

threats to their areas; be it from tornadoes, earthquakes, flooding, or other severe weather. Many of the steps necessary to prepare for hurricanes are the same for other hazards. I urge all Americans to develop a disaster plan; assemble an emergency kit, including medications, important documents, and food and water; and become familiar with the evacuation routes and emergency management officials in their areas.

Unsure of what to do to get prepared? There are resources online that can help. In my home state of Indiana, Hoosiers can visit the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's "Get Prepared" site at [www.in.gov/dhs/getprepared.htm](http://www.in.gov/dhs/getprepared.htm). Information is also available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov). The Department of Homeland Security's Ready program has useful information on ways to get prepared at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). Through this site resources are also available for kids, businesses, and non-English speakers in 12 languages. Information on ways to plan and prepare is also available from the American Red Cross through its "Be Red Cross Ready" module at [www.arcbrcr.org](http://www.arcbrcr.org).

Severe weather can occur at any time, with little notice. Super Storm Sandy, the tornadoes in Oklahoma, and the recent flooding in my congressional district are proof of the devastation that disasters can have on our nation. The time to prepare is now. Taking some simple steps to prepare yourself, and your family, can make all the difference when disaster strikes.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORIC  
MARKER DEDICATION FOR  
CUSSETA INDUSTRIAL HIGH  
SCHOOL

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2013*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the upcoming Historic Marker dedication ceremony for Cusseta Industrial High School in Cusseta, Georgia. The grounds of this historic edifice will be dedicated Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

The dedication ceremony will serve as tribute to the preservative efforts of dedicated alumni, the Chattahoochee County Historic Preservation Society, and members of the community who saw fit to treasure this jewel of American history.

Beginning in 1912, a beacon of light was shone on the education of African-American students when philanthropist Julius Rosenwald worked with Booker T. Washington and other African-American educators at the Tuskegee Institute to build a number of black schools in the racially segregated rural South. Known as the Rosenwald Fund, these endeavors supported the construction of approximately 5,000 schools in fifteen states—242 of which are located in Georgia.

With the support of the Rosenwald Trust Fund, the neighboring African-American community, and funds from Chattahoochee County, Cusseta Industrial High School served as the only high school in the county to educate students of color. The school was built in 1929–1930 in conformance with standardized plans for efficient new schools for the edu-

cation of African-American students within the county. The Cusseta School is among the best surviving examples of the roughly fifty remaining Rosenwald schools in Georgia. It was placed on the National Historic Register on April 15, 2011.

This "little school on the hill" educated a number of African-American scholars until its closure in 1958. Of the seventeen students in the last graduating class, four have passed away. Echoing the sentiments of the place where "everybody was somebody and Christ was all," a place where Friday worship experiences sourced spiritual renewal, many hold the memory of this vibrant community in the corridors of their hearts.

Since its closure as a public school, the building has served the community as a Country Club, Lion's Club, Kiwanis Club, Boy Scouts meeting place, and a school of dance. Envisioned by alumni, Rev. Andrew L. Thomas, Jr., Dr. Mildred Gardner, and fifteen others as well as three community partners, the dream of establishing a historic marker on the grounds of Old Cusseta Industrial High School has become a reality.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this historic moment as the community of Cusseta, Georgia rises to honor and preserve Old Cusseta Industrial High School, a beloved landmark where many young African-American students were given the opportunity to earn an education.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT,  
2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

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 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2217, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2014. I remain firmly committed to the security of the United States and the Department's mission of ensuring our communities are safe and secure from terrorism and other threats. However, I have serious concerns about a provision of this bill that cause me to be unable to support it.

I am disappointed that the House adopted the controversial King amendment. This amendment offered by Representative STEVE KING will prohibit the administration from implementing the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. Children who were brought to the United States at a young age should not be penalized for the actions of their parents. These individuals, commonly referred to as DREAMers, may only know the United States and speak English. Deporting them to a country they may know nothing of, where they may not speak the language or know any relatives, is counterproductive to the principles that define our nation. I believe we need comprehensive immigration reform which addresses the issue of DREAM Act eligible youth and

develops a framework for ensuring they can maintain a legal status in the United States. That is why, as a member of Congress who voted for the DREAM Act, I cannot support the King Amendment.

While I agree with the necessity of providing adequate resources to the Department of Homeland Security, due to the inclusion of this unnecessary and controversial ban on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, I am unable to support the bill.

