

Theological Seminary in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Mr. Speaker, Pastor Ed doesn't just encourage people to come to church, he goes out and gets them! He has assembled an armada of buses to go out into a 15-mile radius from Rosemount and bring people to his church and Sunday school. Then he sends the members of his congregation out into the world to spread the gospel and do good works to help people in need.

Under Pastor Ed's visionary leadership, First Baptist Church of Rosemount has developed a missionary program that oversees 46 missionaries in countries throughout the world, 7 Christian schools and colleges and numerous full-time Christian ministries right here in the U.S.

Also, Pastor Ed founded the First Baptist Church Christian School in 1971. Today, that school has produced 400 graduates, many of whom have entered the ministry full time throughout the world, as well as many other callings.

Pastor Ed has been recognized for his accomplishments time and again, and he has been honored with Doctor of Divinity Degrees from Hyles-Anderson College and Baptist Christian University.

A past President of the Minnesota Association of Christian Schools, Pastor Ed is now that group's Executive Director. He also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of both the American Association of Christian Schools and the General Council of Baptist Mid-Missions.

In these positions, he has traveled throughout the nation in recent years, spreading faith with an evangelistic and Biblical conference ministry.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, Pastor Ed Johnson has made a difference in politics and government both in Minnesota and our nation. From our work together in the Minnesota Legislature to save the option of home-schooling for Minnesota families to my very first and most challenging endorsing convention for Congress, Pastor Ed has been a key ally and loyal friend. I treasure his wise counsel and consider his friendship a true blessing.

Mr. Speaker, as Pastor Ed Johnson retires from his active ministry, we wish him and his wonderful wife, Ellie, all of God's blessings and thank him for the great impact his ministry has had on countless people in Minnesota and around the world.

May God bless you, Pastor Ed and Ellie, and may God bless America!

CONGRATULATIONS TO
BELLEFONTE AREA HIGH
SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM ON
WINNING THEIR DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. JOHN E. PETERSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the accomplishments of a dedicated group of young students from Bellefonte Area High School in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. I wish to pay tribute to those students on the Mock Trial team and their advisors who participated in the Mock Trial pro-

gram sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association. This is the second year in a row that Bellefonte Area High School Mock Trial team has won the competition against other student teams in their district.

The Mock Trial program gives young students an opportunity to learn about the law, legal strategies, and courtroom etiquette and procedure. This is accomplished by "trying" a fictitious court case in front of an actual judge and jury. Student participants portray both the witnesses and the attorneys on both sides of the case. Members of the Bellefonte Area High School Mock Trial team were Erika Dillon, Karen Stringer, Jeremy Winn, Alex Henderson, Katey Glunt, Jon Judiech, Tim Williams, Sara Waugh, Justin Kirk Houser, and Joe Putnam. Their advisors were Ed Fitzgerald, Gregg Kohlhepp, and Assistant District Attorney Lance Marshall, who donated his free time to help these dedicated students.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Bellefonte Area High School Mock Trial team who brought deserved recognition to their school and community. Their enthusiasm and desire to learn the judicial system should be commended and encouraged by all. Their success demonstrates that today's youth are our leaders of tomorrow.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today before this House I recognize and honor the Town of Freedom, a Wisconsin community that exemplifies the American dream in its past, present and future.

On June 5, Freedom celebrates the 15th anniversary of its founding.

Freedom has a rich history. Its first inhabitants were Indians that called the area Sagola, which means "good morning." Some of Freedom's first settlers were James Jackson, an ex-slave, and his Native American wife. In recognition of his release from slavery, Jackson named the place "Freedom" in the years that followed, the demand for lumber from northeastern Wisconsin brought a number of Irish, German and Dutch immigrants to Freedom.

In 1848, Wisconsin gained statehood, putting Freedom one step closer to its formal foundation. In June of 1852, Ethan Powers, Albert Cook, and James Taylor met for the first time as the town's Board of Supervisors, marking Freedom's beginning that we celebrate this year.

Throughout the 19th Century, Freedom continued to build and prosper, growing along with the area's burgeoning timber industry. As the 20th Century arrived, and agriculture began to replace logging, the citizens of Freedom also began to change with the times. Like its Indian name, Sagola, meaning "good morning," today the citizens of Freedom have woken to the glory of a new day and continue to march forward toward a bright future ahead.

On this sesquicentennial anniversary of the inception of Freedom, I offer my congratulations to the town and its residents. Since its

founding, Freedom has lived true to its name, welcoming every newcomer and providing all with the liberty and independence to prosper.

A TRIBUTE TO JIM AND MISTY JOHNSON OF LAVACA, ARKANSAS

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to a young woman and colleague of mine, a pharmacy technician from Lavaca, Arkansas, along with her husband, Jim, and three-year-old daughter, Shea Nicole, who lost their lives in the Interstate 40 bridge collapse on May 26, 2002.

Misty Johnson was only 28 when she was so tragically killed, but in those 28 years she brightened the lives of friends, family, even her customers at Rose Drug Store in Paris, Arkansas. Her coworkers say Misty was fun to work with, always on time, and always ready to work hard.

Six years ago, she married Jim, her high school sweetheart. Their friends say no one can remember either of them having dated anyone but each other. Jim worked as a route sales representative for Wonder Bread, and started work at 3 am. He had to go to bed earlier than the rest of his family, and he made sure he kissed his daughter Shea every night before doing so. The two lived for their young daughter and always put her first in their lives. In fact, they were headed to Tulsa for a day at the zoo when their lives were unexpectedly taken.

My heart goes out to Misty's and Jim's parents, Hursel and Linda Henson and Juanita Brown Johnson, and their families. I know this is an extremely difficult time for them, and for all families who lost loved ones on that terrible day, and I keep them in my thoughts and prayers. While Misty, Jim, and Shea are no longer with us, their spirit lives on, in the lives of all those they touched.

COMMENDING STATIONS ON MAKING THE TRANSITION TO DIGITAL TELEVISION

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the ongoing efforts by our Nation's broadcasters to make the transition to digital television. This exciting new technology will open the door to a new world of possibilities like High Definition TV, interactive television, and expanded programming options.

I am proud that one of the broadcasters in my congressional district has taken a lead in making this advancement. KLFY, a Young Broadcasting station, currently serves residents in Louisiana's Seventh Congressional District with a digital signal.

It is no small accomplishment to make the transition to digital. Broadcasters across the country are making substantial investments in new transmitting facilities, new production