its sustainability and reflect its special place in the country's national juridical architecture.

30. The Kingdom of Morocco shall take all the necessary steps to ensure full integration, into the nation's fabric, of persons to be repatriated. This will be done in a manner which preserves their dignity and guarantees their security and the protection of their property.

31. To this end, the Kingdom of Morocco shall, in particular, declare a blanket amnesty, precluding any legal proceedings, arrest, detention, imprisonment or intimidation of any kind, based on facts covered by this amnesty.

32. Once the parties have agreed on the proposed autonomy, a Transitional Council composed of their representatives shall assist with repatriation, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of armed elements who are outside the territory, as well as with any other action aimed at securing the approval and implementation of the present Statute, including elections.

33. Just like the international community, the Kingdom of Morocco firmly believes today that the solution to the Sahara dispute can only come from negotiations. Accordingly, the proposal it is submitting to the United Nations constitutes a real opportunity for initiating negotiations with a view to reaching a final solution to this dispute, in keeping with international legality, and on the basis of arrangements which are consistent with the goals and principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter.

34. In this respect, Morocco pledges to negotiate in good faith and in a constructive, open spirit to reach a final, mutually acceptable political solution to the dispute plaguing the region. To this end, the Kingdom of Morocco is prepared to make a positive contribution to creating an environment of trust which would contribute to the successful outcome of this initiative.

35. The Kingdom of Morocco hopes the other parties will appreciate the significance and scope of this proposal, realize its merit, and make a positive and constructive contribution to it. The Kingdom of Morocco is of the view that the momentum created by this initiative offers a historic chance to resolve this issue once and for all.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER MARC BOLDT

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a good friend and dedicated public servant. Marc Boldt was born in Vancouver, Washington, and has been a resident of Hockinson, Washington since 1985. I've known Marc since I was young and my family lived close to his farm where I picked blueberries along with my brothers. Marc was elected to the State Legislature in 1994 from Washington's 17th Legislative District where he served 5 terms as a state representative, until he was elected to the Board of Clark County Commissioners in 2004. His second term will end at the close of this year.

Throughout his time as an elected official, Marc Boldt has provided strong leadership and a willingness to put the people of Clark County first. He has been a business advocate, a tireless supporter of the agricultural community, and a friend to the people he was elected to serve.

Adding to all of this, Marc and his wife Dawn have six children and three grandchildren. Marc is a current member of the Clark County Farm Bureau and has served over 18 years as a local youth leader and Sunday school teacher. He is a former member of the Hockinson School District Curriculum Committee and the Future Farmers of America—Clark County Chapter. Marc has served over 10 years as a local 4H Leader.

I believe his deep roots in our community have provided him with the passion and energy to serve the people who live here. When he's not in Commission meetings or visiting farms and businesses throughout the county, you'll find him serving the community in some other way. In the month of August, there's only one place to find Marc—the Clark County Fairgrounds. He'll be serving up BBQ sandwiches or handing change to customers, all in the name of supporting Young Life to try and provide a positive influence in the lives of Clark County teens.

His work on behalf of the people who live in Clark County has earned the respect of people of all political stripes.

While his service on the Board of Clark County Commissioners will end in January of 2013, Marc will no doubt continue to serve the people of Southwest Washington as a community leader. He is a loving husband, father, grandfather, public servant, and a friend to all. Today, I ask all members of Congress to join me in honoring an extraordinary man and public servant, Marc Boldt.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, on December 17, 2012, I unfortunately missed two recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall 627 and "aye" on rollcall 628.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JUSTIN KUNICK

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and memory of a great Western New Yorker, Justin Kunick. Teacher and coach to many but inspiration to all, Kunick encouraged those around him to rise above the obstacles and put forth their best effort in the classroom, on the field and in all other arenas.

No stranger to obstacles, Kunick faced his first when he was born with a heart defect and underwent surgery to save his life. Two years later further complications temporarily paralyzed the right side of his body forcing him to become dominant from his left. With a complicated medical record, one of the last places you would expect Kunick to be attracted to was the baseball diamond, but that's exactly what happened.

Although he had lost the ability to operate fully from his right side, it did not stop him from pitching more games, 36 to be exact, than anyone in Keuka College history. After college Kunick left New York State, moving to Florida to teach chemistry and coach the game that he had come to love. He spent the next six years as an assistant coach at Ridgewood High School before moving to Fivay as its schools head coach.

At Fivay, Kunick rebuilt the baseball program instilling discipline and encouraging perseverance. He developed close relationships with his players and created a reputation as a coach who would do anything for his boys. Eventually a new team motto sprouted from his leadership, rise above.

In February, Kunick encountered a new hurtle after being diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer. Living up to his team motto, he quickly underwent surgery and was back on the field the next week. In and out of the hospital, Kunick watched over his team contacting them by phone and text messages between innings.

