

HONORING DAVID A. SIEGEL

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2007*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate and honor David Siegel, a lawyer in Memphis, Tennessee. Recently, the American Bar Association awarded Mr. Siegel its Edmund S. Muskie Pro Bono Service Award for his dedication to justice and public service. Mr. Siegel has been a strong and committed advocate for children's rights, devoting numerous pro bono hours to parental rights and child custody matters.

Mr. Siegel's representation of the parents of Anna Mae He in a child custody lawsuit, during which he successfully convinced the Tennessee Supreme Court to restore their parental rights, particularly highlights his commitment to pro bono work. Mr. Siegel devoted an extraordinary number of hours to the case, representing the Hes for free from trial through the Tennessee Supreme Court appeal and sacrificing what precious little free time he had. Such dedication to pro bono work is almost unparalleled. Mr. Siegel richly deserves the recognition that the ABA has bestowed on him.

I would also like to recognize Mr. Siegel's law firm, Nahon, Saharovich & Trotz, PLC, for supporting his pro bono work. Mr. Siegel's commitment to pro bono representation would have been far more difficult to fulfill without his firm's equal commitment to such representation. As demonstrated by the He case, Mr. Siegel and his firm represent the highest and noblest ideals of the legal profession, and I commend them both.

TRIBUTE TO THE LAREDO HEAT

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2007*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the players, coaches, owners and staff of the Laredo Heat Soccer Club in their stunning 4-3 victory rematch against the Michigan Bucks in the 2007 Premier Development League soccer final.

The story of the Laredo Heat Soccer Club is of a team that fought against the odds to receive the PDL Championship. The pivotal moment came when the Laredo Heat played against the Michigan Bucks, a team that they had lost a game to the previous year. The excitement of the crowd exploded when goalkeeper Ryan Cooper registered two saves as the game went into the sixth round of penalty kicks and finished 4-3 in favor of the Heat. Coopers' efforts would garner the PDL Championship MVP honors.

In the final seconds of the game, 16-year-old Laredoan Felix Garcia became the star of the night as he buried the winning spot kick in the sixth round, thus ensuring the U.S. PDL Championship for the Laredo Heat. Theirs was a story that echoed the classic underdog against the presumptive winner, but due to remarkable coaching by Coach Collazo and his coaching staff, hard work by staff and owners, Shashi and Priya Vaswani, and of course the

determination of these talented and hard working players to win, they came out on top. I am very proud that these remarkable players have won the PDL Championship, and that they are from Laredo in my congressional district.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Laredo Heat Soccer Club team, and I thank you for this time.

HONORING MR. DENNIS KENNEDY

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2007*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Dennis Kennedy who has served the City of Morgan Hill in various capacities for the past 30 years.

Since 1977, one year after Mr. Kennedy moved to Morgan Hill, he has been involved in various roles within the City of Morgan Hill's local government. He served three terms on the Planning Commission and two terms on the General Plan Update Committee.

In 1990, he stood for election and won a seat on the City Council. He has served 4 terms as the Mayor of the City of Morgan Hill. He was appointed to his first term in 1992. In 1996, he became the first directly elected mayor and was re-elected in 1998, 2000, 2002, and 2004.

He is past chairman of the South County Regional Wastewater Authority, has served two terms on the Board of Directors of the Valley Transportation Authority and is a past-president of the Santa Clara Cities Association.

Mr. Kennedy has always been mindful of his commitment to the Santa Clara Valley and, although he was born in Nebraska, he has acted like a true local when community interests were at stake. Mr. Kennedy moved to San Jose, California during his high school years and attended Bellarmine College Preparatory School in San Jose. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Santa Clara University and served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Professionally, it has been a pleasure to work with Mr. Kennedy because he sincerely cares about the residents of the City of Morgan Hill and their interests. I know I stand with many other thankful constituents in congratulating Mr. Kennedy on his years of service and wishing him the very best for his retirement.

**NEW DIRECTION FOR ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, NATIONAL SECURITY, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**

SPEECH OF

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, August 4, 2007*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill. (H.R. 3221) moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy

production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure:

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the New Direction for Energy Independence Act.

Earlier this year, Speaker NANCY PELOSI challenged this Congress to address energy independence and global warming. That charge was long overdue, drastically needed, and vital to our national security, our economy, and our environment.

Crafting this legislation represented our opportunity to chart a new direction. And we have, by reducing our energy use, investing in our future, and preparing for a post-petroleum economy; and, while there is much work that lies ahead, this bill takes necessary first steps that sets us on the right course.

The legislation will improve our Nation's energy efficiency, increase the availability of renewable fuels, and enhance research efforts on biofuels. Additionally, it will address smart grid technology and ensure production of plug-in hybrid vehicles.

The provisions we've crafted will remove from the atmosphere carbon dioxide emissions equivalent to those emitted from all of the cars currently on the road. This bill truly will set a New Direction for Energy Independence and I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

**TRIBUTE ON THE PASSING OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE JENNIFER DUNN****HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2007*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am deeply saddened at the passing of a good friend and public servant Jennifer Dunn of Washington State.

Throughout her 12 years in the House of Representatives, Jennifer served with distinction and earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues. She sought to strengthen traditional family values by fighting for reforms in our Tax Code—in particular the elimination of the estate tax. Jennifer believed in recognizing and protecting the contributions and sacrifices made by homemakers, families, and small businesses.

Before coming to Congress, she held the position of chairwoman of the Washington State Republican Party and twice served as delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. As the first woman ever to run for the position of House Majority Leader, Jennifer well understood the immense duty that comes with public office, and it was a tremendous honor to serve with her.

Upon my election in a special election December 18, 2001, Jennifer was one of the first Members to welcome me and provide guidance. Her enthusiasm for service was obvious to all who met her.

My thoughts and prayers are with the friends and family of Jennifer during this difficult time.