

Loyola in the semifinals, their second-best hitting percentage on the year.

Sophomore libero Michael Brinkley had 290 digs this season which was third on UCI's single-season digs list. Kevin Tillie and Michael Brinkley were named first team All-Americans, while Collin Mehring was a second team All-American selection. Tillie and Brinkley were also named to the All-MPSF first team, while Mehring and Scott Kevorken were named to the second team.

UCI started the season by winning the UCSB Invitational where Collin Mehring was named MVP. Jeremy Dejno was named AVCA National Player of the Week on Jan. 8, while Klye Russell garnered the award on April 9.

Congratulations to head coach, David Kniffin, who is just the second coach in the 44-year history of NCAA men's volleyball to coach a team to the NCAA Championship in his first season, and the men's volleyball team of UCI, for winning the 2013 NCAA Division I Men's Volleyball National Championship. I am proud to recognize the achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and staff who were instrumental in helping UCI win the national title.

It is an honor to represent University of California, Irvine, under the leadership of Chancellor Michael V. Drake, M.D., as it continues to establish itself as a world-class research university, and as one of the top universities in the Nation.

**TRIBUTE TO ERIC GOLDBERG AND ERIKA GRAY FOR THE SELECTION TO THE NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF THE UNITED STATES**

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2013*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Eric Goldberg and Erika Gray for their achievement in being selected for the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America. The National Youth Orchestra, spearheaded by Carnegie Hall, showcases America's finest young musicians and reinvigorates interest in youth musicianship at home and abroad. This achievement is the culmination of Eric and Erika's hard work, dedication, and training to hone their talent and develop their skills as musicians.

The National Youth Orchestra provides Eric and Erika the opportunity to build upon their experiences in studying music at the Percussion Scholarship Group of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and New Trier High School, respectively. They will join an elite group of young musicians from across this country on an international tour that highlights the vast musical talent that exists in the United States. Their whirlwind tour will include performances at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC; Bolshoi Hall of the Moscow Conservatory in Moscow, Russia; the Mariinsky Theatre Concert Hall in St. Petersburg, Russia; and the Royal Albert Hall in London, England.

I am so proud that these talented young people will represent my congressional district, Illinois, and the United States as cultural ambassadors during their time with the National Youth Orchestra. I wish Eric, Erika, and other

members of the National Youth Orchestra the best of luck on their tour and in their future musical endeavors.

**HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS MINNESOTA**

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2013*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the athletes, volunteers and fans of Special Olympics Minnesota in honor of their 40th anniversary. This weekend, thousands of people will be gathering in Stillwater, Minnesota to celebrate this momentous milestone with a variety of activities, including athletic competitions and live music.

Founded just five years after Special Olympics was established nationally, thousands upon thousands of Minnesota athletes with intellectual or physical disabilities have had the opportunity to compete in 17 Olympic style sports year round, including alpine skiing, volleyball, golf, snowboarding and tennis. The Special Olympics message is simple and profound: "Through sports, our athletes are seeing themselves for their abilities, not disabilities. Their world is opened with acceptance and understanding. They become confident and empowered by their accomplishments." Rather than focusing on what they can't do, Special Olympics Minnesota focuses on what the individual can do.

Respect, accomplishment, choice, quality, partnership and integrity are the six core values represented by Special Olympics Minnesota. These values contribute to an understanding of the whole person and the whole athlete.

This year, members of our law enforcement in Minnesota are participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run, which has taken place annually across the country since it was founded in 1981 by Police Chief Richard LaMunyon, of Wichita, Kansas. In 2012, more than 1,200 law enforcement officers throughout the State of Minnesota participated in this special torch run for Special Olympics Minnesota. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of the officers, \$3 million was successfully raised for Special Olympics Minnesota in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of the athletes, volunteers, donors and staff of Special Olympics Minnesota, I proudly submit this statement to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in recognition of their 40th anniversary as an organization, and I commend all those joining in celebration this weekend in Stillwater, Minnesota.

**FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2013**

SPEECH OF

**HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 1947) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes:

Mr. NOLAN. Madam Chair, today, as the House of Representatives debates the five-year Farm Bill, I am hopeful that my colleagues can come together on issues that touch all Americans. This bill makes great strides for energy programs, the forestry industry, the organic sector, and rural areas.

I have always supported family farmers. They need protection from the vagaries of pestilence, drought, flooding, and the like. A five-year Farm Bill will offer them the certainty they need to make planting decisions.

I do not believe this Farm Bill is perfect, but I also do not think that perfection should be the enemy of the good.

In the Agriculture Committee last month, we spent more than ten hours debating amendments. That is how the legislative process should function. After it was all said and done, Chairman LUCAS and Ranking Member PETERSON felt this was the best product they could get through the House. I commend them for their hard work in pulling together a bipartisan compromise.

I will vote for passage of this bill because I have confidence that the conference committee can merge the House and Senate bills in a way that provides for family farmers without gutting the SNAP program.

Again, I will not claim that this bill is ideal—but we need to respect the work of our colleagues and advance this process.

**FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2013**

SPEECH OF

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1947) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes:

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Chair, today I rise to oppose the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act plan to cut SNAP funding by \$20.5 billion over the next ten years.

The need for food assistance has increased dramatically during our nation's economic slump. Texas's rate for food insecurity is 27.6%—more than one in four Texas children is food insecure.

The impacts to Texas would be devastating, including 171,000 immediately off of SNAP and the elimination of almost 500 million meals from hungry Texans. In Harris County alone, more than 27,000 children, seniors, and their families would lose SNAP benefits; more than 76 million meals would be eliminated; and the Harris County economy would lose almost \$175M in lost food retail dollars.

Meeting the need for food assistance is especially critical for our most vulnerable citizens—pregnant and nursing women, infants, children, and seniors for whom the consequences of hunger and poor nutrition are

the most severe. It is critical that we maintain support for the charitable food system and funding for SNAP.

I have been a strong supporter of SNAP in Congress to help those who are food insecure during their time of need. Our office works closely with the Houston Food Bank, the largest in the Country, and the Texas Food Bank Network to help end hunger in America.

#### HONORING LARRY POWELL

##### HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my colleagues, Representatives COSTA and VALADAO, to honor the accomplishments of outgoing Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Larry Powell, who has dedicated forty-three years to public education in the Sanger Unified, Fresno Unified, and Central Unified school districts.

Mr. Powell began his career in education with a B.A. in Political Science from California State University Fresno and later received his M.A. in Educational Administration from Fresno Pacific University. He was named Superintendent of the Year in 2003 by the Association of California Administrators Region 9 and received the prestigious designation of "Top Dog" in 2007 from California State University Fresno.

A dedicated public servant, Mr. Powell has served on the boards of numerous community and educational organizations, including the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, Break the Barriers, the Sequoia Council of the Boy Scouts, the Fresno Sports Council, the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame, the Economic Development Corporation, the Fresno Compact, SALT-Fresno, the Highway City Development Corporation, the School Employers Association of California, CSUF President's Commission on Education, and Rachel's Challenge.

Characteristic of his courage and determination, Mr. Powell was diagnosed with Polio as an infant but overcame all challenges, became a champion wrestler and coach, and has shared his inspirational story in over 1,600 speeches nationwide. He lives by the message that the only things you cannot do are the things you do not attempt.

Mr. Speaker, we commend and applaud Larry Powell for his dedicated career in public education and congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement.

#### REINTRODUCING DUWAMISH TRIBAL RECOGNITION ACT

##### HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce the Duwamish Tribal Recognition Act affecting the indigenous people of metropolitan Seattle. Nearly 150 years after the Duwamish Tribe signed the Point Elliott Treaty in 1855, they are still seeking federal recognition, which was granted to them in

2001 but denied under dubious circumstances eight months later.

On March 22, 2013, U.S. District Judge John Coughenour vacated the September 2001 denial of the Duwamish Tribe's recognition by George W. Bush administration officials in the Interior Department. As Judge Coughenour stated, "plaintiffs should not be left to wonder why one administration thought their petition should be considered under both sets of rules, but a second did not." I agree.

