

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, with March Madness behind us, I rise today to congratulate five high school basketball teams from my District that won Louisiana State Championships.

The first team I would like to recognize is the Madison Preparatory Academy Chargers from Baton Rouge, winners of the Class 1A Final this year. I would especially like to acknowledge Mr. Brandon Sampson, a senior guard who was named Most Outstanding Player and capped his high school career with an efficient 19-point game in which he shot 7-for-9 from the field. Mr. Joshua Anderson, a sophomore player added 18 points, four rebounds and three steals.

Next, I would like to congratulate Riverside Academy Rebels from Reserve, LA, who captured their third straight state championship with an 85–60 win in the Class 2A Championship. Mr. Jordan Andrews, named Most Outstanding Player, led Riverside (30–6) with a game-high 19 points. Mr. Herb McGee and Mr. Charvon Julien each added 17 points. Riverside is the first Louisiana boys squad to capture at least three consecutive titles since 2009.

Third are the L.B. Landry-O.P. Walker (Landry-Walker) College and Career Preparatory Charging Buccaneers from New Orleans. They have captured the boys' 4A championship title for the second consecutive season. The Charging Buccaneers also had a pair of players selected for the All-State team, including Mr. Lamar Peters, who was voted the Most Outstanding Player on the 4A boys squad. Mr. Peters averaged 19.7 points per game with 5.0 assists and was joined on the All-State list by teammate Mr. Keytaon Thompson, who scored the game-winning shot as time expired in the state title game.

The Scotlandville Hornets from Baton Rouge have reclaimed the Class 5A Championship title. Mr. Ja'Vonte Smart, a Hornet freshman earned the MVP honors after ending the night with a game-high 18 points and nine rebounds. Mr. Jordan Adebutu scored 11 points in the win, including a pair of free throws which ultimately put the game away. With this victory, the Hornets wrapped up their third state title in the past four years.

Lastly, I would like to recognize the Warren Easton Eagles from New Orleans, who captured the Class 4A state championship with a 46–42 victory. In addition to this being the first girls basketball state championship in the school's history, Easton also became the first public school from Orleans Parish to win a title in girls basketball. Warren Easton was one win away from an undefeated regular season,

earning their No. 1 slot in The New Orleans Advocate's season-ending Super 10 rankings. I also would like to acknowledge Miss Kechell Figueroa and Miss Sabrina Banks for their selection onto the Girls All-State team.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR WILLIAM "BILL" BOGAARD ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding community leader, William "Bill" Bogaard, on his retirement as the Mayor of the City of Pasadena. After nearly four decades in public service including his 16 years as Mayor, Bill Bogaard leaves behind a legacy of respected leadership and dedicated public service.

Bill graduated from Loyola Marymount University and then headed his first call to public service when he bravely served to protect our country as a U.S. Air Force Captain. He went on to Michigan Law School, and in 1971, Bill and his wife Claire moved to Pasadena, where they began a lovely family with their four children.

From 1978 to 1986, Bill served on the Pasadena City Council, including a rotation into the mayoral position for a two-year term from 1984 to 1986. The City Council changed its charter and in 1999, Bill became the City's first directly-elected Mayor. He served as Mayor for the opening of the Los Angeles to Pasadena Gold Line Light rail system and advocated for its expansion east as a Board member of the Gold Line Foothill Construction Authority. Bill also had a vision to revitalize neighborhoods surrounding the Gold Line stations, and through the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, he encouraged transit-oriented and affordable housing developments. These initiatives opened access to public transportation for thousands of residents in Pasadena and modernized several neighborhoods throughout the City.

In addition, Bill's efforts successfully kept Pasadena on the nation's map. He helped facilitate a new convention center that has attracted a wide variety of conferences to the City, exposing different industries to Pasadena and the resources of our local communities. He brought improvements such as an updated electrical system and additional aisles and accommodations to the nationally recognized Rose Bowl, which is home to the University of California-Los Angeles football team and the Rose Bowl Game. His work kept this stadium as a viable venue for so many historic games and events that have brought nationwide attention to the City each year.

In 2012, Bill's exceptional leadership abilities were recognized throughout the state, and he was elected by his fellow local elected officials as President of the League of California

Cities. The City of Pasadena and the State of California are grateful to have had such a passionate and engaged public servant. We will continue to honor his legacy of community investment and revitalization, and we are thankful for his many years of strong leadership and unwavering commitment to our community.

