

the Bears. But given what happened in the last couple of months, 10 wins ain't so bad.

With an 8–0 record, one of the best offenses in recent memory, and perhaps the nation's best quarterback-receiver tandem, this team was looking more and more like a shoo-in for the Playoffs. But, that 8th win came with a price. Baylor's quarterback, Seth Russell, left the game in the third quarter with what appeared to be a strained back. As it turned out, Russell broke a bone in his neck, and would soon be ruled out for the rest of the season. The team now had to turn to a true freshman quarterback in Jarrett Stidham. Stidham—though a highly touted prospect with loads of talent—was still only a teenager and had never played in a meaningful college football game in his young career. His first start came on the road against Kansas State. Stidham would go on to have one of the best performances by a true freshman quarterback in NCAA history, going 23–33 for 419 yards and 3 touchdowns. As a reward for that performance, Stidham got to play top-10 Oklahoma the following week.

In his second career start, Stidham wasn't nearly as fortunate as he was in his first. He threw two interceptions in the game and was punished by the Sooner defense, often seen limping. Baylor would go on to lose on their home turf, 44–34. The season could still be salvaged, especially with a trip to Oklahoma State coming up, ranked sixth in the nation. Stidham was only able to play a half as he left the game in the third quarter, but the Bears would wind up with a win on the road against the undefeated Cowboys, obliterating them 45–35, though the game was never as close as the final score indicated.

After leaving the Oklahoma State game early with an injury, Stidham was soon also ruled out for the rest of the season, meaning the Bears would have to turn to third-string quarterback, Chris Johnson, for the remainder of the season. Given how he played in relief of Stidham against Oklahoma State, the Bears felt pretty confident in Johnson's abilities. But in Johnson's first career start on the road against an equally battered and bruised TCU, he faced an additional opponent—the weather. Near freezing temperatures coupled with non-stop rain and gale-force winds messed up with both offenses, as the typically high-scoring Baylor Bears and TCU Horned Frogs were held to just 14 points each through 4 quarters. TCU would end up pulling off the win in double overtime, 28–21.

In the regular season finale, Baylor played an old rival at home, the Texas Longhorns. After Johnson, Baylor's third-string—and only remaining—quarterback left the game in the first quarter, Baylor was forced to play the remaining game with a receiver at quarterback, almost solely running the football. Baylor went on to lose that game 23–17, though it wasn't for a lack of effort. After falling behind 20–0 in the third quarter, the Bears came storming back with 17 unanswered points. After a Texas field goal made the score 23–17, Baylor would get the ball back with a chance to win the game in the closing minutes, though not having the ability to throw the ball competently made this prospect all the more daunting. After a failed Hail Mary attempt in the closing seconds—which was thrown by the team's third-string running back—the Bears fell to the Longhorns 23–17.

There they were, sitting at 9–3, after coming into the season hoping for a 12–0 record and

a berth in the College Football Playoffs. As disappointing as 9–3 might have seemed, the team and its fans had to be proud of the way this team overcame the many obstacles put in front of it. Coach Briles and his team never gave up, despite all of their setbacks.

Riddled with injuries, the Bears were now looking forward to playing the top-10 ranked, 11–2 North Carolina Tar Heels in the Russell Athletic Bowl, fresh off a close loss to number 1 ranked Clemson in the ACC championship game. About a week before kickoff, the Bears learned that not only would they be without their first- and second-string quarterbacks, but that they would also be without their first-string running back and their best receiver, Bilitnekoff winner and NFL-bound Corey Coleman. Nobody in the world of college football would have batted an eye if the Bears lost, as they were expected to. But, much to the chagrin of the number 10 team in the land, the Bears tossed out the script and wrote their own version of the game.

