

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 MAR-
IAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' SOCCER
TEAM

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

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Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Marian High School Knights for their victory in the IHSA 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, Francisco Tavarez, Dominic Blum, Jonathan 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 RECIPI-
ENT

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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 VIET-
NAM VETERANS OF THE NORTH-
ERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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.

And we know at least 50 Vietnam veterans are alive in the Northern Marianas today. Some are the indigenous Chamorro and Refaluwasch people of our islands, who enlisted or were drafted out of Guam or a U.S. state. Some are veterans who later came from America to the Marianas and now call our islands their home.

We know, too, that even if not United States citizens, soldiers from the Northern Mariana Islands served as bravely and honorably as their brothers and sisters in uniform, who were citizens. And we know that all—citizen and noncitizen alike—faced the same painful challenges of returning home from a war whose purpose was difficult to understand and which never resolved in victory.

Yet, despite all their sacrifice and the pain endured, Vietnam veterans—in the Marianas and throughout America—continued to contribute to the peace, security, and prosperity of our nation. They became teachers, entrepreneurs, artists, tradesmen, law enforcement officers, healers, or advocates. They are present throughout the life of our communities.

They also supported each other, mentored younger veterans coming home, and shared their stories with civilians, who may not have otherwise had an understanding or appreciation of military service, or the realities of war. Indeed, it could be said that it is because of the example, leadership, and advocacy of the Vietnam generation of veterans that we, as a nation, do better today at supporting our young men and women in uniform, when they come home from war. But as these Vietnam vets would also remind us: we can do more.

So, upon this 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War let us commit to do more to support America's warriors—in times of conflict, as well as in peace; when they put on the uniform in defense of our nation, and when they come home.

IN RECOGNITION OF TIMOTHY HOY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Timothy Hoy, a committed Denton County Republican Party activist and tireless defender of conservative principles.

Mr. Hoy passed away the week of October 31st and will be remembered as a committed volunteer and invaluable worker at the state, local and national level.

Mr. Hoy became active in Denton County politics in the late 1980s, first serving as Precinct Chairman. He went on to be an elections judge, campaign manager for Commissioner Ron Marchant and most recently campaigned for U.S. Senator Ted Cruz in Iowa during the 2016 presidential election.

From 2002 through 2010, Mr. Hoy served on the State Republican Executive Committee and received an award for his achievements at the close of nearly eight years spent as an unwavering public servant. He was also named the Denton County Republican Party Volunteer of the Year in 1998 and Precinct Chair of the Year in 2001.

Mr. Hoy is revered as a keen political mind and hard worker who was always ready to fiercely support the candidates and ideals he

believed in. He is remembered as gracious, kind and a friend to all, no matter an election's outcome.

I join several of my fellow Texas elected officials in offering my sincerest condolences to the members of the Denton County Republican Party and all who were inspired and touched by Mr. Hoy. His commitment to furthering conservative ideals and his service to Denton, the state of Texas and our nation will not soon be forgotten.

KATY ATHLETES WIN AT THE AAU JUNIOR OLYMPICS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Aileen Lang, Justin Liang and Miyo Fujiwara of Katy, TX for winning 13 medals at the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympics.

The three students represented Katy-based Rope Warriors in the jump rope competitions. Aileen scored five gold medals and two bronze medals, including a gold medal in the All-Around competition. Eleven-year-old Justin earned two silver medals, two bronze medals and a fifth-place finish. And Miyo won two gold medals. Rope Warriors is a competitive jump rope team with athletes ranging from 6 to 16 years old.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Aileen Lang, Justin Liang and Miyo Fujiwara for winning 13 medals at the AAU Junior Olympics. We are proud of them and wish them luck in their future jump rope careers.

RECOGNIZING BEVERLY "JOY" BUNNING AS THE HURLBURT AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 398 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2016

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Ms. Beverly "Joy" Bunning as the Hurlburt Air Force Association (AFA) Chapter 398 Elementary School Teacher of the Year for 2016. Ms. Bunning was selected for this esteemed honor for her inspiring efforts to bolster her students' interest in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) education; I am pleased to honor her outstanding achievements.

In her three years in the Santa Rosa County school district, Ms. Bunning has earned the reputation as an outstanding 2nd grade teacher among her students and peers in the education community. She teaches her students crucial problem solving skills through innovative and creative hands-on learning experiences, and her passion for teaching has helped spark her students' sense of wonder and interest in the world around them. Ms. Bunning's contributions to producing the next generation of active participants in our society cannot be overstated.

Her dedication to her students has earned her local and national recognition. Ms. Bunning was featured in 850 Magazine, "The Business Magazine of Northwest Florida," because of her passion for shaping our Nation's young minds and providing a 21st century learning lab classroom for her students to learn and grow. In addition, her classroom has also been identified as a "Model STEAM Classroom" within the Santa Rosa County community and by the digital learning enhancement service, Discovery Education.

Ms. Bunning is a leader in early childhood education and is to be commended for the solid foundations she has built for her students. One of four STEAM Leaders at her school, she has written and received numerous grants and coordinated training sessions for the X-STEM USA, solidifying Holly-Navarre Primary School's status as a truly innovative school.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Ms. Bunning on this well-earned achievement of Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 High School Teacher of the Year for 2016 and thank her for her commitment to service and dedication to the Northwest Florida community. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing Ms. Bunning all the best for continued success.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN P. MCGOFF

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished Hoosier, Brigadier General John P. McGoff, who retires from the Indiana Air National Guard after thirty-four years of honorable military service.

General McGoff is the Assistant Adjutant General for the Indiana Air National Guard. Among his many responsibilities, he advises the Adjutant General on issues regarding the 122nd Fighter Wing, 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air Range Complex, and 207th Weather Flight.

While attending medical school, General McGoff was commissioned into the Medical Service Corps and assigned to the 122nd TAC Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne. He was re-commissioned in the Medical Corps and attended the Aerospace Medicine Primary Course at Brooks AFB in Texas where he earned his wings. He has served in many capacities throughout the Indiana Air National Guard and twice led the 191st Medical Group to the Theodore Marr's Award, the Air National Guard's highest medical award, and the Spaatz trophy, the highest Reserve Component award.

General McGoff served our country in Europe and was the Chief of Emergency Services at the 332nd EMDG, Joint Base Balad, Iraq. He has also served overseas tours in Turkey, Bahrain, Jordan, Antarctica, Germany, Korea, Japan, Guatemala, and Slovakia. General McGoff holds the aeronautical rating of Chief Flight Surgeon and has logged over 600 hours, including 25.6 combat hours in many different military aircraft. He is a graduate of the Air War College and has received numerous military awards and decorations.

Dr. McGoff served the people of Indianapolis and Marion County as County Coroner