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OLDER AMERICANS ACT

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

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HAN WEN ZHANG SELECTED AS EXCHANGE CLUB OF SUGAR LAND'S YOUTH OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Han Wen Zhang of Clements High School for being selected as the Exchange Club of Sugar Land's Youth of the Year.

Han Wen, a senior at Clements High School, was submitted as a Youth of the Year by the Sugar Land Exchange Club. This honor recognizes students who have attained high levels of scholastic achievement, community involvement and leadership. Han Wen embodies these characteristics. She is not only an AP National Scholar, but also fluent in English, Chinese and French. She has been issued a diploma of proficiency by The French Ministry of National Education and has taught French at Colony Bend Elementary School. Han Wen won first place in the Clements High School Texas French Symposium in the individual experienced division. She is also the President of the French National Honor Society and former President of the French Club. She has also worked on art projects with DePelchin Center and Advocates of Healthy Minds in Fort Bend County. Having achieved so much in her young life, we can only imagine the great accomplishments that lie in her future.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Han Wen Zhang for being selected as the Exchange Club of Sugar Land's Youth of the Year. Our community is very proud of her and can't wait to see what she does next.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ST. FRANCIS DESALES HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Francis DeSales High School for winning the Division II Ohio High School Girls Lacrosse State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

DeSales' victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. They have set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at St. Francis DeSales High School can be extremely proud of their performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate the St. Francis DeSales High School Girls Lacrosse Team on their state championship. I wish their team continued success in their future athletic endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF THE SLAIN AFTER THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOTHER EMANUEL AME CHURCH MASSACRE

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of the nine men and women who were murdered in my district at the Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina on June 17, 2015.

With it now being just over a year since the tragedy occurred, our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to the victims and their families. Their names once again are Cynthia Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lance, The Reverend DePayne Middleton-Doctor, The Reverend Clementa C. Pinckney, Tywanza Sanders, The Reverend Daniel Simmons Sr., The Reverend Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson.

I submit this poem penned in their honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

IN THE DARKEST OF ALL NIGHTS

In the darkest of all nights
When all hope seems to taken flight
While, such heartache begins,
so ignites
As evil has its day
Only then can faith upon us shine its bright light
As from out of these the darkest of all nights
To so fight the good fight
Of Good vs. Evil,
for we are all God's chosen people
to wipe out this blight
And when it all seems without reason or rhyme,
all in hatred darkest of times
Seasons
Remember it is not by chance,
for this battle has always raged since the beginning of man
For there is darkness,
and there is Light
We choose the side upon which we wish to so fight
Let us enjoin now as Black and as White
As American's first,
colorblind to hatred's sight
For we all have the same heart
For we are all are born to live and to die,
and to play our part
As all of those Mothers who now stand with tears in their eyes and broken hearts
But remember my friends,
over The Darkness of Evil we all can so fend
Because The Darkness is no match for The Light,
if together we enjoin in this fight
If we ask our Lord for the strength for this battle to win
In this most unspeakable of all crimes in our Lord's house in this sin
As they knelt down to pray,
as around a total stranger their arms they had laid
To commune and speak of our Lord,
as together they prayed
As those nine future Angels were so soon to be on heaven's way
As they did not realize before them what Evil so lay
But remember my friends,
the face of evil can so easily be hidden away
In these The darkest of all nights,
darkest of all days
As nine beautiful souls of gold,
were taken from all of us this day
From our world in evil's blight as they prayed
As our world has been cheated of The Light that they gave
As nine families across South Carolina so weep on this day
And hate is hard,
and oh how upon me it so weighs
When, I see all those tears in your families faces
As we now so weep
all in what their beautiful lives were to keep
But through all of this darkness we all must somehow be brave
And if we look closely,
we can still see their light through all of that pain
As all across Charleston on this night but comes a gentle rain
Washing down upon their loved ones to so ease their pain
for these are the tears of our Lord,
upon them to remain
Until, up in Heaven you all meet again,
and you won't have to cry no more
Take heart my brothers and sisters,
all of your loved ones in Heaven remain
as Angels the same
And you will hear them on the wind
And when you awake,
you will feel them next to you where they've been
For they are Angels now in the Army of our Lord
To watch over you time and again
To fight this war which has always been
Now, let us find rest
Let, us find peace
Let us be as strong as once had all these
all in their beliefs
Let us not us find the same such dark hatred which evil so keeps
As united together we stand,
let us put arms around each other women, child, and man
Black or White, let us not follow the hatred's same disease
As it's time to bring all of our love and light to fight The Beast
And from a distance what seems like the worst
Perhaps isn't,
for up in Heaven we all wish to wake
As its down here on Earth,
in the darkest of all nights we must fight evil curse
Goodness. Evil. Darkness. Light.
Those braves hearts who Evil must fight
Who bring their Light
As together enjoined,
as we battle on into the darkest of all nights
And its in our faith this day which will help us move on
For Evil and Darkness are no match for The Light
In these the darkest all nights
Amen!

HONORING HOWARD L. CHAMBERS, LEGENDARY LAKEWOOD CITY MANAGER

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, Howard L. Chambers, who has served as the city manager of the City of Lakewood for four decades, is the California city manager with the longest tenure in the same city—this in a profession where the average length of service in California is about seven years.

A lifelong member of the Lakewood community, Howard grew up near Mayfair Park, went to neighborhood schools, and worked at the YMCA.

After earning his degree at Cal State Long Beach, Howard interned at the City of Lakewood for two years, handling youth services. He then went to work with the City of Rosemead as an assistant city manager.

Howard returned to Lakewood in 1972 in the role of an executive assistant to the city manager. In 1976, he was named acting city administrator and shortly thereafter hired to permanently fill the position, which was later re-titled as city manager, by the city council.

During his 40-year tenure as a city manager, Howard Chambers has become a respected leader among area city managers, always willing to take the time to share his professional experience with his colleagues on issues affecting Southern California, its residents, and its infrastructure.

Howard has also worked tirelessly and effectively on ad hoc committees and coalitions to address federal, state, and local issues, and has never shied away from a principled battle. As a long-term member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), Chairman of the Southeast Los Angeles County Municipal Management Group, the California Contract Cities Association, and a member of the League of California Cities' City Managers Division, Howard has worked with elected and appointed city officials, legislators, regulators, the business community, residents, and others to achieve solutions to the critical issues affecting local governments.

In addition to his public service, Howard Chambers has made community service a priority. His involvement includes the Lakewood