The Bears put together one of the best performances of the season, amassing a record-breaking 645 rushing yards against a previously stout defense. The Bears, known for their prolific pass offense, only threw for 111 yards. But with the way the team was running the ball they didn't need to throw it. The Tar Heels were no match for Baylor's quick running backs and powerful offensive line. The Bears' physicality and Coach Art Briles' ability to adapt to ever-changing circumstances led to the team's 49–38 victory in the Russell Athletic Bowl, but once again the game was never as close as the final score indicated. With the win, the Bears finished the season at 10–3, their third-straight 10-win season and fourth in the past five years. This is a far cry from where the program was 10 years ago.

Though the Bears came into the season with national title hopes, this team should be proud of what it accomplished. Given the hand it was dealt, nobody would have blamed the Bears if they finished at 8–4 or 8–5. But this team pushed through the pain and battled, defeating two top-10 teams in their last four games of the season, despite missing several of its best players.

I'd like to congratulate the Baylor Bears for their successful 2015 season and exhilarating win over the number 10 North Carolina Tar Heels in the 2015 Russell Athletic Bowl. They made the state of Texas proud. I look forward to watching the team play next season. If the Bears got the injury curse out of the way in 2015, then watch out. I'm not a betting man, but if I were, I wouldn't bet against a healthy Bears squad in 2016.

And that's just the way it is.

#### TRIBUTE TO CHAD CARLSON

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chad Carlson, Bondurant-Farrar Middle School Principal, on his recent award as Administrator of the Year from the Iowa Association of Student Councils. Chad has been a dedicated public servant helping to educate the future of Iowa—its students.

Chad was nominated for this award by the Bondurant-Farrar Middle School student council. Students cited his ability to integrate a number of programs to help the students: anti-bullying awareness, welcoming efforts for new students, and assisting with educational student travel to Washington, D.C. Through Chad's leadership, students were able to represent Iowa at the Leadership Excellence and Development Conference in the nation's Capital.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent dedicated public servants like Chad in the United States Congress. It is Iowans like Chad that make me proud to represent our great state. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Chad on receiving this prestigious award, and wishing him and his students nothing but continued success in the years to come.

#### HONORING CHRISTENE CHADWICK MOSS

### HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Christene Chadwick Moss for her 25 years of service to the students and schools of Fort Worth as a member of the Fort Worth ISD Board of Education.

Mrs. Moss is a product of the Fort Worth Independent School District, having attended Como Elementary School and graduated from Como High School. She continued her education at Tarrant County College, earning an ADA degree before going on to earn her Bachelor of Science at Texas Wesleyan University and a Master's degree from Texas Women's University.

First elected to the Fort Worth ISD Board of Education in 1990, Mrs. Moss's leadership has been critical to the continued success of Fort Worth's schools and students. Long committed to improving community and student input, she created the first FWISD Community and Student Forums in 1994 and 1995.

Additionally, Mrs. Moss was able to balance budget priorities while reinstating art and music into primary school curriculum as well as establishing Fort Worth ISD's first strategic performance plan with high standards and accountability measures.

The Fort Worth community has long recognized Mrs. Moss's contributions to the area's students. C.C. Moss Elementary School was named in her honor and the Salvation Army named its children's library in her honor to commemorate her assistance in establishing a facility for homeless students.

Along with her commitment to education, Mrs. Moss is an active member of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, singing in the church choir and participating in their health ministry. She serves on the Executive Manager's Board, Usher Board, the Nurses' Guild and is president of the Vision of Women Ministry.

As a registered nurse by training and vocation, Mrs. Moss currently works with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services. She has also served as an adjunct professor of financial management at Tarrant County College.

In honor of Mrs. Moss's 25 years of dedicated service to the Fort Worth community and its schools, this statement will be submitted on Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,891,869,602,125.16. We've added \$8,264,992,553,212.08 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO BOB HEMBORG

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose commitment to the Corona, California community is truly exceptional. Next week, on January 21, 2016, Bob Hemborg will be honored as a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Corona Chamber of Commerce. Bob has dedicated himself to the Corona community.

