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On October 5–7 of 2012, the ISC and the Jonesborough community are celebrating their 40th anniversary of the National Storytelling Festival—the acclaimed event that launched the storytelling renaissance and transformed Jonesborough, the oldest town in Tennessee, into the Storytelling Capital of the World.

**A TRIBUTE TO DENISE SHELDON  
2012 SACRED HEART PRE-  
PARATORY ATHLETIC HALL OF  
FAME AWARD RECIPIENT**

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Denise Sheldon, a 1993 graduate of St. Joseph's School and a 1997 graduate of Sacred Heart Preparatory. The School is proud to offer the Athletic Hall of Fame to honor her for her athletic achievements. The award recognizes contributions of alumni athletes, teams, coaches, and administrators of Sacred Heart Preparatory. Individuals like Denise Sheldon who are inducted into the Hall of Fame have made significant achievements in her sport of volleyball and exemplified the principals of sportsmanship and Christianity as illustrated in the Goals and Criteria of Sacred Heart Schools.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Denise Sheldon, an athlete who lives a life which embodies the goals and criteria of Sacred Heart Schools. She lives the five commitments of faith, respect, social awareness, community building and personal growth, and her contributions to her sport have strengthened our community and our country immeasurably.

**RECOGNITION OF MR. ABU NASER  
KHALIQUZZAMAN**

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Abu Naser Khaliquzzaman, President of World Trade Promotion Center, Inc. to the Brooklyn community and to furthering democracy in his native Bangladesh. The contributions of Mr. Khaliquzzaman have included strengthening ties between the U.S. and Bangladesh, improving the quality of Bangladeshi democracy, and improving the Brooklyn community.

World Trade Promotion Center, Inc. is a Brooklyn based producer and distributor of American food and agriculture commodities, which provides employment and prestige to the community. Mr. Khaliquzzaman's sense of community and vital support has greatly benefitted the Brooklyn area.

Mr. Abu Naser Khaliquzzaman, known as Zaman, acts as a community leader in his Brooklyn neighborhood and serves as a Board member for the Dahil Neighborhood Association. Zaman also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association.

Zaman has worked tirelessly to promote democracy in his native Bangladesh for many years, most notably acting as sponsor to a series of non-partisan community programs aimed at strengthening the future of Bangladesh by encouraging women to vote and become more active in politics, and calling attention to the foreign investment potential of Bangladesh. From an early age, Mr. Khaliquzzaman has understood the importance of democratic processes and has spread his understanding to his community following the Independence of Bangladesh from Pakistan.

In response to the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Mr. Khaliquzzaman organized a press conference to condemn the acts of terrorism and convey to the Bangladeshi people how acts of terrorism ruin relations among nations. In the following years, Zaman Khaliquzzaman has worked to create unity among people of all walks of life and has sponsored a series of religious and civic events to these ends.

Abu Naser Khaliquzzaman has also worked to improve relations between the US and Bangladesh by holding a series of events in Dhaka with the objective of finding common ground for peace and condemning international terrorism. Zaman Khaliquzzaman has dedicated efforts to facilitate cooperation and understanding between the United States and the Muslim world.

Today, I rise to honor Mr. Abu Naser Khaliquzzaman for his contributions to the Brooklyn community and the U.S. relationship with the Muslim world. It is my honor to recognize Mr. Abu Naser Khaliquzzaman as a promoter of democracy and community in Brooklyn and abroad.

**ROBERT E. LEE HIGH SCHOOL  
INTERACT CLUB**

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to recognize the important contributions that the Robert E. Lee High School Interact Club has made to the Baytown, Texas community. For over 50 years, the club has proudly served our community. This is quite an accomplishment in and of itself, but in the last year alone, the club has completed over 900 hours of community service.

Sponsored by the Baytown Rotary, the club's community service projects last year included the annual cancer fundraiser, Relay for Life; campus clean up events; hosting a Red Ribbon Week, and serving meals at the Baytown Thanksgiving community dinner. The club also held a Trick-or-Treat for Hunger event where it collected 1,587 canned goods to donate to our community.

