

RECOGNIZING COL BOBBY
TOWERY, JR.

HON. TRENT KELLY
OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and military service of Colonel Bobby Towery, Jr., who passed away on October 26 at the age of 59.

Colonel Towery answered the call to serve our great nation with the United States Army in 1983 from the University of Mississippi Army ROTC. He retired as a Colonel after 30 years of active duty service. Colonel Towery married his wife, Lisa, in 1984, and together they lived in 19 different homes before settling in Oxford, Mississippi, after his retirement.

Colonel Towery set an example of faith for his family to follow. He was an active member of St. Peters Episcopal Church in Oxford, Mississippi, serving as an acolyte, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, and head of ushers. Colonel Towery was also an active volunteer in his community, from sports coaching to booster clubs. He also had a passion for fitness and enjoyed spending time outdoors with his family and friends.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Lisa Carver Towery of Southaven, Mississippi; his two sons, Captain Patrick Towery of Fort Carson, Colorado and Nathan Towery; as well as many friends and extended family members.

Colonel Bobby Towery's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAILY GLOBE IN IRONWOOD, MICHIGAN

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Daily Globe in Ironwood, Michigan, upon the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Through a century of community investment and growth, the Daily Globe has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula.

Seeing the need for a daily newspaper in the Western Upper Peninsula, Frank E. Noyes founded the Globe Publishing Company in the fall of 1919. The Daily Globe's first edition was published on November 20th, 1919. Its headline covered the tension between President Woodrow Wilson and the Senate regarding the proposed League of Nations following World War I. In 1936, construction began on its current location, under the leadership of Frank's son, Linwood. Over its century of operations, the Daily Globe would grow to be the local institution it is today.

In addition to their daily publications, the Daily Globe publishes two annual visitors guides, sports previews, home improvement guides, and other specialty pieces. They have also found success in the 21st century, with a large online presence and daily updates to its website and social media. They provide a critical service to the people of Gogebic and

Ontonagon Counties, and the impact of their work cannot be overstated. Day after day, the Daily Globe shows what can be achieved when a group of people work together for the betterment of their community. An open house will be held in honor of their centennial on November 20th.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate the Daily Globe in Ironwood for its 100 years of success, community growth, and service to the people of the Upper Peninsula. On behalf of my constituents, I wish it all the best as it ventures into the future.

CONGRATULATING FATIMA HIGH SCHOOL'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2019 CLASS II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Fatima Comets cross country team for winning both the boys and girls 2019 Missouri Class II State title.

This is the Fatima High School girls' sixth state championship and the boys' second state championship in the history of their cross country program. This team and Coach Marc Bridges should be commended for their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state title to their school and community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the Fatima Comets cross country team for a job well done.

CONGRATULATING IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an outstanding school in my district that is being honored for the second time as a National Blue Ribbon School. It is a pleasure to congratulate Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Indianapolis, Indiana, in celebration of this special occasion.

The National Blue Ribbon designation, given by the United States Department of Education, is awarded to both public and private schools across our great nation. Started by President Reagan and given annually since 1982, the award celebrates great American schools that achieve very high learning standards or are making significant improvements in the academic achievements of their students. In my district and across the country, the award recognizes the great educators, students, and parents who have worked so hard to ensure our children reach their full potential and achieve academic success.

For all of these reasons and many more, I am very proud that Immaculate Heart of Mary School is receiving this prestigious designation. It is a wonderful acknowledgement of the school's commitment to providing young Hoosiers an exceptional education. While hun-

dreds of schools nationwide were nominated, only 362 schools were designated as 2019 National Blue Ribbon Schools. Of the 362 schools, Immaculate Heart was one of 12 Indiana schools to receive recognition, making this recognition all the more impressive. Furthermore, this is the second time the Warriors of Immaculate Heart have been named a prestigious Blue Ribbon school, achieving this designation also in 2005. Under the guidance of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the leadership of Principal Ronda Swartz, Immaculate Heart has become a beacon of educational excellence.

Immaculate Heart of Mary School is committed to providing a nurturing environment for the intellectual, physical, and social development of each child. As a Catholic institution it has been the mission of the Immaculate Heart of Mary School to provide an exceptional academic experience grounded in making God known, loved and served. This commitment to the well-being and development of the student body is led by a dynamic staff of teachers, working to shape the future through the lives they are positively influencing in their classrooms daily. The dedicated staff at Immaculate Heart engages students in meaningful educational tasks that promote thinking and reasoning and it is because of their hard work that Immaculate Heart of Mary School has been deservedly honored with this Blue Ribbon Award.

As an advocate for education and youth, I want to acknowledge how important it is to our nation's future to encourage and raise a new generation of Americans who have the skills and knowledge to succeed both in and out of the classroom. Students like those at Immaculate Heart give me hope that we will accomplish this vital mission. Their outstanding work is an inspiration to students, educators, and parents across the nation. Once again, congratulations to Immaculate Heart of Mary School. I am very proud of them.

CONGRATULATING ALYSHA BUTLER

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Alysha Butler, a social studies teacher at McKinley Technology High School in the District of Columbia, for being named the 2019 National History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. She was honored on October 2, 2019, at the Yale Club in New York City.

Butler is the first teacher in D.C. to be recognized with this award. As a social studies teacher, she brings history to life for her students and challenges herself to bring them the untold stories of the past. As the granddaughter of a World War II veteran and Bahamian immigrant, she recognized the absence of stories like her family's in public education. She works to bring these voices and stories into the classroom each day.

Butler is known to teach history through art and storytelling, and frequently uses the District itself as an educational resource. By taking her students on trips around D.C., which

provides many historic sites, she has earned the title, “Queen of Field Trips.”