This issue of Duwamish recognition has been pending for so long that the Interior Department's rules for federal recognition of tribes have changed from the original regulations set in 1978 to those that were revised in 1994. There is significant evidence to support Duwamish recognition that is not in current record, which was filed 20 years ago.

I have asked the new Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell to look into this matter. Meanwhile, this bill would provide federal recognition to the Duwamish Tribe.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure. Thank you.

#### RECOGNIZING ENTERPRISES OF WASHINGTON STATE AND THE ABILITYONE PROGRAM

##### HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Skookum Contract Services and the AbilityOne Program. AbilityOne partners with over 600 non-profit agencies across the United States to provide services and sell products to the U.S. government. AbilityOne and Skookum empower people with disabilities by providing training and job placement services that help disabled folks in our region achieve gainful employment. Organizations like Skookum employ nearly 40,000 disabled Americans.

I applaud the work of these organizations to offer skills training and opportunities for people that are blind or have significant disabilities. By directly matching employers with well-qualified employees with disabilities, AbilityOne is helping employers address their workforce needs and creating opportunities that help people with disabilities become more productive and self-reliant.

In Washington State, Skookum partners with the Naval Bremerton Hospital and Jefferson County General Hospital to provide housekeeping services and ensure that hospitals are clean and sanitary for patients, doctors, and health care workers. In addition, they contract with Joint Base Lewis-McChord and Naval Base Kitsap to provide fleet management, janitorial, and grounds maintenance. Last year, I had the opportunity to see firsthand the important work of Skookum and their employees through visiting some of their work sites and can attest to the quality of their work. The agency also provides several other services to the community including warehouse and distribution, sanitation, and recycling services. "Skookum" is a Chinook word that means stronger or well-made in a better or unique way. The products that come out of Skookum demonstrate how effectively their employees are able to craft unique, high quality items.

Mr. Speaker, our community is a better place because of the work of Skookum employees. I commend the work of Jeff Dolven, the President and CEO of Skookum, and his staff in helping to uplift the disabled community and place them in meaningful employment that brings this region together. I applaud the work of Skookum employees in providing several meaningful services to the people of Washington State. I am pleased today to recognize this extraordinary service today in the United States Congress.

#### RECOGNIZING JORGE ARIAS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM FAIRFAX COUNTY

##### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. CONNOLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend Jorge Arias, the famous mosquito hunter of Fairfax County, on the occasion of his retirement after a decorated career in the field of medical entomology, which culminated in his 10-year tenure as the Supervisor of the Fairfax County Health Department's Disease Carrying Insects Program.

When most people hear the familiar buzz of a fly or mosquito, their natural instinct is to swat them away or reach for the repellent. Not Jorge. He welcomes the pests of summer with open, exposed arms, inviting them to creep, crawl, and chomp on him. It is that passion which made him an easy selection when Fairfax County was looking to start its insects program in 2003.

Clearly the feeling was mutual. In a 2006 profile in The Washington Post, Jorge said at the time, "I thought, 'Oh my lord, this is heaven.' I get to play with mosquitoes!" It is that zeal for entomology that has made Jorge a respected expert in international circles. Along the way he has suffered multiple infections, mentored countless students in the field of biology, and even had several bugs named in his honor.

Jorge is a native Virginian, born in Charlottesville. He was the son of a doctor and survived polio as a young child growing up in Panama. He went to college thinking he would follow in his father's footsteps, but that changed once he sat down for his first entomology class. Some people claim to have been "bitten by the bug" when describing their career choice. For Jorge, it was quite literal. He was known for offer himself up in "live bait" experiments, sitting out in the rain forests for hours unprotected. He became so close to his subjects that he could identify the species of fly or mosquito feasting on him even in the dark. He has dedicated not only his career, but his very health, to the study of insects. Through the years, he has survived bouts with multiple diseases, including malaria and, remarkably, hepatitis.

He received a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science degrees in biology from Whittier College in California, and he went on to receive his doctorate of philosophy in medical entomology from the University of California Riverside. From there, he and his wife, Kathy, joined the Peace Corps. They were posted in Brazil, where Jorge helped found graduate degree programs in entomology. He later pursued research activities in Brazil, Panama,