

Sopczak, Adrianna Licka, Cheyenne Walker, Summar Albright (C), Kiara Miller, Breanna Stout, Camren Anderson (C), Macy Goins, Samantha Licka, Kelsey Ray; coaches and staff Steve Webb—Superintendent, Jeri Miller—Principal, Christina King—Assistant Principal, Todd Tripp—Athletic Director, Shanna Massey—Head Coach, Brooke Merrill—Assistant Coach, and Mandy Schuetz—Scorekeeper.

RECOGNIZING LOGAN LEE FOR HIS STATE TITLE AS THE 1A 220-POUND ILLINOIS STATE WRESTLING CHAMPION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Logan Lee, a sophomore at Orion High School, for being named the Class 1A 220-pound Illinois State Champion in wrestling.

Logan Lee claimed a 12–9 victory at the Illinois State Wrestling Championship, and I would like to recognize Logan for his tremendous accomplishment. Logan's dedication and passion for his sport allowed him to overcome a difficult season, and a state bracket that included the top seed in his path. As a former athlete, I understand the hard work and dedication that goes into being awarded such a title. Logan has dedicated himself to his sport, and shows us all the value of perseverance and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see him represent our community throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Logan Lee on his title, and I join the rest of our community in wishing him every success in the future.

HONORING FRANK B. MESIAH AS HE RECEIVES THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD FROM THE BUFFALO CHAPTER OF THE NAACP

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional service of civil rights and social justice pioneer Frank B. Mesiah as the former president of the Buffalo Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as he is presented with the President's Award at the NAACP Annual Medgar Evers Dinner.

Frank Mesiah is from Buffalo's West Side and a graduate of Grover Cleveland High School, in the Buffalo Public School system he would later fight to integrate. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Buffalo State College and worked as both a Buffalo police officer, Buffalo teacher, and at the New York State Department of Labor to support his wife and three daughters.

After serving our nation and earning an honorable discharge from the United States Army in the 1950's, Frank worked tirelessly to fur-

ther the civil rights movement in the city of Buffalo. Under his leadership, the local NAACP chapter saw many successes in the public sector, notably in the city's police force and the public education system.

Frank diligently played the role of watchdog in the community by exposing racism and discrimination. Through the work of the NAACP, the Buffalo Public Schools were desegregated, thanks in no small part to Frank's efforts. He also fought for reforms in the Buffalo police force to ensure black and white officers were treated equally in the workplace. The NAACP also advanced black teachers and administrators in public schools.

In addition to striving for improvements for people of color in the city of Buffalo, Frank fought for the rights of women, senior citizens, and the gay and lesbian community. Buffalo is indebted to his remarkable determination and steadfast resolve. While much work remains to be done, Frank's work and the battles fought by the NAACP under his leadership have created a better place for us all.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to highlight the tremendous service of Frank Mesiah and the Buffalo Chapter of the NAACP. Our city is so grateful for his dedication to civil rights. I wish him the absolute best in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING GREG J. FEERE UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Greg J. Feere upon his retirement from the Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council. Mr. Feere has been an extraordinary community leader at the Building Trades Council and throughout Contra Costa County.

During his tenure as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr. Feere also served as a Commissioner for the Contra Costa County Fish & Wildlife and as a Trustee of Contra Costa College. Prior to his work with the Building Trades Council, Greg was the youngest Business Manager for Asbestos Workers Local 16 to be elected in 100 years of the Local's history.

During his 30 years of service as CEO of the Council, Greg was elected uncontested for his seven terms, which reflects his accomplished tenure. Some highlights of his achievements include designing the first Community Outreach Program in Northern California to create training and job opportunities for women, minorities and economically disadvantaged workers, doubling the Council's membership in two and a half years, at a time when other unions were losing members and development and promotion of the Best Employee Safety Team (B.E.S.T.) program used at Shell refinery, which set a national safety record of 4 million hours worked without a lost time accident; for which Shell refinery received the Business Roundtable National Safety Award.

