

RECOGNIZING JACK DIMMER'S
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
AND SERVICE TO THE PIERCE
COUNTY REGION OF WASH-
INGTON STATE

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jack Dimmer, a senior at Charles Wright Academy and recipient of the Honorable Fixed NGO award from Harvard National Model United Nations.

Founded in 1955, a decade after the United Nations was created; Harvard National Model United Nations is the largest, oldest, and most respected conference of its kind. Every year, it brings over 3,000 students and faculty together from around the world to simulate the United Nations. The program offers a unique opportunity to experience and work through the challenges of international negotiation and diplomacy.

Mr. Dimmer attended the Harvard National Model United Nations as a part of Charles Wright Academy's Model United Nations Club. The club requires students to comprehensively research, debate, and diplomatically negotiate a range of foreign policy issues. Mr. Dimmer received the Honorable Fixed NGO Award for his work representing a Seattle non-profit committed to addressing clean water issues around the world. Of the thousands of students in attendance, only one student is annually selected for the award.

Mr. Speaker, this is a significant honor for Mr. Dimmer. His dedication and acumen have garnered an invitation to represent the United States this summer in the All-American Model United Nations held in Beijing. There is no doubt that Mr. Dimmer will make our region proud with his proven dedication and skill.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Dimmer's commitment to service, and to his country, extends beyond his involvement with United Nations. The Honorable Norm Dicks nominated Mr. Dimmer to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point and he will begin his studies this fall. I am sure that Mr. Dimmer will continue to excel, achieve, and serve his country with honor and distinction.

As I close, I can say with confidence that Mr. Dimmer exemplifies the aspects of our national character for which we should be most proud. His hard work, commitment to service, and diplomatic negotiation and mediation serve as an inspiration to us all. I am pleased to recognize Mr. Dimmer today in the United States Congress.

CONGRATULATING THE MORAVIA
HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS'
BASKETBALL TEAM ON REACH-
ING THE NYSPPHAA CLASS C
STATE SEMI-FINALS

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Moravia High School Varsity Boys' Basketball team for their tremendous

season in reaching the NYSPPHAA Class C State Semi-Final. While they fell just short in overtime to Lake George in that game, I would like to commend each player for their hard work and team spirit all season.

Congratulations to Cole Johnson, Chase Walker, Chandler Benson, Cody Flick, Dylan Powers, Tyler Raner, Greg Horner, Brett Denman, Jared Lyon, Sam Allen, John Earl, Stephen Nemec, Dylan Haskell, John Patten, and Griffen Amos.

In addition, I would like to extend my congratulations to the head coach, Todd Mulvaney, to the assistant coaches, Brian Jackson, Pat Mott, Cory Langtry, and Chad Raner, and to the team managers, Carter Flick and Josh Cespedes. Finally, I wish to extend a special thanks to the parents, teachers and classmates who provided support and guidance to all the players. The Blue Devils finished their season with an impressive record of 23–3. Their success was driven by incredible work ethic and devotion to team.

Again, congratulations to the Moravia High School Varsity Boys' Basketball team. Go Blue Devils!

IN HONOR OF PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS ROYDEN L. "ROY" DIAZ

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Private First Class Royden L. "Roy" Diaz, who passed away on May 24th, 2013. Roy was the Salinas area's last Bataan Death March survivor and one of two remaining survivors from the 194th Tank Battalion. Of the 105-strong C Company, 194th Tank Battalion, only 47 men made it home alive. He and the other members of his unit are heroes and their great deeds should never be forgotten.

Roy was born to Ben and Ida Diaz on October 23, 1916, in Monterey County, California. A graduate of Salinas High School, he spent a significant portion of his time working on his family's ranch in the Salinas Valley.

Interested in earning a little extra money, Roy enlisted in 1936 in the California National Guard's 40th Divisional Tank Company, headquartered in Salinas. On February 2, 1941, Roy's tank company was activated for federal service and re-designated C Company, 194th Tank Battalion. After preparation and mobilization training, his unit was sent to the Philippine Islands on September 8, 1941.

Two months later, the Japanese forces launched overwhelming attacks against the defenses of the Philippine Islands. After fierce fighting and bloody battles, tens of thousands of American and Filipino soldiers were surrendered to the Japanese on April 9, 1942.

