

Danny Leon, John Lister, Sean McIntyre, Evan Ocello and Cody Thomson; and their families, for winning the U.S. championship with drive, talent and true sportsmanship.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE
HARRY WIGGINS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I inform the House of Representatives of the passing of my friend, The Honorable Harry Wiggins of Kansas City, Missouri. He was 71.

Harry, a son of Dr. John and Helen Murphy Wiggins, was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on August 1, 1932. He spent the entirety of his life in Kansas City, attending grade and high schools and then Rockhurst College. Harry achieved many honors while at Rockhurst. He was elected the president of the student body. He joined Alpha Delta Gamma fraternity and was president of his chapter and then national president three times. When he was a senior he was chosen to be a member and served as president of the university chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu, the National Jesuit honor society. He also was selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. After he graduated from Rockhurst College with an AB, he was awarded a three year scholarship to attend law school at St. Louis University.

From 1957 to 1959, Harry served in the United States Army as a legal advisor to the 2nd United States Army Missile Command at Fort Hood, Texas. Upon his discharge, he received a Certificate of Achievement for Distinguished Service.

After his discharge, he came back home to Kansas City and began to practice law. Soon he became a part of John F. Kennedy's 1960 presidential campaign, serving as Kansas City's chairman for the campaign. It was during this time that he met and became good friends with Robert F. Kennedy. Once John F. Kennedy became president, Robert Kennedy became United States Attorney General and then appointed Harry as the assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri. He held this position for over five years and during his tenure he handled cases involving federal grand jury probes into organized crime. During his tenure, he also prosecuted a group of liquor and prostitution cases. Then Governor Warren Hearnes appointed Harry as state supervisor of liquor control. After serving as state supervisor of liquor control from 1967 to 1970, he returned to Kansas City to run for western judge of Jackson County and won.

In 1973, Governor Kit Bond asked Harry to serve in his administration as general counsel for the Public Service Commission. After holding this post for a year, he came back to Kansas City in 1974 to run for the 10th District seat in the Missouri Senate against a two-term Republican incumbent. Harry won by 6,000 votes and would be elected six more times. After serving 28 years in the Missouri Senate, Harry retired in 2002. During his time in the Missouri Senate, he was Kansas City's first majority floor leader from 1980 to 1984. He never missed a roll call vote during his ten-

ure—logging a total of more than 17,000 consecutive roll call votes.

Harry's legislative record is a testament to his commitment to public service. During his time in the Missouri Senate, he had many legislative accomplishments including the creation of 911 emergency calling, laws requiring DNA profiling of convicted felons, anti methamphetamine legislation that would become a national model, legislation to fund and protect the Truman Sports Complex, the establishment of the Parents as First Teachers Program, which would become a national model, and many others.

Mr. Speaker, Senator Harry Wiggins will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I know the Members of the House will join in extending heartfelt condolences to his family.

RICHARD McCLEES: LABOR
LEADER OF THE YEAR

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, today I recognize Richard McClees as the 2004 Labor Leader of the Year. This award will be given by the San Diego Labor Community at the Twenty-Second Annual John S. Lyons Memorial Banquet on September 11, 2004.

Rich, as he is known, is currently Chief International Representative of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association. He comes from a strong union background. His father, Charles McClees, now retired, was a 54-year member of Sheet Metal Workers' Local 206, and two of Rich's brothers, Mike and Chuck, are current members. His older brother, Dwight, recently retired as a San Diego City teacher/school principal with 34 years of membership in the teachers' union. His sister, Margaret, is employed by the San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council.

Rich began working on his father's tuna boat at the age of 12. Until he was 18, he spent each summer on the Pacific Ocean, from Mexico to Washington state, fishing for albacore tuna. Upon his graduation from high school in 1968, Rich joined Sheet Metal Workers' Local 206 and began working at California Neon Products. In 1970, he entered the apprenticeship program at Standard Sheet Metal Works. His work during this period included the sheet metal restoration of the historic 1880s Villa Montezuma at 15th and K Streets in San Diego.

Rich completed his apprenticeship in 1974, receiving the Apprentice of the Year Award from Mesa College, winning the Regional 10 Apprentice Contest for Sheet Metal Apprentices, and competing in the National Apprenticeship Contest in Minneapolis. In 1976, he began his eighteen years at the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant, working for University Mechanical Engineering Contractors.