Mr. Feere's rich legacy is filled with positive impacts on working families and the less fortunate for those living in Contra Costa County and beyond. I wish Greg all of the best in his retirement.

Congratulations to Greg on a remarkable legacy of service in Contra Costa.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES JACOBS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CAREER WITH MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. James Jacobs for his work on behalf of Macomb Community College. Mr. Jacobs has been a tireless advocate for the college and higher education during his presidency and career with MCC.

After graduating from Princeton with a degree in politics, Dr. Jacobs began his career with MCC as a professor in economics, where he specialized in occupational education and suburban economic development. After several decades of teaching, Dr. Jacobs moved into MCC's administration in 1994. During his time, he also worked with the Community College Research Center at Columbia University, where he directed efforts on addressing issues facing community colleges throughout the country. In 2008, Dr. Jacobs was named President of MCC and served in this position until this year. During his tenure, Dr. Jacobs spearheaded a number of initiatives to grow and modernize the college, including expanding its training and vocational education programs to provide students in the community with in demand skillsets. These efforts have helped solidify MCC as a leader in workforce development and training.

Dr. Jacobs' decades of service with MCC has helped create a nationally renowned institution that effectively serves the needs of the Southeast Michigan community. Throughout his time as President, Dr. Jacobs has grown and expanded the college's workforce development and entrepreneurship offering, including the Innovation Fund Macomb Community College, which provides assistance to early-stage companies and entrepreneurs. His long-term planning has led to national recognition for MCC, including visits by President Obama and other state leaders. This legacy of excellence has helped drive economic development and provide a quality education to countless students, and Dr. Jacobs' leadership will be missed as he moves on from his current position.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. James Jacobs for his distinguished career with Macomb Community College. Dr. Jacobs' work with MCC has been critical to the development of southeast Michigan and the education of its workforce.

MONICA VALIENTE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Monica Valiente for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Monica Valiente is a student at Warren Tech North and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Monica Valiente is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Monica Valiente for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF THE
FALLEN SOLDIER ARMY SER-
GEANT (SGT) CHRISTOPHER
ROGER BELL

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of fallen soldier Army Sergeant (SGT) Christopher Roger Bell who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation on June 4, 2011, during Operation Enduring Freedom. SGT Bell was killed when an improvised explosive device hit his convoy in Laghman Province, Afghanistan. Also killed were Sergeant (SGT) Joshua David Powell, Sergeant (SGT) Devin Arielle Snyder, and Specialist (SPC) Robert Lee Voakes, Jr.

SGT Bell was assigned to the 164th Military Police Company, 793rd Military Police Battalion, 3rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade of Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

SGT Bell, a Golden, Mississippi native, was 21 years old at the time of death. He joined the Army in July 2008 after graduating from Tremont High School in Tremont, Mississippi, and served at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, before being stationed in Alaska in January 2009.

"If he saw that someone needed help, he did not hesitate to step in and lend a hand," said Robert Worthington. "He always put others before himself. SGT Bell strived for perfection in every aspect of life, and knowing that perfection was out of reach, he still never stopped trying."

He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal, NATO Medal, and Combat Action Badge. He was also awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat and Special Skill Badge, Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge, and Overseas Service Bar.

On June 17, 2011, SGT Bell was buried with full military honors at the Living Faith Tabernacle Cemetery in Columbus, Mississippi.

SGT Bell is survived by his wife, Samantha Lucas Bell; daughter, Lana Nicole Bell; his parents, Timothy and Barbara Bell; and brothers, Zachary and Timothy Bell. He is also survived by his maternal grandparents, James and Mary Wooten; his paternal grandmother,

Judith Pitcher; his mother and father-in-law, Vera and Roger Lucas; and his brother-in-law, Roger Lucas.

SGT Bell's service and sacrifice will always be remembered.

