for the company for 12 years. As a member of the firm, Mr. Frechette was influential in the creation and funding of NJ211, a toll-free, state-assisted hotline that directs New Jersey residents to available community resources, and was critical in successful efforts to curb the privatization of the New Jersey Turnpike. A respected and knowledgeable figure at the Statehouse in Trenton, noted for his sense of humor, good nature and humility, he was a consultant to many leading New Jersey businesses and nonprofits such as NJCURE, Parsons Corporation, the New Jersey State Library, the Jewish Federation of New Jersey and dozens of other prominent organizations. In a previous career, Kevin served as a court house and political reporter at the Daily Register of Monmouth County.

Before joining MWW, Mr. Frechette spent eight years as the Deputy Director of Press and District Operations in the New Jersey General Assembly Majority Office, where he worked with lawmakers on issues of media relations, marshaling district resources, connecting with constituents and overall communications strategies. He also served as Chief of Staff to NJ Assemblyman and later State Senator Joe Kyrillos.

Mr. Frechette was born in Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, NJ and grew up and lived in Monmouth County nearly all his life. He was a product of Holmdel Township Schools and also lived in Little Silver, Red Bank and, most recently, Howell, New Jersey.

He received a degree in Mass Communications from St. Bonaventure University. Active in politics at a young age, he served in Student Government in Holmdel High School where he also played a leading role in the school's production of "Bye Bye Birdie." His family members were long-time parishioners at St. Catherine's Church in Holmdel, NJ.

Among friends, Mr. Frechette was known for his sharp wit and sense of humor, but also for the truly selfless way he cared for people. Even while sick, he would visit friends in the hospital as if his illness was irrelevant. Mr. Frechette was known for being very honorable with a relentless work ethic in every aspect of life; it earned him the respect and love of all he came in touch with. Ultimately, Mr. Frechette had two great passions in life, his son Kyle, over whom he doted, and music, which he collected and immersed himself in throughout his life.

In addition to his son Kyle, Mr. Frechette leaves behind his parents, Charles Frechette,

a former manager at Anchor Glass, and his mother, Virginia Bishop Frechette, formerly the assistant editor of The Catholic Digest, and author of the children's book, "Fighting Father Duffy." He is survived by five loving siblings, all of whom adored him, Pam Galiastro (husband: Frank.); Robin Kjersgaard; Jim Frechette; Charles "Chip" Frechette (wife Donna); Chris Frechette (wife Heidi); Ami Miano (late husband Charles); Kelly Davidson (husband: Alistair), and six nieces and nephews: Farrah Rizzo, Jamie and Kristen Galiastro; Ryan Kjersgaard; and Tara and Noah Miano. Mr. Frechette is a grandson of the late Jim Bishop, the syndicated columnist and author of 22 books, including "The Day Christ Died" and "The Day Lincoln Was Shot."

HONORING BOB BROWN OF
MISSOURI

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bob Brown, a legendary high school basketball coach in the state of Missouri, veteran, and member of the 2012 Springfield Area Sports Hall of Fame induction class.

With 672 career victories and 12 playoff appearances to his name, Bob's impressive track record has earned him quite a distinguished reputation in both the sports arena and in the community.

His remarkable career began at Richland High and concluded at Springfield Catholic. He amassed 367 victories and a state runner-up title in 1966 with the famed "Jolly Green Giants", who were 27-1 that season, during his 20-year tenure at Parkview. Bob even had the opportunity to coach his son, Bill Brown, at Parkview.

During his coaching career Bob won a state championship at Bolivar in 1960, runner-up with Parkview in 1966, and third place with Richland in 1956 and Parkview in 1981.

In addition to his exemplary coaching career, Bob is a veteran of the Missouri National Guard. Beginning in 1956 he served 32 years until ending his career as a full Colonel in 1988. During this period he served as Chief of Plans and Operations at Headquarters Stark, as Commandant of the Missouri Military Academy, and Commander of the Medical Battalion.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Brown's contributions to our community are far-reaching and the lives he has affected are uncountable, and it is an honor to recognize him.

THE CLAIMS LICENSING ADVANCEMENT FOR INTERSTATE MATTERS ACT (CLAIM) ACT

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill I believe will help consumers save millions of dollars in insurance costs and create more jobs. I am proud to introduce the Claims Licensing Advancement for Interstate Matters Act, known as the CLAIM Act.

Under current law, independent claims adjusters face a hodgepodge of inconsistent state regulations that only serve to delay the prompt adjustment of claims for natural disasters, car accident victims, and other tragedies in life. The CLAIM Act would provide specific relief during a natural disaster. In areas designated by the President of the United States as a "Disaster Area," independent claims adjusters who meet certain criteria would be eligible to adjust claims for losses notwithstanding the state the adjuster is licensed.

Every independent claims adjuster must take a license examination in each state in which they work. This requires adjusters to take time off from their job and travel to each state in which they seek a license. This is a costly burden on the claims adjusters, the companies that employ them, and ultimately, the consumer. Sadly, it is the consumer who currently pays for these costs in higher premiums.

