

Bellefontaine and from across Ohio were proud to cheer on our native son at the Games, spellbound by his amazing runs.

An all-around athlete, Louie became known to millions more throughout the nation during his appearances on ABC's *Dancing with the Stars* last season.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I am honored to celebrate Louie's accomplishments, his dedication to sports, his integrity and work ethic, and his outstanding contributions to the Olympic tradition. We wish him all the best in his career, and look forward to watching him compete again in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 2010*

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, April 13, I was unable to cast my vote on three suspension bills.

Had I been present, I would like the record to reflect that I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall vote 196, "yes" on rollcall vote 197, and "yes" on rollcall vote 198.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. SUSAN ERRETT CORD PEREIRA 70TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 2010*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to Ms. Susan Errett Cord Pereira who will be turning 70 years old on May 21st. Ms. Pereira is both praised for her entrepreneurial spirit as well as for her generosity. She is a great contribution to the community.

Ms. Pereira and her husband of 48 years, William L. Pereira, Jr., have a natural eye for business. Together they have started several businesses which include Air California, Diamond Sports, Inc., and a very well-known and respected Arabian horse farm.

Besides running successful companies with her husband, Ms. Pereira uses her business smarts to play a large role in many charities including Junior League, Dunn School Board of Trustees, Reno Chamber Music Board of Trustees, and is a co-sponsor of the Pereira Visiting Writers program at University of California Irvine.

She has five children, a passion for Arabian horses, and is a Life Master in bridge.

Best wishes and Happy Birthday to Ms. Susan Errett Cord Pereira.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE TEAM

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 2010*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the University of Alabama Students In Free Enterprise Team (UA-SIFE) for winning their fourth consecutive Regional Championship.

The UA-SIFE team was the League 9 Champion and will be traveling to Minneapolis, MN on May 10-13 to compete in National Finals.

Founded in 2005, the UA-SIFE team has grown from 5 members to 64 active members.

Since its inception UA-SIFE has won Rookie of the Year, First Runner Up, Second Runner Up at National's and four consecutive Regional Championships.

The University of Alabama has always upheld the highest standards of excellence in all its endeavors, and this team of outstanding student leaders is no exception.

During these tough economic times, I am encouraged that students would give their time and talent to teach others the principles of free enterprise.

I commend the leadership of Clinical Professor and Sam Walton Fellow David Ford on his successful career not only with the University of Alabama but also as a soldier and a business leader, and I look forward to the continuation of a tradition of solid and consistent performance in both academics and free enterprise.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate each member of this dedicated SIFE team, the alumni and the University of Alabama for their commitment to achieving their fourth consecutive championship.

Good luck at the Nationals.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAIME A. ESCALANTE

**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 2010*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, it is with great reverence that I rise to honor the life of Jaime A. Escalante, a husband, father, immigrant, and teacher who dedicated his life to educating and mentoring youth. Mr. Escalante was most notable for his dynamic role as a teacher at Garfield High School in East Los Angeles, California where he pressed disadvantaged students to reach new levels of understanding in mathematics and to pass the challenging AP calculus exam. He was instrumental in transforming one of the lowest-performing high schools in the country into a national model for improving academic achievement of disadvantaged children in all subjects.

Mr. Escalante was born on December 31, 1930, in La Paz, Bolivia. Early in his teaching career, he taught at top-rated Bolivian schools before he moved to California in 1963 to pursue a more promising future for his family. Because his Bolivian credentials were not ac-

ceptable to teach in any U.S. school, he mopped floors at a coffee shop while he enrolled in English classes and repeated his undergraduate education and teacher training. At the age of 44, Mr. Escalante left his job at an electronics company, taking a pay cut, to join the math department at Garfield High School in East Los Angeles.

When Mr. Escalante arrived at Garfield in 1974, 85 percent of the students were low-income and the school was riddled with gang violence and on the verge of losing its accreditation. Mr. Escalante taught lower level math classes and soon earned a reputation for turning around students who initially lacked motivation. Escalante began teaching more difficult math classes which led to his establishment of an Advanced Placement (AP) calculus class for students who were willing to work hard, rejecting the usual markers of academic excellence, such as previous GPA scores.

In 1978, Jaime Escalante enrolled 14 students in his first AP class. Only five students survived his rigorous homework and attendance standards, and two passed the AP exam. Two years later, seven of nine students passed the exam, and three years later, 14 of 15 students passed. In 1982, Mr. Escalante helped 18 students prepare for the AP test by working on lessons after school each day and holding Saturday and summer classes. All 18 students passed, with seven students earning a score of 5, the highest score possible on the test. However, 14 of the 18 students were accused of cheating by the Education Testing Service, and 12 students agreed to retake the test. All 12 passed again under highly monitored conditions.

In 1987, Garfield students took 129 AP calculus exams, more than all but four high schools, public or private, in the country. That year more than a quarter of all Mexican American students in the United States who passed the calculus AP exam attended Garfield. Jaime Escalante's commitment to his students and high standards allowed him to make waves in the teaching world, drawing attention on the national scale from educators across America.

Jaime Escalante's achievements were highlighted in the 1988 movie "Stand and Deliver" and the book "Escalante: The Best Teacher in America" by Jay Mathews. Mr. Escalante was instrumental in changing the notion that social class and race were the best indicators of who could learn complex concepts and who could not. He proved that Hispanic, working class students from a failing school in East Los Angeles could achieve top educational goals if they were given enough time and attention from a dedicated educator.

Jaime A. Escalante was honored with several teaching awards, including the Presidential Medal of Excellence in Education, the Andres Bello Prize from the Organization of American States, and the Free Spirit Award from the Freedom Forum, as well as being inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame in 1999.

I wish to express my sincere sympathy to the family members that Mr. Escalante leaves behind. He is survived by his wife, Fabiola, his two children, Jaime Jr. and Fernando, and his six grandchildren. I ask that all of my colleagues join me to honor Jaime Escalante's commitment to our nation's students and his achievements that have changed education in America and will continue to inspire educators and students for years to come.