

RECOGNIZING THE WHITE OAK  
ROUGHNECKS FOR WINNING THE  
TEXAS CLASS 2A BASKETBALL  
CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. LOUIE GOHMERT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2013*

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is with enormous pride that I recognize and congratulate the White Oak Roughnecks on an outstanding basketball season in which they captured the Texas State Class 2A Basketball Championship for the second year in a row.

The entire east Texas community of White Oak and all Roughneck fans have a vast storehouse of exciting memories as a result of the Roughnecks' dominating two year stretch of championship basketball. The team went undefeated in district and compiled an impressive 74–2 record over the past two seasons. Going into the championship game with an impressive 37–1 record this year as they also had in 2012, there was no doubt the White Oak Roughnecks were a powerful force in Texas and a basketball team with which to be reckoned.

The all important game of 2013 saw White Oak ultimately defeat the Brock Eagles just as they had in 2012 to claim the Class 2A State crown for the second straight year. White Oak led most of the game, but Brock rallied in the second half turning up the heat and bringing the fans to their feet in a heart stopping final ten seconds through which White Oak emerged the victor, 56–54.

Clearly a team does not get to the ultimate and lofty plateau of excellence without a coaching staff that knows its players. There is no doubt that each of the individual players, coaches, and supporting personnel involved with the success of the Roughnecks will benefit from having participated and witnessed the level of success that is achieved when each individual gives all they have while working together with such dedication and passion.

This tribute goes out to all of the athletic staff including Superintendent Mike Gilbert, Athletic Director Gerry Stanford, High School Principal Dan Noll, and Coaches Ron Boyett, Billy Terry and Brett Cloud.

The team members achieving this memorable accomplishment included Slade Sutton, Skylar Sutton, Dylan Gale, Kris Anderson, Josh Benson, Cass Carr, Tanner Sharp, Hayden Nichols, Gabe Michael, and Levi Yancy.

No athletic team ever becomes a champion without unwavering support, and that is exactly what the Roughnecks experienced from the entire community of White Oak, Texas. That is why congratulations go to all who contributed in any way to the success of the Roughnecks during this championship season.

May God continue to bless all of their efforts both in school and as they one day finish high school and use that same drive and determination to make this country even stronger. Congratulations to the State Basketball Champions, the White Oak Roughnecks, as their legacy is now recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF RITA  
WILLIAMS

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2013*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Rita Williams, an exceptional journalist whose image and voice have been beamed into Bay Area living rooms for four decades. She is retiring from KTVU after 35 years at the station.

Rita is a top-notch reporter and superb story teller. I know from first-hand experience that she is fair, professional and that she won't give any elected official a pass. Rita has earned the adoration and admiration from her colleagues, her interviewees and her viewers.

But don't just take my word for it; this is what other people are saying: Greg Suhr, the San Francisco Police Chief says, "If there was a 'how to' book on how to be the most gracious fair objective 'cool under fire' reporter in the world, Rita Williams' picture would be on the cover." Ed Chapuis, her news director for over 10 years says, "Her stories were always the hardest for her editors to edit, because each word was placed with such purpose and precision." Bill Drummond, journalist and husband of the late Faith Fancher, Rita's long-time friend and colleague, says, "With Rita the reporting came first, and because of that commitment, her stories transcended the usual limitations of the television news medium."

Rita grew up in Lubbock, Texas. She was the first in her family to earn a college degree. After she graduated from Texas Tech University with a B.A. in journalism, she worked as the press secretary for the late Texas Congressman George Mahon, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. She then earned her Master's degree in political science/international affairs from George Washington University. Rita worked as a news reporter at KSAT-TV in Texas from 1975–1978 and then moved to California. She was a reporter for KQED-TV before she joined KTVU in 1980. From 1985–86, she was also a Knight Fellow and taught broadcast news writing at Stanford.

When Rita entered the broadcast world, it was dominated by men. Surviving and even thriving in this testosterone-driven environment was no small accomplishment, but Rita did it with grace and tenacity. She calls herself the "first broadcast broad." She opened KTVU's San Francisco bureau in the Hall of Justice.

Rita has reported thousands of social, economic and political stories, treating each one as the most important story at the time. Her work has earned her several Emmies, Tellies, a PASS award from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, a public service award from the Society of Professional Journalists and many other awards. She was one of the lead investigative reporters in the Oakland BART shooting stories that contributed to a prestigious Peabody award and Edward R. Murrow award to KTVU.

