

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO LYON COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR

#### HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2002*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, the United States House of Representatives recognizes the Lyon College Concert Choir on the occasion of their performance at the National Cathedral on March 17, 2002. Lyon College, located in Batesville, Arkansas, offers a liberal arts education of superior quality in a personalized setting.

A selective, independent, undergraduate, residential teaching and learning community affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Lyon encourages the free intellectual inquiry essential to social ethical and spiritual growth. With a rich scholarly and religious heritage, Lyon develops, in a culture of honor, responsible citizens and leaders committed to continued personal growth and service.

The Lyon College Concert Choir is directed by Dr. Michael Arshagouni and its members are:

SOPRANO: Cecilia Bogowith—Gainesville, MO; Briana Bopp—Black Rock, AR; Heather Copeland—Albuquerque, NM; Patricia A. Eusterbrock—Old Monroe, MO; Amber Haskins—Everton, AR; Laura Higginbottom—Ash Flat, AR; Annicia Johnson—Little Rock, AR; Laura Lofton—Hughes, AR; Bobbi Love—Cabot, AR; Jessica R. Miller—Cave City, AR; Melanie Morrison—Jonesboro, AR; Angela Polsgrove—Little Rock, AR; Lynsey M. Russell—Little Rock, AR; Rebecca Sharp—Evening Shade, AR; Meredith Shipman—Mountain View, AR; Jennifer Stottman—Russellville, AR;

ALTO: Kristy Barrington—Sherwood, AR; Edlira Bashari—Tirana, Albania; Holly Collins—Cabot, AR; Kristi Dement—Hot Springs, AR; Elizabeth Gabbard—Fort Smith, AR; Heather LeAnn Grantham—Hominy, OK; Teryn R. McDuff—Biloxi, MS; Chloé D. Robinson—West Memphis, AR; Shannon D. Spears—Blytheville, AR; Shannon Sullivan—Newark, AR; Allison Turner—The Woodlands, TX; Sarah Williams—Batesville, AR; Valarie Layne Wylie—Benton, AR.

TENOR: Stephen Briner—Walnut Ridge, AR; Josh Broughton—Benton, LA; Matt Buchanan—Perryville, AR; Laura Hignight—Benton, LA; Mike Horan—Omaha, NE; Brian Phillips—Batesville, AR; Kent Runnells—Little Rock, AR; Shannon Schoeller—Rogers, AR; Russ Swearingen—Rogers, AR;

BASS: Joshua Barnes—Vilonia, AR; Tony Davis—Judsonia, AR; Steven Jones—Los Alamos, NM; Andrew Kuszak—Rogers, AR; Cory McDaniel—Jonesboro, AR; Stephen A. Moore—Chicago, IL; William Lucas Patton—Forrest City, AR; Rob Yates—Jonesboro, AR; Jason Clark Zellmer—Little Rock.

### WAUKESHA WEST WINS NATIONAL ACADEMIC DECATHLON

#### HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2002*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, April 13, nine students from Waukesha West High School made history as the first team from outside of California or Texas to win the United States Academic Decathlon in its 21-year history.

The Academic Decathlon consists of 10 events with questions involving six subjects: art; music; economics and science; language and literature; mathematics; and social science. The students make presentations, write essays, give interviews and participate in the SuperQuiz, a Jeopardy-like challenge with nine rounds of five questions each along a common topic.

The Waukesha team broke new ground by winning the Wisconsin state championship. Then with that victory under their belt, they moved on to the nationals. There, they were named "rookie team of the year" and placed first among Division 11 schools. In the final round, they truly proved themselves first among equals by winning the overall competition.

Decathletes Ryan Ramlow, Katy Long, Jacob Kowalski, Adam Siegel, Jon Lindsley, Brian Kyle, Nicole Chartier, Nate Edwards and Scott Wilcox and alternates Steve Moon and Chris Schrader are to be congratulated for their accomplishments and the milestone they have set. Waukesha West won the overall competition that drew 55 top-notch teams representing 38 states.

Their victory could not have been accomplished without the help of coaches Duane Stein, Christine Beck and Lee Schmidt, as well as the parents, faculty and administrators of Waukesha West. It was with their encouragement that the team was able to win at the state and national competitions. Their pride was evident from the reception that welcomed the winning team home at Mitchell International Airport on the Monday after the victory with the same fervor usually reserved for sports heroes.

One of the goals when the Academic Decathlon was founded in 1981 was to develop interest in academics among all students. Teams are comprised of individuals representing a range of skill levels: three A students, three B students and three C students. The competition promotes the value of academic excellence, and stresses the importance of involvement for all students.

Waukesha West High School's win shows that great things can be accomplished through the hard work and dedication of students, teachers and parents acting together. This is not only a goal of the Academic Decathlon program, but also the education system as a whole.

### HONORING THE WOODBRIDGE FATHERS BASEBALL LEAGUE ON THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2002*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to an outstanding organization in our community, the Woodbridge Fathers Baseball League, as they celebrate their thirtieth anniversary. This Saturday, I will have the honor of joining the WFBL as they kick-off this season with their Opening Day ceremonies.

For three decades, the WFBL has provided children between the ages of 5 and 15 with the opportunity to participate in softball and baseball—our country's greatest pastime. The league was born out of the concern of several fathers in Woodbridge who wanted to provide a more competitive baseball league for their children. In only a few short months, the WFBL was formed and, in its initial season, had about 200 children that made up fifteen teams. Today, with the addition of softball and a Rookies League Division, the WFBL has 575 participating children, making up forty-eight teams.

Baseball and softball, like all sports, teaches us the value of team work, practice, camaraderie, and commitment to excellence. These are the skills that will serve our young people well as they begin to make a difference in the world. Through baseball or softball, the WFBL has given the children of Woodbridge and Bethany the opportunity to develop strong bonds of friendship based on many years of teamwork that often last well beyond their high school years. This is the true gift that the WFBL has and continues to give to the young people of Woodbridge and Bethany.

As a symbol of the start of spring, Opening Day has always been one of my favorite times to visit communities—especially Woodbridge, Connecticut. Every year, families from throughout the community gather to celebrate the beginning of the season—it is one of this community's most enjoyable spring rituals. Every team is in first place, dreaming of a championship that will be theirs at the end of the summer. The smell of a new glove, the crack of a bat, and the chatter of the outfield remind us why this is America's favorite pastime.

This year, as the Woodbridge community celebrates Opening Day and what has become a symbol of America, we will also take a moment to reflect on one of our country's greatest tragedies. In the months that have passed since September 11th, the American people have struggled to regain a sense of normalcy. Who can forget the truly awesome scene at Yankee Stadium, with the brilliant voice of a New York Police Officer singing God Bless America as an eagle swooped through the stadium—unifying our nation and

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