

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING GRAND VIEW CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL FOR WINNING THE CLASS 1A BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Grand View Christian Thunder boys high school basketball team for winning the Class 1A Basketball State Championship beating the Troy Mills North Linn Lynx.

An exciting game from the beginning, as Troy Mills North Linn led until right before the halftime when the Thunder pulled ahead by a slim margin.

After halftime and a solid third quarter, the Grand View Christian Thunder took the lead by double digits heading into the fourth quarter.

The game was not over yet, however, as the Thunder kept in stride and outscored the Lynx 12–8 in the final quarter and clinched the championship.

GVC ended with a 63–46 victory to claim their fourth state championship.

I want to congratulate Grand View Christian Thunder high school boys basketball team for their perseverance, athleticism, and grit to get the job done.

I also want to congratulate the coaches, staff, and parents who are all a part of this win.

Everyone in Des Moines is proud of their win.

INTRODUCTION OF THE YOUNG AMERICANS FINANCIAL LITERACY ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to re-introduce the Young Americans Financial Literacy Act. Financial literacy is critical to ensuring future financial responsibility. Studies have shown that 88 percent of Americans believe financial education should be taught in schools, and 92 percent of K–12 teachers believe financial education should be taught in school. Still, only 12 percent of teachers teach the subject. Yet, according to a 2020 survey, less than half of states require high school students to take a personal finance course, and less than 17 percent of high school students were required to take a semester-long personal finance course.

Congress has an opportunity and a responsibility to address the pressing needs of individuals faced with losing their financial stability and the challenges of economic uncertainty. This should include financial literacy education

reform and long-term solutions to prevent future personal financial disasters. Research-based financial literacy education programs are needed to reach individuals at all ages and socioeconomic levels, particularly those facing unique and challenging financial situations, such as high school graduates entering the workforce, soon-to-be and recent college graduates, young families, and to address the unique needs of military personnel and their families. High school and college students exposed to cumulative financial education show an increase in financial knowledge, which drives increasingly responsible behavior as they become young adults.

According to the Government Accountability Office, giving Americans the information they need to make effective financial decisions can be critical to their well-being and the country's economic health. The global financial crisis, when many borrowers failed to understand the risks associated with certain financial products fully and currently, the economic hardships presented by the sudden disruptions caused by the spread of COVID–19, underscore the need to improve individuals' financial literacy and empower all Americans to make informed financial decisions. This is especially true for young people as they earn their first paychecks, secure student aid, and establish financial independence. Therefore, focusing on economic education, financial literacy efforts, and best practices for young people between the ages of 8 and 24 is of utmost importance.

America should lead the world with the best-educated students who will drive our economic innovation and success, so please join me in cosponsoring the Young Americans Financial Literacy Act. This act:

Establishes a grant program in the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to develop and implement financial literacy programs for young people ages eight to twenty-four;

Incentivizes the development of partnerships between institutions of higher education, local educational agencies, non-profit organizations, and financial institutions to develop programs aimed at young Americans in different phases of their life;

Ensures the development of evidence-based instructional material that is geared towards targeted groups and addresses unique life situations, including bankruptcy, foreclosure, student loans, credit card misuse; and

Conducts ongoing assessment and accountability of the program over the short- and long-term to ensure that grant money achieves the most significant impact.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting the Young Americans Financial Literacy Act.

PETTY OFFICER WALTER G. EIFE

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Petty Officer Walter G. Eife.

Born and raised in Haddon Township, New Jersey, Petty Officer Walter G. Eife served in the United States Navy as a Radar Technician and Radio Operator. From 1955 to 1962, Petty Officer Walter G. Eife served on active duty in the United States Navy. He attended bootcamp in Bainbridge, Maryland before attending Radar/Electronics school in Norfolk, Virginia. First assigned to submarine duty on the U.S.S. *Redfin*, Petty Officer Walter G. Eife was transferred to U.S.S. *DuPont* where he helped to patrol the North Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea for anti-submarine patrols.