As early as 1979, Rich began teaching apprenticeship classes for Local 206. He also coached his daughter's and son's soccer teams and was an active participant in many other of their extracurricular activities. He was elected Business Representative of the Sheet Metal Workers' Local 206 in 1994. In 1996, he

became the Apprenticeship Coordinator for Local 206, in addition to his duties as Business Representative. He was also a member of the San Diego and California Apprenticeship Coordinators Association.

In 2000, Rich was elected Business Manager/Financial Secretary Treasurer of Local 206, while continuing his duties as Local 206 Apprenticeship Coordinator. He also served on the Executive Board of the Western States Council of Sheet Metal Workers, as a Trustee of the Sheet Metal Workers of Southern California, Arizona and Nevada Pension and Health Funds, as Vice-President of the National City Parks Apartments, as President of the San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council, and as an Executive Board Member of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council.

He is currently attending the George Meany National Labor College and will soon receive his Bachelor of Arts Degree. On April 1, 2004, Rich was appointed by Michael J. Sullivan, General President of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, as Chief International Representative/Director of Jurisdiction for the Washington, D.C. office, and he resides in Arlington, Virginia. His daughter and son and their families live in San Diego.

The banquet at which Rich will be presented with his award is named in recognition of the late John Lyons of the Teamsters who was very active in the San Diego community. He was a founder of the San Diego Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America. The friends of Mr. Lyons continue to support his cause, and proceeds from the yearly banquets are used to support bone marrow testing and local research grants. Since its inception, the John Lyons Memorial Banquet has raised over one million dollars.

Through his dedication and willingness to serve, Rich has done much to advance the cause of the labor movement, and my congratulations go to Rich McClees for his significant contributions. He is highly deserving of the 2004 Labor Leader of the Year Award.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF OLYMPIAN MORGAN HAMM

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Morgan Hamm, member of the silver medal winning U.S. men's Olympic gymnastics team, for his contribution and leadership to this team's historic performance.

Along with his twin brother Paul, Morgan made the Olympic team for the Sydney games as its youngest member at the age of 17. After the Sydney Games, Morgan smashed a nerve casing in his left shoulder and struggled with this injury for two years. However, while only partially recovered, Morgan overcame adversity and showed his determination by winning the floor exercise title in the 2002 U.S. National competition. At the 2003 U.S. Nationals, he won another floor title, and later that year, helped the U.S. to a silver medal in the team competition at the World Championships.

As a two-time Olympian, Morgan has provided a strong leadership role to his team and helped the United States secure its first men's gymnastics medal in twenty years.

While Morgan was born in Wisconsin, he chose to train for the Olympics at The Ohio State University and is now a distinguished resident of Columbus. His community is proud of all that he has accomplished.

Again, I congratulate Morgan for the dedication and hard work he has demonstrated over the years, and for the memorable achievements that he has made both personally and with his team while representing our great nation on the world stage in Athens.

HONORING BRANDON MANTHEI

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brandon Manthei. Brandon recently won 1st place in the Nevada TAR WARS poster contest. TAR WARS is an anti-smoking campaign and tobacco-free education program for 5th graders that is sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Brandon's winning poster features a surfer that says "Hang Tough, . . . Don't Puff." This creative and positive message helps to educate his peers and community. Currently, 2% of 5th graders smoke and that number jumps to 28% by the time students reach high school. The Tar Wars program is designed to target 5th graders at this early stage in the hopes of reducing the number of under-age smokers.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege to stand here and honor Brandon Manthei with my deepest admiration for his contribution to the State of Nevada. I urge the entire House to join me in congratulating him on his accomplishment.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Poughkeepsie in Dutchess County, New York, which is part of the 22nd Congressional District that I proudly serve. This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Poughkeepsie. I am pleased to recognize the City of Poughkeepsie and the important contributions it has made to Dutchess County and to the State of New York.

Located along the banks of the majestic Hudson River, the City of Poughkeepsie is situated in the heart of Dutchess County. European settlers chose the site because it was surrounded by unbroken and abundant waterways. These waterways provided the early settlers with the source of energy needed to power their water wheels and mills, beginning a long tradition of economic ingenuity that the City of Poughkeepsie continues to demonstrate today.