ISAAC HULL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the centennial anniversary of the Isaac Hull Chapter of National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Isaac Hull Chapter was organized on July 17, 1915, and will celebrate its centennial anniversary on July 17, 2015. Locally, the Chapter sponsors Good Citizenship Awards, the American History Essay contests, as well as many school, community, and veteran programs.

At this anniversary date, the Isaac Hull Chapter Officers are: Carolyn Baker Stubblefield, Regent; Julie Wood Barnes, Vice-Regent; Sarah Jane McClellan Gaston, Chaplain; Lael Nesmith Snyder, Secretary; Susan Hayes Burgess, Treasurer; Sharen Lawson Harvey, Assistant Treasurer; Carol Simcox Wood, Registrar; and Ada Joyce Quick White, Historian.

I look forward to the continued success of the Isaac Hull Chapter and I extend my best wishes on the occasion of its centennial celebration.

RECOGNIZING LEXMARK AS AN INDUSTRY LEADER IN THE FIELD OF SUSTAINABILITY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on Earth Day, to recognize the great accomplishments of the largest company headquartered in my District, Lexmark International, in the field of sustainability. Lexmark, one of the world's leaders in creating innovative document management solutions for the public and private sectors, has committed itself from its inception over 20 years ago to being an unsurpassed steward of the environment.

Conserving scarce resources has been the hallmark of Lexmark's approach to business. They have been leaders in driving more corporations toward better sustainability practices. They help organizations find solutions to conserve more and increase efficiency. These efforts include developing document management solutions that create less demand for

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paper and award-winning programs for the remanufacturing and recycling of used toner cartridges.

For these bold business plans, Lexmark has received a wide range of environmental awards. These honors are an excellent reflection of the deep-seated commitment to environmental stewardship that permeates Lexmark, from the CEO to the salesman on the front lines. Corporate Responsibility Magazine, for example, has ranked Lexmark 35th in its listing of top U.S. corporate performers on a range of indicators including environmental protection and corporate governance.

Kentucky is rightly proud of its environmental heritage. We come by the nickname the “Bluegrass State” quite honestly. It is a land of diverse environments and lush, abundant natural resources. To partner with companies like Lexmark, which do so much to conserve our environment while being a source of employment to thousands of Kentuckians, is a source of great pride.

Mr. Speaker, it is a special privilege for me to be able to recognize the outstanding civic and environmental record compiled by my friends at Lexmark. I offer my congratulations for your tremendous successes and offer my encouragement to continue to lead in this area.

RECOGNIZING THE FALLEN AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS FUND

HON. MIKE BISHOP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and praise The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund and its dedicated service to Michigan veterans and their families.

Founded in 2006, The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund was created to support Michigan-based servicemen and women who have served and continue to serve in defense of their nation. The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, an all-volunteer effort, has served the immediate needs of the men and women of the armed forces, by helping injured American vets pay their living expenses, granting assistance to the families of the fallen, and providing other necessities these courageous individuals, and their families, may need.

This organization has been a vital resource for the veteran community throughout the state of Michigan. Since its inception nearly a decade ago, The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund has raised over \$4M through annual events and corporate and personal donations. An astounding 95 percent of all proceeds end up going directly to Michigan veterans. For these reasons and many others, I am proud to have been a supporter of the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund since its founding.

The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund is just one of many wonderful organizations that assist American veterans across our nation. We will continue to count on the tireless and selfless organizations, such as The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, for years to come, to ensure that when our service members return home they are properly and respectfully cared for.

RECOGNIZING ROYAL STUDIOS AS THE RECORDING HOME OF THE BILLBOARD HOT 100 #1 HIT, UPTOWN FUNK

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Royal Studios in Memphis, Tennessee for recording Uptown Funk, which has topped the Billboard Hot 100 for fourteen weeks and counting, marking the single as the longest-leading Billboard Hot 100 of the 2010s. Additionally, Uptown Funk's fourteenth week makes it only the Billboard's eighth single since the chart began in 1958 to hold the top spot for at least as long and places it in a seven-way tie for the second longest #1 hit in the history of the Chart. The only single among this elite group of eight to surpass Uptown Funk has held the #1 spot for sixteen weeks. The single also leads the Hot 100's Digital Songs, Radio Songs and Streaming Songs charts. In a raving endorsement of Uptown Funk's popularity, First Lady Michelle Obama with cast from the show “So You Think You Can Dance” performed a choreographed dance to the song as part of her “Let's Move!” initiative on the Ellen DeGeneres Show and at this year's White House Easter Egg Roll. The collaboration between Uptown Funk writer Mark Ronson, singer Bruno Mars and Royal Studios has swept the music scene in America and abroad, and has given listeners around the world a taste of the soulful sound that is unique to Memphis.