RECOGNIZING THE PENSACOLA  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CRU-  
SADERS BASEBALL TEAM AS  
CLASS 4A FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL  
SPORTS ASSOCIATION STATE  
CHAMPIONS

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2013*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the First Congressional District of Florida's Pensacola Catholic High School Crusaders for winning its second-straight Class 4A Florida High School Sports Association Baseball Championship and offer my congratulations to the team members, coaches, trainer, and school principal:

Team members, Tanner Halstead (#3); Gavin Wehby (#4); Drew LaBounty (#5); Zane Gill (#7); Jon Jon Burkett (#8); Clarke Berry (#9); Brandon Wiley (#10); Gregory Ciangiotta (#11); Evans Bozeman (#12); Avery Geyer (#13); Bronson Chancellor (#14); Chandler Burns (#15); Cooper Jones (#16); Cody Henry (#17); Zach Allen (#21); James McGhee (#22); Jacob Knorr (#23); Michael Neal (#31); Brandon Lockridge (#32); Nick Helton (#40); Zach Wyant; Kai Wilson; Hunter Wilson; and Jason Borcz; Coaches, Richard LaBounty; P.J. Smith; Sonny Reedy; Glenn Currie; Keith Haynes; Jak-y Kohr; Christian Macon; and Russell Deason; Trainer, Lexi West; and Principal, Sister Kierstin Martin.

The Catholic Crusaders ended a spectacular season with thirty wins and no losses to clinch this year's state championship. The final game was played against Miami Monsignor Pace High School at JetBlue Park in Fort Myers, Florida, on Tuesday, May 21, with the Crusaders earning an eighth inning victory by a score of seven to five. Many of the exceptional plays leading up to the victory occurred in the eighth inning itself. Junior James McGhee hit a two-run double in the top of the eighth inning, and senior pitcher Cooper Jones handled all three outs himself in the bottom of the eighth, striking two batters out and fielding a ground ball to the pitcher's mound to close out the game.

This extraordinary triumph marks a proud moment in the sports history of Northwest Florida and builds upon its already strong baseball tradition. The Crusader's winning streak has risen to thirty-five, which it was reported has not occurred in the Pensacola area since Escambia High School reached that level in the 1965–1966 season. Perhaps more impressive is the fact that no team in Pensacola history, prior to this one, has ever ended a season undefeated.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the citizens of Northwest Florida, I congratulate the team, students, and faculty of

Catholic High School for its extraordinary victory. My wife Vicki joins me in offering our best wishes to the school and its talented athletes for their continued success.

HONORING LANDON BONNIEPAUL  
VERNON

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2013*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Mr. Landon Bonniepaul Vernon. A loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend, Mr. Vernon was exemplary in his familial devotion, entrepreneurial spirit and community pride. With his passing on March 5, 2013 we are reminded of his life's journey and the joyful legacy he inspired.

Born in Franklinton, Louisiana on August 26, 1936, Landon was the third of six boys born to Sherman Vernon and Sara Crawford. The family relocated to California in the early 1940s, settling in Oakland, where Landon attended local schools and played high school and college basketball.

Mr. Vernon married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Barbara McKellar-Vernon, and together they raised three children, Landon Carl, Wayne and Darlene. An avid businessman and entrepreneur, Mr. Vernon started a janitorial service as early as high school. Over the years, he also worked in a variety of roles at stalwart Bay Area businesses like Aerojet, Wonder Bread, The National Association of Home Builders and Oakland's Outreach Development Program.

Yet, Mr. Vernon also continued to achieve his dream of entrepreneurial success while becoming co-owner and co-manager of several Bay Area clubs, including Celebrity Club, Consultants Lounge, Bird Kage, Dock of the Bay, Old Golden, Bosn's Locker and Nick's Lounge. Many of these locales were African American cultural institutions that contributed to the important legacy of Black- and minority-owned small businesses in the East Bay. Mr. Vernon was also the owner of the vending machine company LV Rentals.

In addition to Mr. Vernon's commitment to his business ventures, he was an avid sports buff who supported East Bay athletic organizations and cofounded the Bird Kage Golf Tournament. As a member of the "Sportsmen Club All Stars" basketball team, Mr. Vernon played with the likes of Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain, Charlie Hardy, Don Barksdale, Richard Whitehurst and Harold Theus. His enthusiasm in supporting athletic and business communities of color undoubtedly helped to pave the way for more organizations to follow.

