

HONORING THE CENTRAL HEIGHTS BLUE DEVILS, 2017 CLASS 3-A TEXAS STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is truly a great honor to recognize the Central Heights Blue Devils baseball team, which completed a stellar season culminating with the capture of the 2017 Class 3-A State Baseball Championship title.

This exceptionally talented team from just north of Nacogdoches rolled to victory with a 10-0 shutout against an aggressive challenge from the Wall High School Hawks of San Angelo, Texas.

With the support of coaches, teachers, administrators and their entire community, these young men bear witness that anything is achievable through hard work and determination. These are guiding principles that lead to success not only on the field, but will undoubtedly resonate through every endeavor these valiant championship players undertake in their lifetimes.

Among the individual team members to be congratulated are: Matthew Taylor, Cade McCarty, Clayton Ray, Sam Nortch, Wyatt Allen, Ryan McClellan, Cade Watson, Will Haley, Braden Thomas, Dillon Burris, Cole Reneau, Tyler Burris, Michael Badders, Devin Yates, Grayson Rodriguez, J'Kolvin Wallace, Rowan Arrant, and Jacob Miller.

Their sportsmanship, humility, determination, hard work, and skill are to be commended, admired, and emulated.

The talented Blue Devils team was led to victory by an outstanding coaching and administrative staff, including: Travis Jackson, Head Coach; Brett Thornell, Collin Wallace, & Nathan Williams, Assistant Coaches; Temple Rodriguez, Statistician; Kevin Herron, Athletic Director; David Russell, Principal; and Bryan Lee, Superintendent.

Accolades must also be given to the players' families and the entire community of supporters who reside in Nacogdoches County, who embraced the fighting spirit which was evident in every team member throughout the season. Without these devoted fans' support and encouragement, the Blue Devils' road to the championship would have undoubtedly been much more arduous.

It is with great pride that I join the constituents of the First District of Texas in congratulating the players and athletic staff of the 2017 Class 3-A Champion Central Heights Baseball Team.

Their legacy will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

LUKAS KNIGHT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lukas Knight

for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Lukas Knight is a student at Warren Tech North and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lukas Knight 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 Lukas Knight for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

CELEBRATING THE FIRST ATHLETIC STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEYERSDALE AREA HIGH SCHOOL—A HISTORIC WIN FOR THE RED RAIDER BASEBALL TEAM

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the achievements of the Meyersdale Area High School Varsity Baseball team of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. The Red Raiders baseball team brought home the long awaited PIAA Class A State Championship on Thursday, June 15. This is a monumental moment for the school; it is the first state championship the school has won in any sport since its opening in the late 1940's. In fact, this was the first PIAA crown earned by any team in the Somerset County school district. The Red Raiders defeated the Clarion Bobcats 2-0, finishing their season with a record of 21-6.

Baseball is a team sport, Mr. Speaker, and this championship is a team championship. The Red Raiders were led to victory against the Bobcats by their five seniors and captains, Riley Christner, Zach Hotchkiss, Max Caton, Cody Welker, and David Swank, and head coach Wayne Miller. This headlining win gave Wayne Miller an overall record of 183-44 during his ten years of coaching the Red Raiders.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the players, coaches, and families of the Meyersdale Area High School Varsity Baseball team on their state championship. The passion, commitment, and teamwork shown by these young men will surely follow them in their future endeavors as well as inspire the Meyersdale community for years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 26, 2017, Tuesday, June 27, 2017, Wednes-

day, June 28, 2017, Thursday, June 29, 2017, and Friday, June 30, 2017, I was unable to vote on any legislative measures due to having surgery on my foot. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

Roll No. 323, On passage of H.R. 2547—Veterans Expanded Trucking Opportunities Act, I would have voted yes;

Roll No. 324, On passage of H.R. 2258—ADVANCE Act, I would have voted yes;

Roll No. 325, On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 1215—the Protecting Access to Care Act of 2017, I would have voted yes;

Roll No. 326, On adoption of the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1215—the Protecting Access to Care Act of 2017, I would have voted yes;

Roll No. 327, On approval of the journal, I would have voted yes;

Roll No. 328, On passage of H. Res. 397—Solemnly reaffirming the commitment of the United States to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's principle of collective defense as enumerated in Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty, I would have voted yes;

Roll No. 329, On passage of H.R. 497—Santa Ana River Wash Plan Land Exchange Act, I would have voted yes;

Roll No. 330, On passage of H.R. 220—to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, I would have voted yes;

Roll No. 331, On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 3003—the No Sanctuary for Criminals Act, I would have voted yes;

Roll No. 332, On adoption of the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3003—the No Sanctuary for Criminals Act, I would have voted yes;

Roll No. 333, On approval of the journal, I would have voted yes;

Roll No. 334, On agreeing to the amendment of Mr. Hudson of North Carolina No. 4 to H.R. 1215—the Protecting Access to Care Act of 2017, I would have voted yes;

Roll No. 335, On agreeing to the amendment of Mr. Barr of Kentucky No. 5 to H.R. 1215—the Protecting Access to Care Act of 2017, I would have voted no;

Roll No. 336, On motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 1215—the Protecting Access to Care Act of 2017, I would have voted no;

Roll No. 337, On passage of H.R. 1215—the Protecting Access to Care Act of 2017, I would have voted yes;

Roll No. 338, On passage of H.R. 1500—the Robert Emmet Park Act, I would have voted yes;

Roll No. 339, On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 3004—Kate's Law, I would have voted yes;

Roll No. 340, On adoption of the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3004—Kate's Law, I would have voted yes;

Roll No. 341, On motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 3003—the No Sanctuary for Criminals Act, I would have voted no;

Roll No. 342, On passage of H.R. 3003—the No Sanctuary for Criminals Act, I would have voted yes;

Roll No. 343, On motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 3004—Kate's Law, I would have voted no; and

Roll No. 344, On passage of H.R. 3004—Kate's Law, I would have voted yes.

