

CONGRATULATING THE CHEROKEE  
TRAIL COUGARS

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cherokee Trail Cougars varsity softball team on their thrilling 5A state championship win over the Broomfield Eagles.

The Cougars won the first ever state softball championship thanks, in part, to senior Chloe Knapp. Her walk off grand slam, the day before in the semi-finals, put them in the championship game, and her 8th inning homerun was the only run scored in the championship game.

I would also like to congratulate seniors Emily Bell, Skylar Higen, Sonoma Olson and Audrey Pickett, who helped propel the Cougars to a 20–3 season record. Special thanks to Coach Caley Mitchell and the teachers of Cherokee Trail high school who made this year's success possible. Regardless of any team's inherent talent and ability, no team can achieve success without the support of the community around them.

This was a hard fought battle between two great schools. I am so proud of the Cherokee Trail Cougars varsity softball team for being a positive role model for other high schools in the Sixth District of Colorado. Congratulations on a stellar season.

HONORING JOHN AND TERRI  
BALLETTTO

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John and Terri Balletto, who were honored by the Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation Ag Trust in Santa Rosa, California on November 5th for their decades of service to our winegrowing and farming community.

John and Terri have dedicated their lives to our agricultural community in Sonoma County and have been strong supporters of Santa Rosa Junior College. John stepped in as the College Ag Trust chair following Warren Dutton's passing in 2001. He then helped raise over \$1 million to build the Dutton Pavilion in honor of Warren's immense contributions to the College and our community. Terri has also made significant contributions to Santa Rosa Junior College, offering her support and running Public Relations for many successful Ag Trust events.

In addition to their work with the college, the Balletto family has been active in our agricultural community. John served two terms as the Sonoma County Winegrape Commission Chair, and he will be joining the California Association of Winegrape Growers Board in 2017. Terri and John's family vineyard, which they run with their two daughters, produces winegrapes on over 600 acres. Their leadership in the agricultural community has been recognized numerous times, winning them a variety of honors ranging from Sonoma County Winegrape Commission's Excellence in Viti-

culture to Sonoma County Farm Bureau's Farm Family of the Year.

Amid their many important responsibilities, Terri and John still find the time to give back to our community. Terri is the Director, Secretary, and Executive Board member for the 4–H Foundation of Sonoma County, and she serves on the Sonoma County Fair Foundation committee. Additionally, John and Terri have both served as directors and presidents of the Sonoma County Harvest Fair.

Mr. Speaker, John and Terri Balletto have enriched Sonoma County through their unmatched commitment to serving Santa Rosa Junior College and our agricultural community's needs. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM MURRAY,  
JR.

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant, attorney, and friend, William Johnathan Murray, Jr. Sadly, William Murray passed away on Saturday, October 22, 2016. Funeral services were held on Sunday, October 30, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Americus, Georgia.

William Murray, Jr. was born on March 23, 1946 in Americus, Georgia. A lifelong follower of Christ, Bill was baptized at twelve years old at First Baptist Church of Americus. More recently, he worshipped at Calvary Episcopal Church of Americus, St. John's Anglican Church of Americus, and Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia.

From a young age, Bill was eager to serve others. During his time at Americus High School, he was Student Council Vice President his junior year and Student Council President his senior year. In 1968, he graduated from the University of Georgia with a bachelor's degree in history. He then attended the University of Georgia School of Law and graduated in 1971. During his time at UGA, he was a member of Blue Key, an honor society recognizing men and women of great character who have achieved distinction for service and leadership. He also was a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society and served in leadership positions for various student organizations. During law school, he was on the Moot Court Team and won the Best Oralist award in the 1970 Law Day Competition.

In addition to his numerous contributions at UGA, he established New College Press while still in college. New College Press published three books, one of which was written by Bill himself and was entitled "A Boy's Dream." Later on, more books by various authors were published by William Murray Publishers.

Following the completion of his law degree, Bill returned home to Americus to begin his law career and his public service. He served on the Americus City Council from 1975–1977 and was elected as a state representative in the Georgia General Assembly from 1977–1981. During this time, he introduced legislation that promoted manufacturing in Sumter

County, officially designated the Andersonville Trail, and provided funding for University of Georgia projects. Bill also served as City Attorney for Plains, Georgia.