On April 27th Justin Kunick lost his battle with cancer at the age of only 32. Although he is no longer with us, his spirit lives on in his students and players. Kunick believed that you could overcome anything life threw at you; as long as you were giving it your all, you were rising above.

Mr. Speaker, today I call on my colleagues in Congress to join me in celebrating the life and spirit of a great man who lived with enduring principles. It is my privilege to honor Justin Kunick's memory today.

HONORING THE STEVENS FAMILY IN AMERICA, 11 GENERATIONS ALWAYS MOVING FORWARD

HON. ALBIO SIRES

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the John Stevens Family on all of their great accomplishments as entrepreneurs and philanthropists, and to share the history of the family that founded the Stevens Institute of Technology. Stevens Institute of Technology was founded in 1870 and is named for a distinguished family of engineers and inventors who have made tremendous contributions to our nations' maritime and railroad systems. Stevens' 55-acre tree-shaded campus occupies part of the family's original estate, near the edge of the Hudson River at Castle Point in Hoboken, New Jersey overlooking Manhattan.

Stevens, also known as "The Innovation University," has a student population of more than 6,000 students and over 37,000 alumni. Alumni have leadership positions in many industries including construction, power generation, telecommunications, green energy, biotechnology, transportation, green energy and the financial community.

Today there are more than 400 descendants of the Stevens family throughout the United States and abroad. On October 6, 2012, they came to Stevens Institute of Technology for their first family reunion in more than 30 years to reconnect, to learn about their family history, and to gain an understanding of the many ways the university

founded by their ancestors 142 years ago has contributed to our society.

The most notable member of the family was Colonel John Stevens III. During the Revolutionary War, he was appointed to be a captain in Washington's Army at age twenty-seven. Later he was promoted to Colonel, and collected taxes for the American cause as Treasurer of New Jersey. After the war in 1784, he purchased land that is now Hoboken, and includes the current campus for Stevens Institute of Technology.

In 1798, Colonel Stevens was the first inventor to build and sail a steamboat on the Hudson River. The Colonel's boiler design, his twin screw propellers, and the steam ferry he ran between Hoboken and New York were among his many outstanding ''firsts.'' His steam ship, the Phoenix, captained by his son Robert was also the first steamship to sail the ocean, in 1809. On land, Colonel Stevens purchased the first American locomotive, the ''John Bull.'' The John Bull is now on display at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC.

The Colonel's sons also developed an aptitude for innovative engineering. His son Robert invented the T-rail for railroads, which is still in use today on railroads throughout the world. Robert also invented the ferry slip, a supporting iron rod for projecting guard beams on steamboats, and made several other improvements to ferries and steamboats. A second son, Edwin A. Stevens, founded the university as a part of his estate. Edwin built and operated New Jersey's first railroad. His experiments also resulted in the iron-clad warship. A third son, John Cox Stevens, was a sailor and joined the syndicate that built the schooner ''America'' and became the first winner of the famed America's Cup racing series. He also founded the New York Yacht Club and this year was inducted into the Yachting Hall of Fame, on October 13, 2012 at a ceremony held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Other notable Stevens family descendants throughout the years include former Member of Congress, Millicent Fenwick (R–NJ), who was also appointed by President Reagan as the first U.S. Ambassador to the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, a U.S. Ambassador to Spain, a casualty and a survivor from the Lusitania, a member of the first class of the Naval Academy in Annapolis, the current CEO of Habitat for Humanity International and more.

I applaud the John Stevens Family for all of their contributions and ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their great accomplishments. I wish them all continued success and thank them for their dedication to making New Jersey and our country greater for future generations.

TRIBUTE TO KEITH KING

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate a distinguished member of the Alabama business community, Mr. Keith King, P.E., who is soon to retire from Volkert & Associates, Inc., after 52 years of service.

A 1958 graduate of Auburn University's School of Civil Engineering, Keith King was hired by David G. Volkert as a project engineer in 1960.

Over the last five decades, Mr. King has witnessed many changes in the Mobile-headquartered engineering company which has grown to become one of the top-ranked engineering, planning, and environmental consulting firms in the United States.

Keith served as president from 1983 until 2007 and CEO until 2011. Volkert, Inc. has grown continuously and opened operations centers in 11 States employing over 600 associates.

As an accomplished professional engineer, licensed in eight States, Keith King has obtained national recognition for many of the projects he has engineered and managed. He was Chief Engineer for the Interstate 10 Twin Bridges over Mobile Bay, which was named one of the Ten Outstanding Engineering Achievements of 1978 by the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE).

He was principal-in-charge of the Alabama State Docks' McDuffie Coal Export Facility Project, which in 1984 received the Engineering Excellence Award from the American Consulting Engineers Council of Alabama.