While Rita takes utmost pride in her profession and work, she views her family as her biggest accomplishment. Rita and her husband of 37 years, Lindsey, are the proud parents of Brad who is now a law student in San Francisco. Brad and my children grew up around the same time, so Rita and I often compared notes and shared school referral options.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor one of the finest journalists and human beings I know. On her last day on the air at KTVU, Rita humbly thanked her viewers and said, "You have entrusted me with one of the biggest responsibilities anybody could ever have, to be a reporter and to be your eyes and ears."

I hope that I have used that trust well and that you have learned something in return." The answer to that hope is a resounding yes!

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISH-  
MENTS OF TOM FILLIPPO

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2013*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues, Congressman PAT MEEHAN and Congressman JOE PITTS, I rise today to congratulate Tom Fillippo of Malvern, Pennsylvania on receiving the Chester County Economic Development Council's Hall of Fame Award for his outstanding accomplishments within the Chester County business community and the entire area community. The litany of his accomplishments and contributions is amazing.

In addition to his role as President and Chief Executive Officer of Devault Foods, Tom served as Chairman of the Board of the Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry from 2002 to 2006. Tom also serves as Chairman of the West Chester University's Council of Trustees, a Board Member of the West Chester University Foundation and Sturzebecker Foundation, and a Board Member of the Paoli Hospital Foundation. Additionally, he serves on the Central and Western Chester County Industrial Development Authority and the Chester County Industrial Development Board of Directors.

Tom is a member of the West Chester University Football Hall of Fame and has received numerous awards for his service to the business community and community at large including the Chester County Boy Scouts' Community Service Award, the Great Valley Chamber's Business Leader of the Year Award, the West Chester University Distinguished Alumni Award, the American Meat Institute's Community Service Award, and the Order of the Purple Heart's Outstanding Citizen Award.

Mr. Speaker, in light of his outstanding professional accomplishments and exemplary record of service to the Chester County community, we ask that our colleagues join us today in recognizing Tom Fillippo of Malvern, Pennsylvania on receiving the Chester County Economic Development Council's Hall of Fame Award and, on behalf of our constituents, thank him for his tireless and unceasing efforts to make the County a wonderful place to raise a family and succeed in business.

DON MACDONALD TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2013*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don MacDonald of Colorado. Don

MacDonald recently retired as Manager of Energy Service from Molson Coors after a 42 year long career. After serving in Vietnam, Mr. MacDonald and his wife settled in Colorado in 1970, where he began his career with Coors in the Purchasing Department.

Mr. MacDonald acquired his undergraduate degree from Cornell College in Eastern Iowa, where he studied geology. This degree gave him the expertise to support Coors' vertical integration efforts in energy exploration and production. Mr. MacDonald worked tirelessly for several decades on the energy side of Coors business and played a major role in the company's involvement with oil and gas operations, coal exploration and production and the promotion of energy efficiency.

Most recently, Mr. MacDonald spearheaded the reclamation of one of Coors' coal properties. As he moves into retirement, Mr. MacDonald keeps busy with his involvement in the Evergreen Rodeo and his passion for the theater arts.

Although, Mr. MacDonald's professional accomplishments alone are memorable, it is his personality and friendship that will be missed most by his colleagues. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. MacDonald for all the incredible work he did for Molson Coors of Colorado.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU  
CLAIRE MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM  
NCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL  
CHAMPIONS

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2013*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire men's hockey team, the Bugolds, on winning the NCAA Division III National Championship. Their 5-3 victory over Oswego State on March 16, 2013 was an exceptional display of teamwork.

In winning the team's first National Championship, the Bugolds capped off their best season in program history. Their 14-3-1 record in conference play not only placed them at the top of the standings for the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association Conference, but it also earned them their first conference championship. The Bugolds also finished the season with an overall record of 24-5-2, the best in school history. Their success during the season earned them a spot in the NCAA Championship Tournament for the second time in program history.

The success of the UW-Eau Claire Bugolds did not go unnoticed. Senior forward and captain, Jordan Singer, was named to the All-NCHA team. Head coach Matt Loen received the Edward Jeremiah Award, honoring him as the NCAA Division III coach of the year. Additionally, at the conclusion of the NCAA Division III Tournament, Kurt Weston, Jordan Singer, Drew Darwitz, and Brandon Stephenson were named to the all-tournament team, with Singer named as the Most Outstanding Player of the tournament.

The Bugolds rode the momentum of their season's success by winning their first three games of the tournament, earning an opportunity to compete in the National Champion-

ship game. Nonetheless, heading into the championship off an incredible season, the team found themselves down by two goals in the first period. The Bugolds banded together and rose to the challenge with four unanswered goals.

