

On Tuesday, December 11, 2018, the Bearcats won the state championship game against the Warner Robins Demons (47–41) in triple overtime. This historic victory marked the second state football title in Bearcat history and the first since 1982. The team has played both their lowest-scoring and highest-scoring games of the season against the Demons, scoring zero points in October of 2018 and 47 points at the state championship game in December.

Their victory in this year's AAAA state championship embodied decades of frustration, hard work, and determination bursting forth into an unbelievable season of athletic excellence and teamwork. The Bainbridge Bearcats is the first team in Georgia since 1992 to go from a .500 winning percentage or below to state champions. The team traveled over 1,853 miles and went on to defeat five consecutive top ten opponents for the first time in school history, won four consecutive state playoff road wins for the first time in the school's history, and finished with a 10+ win season for only the 6th time in school history.

The Bainbridge Bearcats finished their season with a seven-game winning streak, five of which were on the road. The team also set school records for interceptions returned for touchdowns, sacks, and blocked kicks and punts. Additionally, the team's seniors completed their high school career with an astonishing 36–16 record, the best for any senior class in school history.

I cannot put into words the amount of pride that the citizens of Bainbridge, and indeed in the entire Second Congressional District, has in being able to call this outstanding team of athletes its own. They have accomplished an incredible feat, one that could not have been possible without the tireless leadership and encouragement from their head coach, Jeff Littleton and his staff, as well as their families, classmates, and members of the community who believed in their ability to bring home a state championship title.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 constituents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in recognizing these hardworking young men who have persevered, made sacrifices, and developed the character that will help them to succeed in other aspects of life, and in congratulating them on their historic achievement.

EMILIE WEHR

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2019

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

Emilie Wehr is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Emilie Wehr 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 Emilie Wehr 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.

COMMEMORATING THE 1988
SUMGAI POGROMS AGAINST
THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2019

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I stand in solidarity with the Armenian American community in commemorating the February 1988 Sumgait Pogroms. Thirty-one years ago in the Azerbaijani town of Sumgait, peaceful Armenian residents were brutally targeted on the basis of their ethnicity and subjected to unspeakable crimes. In March 1988, The Economist reported the atrocities and documented the murder and mutilation of pregnant Armenian women and newborn babies in a maternity hospital. Other mainstream media reports from the time speak of Azerbaijani mobs hunting down Armenian families and committing murder, rape and property theft.

The Sumgait Pogroms were the beginning of an escalation of violence against the Armenian minority, with a wave of anti-Armenian violence spreading to Kirovabad in November 1988 and to Baku in January 1990, which culminated in the forcible expulsion of 390,000 Armenians from Azerbaijan and the 1991–94 war over Artsakh (the former Nagorno Karabakh).

In response to the Sumgait and Kirovabad pogroms, Nobel Prize-winning dissident, nuclear physicist and human rights activist, Andrei Sakharov, appealed to the international community to condemn the atrocities and prevent further violence by stating: "Armenian people are again facing the threat of genocide. The events in Sumgait and Kirovabad may be its beginning. This must not be allowed to happen!" (November 26, 1988, The New York Times)

The government of Azerbaijan must be held accountable by the international community for the pogroms committed against its minority Armenian population, and I will continue to work in Congress to shed light on and learn the lessons of such atrocities.

DMITRII ZHELEZOGLO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2019

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

Dmitrii Zhelezoglo is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dmitrii Zhelezoglo 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 Dmitrii Zhelezoglo 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.

IN MEMORY OF SEAMAN FIRST
CLASS EARL PAUL BAUM

HON. AL LAWSON, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2019

Mr. LAWSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great personal sadness that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Seaman First Class Earl Paul Baum, who was killed in action on December 7, 1941, when his battleship, the USS *Oklahoma*, was attacked in Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii. He was 19 years old. Seaman First Class Baum served his country admirably with courage and dedication. It was a tragedy that he was taken from us so young. Many brave and dedicated individuals who serve our country every day are faced with life threatening challenges, and when we lose one of them, their loss is felt throughout our nation.

Seaman First Class Baum joined in the U.S. Navy when he was 18 years old, leaving behind his parents, a brother and three sisters in Chicago for a naval base 4,000 miles away. He served on the USS *Oklahoma* as a printer when the ship was struck by seven torpedoes, capsized and sank within ten minutes. Four hundred and twenty-nine sailors and marines perished, from a total crew of 1353.

Madam Speaker, his legacy provides an extraordinary example for other young men and women who aspire to serve.

I hope it is a comfort to his sisters Emily Golz and May Gresh, his twelve nieces and nephews, and numerous great and great, great nieces and nephews, to know that so many in our community and around our nation respected and admired Seaman First Class Baum and thank him for his ultimate sacrifice.

IN RECOGNITION OF HOLLY GROVE
MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2019

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a group of nine outstanding sixth graders at Holly Grove Middle School—one of ten national finalists in the 2019 Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest.

This nationwide competition challenges students to use science, technology, engineering and math skills to formulate ideas for addressing local issues in their communities.

The group of sixth graders at Holly Grove developed an innovative bus stop sign that activates flashing lights to alert nearby drivers and pedestrians when a bus is 300 feet away. The advanced stop sign is powered by solar

energy and even changes colors as the bus gets closer.

With STEM technology poised to be a centerpiece of the 21st century economy and job market, it is so exciting to see young students display such talent and technological ingenuity.

Congratulations to all the students and faculty members at Holly Grove involved in the project. I wish them all the best of luck as they compete for the national grand prize.

IN MEMORY OF ANN L. O'NEAL

HON. AL LAWSON, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2019

Mr. LAWSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Ann L. O'Neal, a dear friend, a beloved daughter of Florida A&M University (FAMU), the Tallahassee community and, indeed a great Floridian.

Ann had a tremendously vibrant presence in and around the Florida A&M campus, where she was widely known as "Auntie Ann". She was a tremendous advocate for FAMU and was a tireless force for the betterment of the university, its students, and victory for all its athletic teams.

Ann truly took that line from the FAMU alma mater to heart—"on gridiron, diamond, track and field, I will fight whatever the battle be . . ." Ann was a fixture at every single football, basketball, softball, baseball game on campus for over 50 years, and her enduring loyalty to the University was infectious.

I can remember my time as a Rattler basketball player, Ann would always sit in the stands, right behind the team bench cheering us on. She would offer us encouragement when we needed it, and if you messed up or made a bad shot, she'd let you know that too. But it was all in love and Ann loved hard. And, I can say with great certainty that no one loved the Rattlers as Ann did.

In her professional life, Ann O'Neal broke barriers as the first female Space Analyst in FAMU's Division of Facilities Planning, where she worked for more than 30 years. She did her job well, and with pride. She was recognized by the Florida Board of Regents, which preceded the Florida Board of Governors, which oversees Florida's public universities, as the best Space Analyst in the state. For a time, she knew every inch of Florida A&M and its buildings and made sure that its space was allocated properly and accounted for.

Ann O'Neal was always full of enthusiasm, for all things FAMU and for life in general. In our sadness at her sudden passing, we remember that Ann loved the Lord, and Ann loved FAMU. She seized every opportunity and enjoyed every moment that she was given. I hope it is a comfort to Ann's family and friends that so many people mourn their loss and are praying for them during this sad time.