Roy and the other prisoners were forced to march for days in the scorching heat through the Philippine jungles. The Japanese guards chased off, bayoneted or shot any Filipino civilian who tried to give water or bits of food to the passing lines of prisoners. Those prisoners who fell-out were bayoneted, shot, or beaten to death. Thousands of soldiers died along the way. Others were wounded or killed when unmarked enemy ships transporting prisoners of war to Japan were sunk by U.S. air and naval forces. Those who survived faced brutal hard-

ships of the Japanese POW camps and, at one point, four hundred soldiers a day were dying.

By the time Japan surrendered and the U.S. Army liberated the Bataan Prisoners of War, two-thirds of the American prisoners had died in Japanese custody. Miraculously, Roy survived. He survived hardships that few have ever seen and even fewer can even imagine. After the Japanese surrendered and the prisoners were recovered, Roy returned to Salinas, California, for a short while working as a salesman for Glazer Brothers and then at Spreckels Sugar Company, but eventually went back to his family's livelihood—farming at his Corral de Tierra ranch where his parents raised him.

Roy loved life. He appreciated it more than most probably ever do. He loved hunting and fishing in the local area and in the Sierra Nevada area. He loved working in his garden and competed at the Monterey County Fair for his vegetable garden and sunflowers where he won many ribbons. He also loved dancing with his wife of 57 years, Lorraine and enjoyed their many trips to Reno, Nevada. He loved the California Rodeo where he met his wife at the Colmo Rodeo Parade.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues in the House of Representatives all join me in remembering one of the last Bataan Death March survivors, Roy Diaz, whose service to our country ensures that our American democracy and our freedoms remain as strong today as they were 70 years ago when Roy was a young Army soldier.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
MILLEDGEVILLE MISSILES SOFT-
BALL TEAM

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding results achieved by the Milledgeville Missiles against the Toledo Cumberland Pirates in the 1A Illinois state softball championship game on June 1st, 2013.

The game was a back and forth battle between two worthy opponents, which ultimately ended in a 5–4 rain-shortened victory this past Saturday. The Missiles struck first with a three-run homerun in the bottom of the first inning, staking Milledgeville to a 3–0 lead. Toledo Cumberland battled back for a 4–3 advantage, but the Missiles were resilient and were able to retake the lead 5–4 for the final time.

I congratulate the Missiles for winning the Illinois 1A state championship. This hard fought victory by Milledgeville gives the school its first state title in school history. The school and the entire community should be extremely proud of the effort put forth by Milledgeville, which concluded the season with a record of 28–3.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of the Milledgeville softball team, both on and off the field, and I am honored to salute them today.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
PRINCIPAL WILLIE SANDOVAL

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Principal Willie Sandoval, who is retiring after dedicating 45 years of his life to the Kern High School District in California.

In 1968, Willie began as a teacher and—how I remember him best—a coach at Bakersfield High School, my alma mater. In the mid-1980s during my time at BHS, Coach Sandoval taught me the importance of perseverance and a constant desire to learn, both on and off the field.

By 1997, Willie was eligible for retirement. Instead, his passion for educating our young people led him to take on new challenges and continue to serve Bakersfield students. He is the only principal in Kern High School District's history to open two new schools—Golden Valley High School and Independence High School. And as principal of Independence, he was constantly innovating new opportunities and educational experiences for his students. For example, Willie partnered with the California Department of Energy and PG&E to found the New Energy Academy, which infuses career technical education into our students' traditional academic endeavors at Independence. Coach Sandoval is a living example of the mantra "never give up."

Though his tenure in the education system comes to an end, his legacy will forever be found in the halls of our schools. President John F. Kennedy once said, "After the dust of centuries has passed over our cities, we will be remembered not for victories or defeats in battle or in politics, but for our contribution to the human spirit." Mr. Speaker, Principal Willie Sandoval's contribution to the human spirit through the education of our young Americans is truly admirable. Throughout his illustrious career, he has remained steadfast to his vision, passion, and advocacy for education.

