

THREE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR
VANDALIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, there is a school in the Sixth District of North Carolina that just won its third state championship this school year. Vandalia Christian School of Greensboro won state titles in basketball, soccer and cheerleading. I would like to take this time to congratulate all their squads.

The story of the boys' basketball team from Vandalia Christian School is all but ordinary. On February 23, the Vikings capped off the 2013 season with a 13-point win over Raleigh Christian Academy resulting in their first NCCSA Class 2-A championship in 28 years. The road was not easily traveled; they lost in the championship game the year before and one of their players, Will Zimmerman, was diagnosed with leukemia and had to undergo chemotherapy treatments through the rest of 2012. Considering the circumstances of making it deep into the playoffs just to meet defeat, and the tragic diagnosis of a teammate, you would have expected to see a demoralized team the following year. The Vikings, however, did the opposite. They turned defeat into a learning experience—and the strength of Zimmerman into spirit—and they carried his jersey to every game to lay over an empty seat on the bench giving them the desire to make a run at the title.

Lead by Head Coach Tommy Adams and Assistant Luke Adams, their hands were full with an incredibly tense game. Raleigh Christian nearly overcame a 20-point deficit despite having one of its senior players go down with an injury and transported off the court by medical personnel. Vandalia would hold on for the win thanks to the supporting cast of players including Tyler Metcalf, Houston Miller, Michael Fields, Andrew Owen, Chase McNeil, Aaron Whittman, Christian Gravely, Tyler Christian Daniels, Zachary Dark, Brandon McDowell, James Wagner, Ethan Willis, Will Zimmerman, and Nathaniel Hobbs. And behind the scenes, managers Kloe Atkinson, Kani Totten, Storm Somers, and Gabriel Fields aided the cause. Coach Adams said the circumstances surrounding Zimmerman gave the team added motivation to get back to the championship game. With his cancer in remission, we are proud to announce that Will sat courtside to motivate and cheer his team to victory.

Vandalia's varsity boys' soccer team also experienced success when it won the NCCSA 2-A state championship. It was the Viking soccer team's first title since 1994. They were coached by true Viking blood, VCS alumnus, Coach Jason McCall. With goalie Jeffrey Welker accounting for six saves, the Vikings took on Wilmington Christian on October 27, 2012, with a stifling defensive approach, shutting out Wilmington 2-0.

VCS scored both goals in the first half with a header by Houston Miller and then a put back by Joshua McClelland. Both goals were only separated by 10 minutes, giving Wilmington Christian an early uphill battle from which they could not overcome.

Assistant Coach Junior Hannig accompanied Coach McCall in their quest for the elusive state title with the assistance of first team

all-state Joshua McClelland, second team all-state Michael Matthews and Houston Miller, along with Tyler Metcalf, Jasper White, Zachary Dark, Jake Stone, Cates Banner, Jeffrey Welker, Matthew Hobbs, Arthur Ascensio, Will Zimmerman, Andrew Strickland, Colton Toff, and Bradley Casey.

Every team will tell you that they need people cheering for them in their quest for glory. In the case of Vandalia Christian School, the teams with Vikings on their chests were supported by a cheerleading squad that also was crowned state champion this school year.

Lead by head Coach Kim Hazelwood, the VCS cheerleaders included Ally Crook, Morgan Kennedy, Alyce Lentz, Morgan McDowell, Victoria Johnson, Ali Willard, Leanne Powell, Grace Wilson, Lauren Michaels, and Ashley Pollard.

All in all, it has been quite a year for the students, faculty, staff, and families of Vandalia Christian School. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate Principal Jeremy Cordova, Athletic Director Luke Oates, and the basketball, soccer, and cheerleading squads of VCS for their state championships.

COMMENDING CATE FULKERSON
FOR RECOGNITION AS THE RESTON
CITIZEN ASSOCIATION CITIZEN
OF THE YEAR FOR 2013

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Cate Fulkerson of Reston for her recognition as the Reston Citizen Association Citizen of the Year for 2012.

The Reston Citizens Association was founded in 1967 to promote and protect Reston's founding principles by serving as a non-partisan forum for all residents and as an advocate for the community with County and State governments.

The RCA Citizen of the Year award dates back to 1976 and is awarded to someone whose actions are consistent with the goals of Reston and the RCA. Recipients are recognized for contributing to the quality of life in Reston and for helping people in need.

Cate Fulkerson, a Reston native, is best known throughout the community for her various roles on the staff of the Reston Association, where she has worked since 1991 and now serves as second in command of an 80-person staff. Countless Restonians have benefited from her outstanding customer service, efficiency, and professionalism. Cate insists that no one who contacts her organization with a problem or question is ever told to "call someone else."

Cate's service also extends deep into the community and she is well known as a "powerhouse of enthusiasm" in many endeavors. She has led the effort to bring the Character Counts program and Ethics Day to Reston schools, helped plan Reston's annual Martin Luther King Day celebration, organized walks to help the homeless, collected Christmas presents for needy kids, and served as Board President of Leadership Fairfax. Her dedication to Reston has been recognized by multiple community organizations, including the

Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, which presented Cate with its Volunteer of the Year for 2012.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise to join me in congratulating Cate Fulkerson for this award and thanking her for her committed and selfless service to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY IN-
VOLVED IN SUSTAINING AGRI-
CULTURE (CISA) SOUTH DEER-
FIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture throughout western Massachusetts for the past twenty years. The organization has grown from a small group of farmers to a community of restaurants, farmers, neighbors, and local businesses. CISA has increased the visibility of locally produced food through its highly successful "buy local" campaign—the longest running in the country—and supported the growth of farmers' markets in Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire counties to include over 50 local produce markets including seven winter markets.

