

HONORING SOUTH STANLY HIGH SCHOOL, HOME OF THE 2012 NORTH CAROLINA 1A BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students, faculty, staff and coaches of South Stanly High School in Norwood, North Carolina. This past weekend, the South Stanly Rowdy Rebel Bulls baseball and softball programs finished their seasons with each team capturing its second North Carolina 1-A State Championship, handily winning their championship games held this weekend in Durham and Raleigh, respectively. With their combined victories, South Stanly High School became just the third program in the history of North Carolina baseball and fast-pitch softball to sweep both titles in the same season.

The South Stanly baseball team finished the 2012 season with a 30–4 record, capping the season with a 6–1 victory over Voyager Academy in the State Championship game. I congratulate head coach Terry Tucker, who, in his fourth year with the program, has led the team to its third state championship appearance and its second state championship since 2009.

The South Stanly softball team finished the 2012 season with a 27–7 record, completing the season with a 9–2 win over Camden to win the state title. I congratulate South Stanly softball head coach David Poplin, who led the team to its second title since 1998.

Most importantly, sincere congratulations are due to the dedicated young men and women of these two teams. Their hard work and sacrifice throughout the season put them on the road to championships, and together their dedication and focus has brought two more state titles back to Norwood.

Folks throughout our community have always had a way of banding together in support of one another, and this year's baseball and softball seasons showed a perfect example of that at South Stanly. From dedicated parents and siblings, to friends and church members, our community came out in full force to cheer the Rowdy Rebel Bulls on to victory. I'm honored to represent the people of Stanly County, the players and their dedicated families, and the coaches and faculty of the school.

Before Congress and our great nation, I am proud to recognize the members of South Stanly High School's baseball and softball teams, Coach Tucker and Coach Poplin, Principal Mike Campbell, Athletic Director Sean Whitley and the entire Stanly County community as a whole for another local championship season. Go Rowdy Rebel Bulls!

GREENVILLE ELEMENTARY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the dedication of the administration,

staff and students of Greenville Elementary School in Greenville, Illinois, who went above and beyond in caring for, and ultimately saving the life of, one of the school's kindergarteners.

Emma Young started kindergarten at Greenville Elementary this year, but Emma is not your typical kindergartener. Since she was very young, Emma suffered seizures and unconsciousness due to a condition that doctors were unable to diagnose due to a lack of data. Finally, doctors placed an implantable loop recorder in Emma's chest to collect data for up to three years in the hopes of collecting the information necessary to diagnose Emma's condition.

Emma's parents met with the school nurse to ensure that school staff were aware of her condition and knew what to do. But instead of just filing the information away, school staff made a superior effort to inform everyone involved with Emma's daily activities in the event that their help was needed in an emergency. The school nurse, Emma's teacher, and all the faculty and staff who had contact with Emma on a daily basis had a special meeting after school to learn about Emma's condition and about the monitor implanted in her chest. Her teacher made posters with her picture and a photo of the device, with step-by-step instructions for staff or substitutes to review. The staff even developed a plan called "Code Emma", and taught the other kindergarteners how to recognize when Emma needed help and how to announce a Code Emma.

This spring, Emma's mother, Jill, was at home when she received a breathless call from the school secretary informing her that Emma had suffered a seizure. She rushed to the school, where an ambulance had already arrived to take Emma to the hospital. Riding to the hospital, Jill was grateful for the fast response by the school staff, but wondered if the staff had remembered to press the button on Emma's device so that the data could be collected, and a diagnosis finally determined. Emma's condition returned to normal over the next few minutes, and she was released from the hospital that day. An hour later, Emma's cardiologist called and told Jill that the data had been collected, and Emma's condition could finally be diagnosed and treated. Emma now has a pacemaker and is receiving life-saving treatment, thanks to the doctors and nurses who worked with her, but perhaps most importantly, due to the students and staff at Greenville Elementary who called out and responded to the Code Emma.

Emma's mother writes that the students and staff at Greenville Elementary are deserving of recognition for their "commitment to education, and their dedication to nurturing and loving children in the community. The lessons that are taught inside of the walls at Greenville Elementary are not just the mandated ones, but the ones that will mold these children into the types of individuals they will become."