Bob is the founder and owner of Hemborg Ford, a local business fixture. He initially purchased the Ford dealership in Corona and he quickly realized he wanted more land. He relocated his business to the neighboring community of Norco. Bob has worked tirelessly with a strong work ethic and business practices that have enabled his dealership to grow and thrive in the community. Bob prides himself on having many repeat and multi-generational clients.

Family is also very important to Bob. When it came time for him to retire, he entrusted the day-to-day operations to his son Tor, though he is quick to tell you he is in the office regularly. Since semi-retiring, Bob has become involved in philanthropic outreach and business-related groups.

Bob's tireless passion for his family, community service and giving back has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. I am proud to call Bob a close friend, fellow community member and great American. Today, I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating Bob on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

TRIBUTE TO CAREY CROWSON

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Carey

Crowson of Ankeny, Iowa, for being selected to the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame.

This year, Carey Crowson, a 1972 Mount Ayr graduate, was honored with inclusion in the Rock Hall of Fame for his individual accomplishments in the music industry over the past 40 years. Crowson has performed as part of a duo Jackson/Crowson and has been a member of a number of local bands. Backfire, Cactus Killers, Uncle Walt, and the Cavaliers from 1984–1995. Carey has also written and sung jingles and promotional songs for many major corporations.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize Carey for his accomplishments today. His efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent him and Iowans like him in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Carey for his achievements and wish him nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MOTIVATION DAY OF JANUARY 2, 2016

**HON. LEE M. ZELDIN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 15th anniversary of National Motivation Day.

National Motivation Day was originally introduced by my predecessor, Congressman Felix Grucci, in 2001. The goal of National Motivation Day was to call for a renewed sense of national motivation shortly following the devastating terror attacks against our country on September 11, 2001.

As we enter into a new year, many of us will use this time as a moment of reflection. I ask my esteemed colleagues to keep in mind the goal of National Motivation Day and let it continue to inspire us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position on two votes cast on January 12th, 2016 on amendments to H.R. 1644, the STEAM Act.

On Roll Call Vote 38 on an amendment offered by Mr. KILDEE of Michigan, I did not vote. My intention was to vote "aye."

On Roll Call Vote 39 on an amendment offered by Mr. CARTWRIGHT of Pennsylvania, I did not vote. My intention was to vote "aye."

TRIBUTE TO NICOLE GRINDLE

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nicole Grindle of Malvern, Iowa, for her selection as

the 2015 Shenandoah School System Teacher of the Year. Nicole is a teacher at the Shenandoah Middle School where she teaches chemistry, physics, AP chemistry, and AP physics.

Nicole is recognized by her peers as a teacher who has a passion to teach and one who reaches far beyond the status quo in teaching her students. She is committed to challenging her students in academics, leadership, accountability, and responsibility. Nicole has an outstanding skill in instructing her students and building relationships of respect with them. When not teaching Nicole takes an active role in a number of school activities by helping her students develop their talents for the future.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Nicole's leadership and her thoughtful technique. Nicole is an Iowan who is making a lasting impact in the lives of her students and for that we are deeply proud. She has dedicated her life to helping and serving others and so it is with great honor that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring her accomplishments. I thank her for her service and wish her and her family nothing but the best moving forward.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF AGNES ZHELESNIK

**HON. LEONARD LANCE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Agnes Zhelesnik, who this week celebrates her 102nd birthday.

Mrs. Zhelesnik holds a very special national distinction—she is the oldest working teacher in America. Mrs. Zhelesnik teaches home economics at The Sundance School in North Plainfield, New Jersey.

Two years ago I visited her at The Sundance School. I was happy to meet her, tour her classroom and get to know some of her colleagues and students. They shared with me how her warm and friendly personality has made The Sundance School a wonderful place to learn.

She is a favorite among the students and her enthusiasm for educating makes her a great teacher and staff member.

On this special occasion, I thank Mrs. Zhelesnik for her years of public service and wish her continued good health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF KNEELAND YOUNGBLOOD

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the myriad accomplishments of a deeply curious and supremely impressive man—Kneeland Youngblood. Many people outside of the upper crust of Dallas' business community do