

Westminster, Colorado on January 12, 2002. Jim will always be remembered for his dedication and commitment to preserving our western culture and lifestyle. His passing is a great loss for the residents of Colorado who relied on Jim for his knowledge and wisdom in times of hardship and prosperity.

Jim served the citizens of Eaton and Westminster, Colorado for over forty years. He began his service as a salesman with a local phone company in 1959. During this time he also entered the profession of ranching, where he became a cattleman and raised his livestock in the region for the next forty years. He served his community as a member of the Colorado State Fair Board, Roundup Riders of the Rockies, Scottish Rite, and was a member of Centennial Masonic Lodge #326 in Omaha, Nebraska.

Jim later brought his personal, sales, and ranching experience to the Colorado State Capitol. There he served his community as an independent lobbyist, promoting issues and creating legislation for many people, businesses, and associations. Among those he helped are the Cattlemen's Association, the Colorado Association of Life Underwriters, the Colorado Rural Electric Association, the Fire & Police Pension Association, and various companies throughout the state and region.

Mr. Speaker, Jim's long service to Colorado clearly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress, and this nation. It was always known that his greatest passion was his love and dedication to his family. His wife Margaret, daughter Carol Tveitmo, six step-children, and three grandchildren survive Jim. It is with a solemn heart that we say goodbye and pay our respects to a patriarch of our community. James E. Christiansen dedicated his life to Colorado, and he will be greatly missed.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Catholic Schools Week, a time set aside to acknowledge the accomplishments of the Catholic schools of our nation. Catholic schools have displayed an exemplary ability to educate the youth of our great country. They have shown their dedication to the students whom they serve, providing tuition assistance to the vast majority of their students and an ample number of teachers in order to ensure that each child gets the attention he or she needs to succeed. Moreover, Catholic schools maintain a diverse student body, with children from all income levels, racial and ethnic groups, and religious backgrounds receiving an education within their walls.

In order to find proof of the accomplishments of Catholic schools here in the United States, one need only examine the caliber of the students they produce. An impressive ninety-seven percent of Catholic school graduates continue their education on a postsecondary level. African-American and Latino students advance to college at thrice the rate of their public school counterparts, making clear the commitment of Catholic schools to all chil-

dren. These successes have led to a dramatic increase in demand on the part of Catholic schools, with current enrollment at over 2½ million students and almost half of Catholic schools currently maintaining a waiting list for admission.

Among those schools living up to such stellar standards are the fifteen Catholic schools located in Michigan's Sixth Congressional District, which I represent here in Washington. I would like to offer my congratulations to the many individuals who have contributed to these schools, including students, parents, teachers, and administrators. Due to the hard work and ongoing efforts of these individuals, Catholic schools have become an inspiration to those everywhere who care deeply about education.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO VECTOR RESEARCH, INC.

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Vector Research, Inc. in Ann Arbor, Michigan for earning the Vendor Excellence Award from the Defense Logistics Agency.

The Defense Logistics Agency honors 21 industry partners, customers, and individuals with its Business Alliance Awards. The award recognizes those who have demonstrated outstanding efforts to help complete the DLA mission to provide supplies and services to America's war fighters.

Vector Research, a subsidiary of Altarum, has been the premier Information Technology solutions provider for DLA. For more than 55 years, Altarum has been dedicated to providing objective technology research, insightful policy analysis, and the deployment of customized technology solutions for government and industry. VRI uses old-fashioned customer values, putting clients first, and establishing true working partnerships. They deliver comprehensive technology services from requirements and design, to development and deployment, to testing and training.

Vector is a full-service technical consulting firm with over 30 years of experience assisting both government and commercial clients in structuring and solving complex problems. Further, VRI successfully provides a wide range of program management services which encompass a full life-cycle program support, including planning, modeling, cost/benefit analysis, briefing, promotional event support, and Web site development. Vector Research, Inc. received this award in the large business category for superior product quality, on-time delivery, superior customer service, reliability, dependability, consistency, and accuracy.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Vector Research, Inc. for earning the Vendor Excellence Award. I salute its commitment to helping provide for our Nation's security.

HONORING MOLLY LIVINGSTON

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased and honored to announce that The Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern, New York, Inc., has named 7-year-old Molly Livingston, of Clifton Park, the organization's 2001-2002 Winning Kid. The Winning Kid symbolizes the spirit and courage that all children with epilepsy display in dealing with their illness. Molly will represent all children with epilepsy in northeastern New York.

Molly experienced her first seizure when she was just 18 months old. Since that time she has continued to suffer despite multiple medication trials. Molly continues to have daily seizures, but remains a bright, charming and energetic child despite her challenges. She has a sincere thirst for knowledge and continually uses her knowledge for power to overcome any obstacle.

Molly is the daughter of Kelly and Tom Livingston from Saratoga County. As a second grader at Chango Elementary School, Molly is very creative both with her mind and spirit. She loves animals, enjoys drawing and putting on plays. She also enjoys baking with her Mom and swimming.

Epilepsy affects two percent of the population, and approximately one in fifty children. Mr. Speaker, New York's 22nd Congressional District celebrates Molly as the Winning Kid for the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern, New York, Inc.

HONORING THE ROBINSON RAMS STATE FOOTBALL TITLE

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the James W. Robinson Rams' football team, which cruised to its second state football title in five years on December 8, 2001, with a resounding victory in the Virginia AAA Division 6 championship game. The Robinson Rams capped off a dominating 12-1 season with a thrilling 40-7 victory over Thomas Dale High School last weekend before 10,000 fans at the University of Richmond Stadium.

The win not only added to the school's impressive resume—one that includes a 19-10 all-time playoff record—but also further established the Northern Region's stranglehold on Division 6 football in the Commonwealth. A team from the region has taken the title 8 of the last 9 years. Robinson defeated last year's state champs, Centreville High School, in the Northern Region final.

While the state title was the result of a true team effort, the Rams were led by senior Michael Imoh and junior Adam Fassnacht, who were named offensive and defensive players of the year, respectively, by Northern Virginia's Journal newspapers. Imoh finished his high school career as Robinson's all-time rushing and scoring leader, running for 205 yards and four touchdowns in the championship game