

Nevada in these areas as well as professional programs in Physical Therapy and Public Health.

As president of UNLV, Dr. Harter has received numerous national awards including the Presidential Leadership Award by the National Collegiate Honors Council, the President's Award by the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals, and the College President's Award by the All American Football Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Dr. Carol C. Harter and her distinguished career in service to higher education. I wish her the best in her retirement.

IN HONOR OF CLEVELAND READS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR JOHN "JACK" DOXSEY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Mr. John "Jack" Doxsey and every volunteer who participated this past year in Cleveland Reads, bringing hope and possibility through the gift of literacy to countless children and adults—thereby changing their lives forever. I also rise in recognition of Cleveland Reads Volunteer of the Year Nominees: Jessica Anthony, Andy Etridge, Dorothy Fike, Anita Morgan and Stephen Novak.

Established in 1987, Cleveland Reads, a non-profit organization, has consistently worked to draw individuals, businesses and agencies into their volunteer literacy projects and campaign. Mr. Doxsey, 84 years young, consistently reflects a caring and positive demeanor that gently inspires his students, raising their confidence with every turn of the page.

Twice weekly for the past 6 years, Mr. Doxsey, a tutor with ABLE in Cleveland Heights, volunteers his mornings as a tutor, instructing teachers and college students in English as a Second Language class. Mr. Doxsey has worked with students who hail from countries around the world, spanning five continents. Following the profound loss of his beloved wife, Mr. Doxsey had several options, including moving closer to his adult children, who live outside Ohio. Instead, he chose to move closer to Case Western University, where he has given the gift of language to numerous students struggling to assimilate to their new experience in America.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring every Volunteer of the Year nominee, and especially Mr. John "Jack" Doxsey, upon being named Cleveland Reads Volunteer of the Year. Mr. Doxsey's patience, kindness and concern for the young people of the world who journey to Cleveland seeking education, serves to build foundation of understanding that transcends language, borders and culture, connecting us all with the gifts of giving, empowering, and humanity.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PATTY MURPHY

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patty Murphy, a volunteer from southern Nevada, who because of her time and efforts helping others, has earned the distinguished President's Volunteer Service Award.

Patty is a volunteer nurse with the Medical Reserve Corps of Clark County. In September 2005 after the destructive forces of Hurricane Katrina tore through the Gulf Coast, she was deployed to Mobile, Alabama. There she worked on the M.S. Holiday, a cruise ship that temporarily housed evacuees following the Katrina aftermath. For 2 weeks Patty worked with a team of health care professionals to provide medical care for the evacuees.

The Medical Reserve Corps of Clark County is a committed and available reserve of practicing and retired health care professionals that can be rapidly mobilized to strengthen medical response capabilities during large-scale local emergencies. Although this organization was created by the local community for the local community, the leadership and experience provided by this group has proved to be a viable asset for a disaster on the opposite side of the country.

In 2002, President George W. Bush called on all Americans to make a difference in their communities through volunteer service. He created USA Freedom Corps, an Office of the White House, to strengthen and expand volunteer service. The President's Volunteer Service Award is presented to outstanding individuals who have displayed an outstanding example of service and who have accumulated over 100 hours of service.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Patty Murphy on the floor of the House today. Her example of service testifies to all of us that we can all do a little more to help our neighbor. I applaud her for her efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF TEXAS WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY'S GYMNASTICS TEAM

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the teamwork and spirit of the Texas Women's University's gymnastics program. These individuals have established themselves as true champions emphasized no less by their devotion and passion to the sport. Texas Women's University seized the opportunity to claim the 2006 USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championship. This victory marks the Pioneers' eighth national title and the first since 2003.

The Texas Women's gymnasts have exhibited their commitment to each other and their common goals this past year by diligently competing and overcoming any adversity in their way. Throughout the season these outstanding individuals have shown the success that comes from working as a team to achieve a great goal.

Under the leadership of head coach Frank Kudlac, assistant coaches Jackie Fain and Tim Rivera, graduate assistant Lisa Klein, and manager Catherine Schnoes, the team has continued its championship status.

TWU's gymnasts Courtney Arno, Amie Boles, Brenda Campbell, Brisa Fuentes, Amy Hulbert, Jennifer Kingsbury, Amber McMeans, Brista Michael, Kelsey Nixon, Brittany Parker, Tonya Pipkorn, Nicole Poling, Bethany Rehm, Emily Seidelman, and Nakia Westbrook have made their university community shine as well as themselves.

It is with great honor that I stand here today to recognize this group of individuals who have made their community so proud. The gymnastic program of Texas Women's University has demonstrated the essence of the American spirit of sportsmanship.

RECOGNIZING THE MASON DISTRICT LITTLE LEAGUE UPON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the Mason District Little League as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

In 1956, the Bailey's Crossroads community saw a growing demand for baseball, which at the time was the only organized sport available for young children. This spurred organization of the Bailey's Crossroads Little League. The league was organized and maintained by volunteers, mainly fathers of the players, as it still is today.

The league built their first fields in the Skyline area. After 12 years in the Skyline area, the league moved to JEB Stuart Park, and in 1978 the league underwent its largest reorganization when it joined with the Annandale American Little League, and was finally renamed to what it is today, Mason District Little League.

For 50 years, the Mason District Little League has been a strong part of the community, teaching kids the game of baseball. Hopefully in 50 more years the league will still be carrying on its great tradition of instilling in its players the values of sportsmanship, fair play, physical fitness, teamwork and an appreciation for the American pastime.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank the thousands of parents, grandparents, children, and volunteers who have participated in and contributed to the success of the Mason District Little League. By teaching their community's children the game of baseball, the many Mason District Little League volunteers have contributed to the development of honest, productive, and decent citizens. I congratulate the League on its successes over the last 50 years and I wish it more successful years in the future. I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this outstanding institution.