

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 Pearlman, 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 SABLÁN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Mr. SABLÁN. 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