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The club annually awards two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors at Quakertown Community High School.

Congratulations to the Quakertown Business and Professional Women's Club for inspiring women to achieve their personal goals and contribute to the greater community.

THE GROWING CRISIS IN AFRICA'S SAHEL REGION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, which I chair, held a hearing that examined the challenges faced by the nations of Africa's Sahel region, especially the spread of terrorism and drug trafficking in the area. These problems alone pose a danger to the security of both the Sahel and developed countries, not only because of air traffic to West Africa that transits northern Mali, but also because of the use of the region as a base of attacks by Islamic extremists on Western targets. Moreover, the preexisting humanitarian crisis is now worsened, as are human rights concerns. The underlying political instability is becoming equally serious.

We held the hearing as a joint session because the threat we face goes beyond the jurisdiction of one subcommittee. It involves not only Africa's Sahel region, but also countries in North Africa, specifically Algeria and Libya. It also involves terrorist groups originating from and based in nations outside the Sahel. It is a sign of how seriously the Foreign Affairs Committee considers this matter that our three subcommittees have come together today to consider this matter.

There are various definitions of the Sahel, but for the purpose of the hearing, we meant the nations of Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger and Chad.

In early 2012, the Government of Mali was overthrown in a military coup and subsequently lost control of the northern area of the country, which constitutes more than half of its land area. Mali had long been considered a stable example of African democracy, but as we learned in our Subcommittee's hearing in June 2012, the coup and resulting loss of so much territory revealed a hollowness and rot within the Mali democratic system. The influx of well-armed terrorist groups, broken promises to neglected ethnic groups, lack of adherence to democratic principles and rampant drug smuggling all made the Mali government vulnerable to breakdown. We must ask now whether other countries in Africa's Sahel region are also more vulnerable than we think.

Mali provided a staging ground for al-Qaeda in the Islamic Mahgreb, or AQIM, which is daily becoming an ever-greater threat in the region and perhaps globally. AQIM is

considered the best funded of all al-Qaeda affiliates and, through its ties to other terrorist groups, may be funding their activities as well.

In a July Subcommittee hearing last year, we learned that Boko Haram in Nigeria is not a unified organization, but rather various factions—some of which are focused on embarrassing the Nigerian government, but others that have a more global jihadist view. It is the latter that have been present in northern Mali and pose a threat to Western interests. Boko Haram attacks led Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan last week to declare a state of emergency in three northern states in his country. A radical Boko Haram splinter group, known as Ansaru, may have attacked Nigerian troops en route to the peacekeeping operation in Mali.

In Mali, three terrorist groups dominate the rebellion that split off the North: MUJWA, a splinter group of AQIM; Ansar al Deen, an Islamist Tuareg rebel group, and the MNLA, a more secular Tuareg group. These groups have different aims and sometimes clash with one another. Nevertheless, they collectively have posed and continue to pose a threat to the peace in Mali and the region. As a result of the rebel actions in northern Mali, there currently are more than 300,000 internally displaced persons in Mali, more than 74,000 refugees in Mauritania, 50,000 refugees in Niger and nearly 50,000 refugees in Burkina Faso. The displacement of nearly half a million Malians strains already-scarce resources in the Sahel, with aid recipients often in remote areas.

French forces were able to forestall a rebel advance into southern Mali earlier this year, and an African military contingent is in the process of being deployed to Mali even now. However, chasing rebels out of Mali's major northern towns will be easier than ending ongoing terrorist attacks or reconciling ethnic groups whose enmity has grown over the last year.

TRIBUTE TO JANE MARKS

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jane Marks for her years of work helping families affected by Alzheimer's disease, not only in West Virginia, but across the United States of America.

Jane Marks joined the Alzheimer's Association, West Virginia Chapter in 2001 as Executive Director and has been serving in the role as a tireless advocate ever since. Through her work with the State chapter, Jane has raised the association's profile by expanding their programmatic reach and championing various policy initiatives.

Recently, Jane served on the 2012–2014 Alzheimer's Association Strategic Plan Steering Committee, which aimed to aggressively advance their mission to eliminate Alzheimer's disease. In addition, she presented at the White House Conference on Aging Solutions Forum and has testified at numerous legislative committee hearings. Jane has also developed a wide variety of training and curriculum for families and caregivers, focusing on all facets of Alzheimer's, from caring for the baby

boomer generation to a new extended learning course in partnership with West Virginia University.