Poughkeepsie was the first seat of county government and, during the American Revolution, General George Clinton mobilized the

Continental Army activities from the city. Spared from battle during the war, Poughkeepsie became the second capital city of New York State in 1777. In 1788 the Ratification Convention for New York State, including Alexander Hamilton and John Jay, assembled at the courthouse, debated, and ratified the New York version of the Bill of Rights to be included in the Constitution.

Poughkeepsie has been home to many milestones over time, including the publication of the first newspaper in New York State which, by 1791, became the Poughkeepsie Journal that is still being read today. Poughkeepsie was also home to the introduction of the magnetic telegraph in 1846. By the 1850's manufacturing had become the city's staple, providing employment at businesses such as the Poughkeepsie Glass Works, Poughkeepsie Iron Works, and J.O. Whitehouse Boot and Shoe Factory. Poughkeepsie was home to Governor George Clinton's recommendation that "an act for the encouragement of schools" be passed, leading to the idea of public funding of education in New York State. In subsequent years the city became known as a staunchion for the promotion of education, and was home to numerous learning institutions such as the Eastman Business College and Riverview Military Academy.

In 1854 Governor Myron Clark signed the papers making the incorporation of the City of Poughkeepsie official. Since the late nineteenth century, Poughkeepsie has grown by leaps and bounds. Manufacturing jobs at companies like Fiat Motors and Western Publishing have driven economic growth. The construction industry completed such notable projects as the Mid-Hudson Bridge, the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge and, under the direction of the Works Progress Administration, the U.S. Post Office. Cultural and social initiatives such as John Collingwood's Bardavon Opera House and Vassar Brother Hospital are still icons in the City of Poughkeepsie.

Cities like Poughkeepsie are an essential component of our nation's past, present, and future, and deserve to be honored and recognized for their numerous contributions to our states and country. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the City of Poughkeepsie, New York as it celebrates the 150th Anniversary of its incorporation.

RECOGNIZING THE SELECTION OF STEPHEN WARNER TO THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TEAM

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishment of Stephen Warner, a constituent of Michigan's eighth congressional district and a member of the United States Olympic Team. Stephen competed in the Men's Lightweight Four division for the United States rowing team in Athens. Prior to his first Olympics in Athens, Stephen won gold at the 2000 World Championships and a silver medal at the 2004 World Cup in Munich.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to stand here today and recognize the accom-

plishments of Stephen and all of our Olympic athletes. The Olympic games stand for more than athletic competition, they also showcase to the world that the similarities that unite us are far greater than the differences that divide us. Through sportsmanship and competition, the athletes of the XXVIII Olympiad are able to build bridges where politics and policy have faltered.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Stephen Warner as an athlete and competitor but also as a good will ambassador to our great nation. I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in saluting their achievements in Athens and wish them all the best in future competition.

HONORING MICHELE MACAUDA FOR HER SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, each year, the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League presents the prestigious Torch of Liberty Award to a leader in the community, in recognition of their commitment and dedication to strengthening diversity. It is with great pleasure that I stand today and join the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League as they honor Michele Macauda with the 2004 Greater New Haven Torch of Liberty Award.

Appointed as the President and CEO of SBC Connecticut, Ms. Macauda is the first woman to serve as the company's top executive. As a business leader in New Haven, she has worked diligently to ensure that the company continues in its commitment to the cities and towns which it serves. That commitment is more than simply delivering a service—it is about contributing to the health, vitality, and progress of the Greater New Haven area. A member of the Governor's Council on Economic Competitiveness and Technology in Connecticut, the executive committee of the Connecticut Science Center for Science and Exploration, as well as the Regional Leadership Council in New Haven; Ms. Macauda is actively involved in promoting the revitalization of both the region and the state.

Just this past year, I was honored to serve with Michele as co-chair of a very special event sponsored by Y-ME of Connecticut—the first annual "Woman of Today" Award. Y-ME is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting women with breast cancer. Through the support of local leaders like Michele, Y-ME has become an invaluable resource to our community. In addition to her work with Y-ME, she is also actively involved in fundraising efforts for victims of domestic violence and volunteers her time with the Connecticut Special Olympics.

Through her professional and volunteer activities, Ms. Macauda has demonstrated her dedication to enriching our communities and the lives of Connecticut residents. I am honored to rise today to join family, friends, colleagues, and the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League in extending my sincere congratulations to Michele Macauda as she receives the 2004 Torch of Liberty Award.