

was unable to cast my votes on H. Res. 138, H.R. 658, and H.R. 839.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 157 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 138, Recognizing the importance of Hot Springs National Park on its 175th anniversary, I would have voted yea.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 158 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 658, the Natural Resource Protection Cooperative Agreement Act, I would have voted yea.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 159 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 839, the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Enlargement Act, I would have voted yea.

HONORING SHEILA D. SMALLING

**HON. RON LEWIS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 20, 2007*

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Sheila D. Smalling, an exemplary citizen from my Congressional District who was recently named Kentucky Middle School Music Teacher of the Year by the Kentucky Music Educators Association.

Ms. Smalling has been teaching music in the Warren County School District since 1985, spending the last 19 years at Drakes Creek Middle School. Her skill in the classroom has helped make Drakes Creek rank fourth in the Commonwealth in Arts and Humanities scoring.

Ms. Smalling's influence reaches well beyond the classroom. As band director, she leads almost a quarter of the entire student

body, organizing public performances to showcase their talents including two formal hour-long concerts each school year.

Many of Ms. Smalling's former students have benefited from her passion, building an appreciation for music that continues with them after they leave Drakes Creek Middle School. In fact, several of her students have gone on to become music teachers. Several others have pursued college degrees in instrumental performance. One former student is now a member of "Pershing's Own" ceremonial military band here in Washington, DC.

It is my great privilege to honor Ms. Sheila D. Smalling today before the entire U.S. House of Representatives for her excellent work in public education. Her dedication and love of music continues to influence the lives of students and the communities they will someday serve. Ms. Smalling has set a fine example for the people of Kentucky's Second Congressional District. She is an outstanding citizen worthy of our collective honor and appreciation.