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History was founded in 1994 to promote history teaching by providing resources and support to those in education and recognize the efforts of leaders in the field. Each year, the Institution selects one exemplary American history teacher who encourages a passion for history in their students as the National History Teacher of the Year, and awards them \$10,000. We are proud that Butler represents D.C. with this year’s award.

Butler has also received the 2019 Daughters of the American Revolution Outstanding Teacher of United States History Award; a 2019 GrantEd award; and was selected as the 2010 Miramar High School Teacher of the Year.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Alysha Butler for being named the 2019 National History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and for her dedication and commitment to D.C. students.

IN RECOGNITION OF JERRY VEHAUN

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. MEADOWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jerry VeHaun, who will retire after forty-seven years of dedicated service with Buncombe County Emergency Services.

Mr. VeHaun’s dedication to serving those in crisis has been evident throughout his life. He served as the Director of Emergency Services where he saw the Buncombe County Emergency Medical Services grow from only employing first aid trained personnel to an advanced life support service employing paramedics and advanced EMTs.

Throughout his career he has led various emergency management and response organizations. He served as President of the North Carolina Emergency Management Association and was awarded the General Edward Foster Griffin Award twice. He also served as President and Certification Commission Chairman of the International Association of Emergency Managers, where he was a recipient of the Clayton R. Christopher Award. He served as President of the Western North Carolina Safety Council. He served as Chairman for the North Carolina Domestic Preparedness Region 9 and was a member of the North Carolina State Emergency Response Commission. Mr. VeHaun also served on the Boards of the Asheville/Mountain Area Chapter of the American Red Cross; Metropolitan Sewerage District; Aston Park Healthcare Center; MANNA Food Bank; and the Buncombe County Rescue Squad, where he served as Chairman.

Mr. VeHaun’s heart of service is displayed by his dedication to the people of North Carolina, and also to the nation in times of tragedy. As a member of a federal Disaster Mortuary Operations Team, he was deployed to New York following the September 11th attacks and to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina.

It is my great pleasure to celebrate Mr. Jerry VeHaun before the United States House of

Representatives and thank him for his diligent service to his community, the great State of North Carolina, and this country.

CONGRATULATING JAY HILDEBRANDT

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jay Hildebrandt on an incredible broadcasting career. Award-winning anchor and reporter Jay Hildebrandt, has been a staple in the community for decades. Jay began his career in Twin Falls, Idaho at KMVT-TV where he anchored for two years. After moving away for a few years, Jay found his home in Idaho Falls where he has co-anchored with Karole Honas for nearly 30 years.

Besides his day to day anchoring and reporting, Jay has been involved in a number of special projects for the newscasts over the years. For 28 years Jay produced weekly Wednesday’s Child reports. Each week, a child living in a temporary foster home, who needed an adoptive family was featured. Many viewers were touched by the children’s stories, and hundreds of them were adopted due to Wednesday’s Child.

Hundreds of outstanding high school seniors were also featured by Jay in his weekly Distinguished Student series of reports.

Along with his Local News 8 job, Jay keeps busy a couple mornings a week as an adjunct instructor at Brigham Young University Idaho teaching public speaking and broadcast performance classes, which he finds extremely rewarding.

During his years in Idaho Falls, Jay has been involved in a number of local community activities. He has served on the Governor’s Children’s Trust Fund Board, the Region VII Health and Welfare Advisory Board, and the Safe Place Advisory Board.

Madam Speaker, Jay Hildebrandt will be missed throughout Eastern Idaho, but his career has provided an incredible template as to how the news ought to be reported.

CONGRATULATING FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2019 CLASS III STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Festus Tigers boys cross country team for winning the 2019 Missouri Class III State title.

This is Festus High School’s fifth consecutive state title. This team and Coach Bryant Wright should be commended for their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the Festus Tigers boys cross country team for a job well done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. MOULTON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained from the floor on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 and missed three votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 587, YEA on Roll Call No. 588, and YEA on Roll Call No. 589.

HONORING CHARLES MOIR

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Charles Moir, who died on November 15, 2019 at the age of 88. Mr. Moir was a highly successful basketball coach and mentor at both Virginia Tech and Roanoke College.

Charles Moir started his career in basketball by playing in college for three years before becoming a high school coach. In his eleven years coaching high school basketball, he finished with a career record of 224 wins and 43 losses. His time coaching high school basketball prepared him to become the assistant coach for Virginia Tech in 1963. Four years later, Mr. Moir assumed the head coach position at Roanoke College.

During Mr. Moir’s time at Roanoke College, his strong leadership led the team to five conference championships, four NCAA tournament appearances, and even a national championship in 1972 during his six-year tenure. In his time at Roanoke College, he amassed an impressive record of 133 wins and 44 losses.

After Mr. Moir’s time at Roanoke College, he became the head coach for Virginia Tech in 1967. His time at Virginia Tech was ripe with success, evident through his record-breaking career of 213 wins throughout his 11-year tenure. Additionally, Mr. Moir led the Hokies to four NCAA Tournament appearances and four National Invitational Tournaments.

Charles Moir was inducted into the Roanoke College Hall of Fame, the Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame, and the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

Mr. Moir was known as a coach who invested in his players on and off the court. Dell Curry, a former Virginia Tech and NBA star told the Roanoke Times, “He helped me grow into a man . . . A great father figure, a great coach.”

Charles Moir was the type of basketball coach that brings out the best in student athletes, and his passion for his players and the game will always be remembered.

He resided in my hometown of Salem during his time at Roanoke College and moved back after leaving Virginia Tech. He was held in high regard by the Salem community. His son Page, who played for his father at Virginia Tech and followed him into coaching, remembered, “He was a good dad, just like he was as a coach.” I offer my condolences to the Moir family on their loss.