During the Berlin Crisis, Petty Officer Walter G. Eife was again called to serve our Nation on active duty, stationed on the U.S.S. *McNair*. There he helped to patrol the North Atlantic and Baltic Sea on U.S.S. *Wasp* CVS 19, as a member of Hunter Killer Group Bravo. Their responsibility was to track and find Soviet submarines. Following his time on the west coast at Radar/Electronics school, Petty Officer Walter G. Eife was assigned to serve on the U.S.S. *Basilone* where he continued to assist in the efforts of tracking and locating Soviet submarines until 1965, when he was honorably discharged on St. Patrick's Day in Newport, Rhode Island. Following his active duty service, Petty Officer Walter G. Eife valiantly served our Nation for another two decades in the United States Naval Air Reserves.

As a civilian, Petty Officer Walter G. Eife utilized the knowledge gained in the military in his career where he dedicated thirty-five years to the telecommunications industry. Employed by Bell Telephone for twenty years prior to twelve years with AT&T, as well as another three years with Lucent Technologies. While working in the telecommunications industry, Petty Officer Eife served his fellow colleagues as President of Federation of Telephone Workers of Philadelphia, Local 12, which is recognized today as the Communications Workers of America.

Petty Officer Walter Eife has been a resident of South Jersey for the last 48 years. He is the husband of fifty-five years to Marge Eife, father of four Haddon Township High School graduates, and grandfather of fifteen. Petty Officer Walter G. Eife is a lifelong fervent volunteer across several local little leagues and high school sports. He has been a committed coach, umpire, writer for the local Retrospect newspaper, and served as Treasurer. He is also a dedicated member of the local VFW, American Legion, Fleet Reserve Association and Knights of Columbus, and is the recipient of the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal and more for his service overseas.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Petty Officer Walter G.

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Eife of Haddon Township, New Jersey, a resident dedicated to his community, country, and those who have bravely served and defended the United States of America.

HONORING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL FOR WINNING THE CLASS 4A BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Valley High School Boys Basketball of West Des Moines for winning the Class 4A Basketball State Championship beating the Waukee Northwest Wolves.

Since 2018, the Valley Tigers had not been in the State Championship. However, when they showed up this year, they showed up to play.

Making 80 percent of three pointers and nearly 70 percent of the shots taken, the Tigers were here to win.

By outscoring and mastering the rebounding battle, they put up the points needed to maintain the lead.

In the final 8 minutes of the game, the Wolves went for a comeback, but Valley was prepared.

After a 4-year hiatus, the Tigers are Champions once again. The third state championship in the history of the school, and the second in the last seven years. Truly a monumental moment for the players, coach, staff, students, and parents.

We are so proud of all of them and know how meaningful this win truly is.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT BOSTON

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, with my colleagues Senator MIKE CRAPO and JIM RISCH, I rise today to honor the exceptional and distinguished career of Mr. Robert D. Boston. Mr. Boston has dedicated more than 38 years to federal service, that includes his 23 years of service at the U.S. Department of Energy.

Mr. Boston has led an impressive life and career, and we are most grateful for his leadership role as the Manager of the Department of Energy's Idaho Operations Office—a position he has honorably served in for many years. In this role, he has been responsible for oversight of the Idaho National Laboratory (INL), the nation's leading nuclear energy research, development, and demonstration laboratory; and for providing oversight of the environmental cleanup and waste management mission at the Idaho site.

As Deputy Manager and later Manager, he was instrumental in negotiating agreements between the Department of Energy and the State of Idaho. Many of these agreements have been critical to establishing the INL as the nation's lead nuclear research and development laboratory. Under his leadership, a path was created in the agreement for the INL

to receive spent nuclear fuel for research purposes and an approach was developed for the handling of spent fuel from important on-site reactor demonstrations. These elements will ensure ongoing missions at the Lab.