HONORING NATIONAL CANCER
SURVIVORS DAY AND THE
SALISBURY VISITING NURSE AS-
SOCIATION

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Cancer Survivors Day and to honor the cancer survivors and medical professionals gathered in Salisbury, Connecticut who are champions in the fight against cancer.

Cancer has touched all of our lives in some way, and there are more than 15 million survivors in our country. Whether we have seen family, friends, or neighbors fight the disease, they have shown us tremendous courage and fortitude. Their perseverance and commitment to a living fully after diagnosis is an inspiration to us all. Today's celebration in Salisbury makes a powerful statement about our community's commitment to those in need of support and our goal to improve the lives of those who have been diagnosed.

In Connecticut, we are lucky to have leaders in medical treatment and patient care. The Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association has been serving the people of northwestern Connecticut for over a century. These professionals both provide high quality care to patients and address their personal needs, often ensuring they can remain in the safety and comfort of their own home. It is dedicated health care professionals like these who support cancer patients and their families through treatment and to lead a fulfilling life. Each day, the nurses, social workers, and health care professionals of our community make a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, National Cancer Survivors Day is a global event that reminds us of the courage shown by cancer patients and of the everyday compassion that helps those who have been diagnosed. It is fitting and proper that we honor the survivors and care providers gathered in Salisbury, Connecticut today and celebrate their lives and work.

HONORING STEVE HARDY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mayor Steve Hardy, a beloved member of the Vacaville community, who passed away this May.

Mr. Hardy was born in San Francisco, and served six years in the Navy from 1960 to 1966 as a radar operator on a destroyer. He then returned home and worked as a San Francisco police officer for five years before leaving that position to become a public policy specialist in Sacramento.

He served as the Staff Director for the California State Senate Committee on Governmental Organization for 19 years. From 1980 to 1985, Mr. Hardy was an advocate for the California State Employees Association, the union of California's state workers.

Mr. Hardy served as Chairman of the Solano County Drug Abuse Advisory Council in 1978 and 1979, and as a member of the Vacaville Human Services Commission from 1977 through 1979.

He also served as a Vacaville Unified School Board Member from 1987 through 1991 where, among other positions, he served as its President. Mr. Hardy was elected to the Vacaville City Council in 2002, where he served two terms. In 2007 he was appointed director of the state Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control by then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, which led to his stepping down as a city council member. He was elected Mayor of Vacaville in 2010 and served one term.

Mayor Hardy was an excellent representative for the Vacaville community. He helped lead the city through the Great Recession, improve local surface transportation, and was always able to take a principled approach to the most critical challenges and decisions the Council faced.

Steve Hardy's loss leaves a major void in the community. Mr. Hardy's wife of 46 years, Jerri Hardy, passed away in March 2012. He is survived by a son, Stephen; and a daughter, Shannon. The Vacaville community mourns Steve's passing and remembers his selfless commitment to the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF SAINT
PARIZE-LE-CHÂTEL, FRANCE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the people of Saint Parize-le-Châtel, France as they commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the arrival of American troops during World War I.

During the Great War, Saint Parize-le-Châtel was the location of the Mars-sur-Allier Army Hospital which housed more than 40,000 wounded soldiers while it was in operation. Thus a deep and abiding relationship was established and continues to embody the close bond that the United States and France have maintained since the American Revolution.

This year, on the 100th Anniversary of the arrival of American troops to their town, the people of Saint Parize-le-Châtel are coming together to inaugurate a memorial that is dedicated to American servicemen and women who cared for their wounded comrades in arms at Mars-sur-Allier. The commitment of the Saint Parize-le-Châtel community to preserving and celebrating this history is a testament to the deeply held values of liberty, equality, and fraternity by both French and Americans alike. It is at times like this when we should all take a moment to remember and thank those who have risen, time and again, to defend these shared values throughout history.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Saint Parize-le-Châtel on this joyous occasion. I ask