In 1992, Volkert's Cochrane/Africatown U.S.A. Bridge over the Mobile River was named one of the Outstanding Engineering Achievements by NSPE and received the Federal Highway Administration Award of Excellence.

All three of these projects are in the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame. Mr. King, himself was inducted in 2001 and Volkert, Inc. was honored in 2002.

Keith has worked hard to improve the areas of licensure, continuing professional development, ethical standards, and professionalism. His involvement includes two terms on the Alabama Licensure Board, the Business Council of Alabama (Chairman, 2000–2001); Alabama Society of Professional Engineers (President); National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) (Vice President-Southeast; Chairman, National Membership Committee and Licensure and Qualifications for Practice Committee); Fellow Member of American Society of Civil Engineers and NSPE; Member of the American Consulting Engineers Council.

He remains actively involved with Auburn University, where he has chaired the Auburn Alumni Engineering Council and served on the Auburn University Board of Directors.

On behalf of the people of south Alabama, I extend heartfelt congratulations to Keith and his lovely wife, Julia, as well as their entire family. Additionally, I wish them both a long and happy retirement, including plenty of deep-sea fishing.

CONGRATULATING THE NIGHTHAWKS OF NORTHERN GUILFORD HIGH SCHOOL

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, there is an old saying that goes, the ''third time is a charm.'' In the case of the football team at Northern Guilford High School, the new expression should be, the ''third time is perfection.'' That is because this football team, located in the Sixth District of North Carolina, just won its third straight state high school football championship. This time, however, the title capped a perfect 15–0 season.

On December 1, 2012, the Nighthawks of Northern Guilford High School defeated Charlotte Catholic 64–26 to capture its third consecutive NCHSAA Class 3–AA championship. Senior T.J. Logan led the way by rushing for an unbelievable 510 yards and scoring eight touchdowns. This was the third straight title for longtime Head Coach Johnny Roscoe. In 2010, Northern Guilford went 14–2 to win the first championship. In 2011, the Nighthawks completed a 14–1 season to secure its second straight title. This year, no one stopped the Nighthawks on the way to a 15–0 season that culminated in their third crown in three years.

What is left for Northern Guilford to accomplish following this three-year run? I'm sure Coach Roscoe, always the perfectionist, could point to many areas for improvement during the season and the title contest. But it is hard to argue against perfection. I think Ed Hardin, the outstanding sports columnist for the (Greensboro) News & Record stated it best: ''We might never see anything like this again in these parts,'' Hardin wrote, ''and in the coming years we'll look back and debate about this team. Was it the best we ever saw? Was the remarkably talented (T.J.) Logan the best player we ever produced in Guilford County? You could make that argument. The game played out like the season. Fast start, confounding moments and then brilliance.''

That brilliance was a team effort all the way and led by Coach Roscoe, who has been around football for four decades. Coach Roscoe was ably assisted by Brian Thomas, Ben Hepler, Richard Burton, Todd Sharp, Lee Meekins, Chris Vaughan, Chris Harris, and Justin Davis. All of these coaches will tell you that the Nighthawks' perfect season was also due to the fine efforts provided by Team Trainer Justin Ollis, Assistant Trainer Valerie Smith, Team Physician Kirstin Shepperson and Team Managers Jenne Livingston, Sydney Monroe, Taylor Phillips, Ashlyn Thomas, and Mercedes Wiglesworth, along with Ball Boy Britt Thomas.

Every one of the 2012 champion Nighthawks can take pride in the completion of this perfect season. They include: Tre Purcell, C.J. Freeman, Brett Welch, Cameron Harris, Mook Reynolds, Robert Willcox, T.J. Logan, AJ Love, Nick Jones, Austin Coltrane, Justin Wallace, Daniel Kelly, Matt Page, Burney Sindab, Tucker Hord, Molick Scott, Chris Ripberger, Malik Parker, Matthew McGarry, Max Maynard, Rory Bergen, Bernard Sindab, T.J. Ruff, Josh Parker, Johnny Loflin, Jacob King, Ryan Johnston, Nick Fryer, Mason Monroe, TyShawn Reese, Austin Simmons, Josh Covington, Max Klietsch, Dylan Hakala, Trey French, Eric Hong, Josh Steele, Kamen Smith, Chris Forlano, Trevor McKee, Steven Branz, Jalen Hollins, Malik Hampton-Prioleau, Andrew Keen, John Wagoner, Tristen Simmons, Alex Hasler, Carlos Williams, Terrell Headen, Bret Unkel, and Duncan Taylordean.

A winning season also requires support from school administrators and leaders and Northern Guilford has a winning team there, too. Congratulations are appropriate for Principal Will Laine, Assistant Principals Doug Foutty and Travis Ward, and Athletic Director Brian Thomas. All can take pride in three straight state championships.