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to salute the entire team at Greenville Elementary for the good work they do in educating children in not just the Three Rs, but in caring for others and being good citizens. I am proud to represent such an outstanding community and such outstanding people.

ETIENNE CHARLES

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a young and talented jazz trumpeter from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Etienne Charles, in celebration of Caribbean American Heritage Month, nationally recognized during the month of June.

Born on the island of Trinidad in 1983, Etienne Charles defies easy musical categorization. An alumnus of the prestigious Juliard School, Mr. Charles has received critical acclaim for his exciting performances, thrilling compositions and a knack for connecting with audiences worldwide. Etienne's musical lineage runs at least four generations deep: His great-grandfather emigrated to Trinidad from the overseas French department of Martinique bringing his folk music to the village of Mayaro. The young trumpeter's grandfather's distinct *cuarto* style can be heard on the classic folk and calypso recordings of the Growling Tiger; and, Etienne's father was a member of Phase 11 Pan Grove, one of Trinidad & Tobago's most progressive steel bands and one that Etienne himself would later join. Immersed in his father's vast record collection, and suffused with the sounds of calypso, steel pan and African Shango drumming, Etienne imbibed many of the influences that presently constitute the diverse colors of his harmonic palette.

Perhaps more than any other musician of his generation or of Caribbean origin, Etienne brings a careful study of myriad rhythms from the French, Spanish, English and Dutch speaking Caribbean to the table. Crucially, this young jazz professional fully understands the New Orleans trumpet tradition (which is readily discernible in his trademark instrumental swagger) and what the famed Crescent City pianist, Jelly Roll Morton so succinctly captured in the now immortal phrase, "The Spanish Tinge".

In his latest opus, *Kaiso*, this Trinidadian trumpet maestro, Etienne Charles, cooks up an ambrosial bouillabaisse of New World music genres, with jazz and calypso genres standing out as piquant flavors. He explores the songbooks of three legends in calypso; The Lord Kitchener, The Mighty Sparrow and the Roaring Lion, using many different instrumental palettes ranging from duet to chamber orchestra.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize this young talent, Mr. Etienne Charles, for the many contributions he brings to the nationals of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the world.

**HONORING EULESS POLICE
CORPORAL ROGER GATLIN**

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize retiring Corporal Roger Gatlin for his 30 years of public service with the Euless, Texas, Police Department.

Corporal Gatlin graduated from Lexington High School in Lexington, Tennessee. Following high school, Cpl. Gatlin continued his education at West Tennessee Business College in Jackson, Tennessee, and Tarrant County College in Fort Worth in pursuit of a degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Business. His post-secondary education included over 280 academic hours and over 1630 training hours. Cpl. Gatlin has received training in: Background Investigations, Crisis Intervention, Terrorism and Homeland Security, Narcotics Investigations, Family Violence and Child Abuse, Management and Supervision, and SWAT/Tactical Training. He holds the following licenses: Master Peace Officer, Mental Health Officer, School Resource Officer, and Basic Instructor. For the past several years, he has been working at Central Junior High in Euless as the School Resource Officer.

Cpl. Gatlin's career as a police officer began with the Jackson, Tennessee, Police Department in 1975 where he served until 1976. From 1976–1980, he worked in Communications for the Tennessee Highway Patrol. In September, 1980, Cpl. Gatlin moved to Texas where he joined the Euless Police Department and served until November 1982. After a brief absence, he returned to the Euless Police Department in September 1984. While with the Euless Police Department, he has held the positions of Police Officer, Field Training Officer, Acting Sergeant, and Corporal.

Cpl. Gatlin is a member of the Euless Peace Officer Association. He was awarded the 1987 Euless Police Officer of the Year. In his spare time, he enjoys golf, baseball, traveling, and woodworking.

I am very proud of the Euless Police Department, and I am honored to recognize Corporal Roger Gatlin for his contribution to the community. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking Roger Gatlin for his service as a police officer.

WILKERSON CHAPEL 150TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the 150th anniversary of an important community institution in Collinsville, Illinois.

In 1862, the Wilkerson Chapel was founded in Collinsville, and for 150 years it has served the people of Collinsville; along the way becoming the oldest and only African Methodist Episcopal Church in Collinsville. The church was originally located at the corner of South and Clinton Streets, on a piece of land donated by Mrs. Josiah Peers. In 1922, Wilkerson Chapel moved to its present location at 317 Summit Avenue.

