

Who must live with such fear, day in and night after night!
 And all of that death and destruction, that which war does so make!
 Unrelenting . . . our loved ones helping us to rebuild what war has so taken away!
 To once again, To So Make Us What We Are!
 Just look at those heroes standing there, with such honor and such faith and tears who so care!
 Wearing that uniform, with those most courageous hearts that which beat so warm!
 Who were so raised by those loved ones, who their souls have so formed!
 To make them who they are!
 Just, look at all of those husbands and wives, and children who now must now so cry
 Who so sent their loved ones off to die
 For they all so make this Nation, and our Country 'Tis of Thee who we are!
 America's Shining Stars!
 They Make Us Who We Are!

NATIONAL BLUE ALERT ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 15, 2012

Mr. RUNYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my support for a bi-partisan piece of legislation that I am a co-sponsor of, H.R. 365, the National Blue Alert Act of 2012.

The Blue Alert system, similar to the "Amber Alert" system used for abducted children, would operate throughout the United States to quickly disseminate information to law enforcement organizations advising them of when an officer has been seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

Currently, there is no national alert system to distribute this valuable information to law enforcement. In implementing H.R. 365, we can speed up the apprehension of criminals and ensure rapid broadcasting of information to enhance public safety for all of our constituents.

This piece of legislation is deficit neutral and is funded using previously appropriated dollars from the COPS Program. This bill is supported by the Fraternal Order of Police, the Sergeants Benevolent Association, the National Sheriff's Association, the National Association of Police Officers, and the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association.

In observance of National Police Week, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 365.

HONORING COLIN KANTOR OF THE CARROLL SENIOR HIGH LATIN CLUB

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Colin Kantor, a member of the Latin Club at Carroll Senior High School, for his taking first place in the Classical Geography and Monuments competition (Level IV) at the Texas State Junior Classical league convention.

As part of the Junior Classical League, Kantor is among 50,000 students in this worldwide organization. Twenty-two students from the Carroll Senior High Latin Club travelled to participate in the convention held by the Texas chapter in San Antonio in March. The convention hosts a variety of competitions, both academic and cultural, that relate to the ancient Greek and Roman civilizations.

A fourth year student of Latin, Colin entered two Level IV competitions at the convention, one in Roman History and another in Classical Geography and Monuments. He demonstrated excellence and studiousness and took home first place in the Geography category. We are very proud of Colin and thankful to Terra Windham for so ably sponsoring him and leading the Latin Club. I am told that the Latin Club at Carroll Senior High is growing in popularity as a result of its successes, and it impresses me that these young people are taking such an astute interest in a language and culture that has such a venerable heritage.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Colin Kantor on his earning a state title at the Texas State Junior Classical League convention.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TIRELESS EFFORTS OF MRS. ANNETTE WOLFE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm that I rise in recognition of the determined efforts made by Mrs. Annette Wolfe over the last 50 years of service to the funeral industry within the great State of New York.

Annette's roots in the funeral industry date back to her grandfather in Yonkers, New York. Continuing the family tradition, her father passed it down to Annette who partnered with her husband, Buddy Wolfe, to become a pioneer in the industry and continue the success of the family business.

A leader among her colleagues, Annette became a masterful fundraiser for multiple notable organizations. Annette created a successful fundraising blueprint for the Metropolitan Funeral Directors Association (MetFDA), a respected professional trade organization that has been in operation since 1928. In the 1980's she served as President of the Catholic Cemetery Guild and fundraised for the Catholic Charities of the Brooklyn and Queens Dioceses. Annette also devoted much of her time to fundraising for children's needs during Christmas at the Heartshare organization.

While serving as chair of MetFDA in the late 1970's, Annette derived the concept of an annual outing that would aim to build awareness, increase membership and raise money for the organization. This was no easy take for a strong and outspoken woman among her male colleagues who traditionally dominate the funeral industry. Annette single-handedly introduced several women's programs within the New York State Funeral Directors Association and the National Funeral Directors Association.

After much perseverance and dedication, Annette was able to organize the first golf

classic for MetFDA in 1979. Over the last thirty years, the proceeds from what has now become an annual tradition, continues to support education seminars for funeral directors, produce the organizations monthly newsletter, assist members with their needs, and maintains three resource centers for members, consumers, and for industry advocacy. Last year's golf classic fundraiser, delivered \$50,000 in income for the MetFDA.

With more than 50 years of service in the funeral service industry, Annette continues to remain active with various industry associations working as a knowledgeable and respected consultant. It is with great joy, Mr. Speaker, that I ask that you and my fellow colleagues join me in celebration of this year's honoree, Ms. Annette Wolfe for her 50 years of service to my beloved Harlem community and the State of New York. She is truly an encouraging figure that has always provided exceptional support to the funeral industry both local and national levels.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. KENNETH CAPSHAW

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Kenneth Capshaw, a fellow El Pasoan and high school band director who has spent his life educating El Paso's young people and children and instilling in them an appreciation for music. He has also been a member of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra for 30 years, not only extending his knowledge of music to younger generations, but the entire community as well.

Mr. Capshaw has been a band director for over 20 years, 15 of which were spent at Coronado High School. Under his leadership, the Coronado High School band has become one of the most successful band programs in the State of Texas.

Capshaw has been recognized many times for his achievements in music education, including receiving the Legion of Honor Award from the John Phillip Sousa Foundation and the Meritorious Award from the Texas Bandmasters Association.

Not only is he recognized nationally in the field of music education, but he is highly respected and admired by the music community and scores of young people in El Paso.

Mr. Capshaw has touched the lives of many students in his career. They could be the custodian's daughter or the surgeon's son, or have a physical disability. His sole focus was always to develop each of his students' musical talents and character, teaching them the values of hard work, responsibility and working together to achieve excellence.

Fine Arts is a subject very important to our children's education, and many studies demonstrate that students of musical education programs often have higher academic achievement. Music education, particularly when directed by a dedicated and caring musical director like Kenneth Capshaw, encourages motivation and teamwork among participants along with individual excellence.

Today I recognize Mr. Capshaw and thank him for the many years he has spent educating our children and making beautiful music

for our community, and I wish him and his wife the best of luck in retirement. God bless you, Mr. Capshaw.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call No. 254, due to a constituent meeting that went long, I wasn't able to make this vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING THE CARROLL SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOL WINTERGUARD
CHAMPIONS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the members of the Carroll Senior High School winterguard for winning first place in the Scholastic Triple-A Purple Division on March 30 in Forney, Texas.

In Texas when the members of the colorguard finish their duties with the high school football season, their own season is just beginning as they transition to winterguard competition. From November through March the winterguard practices most days of the week, often hours per day, perfecting the team's choreography. This year, their centerpiece dance and performance was set to Eva Cassidy's cover of "Bridge Over Troubled Waters".

Capping off a season of commendable dedication and hard work, the Carroll winterguard took home first place in the Scholastic Triple-A Purple Division, with a competition in Forney, Texas, where they earned 71.7 points. The students who carried on their school's strong tradition this year were Captain Nicole Elledge, Lieutenant Captain Mikaela Heming, Lieutenant Captain Mallory Wyatt, Gabrielle Allen, Nick Conard, Ann Dahl, Gabrielle Earley, Maher Gill, Caitlin Gillum, Emma Harding, Kim Hardy, Savannah Hensley, Morgan Howell, Haley Hurlburt, Olivia Jolley, Paige Lepp, and Amy Rasmussen. They were led by director Pam Randall and assisted by Amy Keller.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the young people of the Carroll Senior High varsity winterguard on their accomplishments in Scholastic Triple-A Purple Division competition.