

HONORING SOUTH STANLY HIGH SCHOOL, HOME OF THE 2012 NORTH CAROLINA 1A BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

**HON. LARRY KISSELL**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2012*

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students, faculty, staff and coaches of South Stanly High School in Norwood, North Carolina. This past weekend, the South Stanly Rowdy Rebel Bulls baseball and softball programs finished their seasons with each team capturing its second North Carolina 1-A State Championship, handily winning their championship games held this weekend in Durham and Raleigh, respectively. With their combined victories, South Stanly High School became just the third program in the history of North Carolina baseball and fast-pitch softball to sweep both titles in the same season.

The South Stanly baseball team finished the 2012 season with a 30-4 record, capping the season with a 6-1 victory over Voyager Academy in the State Championship game. I congratulate head coach Terry Tucker, who, in his fourth year with the program, has led the team to its third state championship appearance and its second state championship since 2009.

The South Stanly softball team finished the 2012 season with a 27-7 record, completing the season with a 9-2 win over Camden to win the state title. I congratulate South Stanly softball head coach David Poplin, who led the team to its second title since 1998.

Most importantly, sincere congratulations are due to the dedicated young men and women of these two teams. Their hard work and sacrifice throughout the season put them on the road to championships, and together their dedication and focus has brought two more state titles back to Norwood.

Folks throughout our community have always had a way of banding together in support of one another, and this year's baseball and softball seasons showed a perfect example of that at South Stanly. From dedicated parents and siblings, to friends and church members, our community came out in full force to cheer the Rowdy Rebel Bulls on to victory. I'm honored to represent the people of Stanly County, the players and their dedicated families, and the coaches and faculty of the school.

Before Congress and our great nation, I am proud to recognize the members of South Stanly High School's baseball and softball teams, Coach Tucker and Coach Poplin, Principal Mike Campbell, Athletic Director Sean Whitley and the entire Stanly County community as a whole for another local championship season. Go Rowdy Rebel Bulls!

GREENVILLE ELEMENTARY

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2012*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the dedication of the administration,

staff and students of Greenville Elementary School in Greenville, Illinois, who went above and beyond in caring for, and ultimately saving the life of, one of the school's kindergarteners.

Emma Young started kindergarten at Greenville Elementary this year, but Emma is not your typical kindergartener. Since she was very young, Emma suffered seizures and unconsciousness due to a condition that doctors were unable to diagnose due to a lack of data. Finally, doctors placed an implantable loop recorder in Emma's chest to collect data for up to three years in the hopes of collecting the information necessary to diagnose Emma's condition.

Emma's parents met with the school nurse to ensure that school staff were aware of her condition and knew what to do. But instead of just filing the information away, school staff made a superior effort to inform everyone involved with Emma's daily activities in the event that their help was needed in an emergency. The school nurse, Emma's teacher, and all the faculty and staff who had contact with Emma on a daily basis had a special meeting after school to learn about Emma's condition and about the monitor implanted in her chest. Her teacher made posters with her picture and a photo of the device, with step-by-step instructions for staff or substitutes to review. The staff even developed a plan called "Code Emma", and taught the other kindergarteners how to recognize when Emma needed help and how to announce a Code Emma.

This spring, Emma's mother, Jill, was at home when she received a breathless call from the school secretary informing her that Emma had suffered a seizure. She rushed to the school, where an ambulance had already arrived to take Emma to the hospital. Riding to the hospital, Jill was grateful for the fast response by the school staff, but wondered if the staff had remembered to press the button on Emma's device so that the data could be collected, and a diagnosis finally determined. Emma's condition returned to normal over the next few minutes, and she was released from the hospital that day. An hour later, Emma's cardiologist called and told Jill that the data had been collected, and Emma's condition could finally be diagnosed and treated. Emma now has a pacemaker and is receiving life-saving treatment, thanks to the doctors and nurses who worked with her, but perhaps most importantly, due to the students and staff at Greenville Elementary who called out and responded to the Code Emma.

Emma's mother writes that the students and staff at Greenville Elementary are deserving of recognition for their "commitment to education, and their dedication to nurturing and loving children in the community. The lessons that are taught inside of the walls at Greenville Elementary are not just the mandated ones, but the ones that will mold these children into the types of individuals they will become."

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to salute the entire team at Greenville Elementary for the good work they do in educating children in not just the Three Rs, but in caring for others and being good citizens. I am proud to represent such an outstanding community and such outstanding people.

ETIENNE CHARLES

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2012*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a young and talented jazz trumpeter from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Etienne Charles, in celebration of Caribbean American Heritage Month, nationally recognized during the month of June.

Born on the island of Trinidad in 1983, Etienne Charles defies easy musical categorization. An alumnus of the prestigious Julliard School, Mr. Charles has received critical acclaim for his exciting performances, thrilling compositions and a knack for connecting with audiences worldwide. Etienne's musical lineage runs at least four generations deep: His great-grandfather emigrated to Trinidad from the overseas French department of Martinique bringing his folk music to the village of Mayaro. The young trumpeter's grandfather's distinct *cuarto* style can be heard on the classic folk and calypso recordings of the Growling Tiger; and, Etienne's father was a member of Phase 11 Pan Grove, one of Trinidad & Tobago's most progressive steel bands and one that Etienne himself would later join. Immersed in his father's vast record collection, and suffused with the sounds of calypso, steel pan and African Shango drumming, Etienne imbibed many of the influences that presently constitute the diverse colors of his harmonic palette.

Perhaps more than any other musician of his generation or of Caribbean origin, Etienne brings a careful study of myriad rhythms from the French, Spanish, English and Dutch speaking Caribbean to the table. Crucially, this young jazz professional fully understands the New Orleans trumpet tradition (which is readily discernible in his trademark instrumental swagger) and what the famed Crescent City pianist, Jelly Roll Morton so succinctly captured in the now immortal phrase, "The Spanish Tinge".

In his latest opus, *Kaiso*, this Trinidadian trumpet maestro, Etienne Charles, cooks up an ambrosial *bouillabaisse* of New World music genres, with jazz and calypso genres standing out as piquant flavors. He explores the songbooks of three legends in calypso; The Lord Kitchener, The Mighty Sparrow and the Roaring Lion, using many different instrumental palettes ranging from duet to chamber orchestra.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize this young talent, Mr. Etienne Charles, for the many contributions he brings to the nationals of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the world.

HONORING EULESS POLICE CORPORAL ROGER GATLIN

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2012*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize retiring Corporal Roger Gatlin for his 30 years of public service with the Euless, Texas, Police Department.