

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ST.
FRANCIS DESALES HIGH SCHOOL
GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Francis DeSales High School for winning the Division II Ohio High School Girls Lacrosse State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

DeSales' victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. They have set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at St. Francis DeSales High School can be extremely proud of their performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate the St. Francis DeSales High School Girls Lacrosse Team on their state championship. I wish their team continued success in their future athletic endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF THE SLAIN AFTER
THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY
OF THE MOTHER EMANUEL AME
CHURCH MASSACRE

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of the nine men and women who were murdered in my district at the Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina on June 17, 2015.

With it now being just over a year since the tragedy occurred, our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to the victims and their families. Their names once again are Cynthia Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lance, The Reverend DePayne Middleton-Doctor, The Reverend Clementa C. Pinckney, Tywanza Sanders, The Reverend Daniel Simmons Sr., The Reverend Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson.

I submit this poem penned in their honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

IN THE DARKEST OF ALL NIGHTS

In the darkest of all nights
When all hope seems to taken flight
While, such heartache begins,
so ignites
As evil has its day
Only then can faith upon us shine its bright
light
As from out of these the darkest of all nights
To so fight the good fight
Of Good vs. Evil,
for we are all God's chosen people

to wipe out this blight
And when it all seems without reason or
rhyme,
all in hatred darkest of times
Seasons
Remember it is not by chance,
for this battle has always raged since the be-
ginning of man
For there is darkness,
and there is Light
We choose the side upon which we wish to so
fight

Let us enjoin now as Black and as White
As American's first,
colorblind to hatred's sight
For we all have the same heart
For we are all are born to live and to die,
and to play our part
As all of those Mothers who now stand with
tears in their eyes and broken hearts
But remember my friends,
over The Darkness of Evil we all can so fend
Because The Darkness is no match for The
Light,

if together we enjoin in this fight
If we ask our Lord for the strength for this
battle to win

In this most unspeakable of all crimes in our
Lord's house in this sin
As they knelt down to pray,
as around a total stranger their arms they
had laid

To commune and speak of our Lord,
as together they prayed
As those nine future Angels were so soon to
be on heaven's way

As they did not realize before them what
Evil so lay
But remember my friends,
the face of evil can so easily be hidden away
In these The darkest of all nights,
darkest of all days

As nine beautiful souls of gold,
were taken from all of us this day
From our world in evil's blight as they
prayed

As our world has been cheated of The Light
that they gave

As nine families across South Carolina so
weep on this day

And hate is hard,
and oh how upon me it so weighs
When, I see all those tears in your families
faces

As we now so weep
all in what their beautiful lives were to keep
But through all of this darkness we all must
somehow be brave
And if we look closely,
we can still see their light through all of
that pain

As all across Charleston on this night but
comes a gentle rain
Washing down upon their loved ones to so
ease their pain

for these are the tears of our Lord,
upon them to remain
Until, up in Heaven you all meet again,
and you won't have to cry no more
Take heart my brothers and sisters,
all of your loved ones in Heaven remain
as Angels the same

And you will hear them on the wind
And when you awake,
you will feel them next to you where they've
been
For they are Angels now in the Army of our
Lord

To watch over you time and again
To fight this war which has always been
Now, let us find rest
Let, us find peace
Let us be as strong as once had all these
all in their beliefs
Let us not us find the same such dark hatred
which evil so keeps
As united together we stand,

let us put arms around each other women,
child, and man
Black or White, let us not follow the hatred's
same disease
As it's time to bring all of our love and light
to fight The Beast
And from a distance what seems like the
worst

Perhaps isn't,
for up in Heaven we all wish to wake
As its down here on Earth,
in the darkest of all nights we must fight
evil curse

Goodness. Evil. Darkness. Light.
Those braves hearts who Evil must fight
Who bring their Light
As together enjoined,
as we battle on into the darkest of all nights
And its in our faith this day which will help
us move on

For Evil and Darkness are no match for The
Light
In these the darkest all nights
Amen!

HONORING HOWARD L. CHAMBERS,
LEGENDARY LAKEWOOD CITY
MANAGER

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, Howard L. Chambers, who has served as the city manager of the City of Lakewood for four decades, is the California city manager with the longest tenure in the same city—this in a profession where the average length of service in California is about seven years.

A lifelong member of the Lakewood community, Howard grew up near Mayfair Park, went to neighborhood schools, and worked at the YMCA.

After earning his degree at Cal State Long Beach, Howard interned at the City of Lakewood for two years, handling youth services. He then went to work with the City of Rosemead as an assistant city manager.

Howard returned to Lakewood in 1972 in the role of an executive assistant to the city manager. In 1976, he was named acting city administrator and shortly thereafter hired to permanently fill the position, which was later re-titled as city manager, by the city council.

During his 40-year tenure as a city manager, Howard Chambers has become a respected leader among area city managers, always willing to take the time to share his professional experience with his colleagues on issues affecting Southern California, its residents, and its infrastructure.

Howard has also worked tirelessly and effectively on ad hoc committees and coalitions to address federal, state, and local issues, and has never shied away from a principled battle. As a long-term member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), Chairman of the Southeast Los Angeles County Municipal Management Group, the California Contract Cities Association, and a member of the League of California Cities' City Managers Division, Howard has worked with elected and appointed city officials, legislators, regulators, the business community, residents, and others to achieve solutions to the critical issues affecting local governments.