The INL is home to the world's most powerful test reactor, the Advanced Test Reactor (ATR). This test reactor serves as the flagship irradiation facility in the U.S. and can simultaneously support a variety of experiments for multiple customers like the Department of Energy, the U.S. Navy, or university and industry partners. During his tenure, Mr. Boston oversaw the important maintenance overhaul of ATR Core Internals Changeout VI. The 11-month outage, the longest and most complex outage in ATR history, was completed in March of 2022 and will enable the nation's principal test reactor to continue safe operations critical to the Department's research portfolio and security mission.

Mr. Boston played a key role in DOE history when he led the effort to restart the Transient Test Reactor in 2017. This transient reactor facility, also known as TREAT, is a unique national asset and is now providing the Nation with a testing capability that has been missing since 1994. While in operation at INL, TREAT will help shape the future of clean energy and foster new ways to bring innovative reactor technologies to the market.

Under his leadership, the INL completed many major infrastructure improvements, and significantly improved research and development capabilities with state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. In addition to these improvements, Mr. Boston has also been involved in establishing new and innovative reactor projects, including the Versatile Test Reactor, the PELE Department of Defense reactor, and the Microreactor Applications Research Validation and Evaluation project (MARVEL), among others.

Mr. Boston will also leave an enduring impression on the future generations of nuclear engineers in Idaho. He is adjunct faculty at Idaho State University (ISU) and a member of the ISU Reactor Safety Committee, ISU Engineering Advisory Board, and the ISU Health Physics Advisory Board.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Boston's leadership has had a lasting impact on the advancement of the Idaho National Laboratory, the Nation's nuclear energy program and national security missions. We sincerely thank Mr. Boston for his dedicated service to our state and country and wish him well in this next chapter of his life.

HONORING THE CAREER OF SFC (RET.) ALAN CONRAD

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of SFC Alan Conrad, JROTC Army Instructor at Concordia Lutheran High School, who is retiring at the end of the school year.

Sergeant Conrad has been the Army Instructor at Concordia Lutheran for a remarkable 29 years. In this role, he's helped fulfill the mission of the Army's JROTC program: "To Motivate Young People to be Better Citi-

zens." For nearly 30 years, his commitment to students has helped shape new generations of leaders.

Prior to his career at Concordia, Sergeant Conrad was active duty in the Army. As a Communication SGT, Conrad was assigned to Special Forces Detachment Alpha where he deployed several times to Central and Latin America between 1983 and 1986 as part of the military's efforts to monitor and arrest the flow of illegal drugs to the United States.

SFC Conrad's service also included multiple deployments to the U.S.-Mexico border to work with the U.S. Border Patrol's BORTAC unit, whose mission is to neutralize terror threats to the American homeland.

With 15 years of active service in the Army, Conrad earned numerous awards and decorations, including the Master Parachutists' Badge, Special Forces Tab, and the Special Forces 'S' Identifier. Civilian awards he earned include the Department of the Army Commander's Award for Civilian Service, Independent Colleges of Indiana "Realizing the Dream" Award and the WKJG TV Teacher Award.

I wish him the very best as he begins a new chapter of his life. I'm proud to present this official congressional document to him as a token of gratitude on behalf of all of Congress for his service to our community and country. Men like Conrad make our country great, and for him we are most grateful.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF IOWA—JORGE VILLEDA—IN OTTUMWA (WAPELLO COUNTY)

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jorge Villeda of Ottumwa for receiving the Neal Smith Entrepreneur of the Year Award from the Small Business Development Center of Iowa.

Jorge is the type of individual who believed in the American Dream and worked hard to achieve it. He is the true definition of inspiration to us as Iowans and to all of us as Americans.

His father was his encouragement all along as he had owned his own successful business in El Salvador.

Jorge took the skills of good customer service and the value of hard work from his early days working in his dad's grocery store. He started his own construction business Villeda Construction in Ottumwa.

He always loved hard work, so he started a business that combined his two favorite things—customer service and construction.

Mr. Villeda's achievements, personally and professionally, are a testament to what can be done if you never stop believing and working hard. Jorge's story also demonstrates how, in a state like Iowa, anything is possible.

I want to again congratulate Jorge for his achievement. His passion, dedication, and persistence are an encouragement to every person who has ever had a dream worth chasing.