The original land for the AME church was donated by a white woman in town, Mrs. Josiah Peers, and when the second location was built, the white churches in town donated such items as communion robes, a piano, and even the church bell. Marian Hoskin, an 81-year-old church member, talked about the harmony between the races which has always been an important part of Wilkerson Chapel's history,

saying that, "they always talk about this diversity situation here. And there was always prejudice on both sides of the fence. But we got along here. We have always worked together in this town."

Today, Reverend Carl F. Berry is the current pastor, and under his leadership, Wilkerson Chapel continues its efforts to improve the lives of the citizens of Collinsville. The church continues its outreach efforts, which include open houses and cookouts, but also performances by Just Us and The Rest, the church choir, and work with the Collinsville Area Ministerial Alliance food pantry.

Before the church's 150th anniversary banquet, Rev. Berry told the local paper, "The community is there for the church and the church is very much there for the community. This is truly about us sharing ourselves. The doors to the church are always open for service to the community."

I am proud to salute the 150 years of service by the parishioners of the Wilkerson Chapel, as well as the example they have set for our community. I am honored to represent such great people and such a great community like Collinsville.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT
AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5325) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I strongly support two important provisions in this bill, included at my request, which provide necessary direction to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This bill withholds Additional Funding for Ongoing Work until the Corps provides this Committee with an acceptable explanation of their allocation decisions. The accompanying report from the Committee also recommends various national domestic priorities for additional funds, including harbors that support domestic manufacturing. This language will greatly enhance the Corps' ability to ensure that our maritime infrastructure meets the changing needs of our nation.

The Fiscal Year 2013 Energy and Water Appropriations bill provides \$325 million in additional funding for the Corps to address priority projects throughout the country. When given a similar allocation last year, the Corps disregarded this Committee's directive to establish a rating system of projects to be funded and explain why each project was given priority.

This is unacceptable. I share the concern of the Chairman and many of my colleagues that the Corps must be accountable for their distribution of these extra funds.

Given significant backlogs in many of our nation's ports, these additional funds provide an opportunity for improved maintenance of our water borne infrastructure, which is so cru-

cial for growing our economy and creating jobs.

But it would be irresponsible to provide these dollars without exercising proper oversight to ensure that these funds are spent responsibly.

The Committee report already included direction to the Corps to report to the Committee their decisions regarding the use of these funds, but given the previous disregard for this directive last year, it became necessary to include this directive in the bill itself and establish consequences for the Corps, should it fail to meet this obligation.

Additionally, the report accompanying this bill recommends several priorities for the rating system to be created by the Corps. In particular, I strongly support the inclusion of domestic manufacturing as a component of the economic assessment for determining funding.

The significant backlogs of Corps maintenance activity across the country, especially in the Great Lakes region, greatly reduce the competitiveness of American manufacturing.

In the Great Lakes region, which has long been the heart of manufacturing in the U.S., heavy manufacturers are severely affected by light loading restrictions in our harbors. Bulk commodity shipments, which are essential to heavy manufacturing, are being transported inefficiently, preventing domestic manufacturers in the region from competing with foreign manufacturers.

The directive language in the report establishes this necessary manufacturing-oriented priority in determining which projects are to be funded by the additional funds provided in the bill.

The Corps' work is critical for maintaining critical U.S. maritime infrastructure. The language in this bill and the accompanying support will ensure that this work meets the needs of our nation.

I appreciate the willingness of the Chairmen and the Ranking Members of both the full Appropriations Committee and the Energy and Water Subcommittee to work with me to include this language. In response to the Army Corps' disregard for Congressional directives during fiscal year 2012, language in this bill demand proper compliance to the Constitutional authority of Congress.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN
KARL VAN DEUSEN'S 27 YEARS
OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Captain Karl Van Deusen, United States Navy for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Captain Karl Van Deusen will retire as the Director of Naval Congressional Liaison for Appropriations Matters. His service spans over twenty-seven years of active military duty to the United States Navy and the Department of Defense.

Born in Hartford, Connecticut and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida, Captain Karl Van Deusen received his commission in 1985 through the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at Marquette University, where