In 1980, he married the love of his life, Sandra Merritt Deal. They had two children, Brian and Summer. Bill and Sandra worked together in his law practice and served their clients all over the state of Georgia. They later founded the Sumter Free Press, a newspaper relaying news, editorials, and local history to the residents of Americus.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are all so blessed that William Murray passed this way and during his life's journey did so much for so many for so long. He leaves behind a great legacy in public service to the countless residents of Sumter County whose lives he touched and brightened. His impression on this earth extends beyond himself to the very wellbeing of Sumter County, and for it he will be remembered by the community for time to come.

Mr. Murray is survived by his daughter, Jessica Summer Murray and two grandsons, Noah Johnathan Deal and William Brian Deal of Americus, as well as his sister, Gena Murray Moorhead, and many other cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in honoring William Murray, Jr. for his dedicated service to the people of Sumter County and the state of Georgia. We extend our deepest sympathies to William Murray's family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time and pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

JAELYNN WALLS AWARDED DAVIDSON FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jaelynn Walls of Pearland, TX for earning a Davidson Fellows Scholarship.

The Davidson Institute of Talent Development awarded Jaelynn a \$25,000 Davidson Fellows Scholarship for her project, Humanity On-Screen: Engendering Positive Self-Perception and Political Activism in Persons with Marginalized Identities. Only 20 students across the country earned this prestigious scholarship. Jaelynn's project was inspired by her desire to present characters of marginalized racial or cultural backgrounds painted in a positive light due to her inability to identify with protagonists in literature growing up.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Jaelynn Walls for earning a Davidson Fellows Scholarship. We are extremely proud of her and wish her luck in her future studies.

TRIBUTE TO JASPER COUNTY,  
INDIANA

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Jasper County, Indiana, as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

The county sits on the northwest part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1838, and named for Sgt. William Jasper who was a famous scout in the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. At the start of the Civil War, 935 Jasper County men (or nearly one-fifth of the county's entire population) enlisted to fight in the war on behalf of the Union, contributing to Indiana's proud record of proportionately sending more soldiers than any other state to fight against slavery in the Civil War.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana's past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the ten Legacy Projects throughout the county include the Jasper County Fair Association, DNR Division of Nature Preserves, DeMotte Chamber of Commerce, Purdue Cooperative Extension, Fountain Park Chautauqua, NICHES Land Trust, Remington Water Tower Days Festival, Little Cousin Jasper Festival, and the American Cancer Society. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Jasper County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present and future of Indiana's history.

CELEBRATING THE SECOND STATE  
CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE MARIAN  
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' SOCCER  
TEAM

**HON. JACKIE WALORSKI**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Marian High School Knights for their victory in the IHSAA Class IA Boys Soccer State Championship for the second year in a row. Through diligence and perseverance, the Knights finished the season with eighteen wins and five losses. The championship game was the team's second appearance in the state finals and their second state title in as many years.

I would like to highlight the many players who were honored for their performance in the tournament. Seniors Max Frausto and Cristian Juarez, and junior Oscar Tavarez were named to the Northern Indiana Conference's First Team, juniors Johnathan Tavarez and lead scorer Jordan Morris were named to the NIC's Second Team, and freshman Ned Morrison received Honorable Mention. Just as impor-

tantly, junior keeper Hunter Renner managed to allow only ten goals while completing thirty-one saves and achieving nine shutouts for the season. In tandem with senior keeper Michael Cataldo who managed ten shutouts, the Knights were one of the hardest teams to score against.

Coach Ben Householter again deserves praise on this victory, which is not only a testament to his dedication to the Marian High School program but also his skill as team leader and mentor to the student athletes.