On May 23, Jane Marks will receive the 2013 Rockefeller Award for her outstanding support and dedication to the cause of Alzheimer's disease in West Virginia, and indeed, throughout the United States. Jane is truly deserving of this honor, as thousands of Alzheimer's families, including my own, have her to thank for many years fighting this disease and helping those affected by it. After twelve years as Executive Director, Jane will be retiring June, however, she will remain a passionate advocate for everyone facing this terrible disease.

Jane lives in Charleston with her husband, John. She has two children, John Thomas and Elizabeth, and is expecting her first grandchild in just a few weeks.

Mr. Speaker, the State of West Virginia, the United States of America, and my own family owe Jane Marks a sincere and heartfelt thanks for her tireless service to everyone affected by Alzheimer's disease.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF LANDSMAN WALTER P. JOHNSTON

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor Civil War Medal of Honor recipient Landsman Walter P. Johnston.

At the young age of 13, Landsman Johnston bravely enlisted in the United States Navy. He was assigned to the USS *Fort Hindman*, a steamboat built in Jeffersonville, Indiana. During an engagement near Harrisonburg, Louisiana, Landsman Johnston suffered a severe hand wound that dramatically impaired his physical condition. Despite his horrendous injury, Landsman Johnston bravely took the place of another seaman to sponge and lead one of the cannons against the Confederate forces. The USS *Fort Hindman* was severely damaged in the battle, but thanks to the heroism of Landsman Johnston and his fellow sailors, the ship lived to see another day. After serving in the Navy, Landsman Johnston moved to La Porte, Indiana where he worked in the broom manufacturing business, until he passed away on May 8th, 1888 at the age of 39.

Too often, the heroic tales of our Nation's brave servicemen are lost to the back pages of history. Thanks to the hard work of Ms. Colleen Malinowski and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Landsman Walter P. Johnston's legacy has been revived. Landsman Johnston leaves behind an incredible legacy that will live on to inspire many Hoosiers. His life is a testament to the American fighting spirit that still lives on in all our men and women currently serving in the Armed Forces.

I am honored to recognize the selfless heroics of Landsman Walter P. Johnston. Joining Hoosiers across the State, we remember his brave actions that helped preserve the lives of his fellow sailors, and the Union.

HONORING THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, what began in 1968 as family members joining together to play in an old house on their farm in Metcalfe County, Kentucky, eventually grew to become the Grammy-winning group, the Kentucky Headhunters.

Recognized by the Country Music Association, Academy of Country Music, and American Music Awards, the Kentucky Headhunters share elite company with other legends such as Bill Monroe, The Everly Brothers, and Loretta Lynn in the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame.

Like several other leading bands, the road to success for this small-town group was paved with various stumbling blocks and changes in course, but eventually they found their way and in doing so established their own brand of music.

In honor of this journey, quite fittingly, new signage will be unveiled today proclaiming Highway 640 in Metcalfe County "The Kentucky Headhunter Highway."

Also, in conjunction with this, Metcalfe County Judge Executive Greg Wilson and Mayor Howard Garrett will sign a proclamation declaring today "Kentucky Headhunter Day" in Edmonton/Metcalfe County.

As business owners and residents throughout this community come together to celebrate this occasion, I too wish to recognize the accomplishments of band members Richard Young, Fred Young, Greg Martin, and Doug Phelps.

Forty-five years after first assembling in that farmhouse in rural Metcalfe County, a permanent marker will now stand to remind travelers of the road to success for this enduring band. May it also seek to inspire others to follow their dreams and never give up on their own pursuits.

NOW THERE ARE FIVE TEAMS FROM VANDALIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CALLED CHAMPIONS

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, Vandalia Christian School in Greensboro, North Carolina, wrapped up its spring sports season with two more championships—girls soccer and boys baseball. I say two more because this past fall, Vandalia Christian won State championships in boy's basketball, boy's soccer, and cheerleading. It is a year unlike any other, five championships for one school from the Sixth District of North Carolina.

The boy's baseball team finished the regular season with an impressive 15-game-winning streak. This was the first time in school history that the boys won championships in soccer, basketball, and baseball in the same school year. A ton of credit can be given to VCS triple threat athlete, Houston Miller, who was a part of all three championship squads and

pitched for the Vikings throughout the season. On May 10, Vandalia defeated Wilson Christian, 8–3, for the championship. This was the boy's baseball second championship in the past two years under Coach Luke Oates. Those who assisted Coach Oates included Assistant/Pitching Coach Ryan Nelson, Statistician Alyce Lentz, and Bookkeeper Laura Joyce. The team roster include the aforementioned Houston Miller, Michael Matthews, Nathaniel Hobbs, Josh McClellan, James Waggoner, Jasper White, Noah Joyce, Ethan Willis, Brayden McMillan, Jordan Mitchell; Bryson Gordon, Jacob Cable, Hunter Miller, Tyler Crook, Matt Hobbs, Henderson Lentz, and Rex Atkins.

