

raise by the time they finish in August. They are well on their way to raising an enormous amount of money towards a cause that needs immediate attention.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending George Bishop, Matt Celesta, Joe McConaty, Matthew McConaty, John-Paul Maxfield, Dan Murray, and Chad Spurway for their efforts and pledging support for Colorado Trail For Multiple Sclerosis.

RECOGNITION OF ARMY  
SPECIALIST BRIAN M. ROMINES

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 9, 2005*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Army Specialist Brian Romines who was recently killed in action fighting for freedom outside Baghdad, Iraq.

Romines was a 20-year-old native of Simpson, Illinois who served as an Army Specialist assigned to the A Battery, 2nd Battalion, 123rd Field Artillery Regiment, Army National Guard in Milan, Illinois. He was a 2003 graduate from Vienna High School, Vienna, Illinois. After his 18th birthday and his high school graduation, Romines felt the call to duty and signed up for the National Guard. According to reports, he was killed outside of Baghdad by a roadside bomb.

Romines is survived by his mother, Melinda Austin of Dongola, Illinois, his father, Randy Romines of Simpson, Illinois, and his brother Randall Romines, also a member of the National Guard. I am proud of the service this young man gave to our country and the service his fellow troops perform everyday. Not enough can be said about Army Spc Romines. It is troops like him that are risking their lives day in and day out to ensure our freedom here at home and to others throughout the rest of the world. I salute him and my best wishes go out to his family and all the troops fighting to ensure freedom and democracy. May God bless them and may God continue to bless America.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE TENTH  
ANNIVERSARY OF SPOTTED  
EAGLE HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 9, 2005*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of an outstanding high school in my district. On June 10, 2005, Spotted Eagle High School celebrates its Tenth Anniversary. For the past decade, Spotted Eagle High School has offered a supportive learning environment not only for the Native American students for whom it was designed, but for a multiracial body of at-risk youth whose needs require the intensive and individualized attention the school provides.

Spotted Eagle was established in 1994 by the Milwaukee Area American Indian Manpower Council in partnership with the Milwaukee Public Schools, the Milwaukee Area

Technical College and the Indian Community School of Milwaukee.

Spotted Eagle High School's mission is to promote an appreciation for all cultures, emphasizing their relevance in today's society. The school endeavors to create a sense of community while emphasizing building skills that can contribute to students' self-reliance. The curriculum includes strong School-To-Work components; a culturally-integrated, competency-based, student-centered curriculum; and social services designed to meet the educational needs of their students and their families.

Mr. Speaker, it is a fact that many young people in Milwaukee face daunting challenges in completing their education because they live in poverty. Spotted Eagle High School recognizes those challenges, and provides specialized support services to assist students in coping with them as they strive to complete their educational goals. Case managers work directly with students to ensure that family needs are being addressed. Students at the school benefit from the emphasis on parental involvement, and access to health-related services and alcohol and drug awareness programs. Members of the school staff are rooted in the same cultural communities as the students they teach. Education and support program are designed to be relevant to students' cultural backgrounds, increasing the likelihood that students will stay in school and complete their education.

I know firsthand that caring and committed educators have the ability to empower students. I salute the staff, board members, present and former students and parents of Spotted Eagle High School for their efforts to transform the lives of Milwaukee's youth. I wish them the best as they celebrate their Tenth Anniversary, and look forward to celebrating many more milestones and achievements with them.

A TRIBUTE TO REV. ROBERT  
CHARLES JEFFERSON, FOUNDER  
AND SENIOR PASTOR OF CULLEN  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. AL GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 9, 2005*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Today I pay tribute to a noble spiritual leader, a friend and my pastor, Rev. Robert Charles Jefferson. As the founder and senior pastor of the Cullen Missionary Baptist Church, he will, on Sunday, June 12, 2005, celebrate more than 28 years of loyal and dedicated service to not only the ministry but to the people of the great city of Houston, TX, as well.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. Jefferson was born on January 12, 1942 in Baton Rouge, LA. After completing his undergraduate education, he moved to Houston, TX, where he completed graduate study at Texas Southern University and InterBaptist Theological Center. For more than 17 years, before accepting his call to the ministry, Rev. Jefferson ran a very successful air-conditioning business. Because he is a great spirit-filled religious leader, in 1977, he was led to organize Cullen Missionary Baptist Church where, since its founding, he has served as senior pastor.

Rev. Jefferson is known throughout the community as a "bridge builder." Over the years, he has successfully been able to distinguish Cullen Missionary Baptist Church as a center for community activism as well as a haven for those in need of care. In 1991, he established the Cullen Christian Child Development Center, a daycare center for Christian youth. A few years later, in 1998, his leadership led to the creation of the Cullen Senior Citizens Ministry, Inc., which has provided more than 54 affordable housing units for seniors 55 and older. His housing ministry also recently created: "Brand New City, Inc.," which has built, since its inception, more than 500 houses for low income families and is well on its way to surpassing that number this year.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. Jefferson is not one who takes his role in the business of saving lives and souls lightly, and his membership in the Houston Branch of the NAACP, where he has served since 1987 as the Director of Religious Affairs, is indicative of that commitment. Even as he works tirelessly as a full-time pastor, he has managed to fulfill the roles of moderator of the Houston Gulf Coast Baptist Association; president of the Ministry Advisory Council of Houston and chairman of the board of Love Our Kids, Inc. He is the founder president of city-wide summer recreational programs and since 1979, coordinated programs for Houston's Ministers Against Crime, Inc.

Rev. Jefferson is the recipient of a number of honors and awards that include, but are not limited to certificates of appreciation from then-Governor of Texas, Ann Richards, and Houston Mayor Bob Lanier in 1992. That same year, he also received the Barbara Jordan Leadership Award in recognition of his uncompromising commitment to diversity and human rights. Over the years, tributes from Texas Southern University, the Houston Defender, Anheuser-Busch Companies and others have all highlighted the accomplishments of one of Houston's greatest spiritual leaders.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, when history records the legacy of Rev. Robert Charles Jefferson, I believe he will be touted as a visionary who has dedicated his life to ensuring that no one is left behind.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVER-  
SITY OF MICHIGAN WOMEN'S  
SOFTBALL TEAM ON WINNING  
THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD  
SERIES.

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 9, 2005*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the University of Michigan women's softball team on Winning the Women's College World Series (WCWS), bringing home the first national championship in the softball program's history. Displaying the hard work and tenacity they acquired through a grueling 72 game season, this team dug deep and rose to victory, defeating the two-time defending champion UCLA Bruins 4-1 in extra innings.

This season Michigan advanced to its eighth WCWS, earned its first No.1 national ranking and won its 10th Big Ten Conference championship and seventh Big Ten Tournament