With a motto of "service above self", the club's members are learning many important life lessons: how to be selfless; how to be a

leader; how to be a person of integrity; how to respect others and how to help someone during a difficult time. The members may be young in age—only teenagers—but they are putting these life lessons into action and making important contributions to the Baytown community.

The Baytown community has been enriched by the members of the Robert E. Lee Interact Club and will continue to be as the students put service above self for the next 50 years. And that's just the way it is.

**A TRIBUTE TO NANCY SULLIVAN  
STRETCH 2012 SPIRIT OF MATER  
AWARD RECIPIENT**

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nancy Sullivan Stretch, a 1957 graduate of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Atherton, California. Nancy is being honored on October 20, 2012, with the coveted Spirit of Mater Alumni Award which recognizes alumni who "radiate Mater's spark of divine spirit and who employ life in a manner representative of the Sacred Heart Schools, Atherton, Goals and Criteria. Schools of the Sacred Heart commit themselves to educate to a personal and active faith in God; a deep respect for intellectual values; a social awareness which impels to action; the building of community as a Christian value; and personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom."

Nancy is being honored for spending her life working toward fulfilling the goals and criteria of a Sacred Heart education. She served for eight years as Board President of Creativity Explored, a San Francisco organization devoted to supporting people with developmental disabilities in their quests to become working artists. She serves her parish as a Eucharistic Minister and founded the "Peanut Butter Brigade" which prepares hundreds of brown bag lunches and distributes them to the homeless of San Francisco. Her volunteers include small children, teens, adults and seniors. Nancy also served her community as an Assistant District Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Nancy Sullivan Stretch, a woman who has lived a life which embodies the goals and criteria of Sacred Heart Schools. She lives the five commitments of faith, respect, social awareness, community building and personal growth, and her contributions have strengthened our community and our country immeasurably.

**TRIBUTE TO KEN RIVERS**

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside County are exceptional. Southwest Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who

willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Ken Rivers is one of these individuals. On September 27, 2012, Ken will be honored as the "Citizen of the Year" at the Boy Scouts of America—Tahquitz District Distinguished Citizens Dinner.

Ken's background encompasses over 25 years of executive healthcare administration. While earning his master's degrees at the University of La Verne, he became a chief operating officer of a Southern California hospital at the young age of 23.

Prior to joining Southwest Healthcare hospitals, he served as the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director at the Corona Regional Medical Center in my hometown of Corona. He joined Southwest Healthcare System in 2009, where he has served as the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director. Southwest Healthcare System operates Inland Valley Medical Center in Wildomar and Rancho Springs Medical Center in Murrieta and Temecula Valley Day Surgery in Murrieta. Just recently, he joined CHA Health System in Los Angeles which will allow him to further his career at the international level of healthcare.

Ken's accomplishments at Southwest Healthcare System have reflected his attitude of treating patients like family. Along with a dedicated leadership team, physicians and the entire hospital staff, Ken directed the opening of the \$91 million expansions to both hospitals which include new emergency departments featuring more than 70 bays, expanded the Intensive Care Unit at Inland Valley by doubling bed capacity, and the largest Women's Center in the entire region located at Rancho Springs. His leadership was instrumental in passing one of the largest state and federal surveys. He is currently developing the region's first Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Rancho Springs and Cardiac Services at Inland Valley.

It is hard to imagine that Ken would have any free time on his hands yet he always found time for his community. A Paul Harris Fellow and Rotarian, Ken serves with many philanthropic and healthcare organizations including Chairman for the Riverside County Chapter of the American Red Cross. He also enjoys spending time with his two children, traveling, and playing golf.

In light of all Ken has done for Southwest Riverside County, the Boy Scouts of America—Tahquitz District named Ken their Citizen of the Year. Ken's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of the Inland Empire. He has been the heart and soul of many community organizations and events and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he receives this prestigious award.

IN HONOR OF EILEEN DAILY

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, this year residents of Connecticut's 33rd District will bid a fond farewell to a woman who has served them for nearly two decades. Her colleagues

described Senator Eileen Daily as a woman who was concerned with the people she represented, rather than the politics of the day. While serving in Hartford for twenty years, she never stopped personally helping those living in her district near the Connecticut River and along the Long Island Sound.