On May 11, the Vandalia girls won the State soccer crown with their win over Wilmington Christian after the game came down to a series of penalty kicks (PKs). Katelyn Roop scored in regulation for the Vikings, while Allison Garner, Sydney Mitchell, and Laurie Powell scored the penalty kicks. The Vikings went three for four in PKs while VCS goalie Makayla Miller stopped three of four PKs by Wilmington Christian. The team was led by Head Coach Bobby Kaiser and Assistant Kristen Kaiser. The championship squad includes Katie Talkington, Laurie Powell, Melissa Pando, Ashley Pollard, Sydney Mitchell, Cristan Lewis, Abby Pack, Addy Hargett, Rene Burton, Lauren Chestnutt, Kalie Hazelwood, Elizabeth Fondow, Courtney Wood, Kara Smith, Whitney Dickens, Jill Georgevich, Allison Garner, Madison Ellis, Katie White, Makayla Miller, and Katelyn Roop.

Everyone who calls themselves a Viking should be rightfully proud of the five State championships this year. Congratulations to Principal Jeremy Cordova, Athletic Director Luke Oates, the faculty, staff, students, and particularly, the athletes of Vandalia for winning five sports crowns this year. The citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina are proud to say that we are the home of the champions from Vandalia Christian School.

HONORING CHAIM WEIZMANN

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man with considerable ties to the 8th District of Indiana and the first President of the State of Israel, Chaim Weizmann.

Weizmann was born in Poland in 1874 and became an accomplished chemist. While lecturing in England in 1916 he was asked by Winston Churchill to help Britain meet its acetone shortage.

In an effort to meet this request, Weizmann created a new process of acetone production through the fermentation process, which came to be known as the Weizmann Process and greatly outpaced previous production processes. As a physician with a strong background in organic chemistry, I can appreciate this work.

This breakthrough led to the issuance of U.S. Patent on the Weizmann Process, and in 1917 Weizmann established his first U.S. acetone plant on the Wabash River in Terre Haute, Indiana, a city in my home district.

The profits from his Terre Haute plant, Commercial Solvents Corporation, ultimately aided

Weizmann in realizing his dream of establishing the State of Israel.

I am glad to honor President Weizmann for his contributions to the establishment of the State of Israel and to the 8th Congressional District of Indiana.

TRIBUTE TO NANCY CIPOLETTI

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Cipoletti for her twenty-two years serving thousands of West Virginia families affected by Alzheimer's disease through outreach and support programs.

Nancy Cipoletti began her work with the Alzheimer's Association as Executive Director of the Southern West Virginia Chapter before becoming Program Director for the merged statewide chapter. Currently, Nancy works with Alzheimer's families as Director of Alzheimer's Programs for the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services, where she manages and monitors the Family Alzheimer's In-Home Respite (FAIR) Program and Title III-E of the Family Caregiver Support Act.

In addition, Nancy serves on the Advisory Council of the West Virginia Partnership for Elder Living as well as the Direct Care Worker Curriculum Work Group, which developed a standardized curriculum and certification process for in-home direct care workers. As a part of the Alzheimer's Association's Make-A-Plan Subcommittee on Care Systems, Nancy helped develop West Virginia's Alzheimer's State Plan in 2011.

On May 23, Nancy Cipoletti will receive the 2013 Rockefeller Award for her outstanding support and dedication to the cause of Alzheimer's disease in West Virginia. Nancy is truly deserving of such an honor, as thousands of West Virginia Alzheimer's families have her to thank for support coping and fighting this awful disease.

Nancy lives in Charleston with her husband of forty-six years, Jack Cipoletti. Together they have two sons, Jay and Chad, and three granddaughters.

Mr. Speaker, the State of West Virginia owes Nancy Cipoletti a debt of gratitude for her many years of working with, and caring for, Alzheimer's families.

ADVOCATING FOR AMERICAN JACOB OSTREICHER'S FREEDOM AFTER TWO YEARS IN BOLIVIAN DETENTION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, I chaired a hearing of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations that pressed for the immediate freedom and repatriation of Mr. Jacob Ostreicher, a U.S. citizen from Brooklyn, New York, who has been detained in Bolivia for 720 days. I especially