Congratulations to the entire team for their contributions: seniors Michael Wuszke, Michael Cataldo, Max Frausto, Justin Saavedra, Alex Kokot, Cristian Juarez, juniors Oscar Tavarez, Johnathan Tavarez, Junior Ontiveros, Jordan Morris, Gabe Davey, Alfredo Medina, Alex Rodela, Juan Botello, Gabe Martinez, Jacob Schmidt, Adam Evans, sophomores Danny Manzo, Will Tiller, Matteus Webb, freshman Hunter Renner, Anthony Garatoni, Michael Baughman, Ned Morrison, Francinez Tavarez, Dominic Blum, Johnathan Wang, Head Coach Ben Householter, Assistant Coach John Jonas, Assistant Coach Matt Englert, Assistant Coach Alfredo Juarez, Junior Varsity Coach and Assistant Coach Alex Juarez, Manager Chloe Householter, Manager Jenna Householter, Athletic Trainer Anne Micinski, Athletic Director Steve Ravotto, Assistant Athletic Director Kyle Hanyzewski, and Principal Mark Kirzeder.

The Knights' dedication and sacrifices have been proven two years in a row, and is a source of pride for the city, and the state of Indiana. Their record of success is exceptional and being a member of this team will be a memory these students will have for a lifetime. On behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District of Indiana, I applaud Coach Householter for building this program, I thank the student athletes for their determination, and I congratulate them all on an amazing season. It is my honor to represent Marian High School, and I wish continued success to the team and each of its members in their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. RICK  
HENDRICK THE 2016 CITIZEN OF  
THE CAROLINAS AWARD RECIPIENT

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor racing legend, and my friend, Joseph Riddick "Rick" Hendrick III on his recognition as the 2016 Citizen of the Carolinas, presented by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. Each year, the Charlotte Chamber recognizes one outstanding individual for their accomplishments and contributions to our community by presenting them with their highest award, the Citizen of the Carolinas.

Having lived in Charlotte for nearly 40 years, Mr. Hendrick's impact on local businesses and the surrounding community can be felt throughout the region. Best known for his successes in NASCAR, the Hendrick Motorsports team has been consistently recognized as one of the sport's premier organizations. His laundry list of accomplishments in-

clude 14 NASCAR national series championships as an owner, the most all-time, as well as producing some of the most well-known and beloved drivers including Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson, and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Aside from his success on the track, Mr. Hendrick has devoted countless hours to bettering those around him through his considerable charitable work with organizations such as Levine Children's Hospital and Together We Feed Charlotte. In 2015 he set a new fundraising record as Chairman of the Charlotte Observer Summer Camp Fund. Today, giving back to the community remains an integral part of Mr. Hendrick's life.

Having grown up in this community, I have been fortunate to see Mr. Hendrick's work first hand. There is no doubt in my mind that he is extremely deserving of this award. I look forward to continuing to work alongside community leaders as we strengthen business and improve the lives of everyone in our community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Rick Hendrick, his wife Linda, and their entire family on Rick's recognition as the 2016 Citizen of the Carolinas.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF VIETNAM  
VETERANS OF THE NORTH-  
ERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO  
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, this year, for the first time, the people of the Northern Mariana Islands gathered to honor our Vietnam War veterans and their families, joining the rest of our nation in commemorating the 50th anniversary of that difficult and complicated chapter in American history. We remembered the sacrifice of the 58,220 who died in theater, the 7.2 million Vietnam veterans still living, and the families of all 9 million who served.

The Vietnam War was fought before the Northern Mariana Islands became part of the United States and before we, the people of the Marianas, became United States citizens. Yet dozens of our young men enlisted—or in many cases were drafted—into the U.S. Armed Forces to fight in Vietnam.

This is a story not widely known outside our islands. Educational and economic opportunities were limited in the Northern Mariana Islands at that time. Young people seeking higher education or simply a better life sometimes moved to the nearby U.S. territory of Guam, to Hawaii, or to the mainland United States for school or work. And it was from these new places of residence that they volunteered—or often were drafted—for military service.

Unfortunately, the Department of Defense kept no records to tell us exactly how many young people from the Northern Mariana Islands were called into service during the Vietnam era. Home of record would have been listed as the location to which each of them had moved temporarily to improve themselves. So, we cannot today faithfully recite their names, when honoring their service.

We do know of four from the Northern Mariana Islands, who died in combat in Vietnam. Their names are inscribed on the Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.