Prior to being elected to the Senate, Eileen served on the Westbrook Board of Education until 1983 when she became the town's First Selectwoman. When Eileen Daily went to Hartford as a State Senator six years later, she quickly earned the respect of her peers. She became an influential member and was made Chair of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee—a position she held for five terms.

Among her numerous accomplishments, Senator Daily co-authored the Small Town Economic Assistance Program which provided grants for major public works projects. The program was designed to fuel development in small towns that would otherwise be unable to afford funding. She played a crucial role in negotiating components of and funding for an innovative industrial wastewater treatment facility in Clinton.

I am proud of working with Senator Daily to secure funding for a dredging project in Westbrook. A host of destructive storms had caused silt build up and erosion, impacting the marinas along the Patchogue River. Local restaurants and shop owners, dependent on the boaters, no longer have to worry about keeping their businesses afloat. I also collaborated with Eileen to protect the scenic Eightmile River Watershed and designate it within the national Wild and Scenic River system.

In addition to her legislative work, Eileen also serves on the Board of Directors of the Valley Shore YMCA, the Middlesex County Substance Abuse Action Council, and on the Fiscal Chairs Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures. In 2004, Senator Daily was part of a select trade delegation from the National Foundation of Women Legislators to visit the Kingdom of Bahrain. On her trip, Eileen assisted women who had recently gained the right to vote prepare to run in local elections.

As Senator Daily finishes up her final term, I wish her the best of luck. Although she is retiring from public office, I have no doubt that she will remain an active and beloved member of her community. I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Senator Eileen Daily on her retirement and recognizing her amazing career.

A TRIBUTE TO TREVOR SCHAFER  
2012 SACRED HEART PRE-  
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**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Trevor Schaffer, a 1998 graduate of St. Joseph's School and a 1992 graduate of Sacred Heart Preparatory. The School is proud to offer the Athletic Hall of Fame to honor him for his athletic achievements. The award recognizes contributions of alumni athletes, teams, coaches, and administrators of Sacred

Heart Preparatory. Individuals like Trevor Schaffer who are inducted into the Hall of Fame have made significant achievements in his sports of soccer, baseball and basketball and exemplified the principals of sportsmanship and Christianity as illustrated in the Goals and Criteria of Sacred Heart Schools.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Trevor Schaffer, an athlete who lives a life which embodies the goals and criteria of Sacred Heart Schools. He lives the five commitments of faith, respect, social awareness, community building and personal growth, and his contributions to his sport have strengthened our community and our country immeasurably.

CONGRATULATING DR. ANTHONY  
ALLEN

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Anthony Allen as the 17th President of Hannibal-LaGrange University.

Dr. Allen, a native of North Carolina, attended Duke University where he played football for four years while studying history and religion. He earned both a Master of Divinity and Master of Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and then went on to earn his doctorate in higher education administration at North Carolina State University. Dr. Allen, his wife Stacy, and their five children currently reside in Kansas City, where he is Senior Vice President of Administration at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Allen's dedication to Christian higher education and the shared values of Hannibal-LaGrange University, or HLGU, make him an ideal candidate for the position.

I am proud to represent HLGU, a 4-year liberal arts school situated in "America's Hometown," Hannibal, Missouri. HLGU is known for its Christian commitment that has been preserved since its founding in 1858. Dr. Allen shares this commitment and is dedicated to leading HLGU into the future while preserving its Christian heritage. I am confident he will be an outstanding leader both at HGLU and in the greater Hannibal area.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Allen on his appointment as HLGU's new president and welcoming him and his family to the Hannibal community.

HONORING KEVIN W. BRADLEY

**HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Kevin W. Bradley. On August 24, 2012 I had the great honor of attending Kevin Bradley's pinning ceremony where he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

General Bradley, a native of Binghamton, New York, received his Air Force commission through the Officer Training School program in 1984. After serving in the United States Air