Today, it is my pleasure to introduce a bill that would end this costly burden. The CLAIM Act would lead to a process that would provide independent claims adjusters licensing reciprocity so their home-state license is valid in any other state. To be clear the CLAIM Act does not create a new federal law and does not "federalize" the insurance industry. The CLAIM Act respects states' rights to continue to regulate their individual insurance industries. Rather, the CLAIM Act would urge the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to adopt a model licensing standard for state regulation for independent claims adjusters that each individual State would adopt. The CLAIM Act would make sure that each state keeps its independence to adopt rules as they see fit and recognizes that State insurance regulators are best situated to address insurance licensing standards.

The goal of this bill is to streamline the claims adjustment process so that individual claims adjusters can respond in the fastest possible and most cost-effective manner possible. I look forward to further discussing the issues of reciprocity and the CLAIM Act as we move forward in the Committee process.

CONGRATULATING KAYLA
HARRISON AND HOLLEY MANGOLD

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate two women from southwest Ohio who represented the United States in competition at the Games of the XXXth Olympiad this summer in London, England.

Kayla Harrison, a native of Middletown, Ohio, entered the Olympic Games ranked number one in the United States and number four in the world. Kayla competed in the 172-pound women's division defeating four competitors along the way to becoming the first United States judo athlete to win Olympic Gold. Kayla's success serves as a role model for thousands of young girls to pursue their dreams and reach their goals.

Holley Mangold, a native of Dayton, Ohio, a former junior national champion, competed in the 165-pound plus division and was one of

two American women weightlifters to qualify for the London Olympic Games. Holley began competitive weight lifting in 2008 and competed in two events at the London Games. Although a wrist injury kept Holley from winning an Olympic medal, her competitiveness and determination has won the hearts of sports fans throughout our community, our State and our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, through hard work, discipline and determination, these young women trained vigorously for the opportunity to compete against the world's finest athletes. They represented our country with grace and sportsmanship, and have made all of us from Dayton and Ohio proud.

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF EPIC
SUSQUEHANNA RIVER FLOOD

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember the one-year anniversary of the devastation communities in my district faced when Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee brought an epic 500-year flood to the Susquehanna River.

In September 2011, when the creeks and rivers first started rising, I immediately returned to Northeastern Pennsylvania to help my constituents. I witnessed firsthand the devastation and destruction caused by this historic flooding. Over the past year, I spent time surveying the damage to our communities, our homes, and our regional economy. I met with people who lost everything: their jobs as local businesses closed; their homes; and their prized possessions and treasured keepsakes, which were destroyed and gone forever. I met with small business owners who didn't know if they would be able to reopen their doors. I met with local officials who didn't know how their towns would afford to repair their streets and keep their police officers, firefighters, and emergency responders working extra hours.

Despite all of this devastation, the citizens of Pennsylvania's 11th District rose above their own needs, though great, and thought of others. I saw neighbors open their homes and wallets to care for flood victims. I met volunteers who spent their evenings and weekends cleaning up senior citizens' basements. I witnessed our community's citizens coming together with hope and determination to repair the destruction from the flood. Even with the enormous strength of our combined efforts, I realized that our Federal Government must provide a better response to natural disasters.

In Washington, I have been working to improve the assistance the Federal Government provides natural disaster victims. For the past year, I have aimed to lower the Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loan interest rates for all Americans who have been the unfortunate victims of natural disasters. On September 23, 2011, I introduced H.R. 3042, the Disaster Loan Fairness Act of 2011. On August 2, 2012, I revised my original legislation and introduced H.R. 6296, the Disaster Loan Fairness Act of 2012. This measure allows for SBA loans at a discounted market-based interest rate for homeowners and small business owners who were hit by flooding or

other natural disasters and in which the president has declared a major disaster. Critically, the interest rate can never be greater than 4 percent, which will make a tremendous difference to those seeking to rebuild their homes and restart their lives. Most importantly, this bill will restore American lives, save American businesses, and protect American jobs.

Mr. Speaker, over the past year, I have seen the very best of humanity in Northeastern Pennsylvania in these people who lost everything. I commend those citizens who have helped their family, friends, neighbors, and strangers in this time of need. Rest assured, I will never forget the devastation caused by the flooding after Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, and I will continue to support improved federal natural disaster assistance.

HONORING REV. DR. MYRTLE
OWENS SMITH

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, America was settled by people with a strong belief in God. To this day that conviction has carried through with churches in all neighborhoods of our country forming a bond that holds them and us together.

Here in the Bronx we have one such church, the Emmanuel Baptist Church, under the inspired pastoring of the Rev. Dr. Myrtle Owens Smith who is celebrating her tenth anniversary as Pastor of the church.

She is the first female black pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church and in her decade of service to her flock she has honored the past by renovating the church to keep its historical heritage and while enhancing the future by planning the installation of solar panels.

Rev. Dr. Smith is a community oriented minister who regularly attends Community Board meetings, donated a new kitchen for the church, maintains excellent relationships with local elected officials, accommodates community mission outreach programs such as Soup and Sock Ministry and provides food and clothing and HIV testing. She also encourages a thriving Youth Ministry and, on a broader front, was the first female pastor asked by the Foreign Mission Board to accompany them to Ghana.

This is the tip of the iceberg regarding Rev. Dr. Myrtle Owens Smith and her spiritual and corporal contributions to her community. I join with her congregants in congratulating her on ten wonderful and fruitful years and with them wish her many more years pastoring her flock.

HONORING WALTER MYERS, SR.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, the birth of Walter Myers, Sr., in the state of South Carolina in the 1800's