KELLAN LANGFIELD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

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

Kellan Langfield is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kellan Langfield 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 Kellan Langfield for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL REPORT LANGUAGE—ICE JAMS

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my report language that was included in the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill to prevent and mitigate flood damage associated with ice jams. I'd like to thank Chairman FRELINGHUYSEN and Ranking Member LOWEY, as well as Chairman SIMPSON, Ranking Member KAPTUR, and the entire subcommittee for their work on this bill.

I offer a special thank you to the Energy and Water subcommittee staff for working with me to include this necessary language to encourage the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to pursue projects to prevent and mitigate flood damage associated with ice jams in regions comprised of cities whose historic flooding has been caused predominantly by winter snowmelt and ice floes.

Every year, flooding that results from the piling up of frozen ice in rivers across the United States costs our economy millions of dollars. When free-floating ice catches on obstructions, such as bridge pilings, rocks, or logs, flooding can result upstream from the blockage and, again, downstream when the ice finally releases.

During my time in the New York State Assembly, I can remember hearing horrible stories from my colleagues in upstate New York and wondering what more could be done to prepare for these events.

In my home state of New York, the Mohawk River Basin is particularly susceptible to flooding associated with ice jams. I am pleased that the bill encourages the Army Corps to pursue projects and technologies to mitigate the damage caused by flooding associated

with ice jams in areas, like the Mohawk River Basin, that truly need this support.

I appreciate the time today to highlight this problem, and I thank my colleagues for their support on this issue.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUNG, OAKES, BROWN, & COMPANY, P.C.

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Young, Oakes, Brown, & Company, P.C.

Young, Oakes, Brown, & Company, P.C. is the oldest professional firm in Blair County and one of the largest independently owned accounting and consulting firms based in Central Pennsylvania. Founded in Altoona, Pennsylvania in 1917, the firm has grown to employ 30 individuals that maintain the company's reputation of Excellency in the accounting, tax preparation, and auditing profession. Throughout their 100 years, Young, Oakes, Brown, & Company, P.C. has continuously been an active community partner supporting charities, service and fraternal clubs and contributing to the 9th District of Pennsylvania.

Young, Oakes, Brown, & Company, P.C.'s current stakeholders are an outstanding example of integrity and professionalism in the workforce, and I know their founder, Robert E. Young, would be proud of the legacy they have continued.

I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Young, Oakes, Brown, & Company, P.C. on this historic milestone, and wishing this business nothing but continued success.

MALACHI LAWSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

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

Malachi Lawson is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Malachi Lawson 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 Malachi Lawson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI MARINE CORPORAL (CPL.) CLIFTON BLAKE MOUNCE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Marine Corporal (Cpl.) Clifton Blake Mounce, who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation on July 14, 2005, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Cpl. Mounce was killed when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device while he was conducting combat operations near Trebil, Iraq. Cpl. Christopher D. Winchester was also killed.

Cpl. Mounce was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

Cpl. Mounce, a Pontotoc native, graduated from North Pontotoc High School in 2000. His mother, Pat Mounce, says Blake loved playing football and baseball. In 2001 Blake enlisted in the United States Marine Corps following the terror attacks on 9/11. Pat says he joined because he wanted to protect his three younger brothers; Shea, Winston, and Nate.

"I'm real proud," Pat said. "He said he had to go over there and fight or the enemy will be on our soil. I supported him 100 percent."

Additionally, Pat says her son was close to the end of his four years in the Marine Corps when he was deployed.

An estimated 300 people came to the funeral which was held at West Heights Baptist Church in Pontotoc. Cpl. Mounce's father, Johnny Mounce, read letters to the crowd that he received from his son shortly before his death. In the second letter read, Cpl. Mounce addressed each family member with a special message.

Following the service, hundreds of cars were in the funeral procession. Residents lined the streets of Ecru waving American flags as some 200 cars drove by.

The American flag was presented to Cpl. Mounce's wife, Tiffany, during the graveside service at Ecru Cemetery. Cpl. Mounce's family was given the Purple Heart medal.

Cpl. Mounce is survived by his parents Johnny and Pat Mounce; wife Tiffany; brothers Shea, Winston, and Nate; and grandparents Flake and Dorothy Mounce.

In 2013, the Blake Mounce Memorial Run for the Park 5K was started in Ecru in memory of this brave soldier who gave all to protect the freedoms we all enjoy. We will always remember Cpl. Mounce's sacrifice to protect our nation.

RECOGNIZING TRINIDAD BENHAM CORPORATION ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Trinidad Benham Corporation on their 100th Anniversary. This is truly a remarkable milestone which has been reached through