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IN RECOGNITION OF W. BROOKE YEAGER III ON HIS INDUCTION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former Northeastern Pennsylvania athlete W. Brooke Yeager. Brooke was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame at their annual dinner on August 11, 2019 for his outstanding achievements in the sport of wrestling.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

During his four years at E.L. Meyers High School, Brooke was a three-time Wilkes-Barre City Champion. In 1958, Brooke was named a District 2 Champion. After attending Meyers High School, Brooke continued his education and his dominance on the wrestling mat at Wyoming Seminary, where he was the 1959 National Prep School Champion. Brooke went on to study at Wilkes University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education while also competing on the school's wrestling team. During his years at Wilkes, Brooke won the Middle Atlantic Conference Tournament and was the recipient of the Outstanding Wrestler Award in 1961. In 1964, Brooke earned second place in the Small College Nations Tournament. Following college, Brooke went on to wrestle with the New York Athletic Club Wrestling Team from 1964 to 1978, earning multiple Freestyle and Greco-Roman titles.

Not only was Brooke a superb athlete, he was also an exceptional wrestling coach. While at Luzerne County Community College, Brooke coached Joel Kislin, a National Junior College Heavyweight Champion. Brooke also served as an assistant coach from 1972 to 1978 at Wilkes College, winning the Small College National Championship in 1974.

Brooke has continued to bring his expertise to his local community. He served as a high school wrestling official for the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association for 37 years and as an Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association college official for more than 28 years. For more than 25 years, Brooke and his wife, Libby, have volunteered with the wrestling portion of the Keystone State Games. Beyond wrestling, Brooke has worked with Luzerne County Community College, teaching general biology since 1968. Additionally, for more than 20 years, Brooke was also

an adjunct faculty member at Penn State University Wilkes-Barre. In his community, Brooke served on numerous boards and is a current member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Wilkes-Barre.

It is an honor to recognize Brooke on his induction to the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his tremendous athletic career and service to the community be a source of inspiration to future athletes in Pennsylvania.

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON AN OPEN SOCIETY WITH SECURITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I reintroduce the United States Commission on an Open Society with Security Act, expressing an idea I began working on when the first signs of the closing of parts of our open society appeared after the Oklahoma City bombing tragedy, well before 9/11. This bill has grown more urgent as increasing varieties of security throughout the country have proliferated without any thought about their effect on common freedoms and ordinary access. The bill I introduce today would begin a systematic investigation that takes full account of the importance of maintaining our democratic traditions while responding adequately to the real and substantial threats posed by terrorism.

To be useful in accomplishing its difficult mission, the commission would be composed not only of military and security experts, but for the first time, they would be at the same table with experts from such fields as business, architecture, technology, law, city planning, art, engineering, philosophy, history, sociology and psychology. To date, questions of security often have been left almost exclusively to security and military experts. They are indispensable participants, but these experts cannot alone resolve all the new and unprecedented issues raised by terrorism in an open society. In order to strike the balance required by our democratic traditions, a diverse group needs to be working together at the same table.

For years now, before our eyes, parts of our open society have gradually been closed down because of terrorism and fear of terrorism, even when there are no alerts, without regard to their effects on privacy or on an open society. Particularly following the unprecedented 9/11 terrorist attack on our country, Americans have a right to expect additional and increased security adequate to protect citizens against this new frightening threat. However, people expect government to be committed and smart enough to undertake this awesome new responsibility without depriving them of their personal liberty. These years in our history will long be remembered by the rise of terrorism in the world and in this country. As a result, American society faces new and unprecedented challenges. We must provide ever-higher levels of security for our people and public spaces while maintaining a free and open democratic society. As yet, our country has no systematic process or strategy for meeting these challenges.

When we have been faced with unprecedented and perplexing issues in the past, we have had the good sense to investigate them deeply and to move to resolve them. Examples include the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (also known as the 9–11 Commission), the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (also known as the Silberman Robb Commission) and the Kerner Commission following riots that swept American cities in the 1960s.

The important difference in the commission proposed by this bill is that it seeks to act before a crisis in basic freedoms gradually takes hold and becomes entrenched. Because global terrorism is likely to be long-lasting, we cannot afford to allow the proliferation of security that most often requires no advance civilian oversight or analysis of alternatives and repercussions on freedom and commerce.

With only existing tools and thinking, we have been left to muddle through, using blunt 19th century approaches, such as crude blockades and other denials of access, or risking the right to privacy using applications of the latest technology with little attention to privacy. The threat of terrorism to our democratic society is too serious to be left to ad hoc problem-solving. Such approaches are often as inadequate as they are menacing.

We can do better, but only if we recognize and then come to grips with the complexities associated with maintaining a society of free and open access in a world characterized by unprecedented terrorism. The place to begin is with a high-level presidential commission of wise men and women expert in a broad spectrum of disciplines who can help chart the new course that will be required to protect both our people and our precious democratic institutions and traditions.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF NSF INTERNATIONAL

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of NSF International. The organization's wide impact on global public health is worthy of commendation.

The National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) was created in 1944 at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health. At the time, poor sanitation guidelines jeopardized the health of American diners, and the risk of foodborne illness continually grew. The newly established NSF quickly set out to develop science-based hygiene and sanitation standards for commercial foodservice equipment to combat the prevalence of foodborne illness. The transparent, consensus-based process used to develop the NSF's first sanitation standard is the process that is still used to develop all the organization's public health and safety standards today.