Uptown Funk is an example of born-and-bred Memphis musical talent. Ronson, a Grammy-winning artist and a noted producer for talents such as Adele and the late Amy Winehouse, traveled to Memphis in February 2014 looking to recruit singers for his music project. It was then that he visited Royal Studios and met owner Lawrence “Boo” Mitchell, the son of Memphis music legend and producer, Willie Mitchell, and decided to record at the iconic studio. Ronson enlisted Philip Lawrence and notable Royal Studios familiars Steve Jordan, Willie Weeks, Kevin Parker, Trombone Shorty, Mystikal and Michael Chabon to work on the single. Uptown Funk also features Bruno Mars's band member and Memphian, Kameron Whalum, who is the son of Pastor Kenneth Whalum of Olivet Baptist Church in Memphis and the nephew of Grammy-winning saxophonist Kirk Whalum.

The success of Uptown Funk is the latest chapter in the long and storied history of Royal Studios, one of the oldest music recording studios in the world. Housed originally in a movie theater built in 1915, Royal Studios was founded in 1957 and became the home of Hi Records and the Hi Rhythm Section. Since that time, numerous acclaimed artists have recorded there, including Willie Mitchell, Al Green, Ann Peebles, Bobby Blue Bland, Elton John, Robert Plant, Snoop Dogg and many others. The studio has also recorded for Hollywood films including Opportunity Knocks, Pulp Fiction, Good Will Hunting, The Book of Eli, Love Jones, Six Feet Under and other films and television shows. Uptown Funk marks Royal Studios' first #1 hit since Al Green's 1972 Let's Stay Together and the first Billboard 100 Hit out of Memphis since the 1976 hit Disco Duck by Rick Dees.

Uptown Funk continues Royal Studios' long tradition of musical excellence and showing the world what Memphis has to offer. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing Memphis' Royal Studios as the recording home for the Billboard-chart topping single, Uptown Funk, and the dedicated work of Mark Ronson, Bruno Mars, Kameron Whalum, Lawrence “Boo” Mitchell and the entire Royal Studios family in producing a single with such a soulful Memphis sound that has reached listeners worldwide. Many people have noted that Uptown Funk will be one of the hottest hits this summer. If you don't believe them, just watch.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF JOB CORPS

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 50th anniversary of Job Corps. For five decades, Job Corps has helped millions of disadvantaged youths complete their high school education and transition into successful careers or higher education.

Since the 1960s, Job Corps has brought public agencies and private sector businesses together to help nearly 60,000 of our nation's poor and unemployed young people gain the skills necessary to build successful careers. More than 80 percent of Job Corps graduates obtain jobs, enroll in higher education or enter the military.

In the 11th District, the Cleveland Job Corps Center has been an integral part of the community for over 40 years. The first Job Corps women's center opened in Cleveland on April 9, 1965. The center's new campus opened in 2007 and now serves nearly 400 students each year, providing them with a safe and secure environment in which to further their education and gain valuable technical career skills.

Congratulations to Job Corps on 50 years of success. Its dedicated employees provide the continuity and quality training our students need to achieve their goals. The value of Job Corps is clear. Graduates are providing critical services for our economy and communities, and it is important to maintain our commitment to this exceptional program. I am excited to see the impact Job Corps will make in my district and our country in the years to come.

REMEMBERING PAUL TIPPS, OHIO LEADER

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember Paul Tipps of Ohio who passed away yesterday afternoon.

Paul Tipps was a great leader when political giants dominated Ohio. Paul stepped down as Chairman of the Ohio Democratic Party in 1983, and Democrats with his help held the top five statewide offices, both houses of the state legislature, a majority of the state Supreme Court, and both U.S. Senate seats.