In addition to his public service, Howard Chambers has made community service a priority. His involvement includes the Lakewood

Rotary Club, the Weingart-Lakewood Family YMCA, Lakewood Special Olympics, the American Heart Association, Su Casa Ending Domestic Violence, Lakewood Regional Hospital, Kris Kringle Charity Golf Tournament, and Project Shepherd.

For his sustained excellence, he has been recognized throughout his career by a variety of organizations including ICMA, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, California Jaycees, YMCA, Lakewood City Council, Lakewood City Employees Association, and Su Casa Ending Domestic Violence.

During his tenure, Howard Chambers managed the city's largest public works project in its first 50 years: the \$16 million improvement of the Lakewood Civic Center and construction of The Centre at Sycamore Plaza. He later oversaw the \$21-million expansion and modernization of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, the largest single project in the city's history. The sheriff's station expansion project was completed without a new tax, tax increase, or special assessment.

Howard Chambers is considered a legend in the city management profession and is known for his ability to build working relationships with city staffers, civic leaders, and state legislators. He also is a role model for his peers. Known for his "teachable moments," he has become a mentor and teacher to new city managers. He has been and will continue to be passionate about local government, and his involvement in community activities and achievements in public service have resulted in significant benefits to Lakewood and surrounding communities.

During his four decades of service, Lakewood has deservedly earned many awards for the quality of its services, its commitment to responsive government, and its innovations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 349 for final passage of H.R. 4854 and Roll Call Number 350 for final passage of H.R. 4855, which took place Tuesday July 5, 2016, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on both bills.

NOLAN RYAN JR. HIGH ADVANCES TO NATIONAL SEAPERCH CHALLENGE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pearland, TX Nolan Ryan Jr. High Wave Riders, for placing third overall in the Middle School Class at the National SeaPerch Challenge at Louisiana State University.

The U.S. Navy National SeaPerch Challenge is an underwater robotics competition. Nolan Ryan Jr. High qualified for nationals by

finishing in the top seven overall teams at the regional competition. The team built and operated their own remotely-operated vehicles that function underwater and are designed to complete an obstacle course. The SeaPerch Challenge competition judges the students' underwater vehicles in poster and interview first, and then two underwater challenges follow. The first being an obstacle course and the second being an orbs challenge where the students move different sized balls into submerged containers. The students develop problem-solving, teamwork and technical skills through this competition. They were awarded 3rd Place Overall in the Middle School Class. We are very proud of what these bright young students have accomplished.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Nolan Ryan Jr. High Wave Riders for placing third at the National SeaPerch Challenge. Keep up the great work.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL FENSTER

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael Fenster of New Albany High School for winning the Boys Seated 800 Meter Run in the Division I Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Michael's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. He has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at New Albany High School can be extremely proud of his performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Michael Fenster on his state championship. I wish him continued success in both his athletic and academic endeavors.

GUNS AND THE MARIANAS

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, people I represent in the Northern Marianas are concerned that guns could become more common in our islands, more easily obtained, and a threat to public safety. We do have guns: for hunting, for target practice. Police officers carry weapons. And we have had tragedies: a child shot accidentally, a mass murder/suicide.

But generally people feel safe. We do not worry that someone may get a gun and use it for the wrong reasons. That feeling of safety changed recently. The federal court ruled that the Supreme Court's Heller decision applied in our islands; and people had a right to keep a handgun in their home. I understand that decision. The second amendment applies in our islands. We voted to make it apply, when we joined the United States forty years ago. But the people I represent do not want to see handguns everywhere in our community. We certainly do not want the kind of assault rifles that terrorists use—most recently in Orlando. And our local legislature has taken action to limit handguns and ban assault rifles. I support those actions. I support the right of small communities like my own to decide for themselves about guns.

RECOGNIZING THE UT TYLER PATRIOTS' 2016 NATIONAL SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

HON LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand today to honor the University of Texas at Tyler Patriots on a spectacular 2016 softball season in which they have dominated all challengers to capture the NCAA Division III World Series title.

The UT Tyler Patriots finished as national runners-up in 2015, but boasted 25 shutouts going into the 2016 finals.

The Patriots went 5-1 at the national tournament held in Salem, Virginia, ultimately defeating the Messiah College Falcons by the score of 3-0 and a score in the title-clinching game of 7-0 to become the national champions.

The championship success of this exceptional UT Tyler ladies team is a tribute not only to all those who had their skills and determination tested as players, but is also a testimony to all those who have assisted them in reaching their goal.

The teamwork and discipline utilized to become champions should help all involved to know that no matter what obstacles may be thrown in their paths, they can overcome them and prevail. Heartfelt congratulations are extended to all the athletic staff including Head Coach Mike Reed, Assistant Coaches Whitney Wyly, Christa Hartnett, Anthony Springer and Coby Gipson, and Athletic Trainer Lexie Foster.

The team members responsible for bringing this championship title home to east Texas includes Freshmen: Cheyenne Thompson, Abby Hall, Jade Green, Alli Ramsey; Sophomores: Rose Sullivan, Kailey Henderson, Hannah Moore, Kelsie McEachern, Kursten Jaime; Juniors: Kaylee Prather, Bianca Van Vlerah, Jaiden Rawls, Lexi Ackroyd, Mel Hinojosa, Alaina Kissinger, KK Stevens; and Seniors: Kristin Lopez, Britney Bledsoe, Emilee Burkhardt, Raven Rodriguez, Jackie Mendez, Vanessa Carrizales, and Kelsie Batten.

It is my most esteemed honor to applaud everyone involved with this championship quest. May God continue to bless these young women, their families and their friends.

Congratulations to the 2016 National Champion UT Tyler Patriots, as their NCAA Division