The Pioneer Valley, and the nation as a whole, Mr. Speaker, has benefitted greatly from the contributions of CISA. Over five years, CISA helped to increase the total acreage of farmland in Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden counties by four percent and doubled the annual total dollar amount of agricultural products sold by local farmers to the community to nearly eight and a half million dollars.

Mr. Speaker, western Massachusetts is blessed by some of the most picturesque landscapes in this country. Because of CISA's commitment to supporting farmers and preserving these farmlands, we can pass this incredible resource on to the next generation.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture on twenty years of vital service to the community of western Massachusetts.

TO ACKNOWLEDGE VOLUNTEER
FAIRFAX AND THE RECIPIENTS
OF THE 2013 SERVICE AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize and give thanks acknowledge and give thanks to Volunteer Fairfax and the extraordinary honorees of the 21st Annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards.

Volunteer Fairfax matches the skills and interests of volunteers to the needs of local non-profit organizations. Volunteer time and services valued at nearly \$1 million are contributed annually to more than 900 public and

private non-profit agencies, which enables these organizations to meet crucial community needs. With great pleasure, I submit the following names of the Service Award honorees into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Community Champions: Amy Gould, Brad-dock District; Bill Sudow, Dranesville District; Stuart Rakoff, Hunter Mill District; Suzette Kern, Lee District; Ken and Camille Mittelholtz, Mason District; Shep Crow, Mount District; Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Providence District; Cherylyn Murphy, Springfield District; Yom Chu Kim, Sully District; Stella Koch, At-Large.

Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Over: Hazel Poole.

Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under: Robin Falci.

Adult Volunteer Group: Gracing Spaces.
Corporate Volunteer Program: Fairfax Beatty Spirit.

Fairfax County Volunteer: Bobbi Cippel.
Fairfax County Volunteer Program: Stronger Together Supervised Visitation and Exchange Program.

Family Volunteer: The Jenkins Family.
Lifetime Achievement: Irma Clifton.
Integrate Individual: Alcira Pernot.
Integrate Group: Centreville Immigration Forum.

Rising Star: Mike Sneed.
Senior Volunteer: Ann Marquis.
Volunteer Program: Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).
Youth Volunteer: Benjamin Roodberg.
Youth Volunteer Group: Messiah in Mission from Messiah United Methodist Church.

Youth Benchmark 100 Honorees: Sandhya Chandar, Laura Kidd, Aiden Levy, Gabrielle Levy, Christopher Marty, Erin McFarland, Abrar Omeish, Timothy Pham, Katherine Rohloff, Benjamin Roodberg, Madeline Roodberg, Zack Sanders, Zoe Smith, Leilani Wolf.

Benchmark 250 Honorees: Jael Abdelwahed, Terry Angelotti, Kathi Baker, Maureen Barrett, Leona Bates, Ruth Benker, Charles Camp, Mark Cohen, Robert Dutrow, Denise Echols, Leslie Fetty, Anne Fogle, Emilie Gillanders, Johan Glembocki, Richard Goehner, Ginger Higgins, Debra Hoeg, David Kline, Cathy Lanni, Melissa Lopes, Michelle Lord, Ludeane Maughan, Bev Morse, Peter Mory, Alcira Pernot, Jane Perry, Helen Repasy, Sarah Samuel, Ruth Schrott, Vince Sescoe, Mike Sneed, Emily Ward, Grace Wolf.

Benchmark 500 Honorees: Mary Anne Cummins, Don Di Spirito, Mary Lee Di Spirito, Mary Ann Lecos, Andrew Levy, Ann Marquis, Diane Sandford.

Benchmark 1000 Honorees: Mohammad Alam, Naila Alam.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues and I join in acknowledging Volunteer Fairfax for 37 years of outstanding community service and in thanking the 2013 Service Award honorees for their incredible contributions to our community.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of 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 Tuesday, April 16, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 17

9 a.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the National Guard and Reserve.

SD-192

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a briefing on the situation in Syria.

SH-216

10 a.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Education.

SD-138

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development
To hold hearings to examine helping homeowners harmed by foreclosures, focusing on ensuring accountability and transparency in foreclosure reviews, part 2.

SD-538

Committee on Finance
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014.

SD-215

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Business meeting to consider the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

SD-342

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Small Business Administration.

SR-428A

2 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine nuclear forces and policies in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SR-222

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the future of passenger rail, focusing on what's next for the Northeast Corridor.

SR-253

APRIL 18

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine national security and foreign policy priorities in the fiscal year 2014 International Affairs budget.

SD-562

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the Federal Reserve System at 100, focusing on monetary policy.

SH-216

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Ernest J. Moniz, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Energy.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Federal Aviation Administration.

SD-138

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-106

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), focusing on evaluating FHFA as regulator and conservator.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor.

SD-192

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Gregory Alan Phillips, of Wyoming, to be United States Circuit