They tied the game by the end of the first period, with one goal from Jordan Singer during a power-play, and another goal from Andrew Wilcox with less than a minute remaining in the first period. Then, with six minutes remaining in the second period, Daniel Olszewski gave UW-Eau Claire their first lead of the game. Devin Mantha's goal in the final period increased UW-Eau Claire's lead, and although Oswego scored a goal with ten minutes left in the game, Kurt Weston's final goal clinched the title for the Bugolds. Brandon Stephenson, the goalie of the Bugolds, finished the game with 27 saves. When the final buzzer rang through Herb Brooks Arena in Lake Placid, New York, the Bugolds won their first National Championship by defeating Oswego State 5-3.

This momentous win at the end of a very successful season exemplifies the dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship of each and every member of the UW-Eau Claire men's hockey team. Furthermore, this victory is a source of great pride for the entire Eau Claire community. Once again, I want to congratulate the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire men's hockey team on their incredible season and hard-earned title as NCAA Division III National Champions.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT "BOB" C.  
REILING

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2013*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute a remarkable Hoosier, Robert "Bob" C. Reiling, whom retired as Tippecanoe Election Board Chairman after 28 years of service. I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for his leadership and service to his county and the State of Indiana.

Mr. Reiling began his service to the voters of Tippecanoe County in 1984. Almost two decades later, I began working with him and the rest of the Tippecanoe County Election Board to help implement the Help America Vote Act. Under his leadership, the county actually began replacing outdated voting systems with new technologies prior to the federal and state mandate to do so. Throughout the past decade, local and state officials with both leading worked in concert to improve election administration and the election experience for voters.

I am most proud of the partnership and friendship we grew as Tippecanoe County became one of three pilot counties to implement the Vote Centers model that is now almost common in Indiana. By introducing this model to the voters of Tippecanoe County, turnout increased, voting wait times decreased, and fewer voters were disenfranchised because there is no wrong place to vote. Tippecanoe County, under the leadership of Bob and the county election board, helped develop a working model that so many other Indiana counties are now emulating.

Mr. Reiling is a family man and remains a good friend even though I am no longer Indiana's Secretary of State. I am honored to have worked with him over the years, and look forward to our continued friendship. While no longer serving on the county election board, I know he will continue to be a leader and serve the people of Tippecanoe County in other ways.

This is Mr. Robert Reiling: a man truly committed to his family, his community, and his country. I value his friendship, counsel, and most of all, his good example. Thank you for your many years of service, Mr. Reiling.

IN RECOGNITION OF FIRE CHIEF  
DON DORNELL

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2013*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Fire Chief Don Dornell, who is retiring after nearly four decades of service to the people of Burlingame and San Mateo County. His dedication to public service is a credit to his community and to his character as a leader.

Don Dornell is a Peninsula native, born in San Francisco in 1951 and raised in Millbrae as the second of five children, and one of a pair of twins. He attended Capuchino High School in San Bruno, then earned his associate degree in Political Science at the College of San Mateo in 1971.

It was then that Chief Dornell's career in public service began. He served in the Army National Guard for six years, until 1977. During that time, Chief Dornell trained as a plumber, and he began working for the San Carlos Parks Department. But from his first day, he knew that the Parks Department was not for him—his real goal was serving as a firefighter.

After a brief stint in Piedmont, Chief Dornell was hired as a firefighter for the City of Burlingame in March 1977, a community he has served diligently ever since. He has risen swiftly through the ranks, earning a promotion to Fire Captain in 1985, and serving as the B-Shift Training Officer from 1985 to 1997 and co-director of the San Mateo County Fire Recruit Academy from 1996 to 1997. In January 1997, he became Assistant Chief, and he took over responsibility for training and overseeing line personnel.

More recently, Chief Dornell has worked tirelessly to ensure successful transitions as local agencies consolidate fire protection to strengthen the cohesiveness of service and promote administrative efficiency. When the City of Burlingame and the Town of Hillsborough merged fire services in 2004, becoming the Central County Fire Department, he became the first Deputy Fire Chief of the new agency. This is a role he has embraced, as he became the agency's second Fire Chief in December 2006. Last year he took over responsibility for fire departments in Millbrae and San Bruno as well.

Chief Dornell's service to the community has taken other forms as well. He is a long-standing Fire Technology Instructor at College of San Mateo, administrator of the San Mateo County Fire Recruit Academy from 1997 to 2006, and a Member of the San Mateo County