

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

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

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.