

CONGRATS TO MINNETONKA BOYS  
GOLF CHAMPIONS

**HON. ERIK PAULSEN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 7, 2016*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Minnetonka High School Boys Golf Team on winning the Minnesota High School State Tournament under the leadership of Coach John Coatta.

Junior Ben Sigel led the way for the Skippers, shooting five under par over two days. Sigel also won the individual state title by six strokes. Sigel was aided by Sawyer Baily and Mile McCarthy who shot 150 and 152 respectively over the two days. Minnetonka beat the nearest competitor by 13 strokes. It is Minnetonka's second championship and their first since transitioning to the AAA level.

Mr. Speaker, golf is a game of inches. It is an incredibly difficult game to master, even

more so under the weight of expectation. Such a victory could not have been obtained without tireless practice and unending dedication.

Mr. Speaker, what is especially impressive is the amount of time these student athletes dedicate to exceeding in the classroom while also participating in other extracurricular activities.

Congratulations again to Skipper Boys Golf Team on being state champs. Your parents, coaches, and community are very proud of you.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 7, 2016*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, July 6th, 2016, I was not in attendance in the House during the first series of votes due to

family obligations outside of the District of Columbia. I wish to state my position on a piece of legislation that received consideration on the House floor yesterday.

The House voted on the "Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis" Act. This legislation was introduced by my friend, Rep. TIM MURPHY, and I have strongly supported this bill since its introduction. The bill will make much needed reforms to the way our nation administers its mental health programs, and will authorize a number of grant programs to improve mental healthcare in our country. Tens of millions of Americans suffer from some kind of mental illness, and far too many of them suffer in silence. I believe we must take urgent action to increase our nation's capacity to treat mental illness, to defeat the stigma that is all too often attached to mental health treatment, and to get help to those who need it. This bill will be a crucial part of this effort, and were I present for its consideration on the floor, I would have enthusiastically supported it.