

CONGRATULATING LAUREN
MCKEAN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lauren McKean for earning a spot on the Texas Girls Coaches Association's All-State Volleyball Team. This honor is awarded to top female athletes for their superior performance on the court.

The Texas Girls Coaches Association is the largest group of girls' athletic coaches in the nation, and serves the coaches and administrators at every level of education. The elite All-State Volleyball Team is selected by a committee panel of coaches and administrators, and is comprised of the most competitive female athletes in the state.

As a senior at Frisco Centennial High School in the 26th District of Texas, Lauren manages to give her absolute best efforts when the team requires it most. Ms. McKean led the Lady Titans to the Class 4A Regional finals for the first time in school history.

I extend my most sincere congratulations to Lauren McKean and I wish her the best of luck in her academic and athletic career.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHARLES J.
GERMANA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory and recognition of Charles J. Germana whose personal service to the greater Cleveland Community and the United States alike are a shining example of the all-American spirit. Charles' life is marked by his dedication to his country, community, and his family.

Charles valiantly defended freedom in World War II in the United States Navy. He transformed his courage and core values to civilian life when he actively led his community by founding the Seven Hill Democratic Club. Charles continued his leadership by proudly being elected as the Mayor of Seven Hills from 1967 to 1973. His public service career did not end there as he went on to selflessly serve as the Council President in Seven Hills.

Throughout his long and distinguished life, Charles did not only serve his community in elected positions. He was also a devoted and enthusiastic Boy Scout for 50 years. His strong leadership skills were cultivated heavily throughout a lifetime of volunteering and brotherhood in the Boy Scouts of America. Charles was also a very spiritual man, showing his faith as an active member of the Columbine Catholic Church.

Family was very important to Charles. His legacy continues through his wife, Mae; three children, Chuck, Joe, and Janet; and the memory of his daughter Emily; eleven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Charles' love and concern for his family reflected in his hard work and Four Star Insurance Agency, which he founded in 1954, still remains in the control of his family. Charles

Germana's love of his family and his dedication to public service continue on as his son Chuck carries the family torch of public service as the President of Parma City Council. Charles nurtured these values of leadership, service, brotherhood, and giving in all of his family—making him truly an honorable statesman and father.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, I am honored to ask you to join me in recognition of Charles J. Germana as a loving community leader, member, and pillar. Charles' unwavering commitment to his family, church, and community is a great example of how one man can in deep faith dedicate his life to helping others.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT "JASON"
SCHOWENGERDT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Robert "Jason" Schowengerdt, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 357, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jason has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jason has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Jason holds the rank of fire builder as a Hardway Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. While achieving this rank, Jason has served the Maple Woods Community College community where he is still attending classes.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jason Schowengerdt for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout. I am honored to represent Jason in the United States House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CURTIS PARHAM
REDDING

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man who has tirelessly dedicated his life to bettering his community. At the age of 74, Mr. Curtis Parham Redding, also known as C.P., is retiring as a Quitman County, Georgia Commissioner. He has served his community faithfully while blazing new trails for those who would follow him.

C.P. was born in Quitman County to proud parents, Curtis Lowe and Ora Inez Green Redding. As the eldest of three children, he quickly learned about dedication to family, service to nation, and responsibility. Quitman County is located on the banks of Lake Walter F. George in rural Southwest Georgia. The citizens of Quitman County are known for their strong work ethic and sense of self sufficiency and regional pride, and C.P. was no excep-

tion. With the exception of a few years, C.P. lived his entire life in Quitman County and was raised to love and respect his hometown. After graduating from Georgetown High School, C.P. recognized his love for politics and most importantly people. Realizing the town lacked social services, educational services, and basic services any citizenry would require, he began working hard to become a Quitman County Commissioner in 1975. During his first tenure as a Commissioner, he served for two years. Recognizing the need for involvement and higher basic educational standards for the County, he was then appointed to the Quitman County School Board where he served until 1994. C.P. was again elected to the Quitman County Commission and took office on January 1, 1996 and during this tenure, Quitman County achieved each of the goals C.P. established.

Although C.P. has decided to retire, his vision for Quitman County has not ended. C.P. has always believed that for small counties to flourish, it would be through organized coalitions. To this end, he has become active in creating and serving on Boards such as: Four County Economic Development Authority (Past Chairman), Southwest Georgia Chamber of Commerce (Past Chairman), and Southwest Georgia Housing Development Board just to name a few. He and his wife of fifty-five years, Annie Ruth Holmes who is the retired Director of the Quitman County Department of Family and Children's services, selflessly continue to devote their services to the advancement of Quitman County.

As an enduring testament of his dedication to his community and fortitude as a public servant, bids are currently being taken for the construction of a building to house the Quitman County Health Services since they have outgrown their present facility. Serving the needs of his community remains paramount to C.P. Redding.

Today, we thank and honor Mr. Curtis Parham Redding for his dedication and lifelong commitment to the welfare of others and his community. His lifetime of altruistic service has made him a legend in Southwest Georgia and an inspirational figure for us all.

CONGRATULATING KELSEY OWENS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kelsey Owens for earning a spot on the Texas Girls Coaches Association's All-State Volleyball Team. This honor is awarded to top female athletes for their superior performance on the court.

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As a senior at The Colony High School in the 26th District of Texas, Kelsey manages to give her absolute best efforts when the team requires it most. Ms. Owens has also been named the MVP and Captain of her Lady Cougars team.