In addition to this community activity, Mr. Vernon loved to travel. He was especially fond of visiting extended family and friends back in Louisiana and making sure that the bonds of family and friendship were always strong. Fishing was also one of his favorite pastimes for relaxation, and he often noted that if all mankind could fish, the world would recognize and want that kind of peace every day. His life was truly one that was "well-lived and well-loved," and his memory is a testament to the benefits of forming and sustaining meaningful

relationships with others. Furthermore, Landon was a personal friend who I met in the early 1970s. He was fun, smart and extremely kind to my family. We are deeply grateful for his friendship.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors Mr. Landon Bonniepaul Vernon. His vibrant spirit and sense of fellowship will continue to guide others to connect with their communities and loved ones for years to come. I offer my sincerest condolences to Landon's surviving family and to the many friends and associates whose lives he touched over the course of his incredible life. He will be deeply missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF SRIRAM  
HATHWAR

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2013*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sriram Hathwar, a resident of Painted Post, New York. Sriram, a seventh-grader at the Corning Alternative School for Math and Science, placed third in this year's Scripps National Spelling Bee. This thirteen-year-old stands as a representative of the bright young minds of the 23rd Congressional District of New York.

The Scripps National Spelling Bee is the nation's largest and longest-running educational promotion, with the purpose of helping students build the foundations for English language skills they will use all their lives. Only 281 spellers out of 11 million won regional bees to advance to the national level, and Sriram rose up through the ranks to place in the top three. He has competed at the national level four times, and his performance this year has placed him at his highest ranking thus far. Sriram has not taken his eye off the prize, though, as he plans to compete in the bee again next year, his final year of eligibility.

I am proud to have students like Sriram in my district. His accomplishments show the brilliance set to come forth from this district in the future, and I am honored to recognize him today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF LOAVES AND  
FISHES

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2013*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Sacramento's Loaves and Fishes homeless shelter, and congratulate them as they celebrate their 30th anniversary. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring this organization.

Founded in 1983, Loaves and Fishes has been serving the Sacramento area by providing food, shelter, and social services for the area's homeless. They are a haven of safety, sustenance, and shelter for the men, women and children that seek their assistance. Today's "30 Years of Food, Warmth, and a Path Home" celebration has been dedicated to the

hard work of Loaves and Fishes' countless volunteers.

Loaves and Fishes, led by Sister Libby Fernandez and a committed Board of Directors, has shown compassion and devotion to meeting the needs of the homeless and indigent in the greater Sacramento area. They place the dignity of each person that they serve at the forefront of their efforts and strive to meet the needs of each person that walks in their doors. To fulfill its mission of compassion, Loaves and Fishes relies on financial support from a number of private donations and church groups.

Mr. Speaker, I hereby recognize Loaves and Fishes for their continued service to the homeless men, women, and children of the Greater Sacramento area. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this organization and wishing them continued success as they endeavor to serve Sacramento's homeless.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LAKE-  
WOOD FOUNDATION AND THE  
2013 NATIONAL INTERCOLLE-  
GIATE WHEELCHAIR BASKET-  
BALL ASSOCIATION TOUR-  
NAMENT

**HON. SPENCER BACHUS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2013*

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, it is the privilege of the State of Alabama and the City of Homewood to be the site of the renowned Lakeshore Foundation, a center whose focus on personal fitness and competitive athletics has benefited countless individuals with physical disabilities throughout my state, our country, and the world.

Lakeshore started as a hospital dedicated to treating the national scourge of tuberculosis in the 1920s. In 1984, it became fully focused on its current mission: to provide rehabilitative recreational and sports programs to improve the lives of people with disabilities. At Lakeshore, the connection between physical activity, from basic fitness to competitive athletics, and emotional restoration is understood and nurtured.

The world-class athletic facilities at Lakeshore Foundation are used by individuals of all ages, from young children to senior citizens. It is a training location for the U.S. Paralympic Team. After 9/11, it created a special program called "Lima Foxtrot" to help courageous wounded warriors recover their physical skills after severe injury.

Most recently, Lakeshore Foundation and the University of Alabama at Birmingham have formed the UAB/Lakeshore Research Collaborative. The joint effort between Lakeshore and UAB is a world-class research program in rehabilitative science. The collaborative links Lakeshore's extraordinary programs for people with physically disabling conditions with UAB's research expertise.

A special event took place from March 7 through March 9 of this year when Lakeshore Foundation teamed with the University of Alabama and the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) to successfully host the National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Association Tournament. The University of Alabama is known for having one of the top adaptive athletic programs in the nation.