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NORTH HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
2012—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to North Hollywood High School on the occasion of advancing to the U.S. Department of Energy's National Science Bowl competition.

Under the leadership of Coach Altair Maine, North Hollywood High School students Rain Tsong, Daniel Bork, Vivek Banerjee, Kennedy Agwamba, and Chiyoun Kim have proven their knowledge and skill by winning the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's 20th Annual Science Bowl Regional Competition. As regional champions, North Hollywood High School is advancing to a field of 69 regional high school championship teams from 40 States. This annual competition provides these commendable young scholars the opportunity to compete in an academically challenging environment that focuses on the principles of mathematics and science.

Now the Nation's largest high school science-based academic tournament, the National Science Bowl underscores the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education. This provides a pathway to encourage America's bright young scholars to enter the fields of mathematics and science. As we progress further into this decade, it is becoming increasingly clear that our economy's future will be technology-based. STEM education produces critical thinkers and facilitates the next generation of innovators. This represents the very fabric of American ingenuity. Through STEM education, America will remain a pioneer in science and technology, ensuring our global competitiveness for years to come.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in saluting North Hollywood High School and all of the regional champion teams at the National Science Bowl for contributing to a truly excellent educational event that will spark further interest in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics for young Americans.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN FORTIN

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of John "Jack" Fortin, who passed away on April 20, 2012. Jack and I coached football together at St. Thomas More High School in West Philadelphia in the 1970s.

From his start as a truck driver for 7Up, Mr. Fortin became one of our nation's greatest en-

trepreneurs. He bought a small chemical manufacturing company in North Philadelphia that had about \$150,000 in revenue and three employees in 1975 and built it into Haas Group International, a company with 1,300 employees and revenues of \$560 million that does business in more than 75 countries around the world.

Mr. Fortin, known as Jack, grew up in Southwest Philadelphia. He took on his first job at age 8 delivering alcohol for his uncle during Prohibition.

He attended John Bartram High School and played second base on Bartram's championship baseball team in 1941.

After graduating from high school in 1942, Mr. Fortin joined the Navy that July. As a radioman second class, he spent his active duty in the Pacific and was in Nagasaki, Japan, two weeks after the atomic bomb was dropped. He earned two medals before his discharge in 1945.

After the war he drove a truck for 7Up, where he met his future wife, Maria, who was the switchboard operator. He then got a job with Quaker Chemical in 1957. Eighteen years later he bought Haas Chemical. He retired in 2000, and in 2007 his family sold the business to the Jordan Co., a private equity firm.

Mr. Fortin was a lifelong sports fan and spent more than 20 years coaching youth and CYO football. His last stop was as assistant varsity coach and head freshman coach at St. Thomas More High School in West Philadelphia until it closed in 1975.

During his lifetime, Mr. Fortin received many awards and commendations for his contributions to youth sports but perhaps his greatest thrills in sport were leading all hitters at the age of 62 at Phillies Dream Week in 1985 and receiving the Matt Guokas Sr. Memorial Award from the Philadelphia Basketball Old Timers Association.

Together with Jack's family and friends, I mourn his passing but celebrate his life.

IN HONOR OF TERESA MURACO

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th birthday of a very special woman from my district, Teresa Muraco of Grosvenordale, Connecticut. Teresa is beloved by her community for her unflinching commitment to helping those in need.

A lifelong resident of the Second District of Connecticut, Ms. Muraco graduated from Tourtellotte Memorial High School with the Class of 1940. From there, she went on to hold several local jobs, working in the spinning department of a Grosvenordale mill. She also spent 15 years in the Putnam Superior Court in the family services office.

Although her factory days are behind her, Teresa Muraco very much remains active. By her own estimate, she spends about 10 to 12 hours each week volunteering. She belongs to three different fire auxiliaries, where she helps out at barbecues and suppers. Ms. Muraco is also an active member of St. Joseph Church in North Grosvenordale, helping out at their thrift shop once a month.

Teresa Muraco was named Thompson Volunteer of the Year in 2011 and Citizen of the

Year by the Thompson VFW for her dedication to the town and its veterans. I ask my colleagues to join with me in wishing Teresa Muraco a happy birthday and applauding her tireless efforts to better her community.

DARLENE CHAVEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Darlene Chavez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Darlene Chavez is a 7th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Darlene Chavez 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 Darlene Chavez 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 her future accomplishments.

H.R. 4257, FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2012

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, as a cosponsor of the Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2012, I rise to commend Chairman ISSA and Ranking Member CUMMINGS and the members of the House Government Oversight Committee for their bipartisan efforts in crafting this thoughtful and timely piece of legislation.

This bill is necessary because there has been an increasing number of cyber-attacks against federal information systems, including incidents in which operations were disrupted or sensitive data placed at risk. Among the number of notable security breaches in 2011 were cyber-attacks at the Pentagon, the Oak Ridge Laboratory and the Veterans Administration. According to the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team, the number of cyber-incidents reported in 2010 totaled more than 107,000. The number of federal-only incidents was up 39 percent compared with 2009, at nearly 42,000 incidents.

This act is intended to help arrest and reverse this troubling trend by ensuring that federal agencies use risk-based approaches to defend against cyber-attacks and to protect government information from unauthorized access.

By shifting the federal government to a system of continuous monitoring of information systems and streamlining reporting requirements, the bill addresses concerns that