I wish Willie well in retirement. And, as he enters this new chapter in his life, I know he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife Nettie, their daughter Carrie, son William, and his four grandchildren. On behalf of thousands of parents and students, I salute and honor a truly exceptional teacher, coach, principal, and leader in our community, Willie Sandoval, who leaves a legacy of hope, education, and inspiration through Kern County and the State of California.

HONORING DOROTHY ROGERS
PORTER

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the life and legacy of Mrs. Dorothy Rogers Porter, a beloved musical icon and mentor from the Great state of Alabama who passed away on June 1, 2013 at the age of 77. This phenomenal woman was an extraordinary source

of wisdom and guidance to me and so many others. While I am deeply saddened by her passing I am confident her legacy will live through the countless lives she touched during her lifetime.

For 38 years, this American jewel was first lady of the historic Sixth Avenue Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Alongside her husband, civil rights icon Rev. John T. Porter, Mrs. Porter became a fixture in the local community. But many will remember her for her extraordinary musicianship and her dynamic voice. As head of the children's choir, Mrs. Porter inspired a sincere love for music in the young lives that were under her direction.

The classically trained mezzo-soprano also taught music at Lawson State Community College and performed for audiences across the country. She graduated from Alabama State University with a bachelor's degree in music and went on to obtain a masters degree in music education from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Mrs. Porter was a committed servant leader active in so many community and civic endeavors. She lead Sixth Avenue's scholarship committee and was instrumental in preparing graduating seniors for the next phase in their lives. Mrs. Porter was a member of The Links Incorporated and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She also served on the Birmingham Library Board.

On a personal note, Mrs. Porter was a mentor of mine and countless others. I will miss her loving smile, wise counsel and warm embrace. I was proud to call her a sorority sister, fellow Link and most importantly, my mentor. We will all miss her dearly.

We are indeed grateful for the life of this awesome woman. On behalf of the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama, and this nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Mrs. Dorothy Rogers Porter.

HONORING DR. SHIRLEY RAINES

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Shirley Raines on all of her achievements. A longtime resident of West Tennessee and originally from my home county of Crockett, I am especially proud to celebrate with her today.

A driving force bringing notoriety to Memphis for not only her work in education, but also her achievements in research, work-force and economic development. She is to be commended for her vision of bringing an urban institute that reaches all parts of West Tennessee that provides an educational opportunity for all.

Dr. Raines has served as the President of the University of Memphis for the past 11 years. Originally from Bells, TN, Dr. Raines holds a doctorate in education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and a Master of Science from the University of Tennessee at Martin. Before joining the University of Memphis, Dr. Raines was the Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and the Dean of the College of Education at the University of

Kentucky. Dr. Raines is also an accomplished author, with fourteen books and several articles published.

Dr. Raines's accomplishments as the President of the University of Memphis are numerous and far-reaching. She has increased total enrollment to 22,000 and extended the campus by acquiring the Lambuth campus in Jackson, TN. Dr. Raines has also been crucial in the relocation of the Cecil C. Humphreys Law School and the construction of the Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management, the FedEx Institute of Technology and several other campus developments. Dr. Raines has spearheaded the Empowering the Dream capital campaign, which aims to raise \$250 million by June 30th.

Dr. Shirley Raines's contributions to education and West Tennessee are undeniable and inspiring. I congratulate Dr. Raines on her many accomplishments and wish her well.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 3, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Chair, I want to commend the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and the members of the Committee for producing bills that meet the current law limit on appropriations of \$967 billion. The one area of the budget where we are exercising real fiscal discipline is discretionary spending and Chairman ROGERS and the Committee are to be commended for bringing about that result. The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2014 (H.R. 2217) funds critical programs that promote the safety and security of the United States. In total, the bill provides \$44.6 billion of discretionary funding for the operations of the Department of Homeland Security. While the majority of this funding is provided in accordance with the budget resolution adopted by the House of Representatives, \$5.6 billion is provided in excess of the levels anticipated by the budget resolution using the disaster relief exception to the normal budget rules. We should be budgeting for these expenses and not adding funding through cap adjustments that provide funding in excess of the limits on discretionary spending. Congress should afford disaster relief the priority it deserves within the budget. Notwithstanding my objections to the use of this budget loophole, on balance, I believe this bill is worthy of support.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes 188