OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

# HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 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 \$16,317,681,766,441.44. We've added \$5,690,804,717,528.36 to our debt in 3 years. This is \$5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DECKERVILLE EAGLES HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM, 8-PLAYER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

# HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege today to recognize the Deckerville Eagles High School Football Team. The Eagles capped off a remarkable and extremely memorable season by bringing home to Sanilac County the second ever Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) 8-Player State Championship!

The Eagles defeated the Bellaire High School team in the State Championship game on November 16th by a score of 14–12.

This championship game was a hard-fought defensive battle, with the Eagles keeping constant pressure on their opponent. The Eagles were able to come up with numerous important stops on defense, and capitalized on the errors of their opponents to earn the victory.

The Eagles proved they had the talent, fortitude, and resilience to rise to the challenge and accomplish their ultimate goal—a State Championship! Teamwork, perseverance, and friendship all contributed to this title. I know the community and the entire Thumb Region takes great pride in what these young men were able to achieve.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor the hard work and sportsmanship displayed by all of the members of the Deckerville Eagles team. I also wish to acknowledge the parents, the cheerleaders, the school teachers and administrators, and all of the students, fans, and community members who came out this season to support the Eagles. Together they combined to make this an unforgettable season.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I want to offer my personal congratulations and best wishes. All the accolades, awards, and trophies are rightfully deserved. Way to go Eagles!

TRIBUTE TO MS. DIONDRA JADE HARP

# HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate and pay tribute to Ms. Diondra Jade Harp for her contributions to the community.

Ms. Diondra Jade Harp is a fourth generation member at the historic Berean Baptist Church in Brooklyn, NY where Dr. Arlee Griffin, Jr. is their Pastor and Rev. Byron Benton is the Youth Pastor. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Diondra says "I was destined for greatness and am privileged to be one of the honorees of the Concerned Women of Brooklyn, Inc.' Ms. Harp is currently a sophomore at Delaware State University where she is pursuing a degree in criminal justice with a 3.4 grade point average. She is a student mentor for the 2012-2013 incoming freshman class. She is also a member of the Delaware State University Gospel Choir and will join the Concert Choir in the spring of 2013.

Diondra's future professional studies include attending law school. Her main goals in life have always been to achieve success in a career that involves helping others and to live her life in a way that may be pleasing to God. Diondra attended John Dewey H.S. and served as a peer mediator of the Conflict Resolution Program. During her senior year she was elected President of the Student Government Organization. She was also a member of the National Society of High School Scholars (N.S.H.S.S.), and was elected to represent New York in the Lead America career and leadership conferences. Aside from her academic achievements, Diondra's extra-curricular activities include gymnastics and playing the piano. Diondra gives credit to her mother's teachings and prayers for molding her into the young woman she has become.

Mr. Speaker I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Ms. Diondra Jade Harp.

### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the Congressional Record on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED DECEMBER 4

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark Doms, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Mignon L. Clyburn, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Joshua D. Wright, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and Christopher R. Beall, of Oklahoma, and Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, of California, both to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors.

SR-253

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

### DECEMBER 5

9 a.m.

Foreign Relations

African Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine assessing developments in Mali, focusing on restoring democracy and reclaiming the north.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Business meeting to consider S. 3472, to amend the Family Educational Rights

amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to provide improvements to such Act, the nomination of Erica Lynn Groshen, of New York, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

#### DECEMBER 6

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the fiscal cliff, focusing on how to protect the middle class, sustain long-term economic growth, and reduce the Federal deficit.

SH-216

10:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine superstorm Sandy, focusing on the devastating impact on the nation's largest transportation systems.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

### DECEMBER 12

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Keith Kelly, of Montana, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

SR-418