For the past 75 years, NSF has been working diligently to anticipate, recognize, and control potential human health hazards to improve all human health. To reflect their expanded

global mission, the organization changed its name to NSF International in 1990. Currently, NSF International has 70 active public health and safety American National Standards and over 70 active protocols for appliances, foodservice equipment, and drinking water filters, among other products. NSF International's standards have had a profound impact on global public health, and the NSF mark has become highly respected and valued by consumers, regulatory agencies, and manufacturers worldwide.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 75th anniversary of NSF International. Over the years, NSF International has proven its commitment to serving public health needs, and I am appreciative of its impactful and reliable work.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATE
JANE HELMAN ON HER INDUC-
TION INTO THE LUZERNE COUN-
TY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late coach Jane Helman. This year, Jane was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame on August 11, 2019 for her impressive achievements in coaching.

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Jane graduated from William Allen High School in Allentown, Pennsylvania before receiving a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from Messiah College. She went on to earn her master's degree from Bloomsburg University. Jane worked as a reading specialist at the Tunkhannock Area School District from 1977 to 2006. In 1997, she joined the faculty at Marywood University where she taught until her death. As an active member and past president of the Keystone State Literacy Association (KSLA), she advocated for the importance of literacy and served as chair of the Conference Advisory Committee and co-chair of Publications.

Jane was the head girls' track and field coach at Tunkhannock Area High School from 1981 to 2009. She coached her team to an incredible 43 individual District II AAA champions and 7 District relay champions. Under her direction, the Tunkhannock Area girls' track and field team won four District II titles during the 1989–1992 seasons. The team held a 69–0 dual meet record during this run. Her 1992 team finished fifth in the PIAA State meet.

It is an honor to recognize Jane on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

BEVERLY LAHAYE—40 YEARS OF
SERVICE

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, today I want to commend Mrs. Beverly LaHaye of the Concerned Women for America for the work that she has done in inspiring millions of women across America to defend Christian, conservative values throughout our beloved country.

This month marks the 40th anniversary of this great national organization. LaHaye has been a hero of mine and has been an inspiration in my own public service.

She started as a pastor's wife who was serving the church and raising her family, deeply concerned about the direction some in our country wanted to take. After hearing other progressive organizations claiming to speak on behalf of all American women, LaHaye had the courage to stand up and work with other Christian, conservative women across America to join together and pray for the soul of our nation. As more women gathered and joined the group, LaHaye became instrumental in promoting Godly values of life and the value of family in the public arena.

I appreciate everything she has done in paving the way for other conservative women to speak out, to get involved, and to never give up. I wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING “SISTER” RUTH
(VANHOESE) WEINKAUF’S 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Sister Ruth (Vanhoose) Weinkauf on celebrating her 100th birthday.

Sister Ruth was born September 19, 1919 and was raised in Southern Illinois. She lived in Winkle and Cambria before relocating to East St. Louis. There she married the love of her life, Loyal Weinkauf. Together they were blessed with one daughter, Sherry.

Ruth and her sister Margaret became the first women to host a 30-minute radio talk show in Southern Illinois titled “Moments of Comfort”. Additionally, at the young age of 24, Ruth and Margaret founded the Glad Tidings Church of St. Claire County, Illinois. Their legacy lives on 75 years later in Life Church, which has recently relocated to Swansea, Illinois.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Ruth on her long and successful career of preaching, ministering, and teaching. Ruth continues to be an inspiration to all of us and she is deeply loved by many. I wish her and her family continued health and happiness.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES E.
LIOTT ON HIS INDUCTION INTO
THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS
HALL OF FAME

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete and North-eastern Pennsylvania native, Charles E. Liott. This year, Liott was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame on August 11, 2019 for his distinct athletic achievements.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

Charlie showed athletic interest from a very young age. He started off playing Little League in 1963 and was part of the Rotary team that won the Hazleton Little League City Series championship. He was also an All-Star shortstop at the Teeners level, leading his team to a state title in 1968.

During his high school career at Hazleton High School, Charlie was a three-year letterman in baseball, basketball, and football. He is one of the only Mountaineer athletes to earn this distinction. During his high school career, he earned an innumerable number of awards for all three sports. He was inducted into the Hazleton High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2015.

Charlie attended Temple University where he played four years of NCAA Division I football as a defensive end. He graduated from Temple with a bachelor's degree in business administration, earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Scranton, and received a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic. He received an additional degree in Chiropractic Neurology in 1989. He has been practicing at Liott Back & Neck Care Center in Sarasota, Florida for 37 years.

Charlie is active in his community, coaching girls' and boys' basketball teams. In addition, he also sponsors many little league soccer and baseball teams, as well as adult baseball teams. He has served on the Big Brothers Big Sisters Board of Directors, sponsoring several children. He has supported many Girls, Inc. functions and raised funds for many years for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) through the South Sarasota Jaycees.

It is an honor to recognize Charlie on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF
9/11

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, everyone remembers where they were and what they were doing—I was here in Washington chairing a Veterans' Affairs Committee