

I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

COMMEMORATING THE 1980
OLYMPIC MEDICAL STAFF

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to provide long-overdue recognition for a group of Americans who were denied the opportunity and honor of representing our country at the 1980 Olympic Games: the U.S. Olympic medical staff.

In response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979, the United States led a global effort to boycott the 1980 summer Olympic Games in Moscow. Sixty-five nations participated in the boycott, in an unprecedented display of international solidarity against Communist aggression.

Today, we look back at the 1980 Olympic boycott as a dramatic and triumphant moment in Cold War history. For the members of the U.S. Olympic team, however, it also represented a foregone opportunity to fulfill a once-in-a-lifetime dream of representing their country at the pinnacle of international athletic competition.

In recognition of the hard work, determination, and sacrifice of our Olympic athletes, the 96th Congress commissioned gold-plated medals to be minted for each member of the team. In July of 1980, Congress held a ceremony on the East Front Steps to hand-deliver the medals; more than 450 Olympic athletes were in attendance, as was President Jimmy Carter.

During the 110th Congress, it was brought to the attention of Congress that, because of a clerical interpretation, these Americans were not listed as recipients of the Congressional Gold Medal by the Clerk of the House. In response, former Representative Todd Tiahrt worked with the Clerk's office and the U.S. Olympic Committee to officially recognize the members of the 1980 Summer U.S. Olympic Team as recipients of the Congressional Gold Medal.

Unfortunately, this was not the only oversight on the part of Congress. Our athletes were not the only Americans affected by our government's decision to boycott the 1980 Summer Games; our Olympic medical and training personnel also lost the chance to represent their country on the world stage. Like our Olympic athletes, these medical and training professionals were leaders in their fields selected specifically for this honor, but they were never properly recognized for their contributions and their sacrifice.

As a small and belated gesture of gratitude, I stand here today, 33 years later, to recognize the following members of the 1980 U.S. Olympic medical staff for their service to our country: Physicians Tony Daly, Roy Bergman, Jerry Patmont, Doug Shaw, and Tim Taft (of my home State of North Carolina); and Athletic Trainers Bob Beeten, Sherry Babagian, Dave Blanchard, Tina Bonci, Chuck Demers, Tim Kerin, Mike Linkovich, Bob Moore, Al Ortolani, Tony Russo, Larry Standifer, Gail Weldon, and Troy Young.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE
LYDIA GARDNER

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of a devoted public servant, a community leader and a special friend, Orange County Clerk of Courts Lydia Gardner. With her passing on May 8, 2013, her family has lost a loved one and our community and the State of Florida have lost a respected and accomplished leader.

Lydia was born in Michigan and graduated from the University of Michigan. She also attended Rollins College and the prestigious John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. However, it was with an early passion for politics that she won the position of Student Council President at Central High School in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Prior to serving as Clerk of Courts, Mrs. Gardner distinguished herself as an educator, achieved success in real estate and as an executive with a Fortune 100 telecommunications company and was later elected as member and chairman of the Orange County School Board.

Lydia was first elected in 2000 and then a subsequent four terms as Orange County, Florida's Clerk of Courts. In 2008 her office received the Sterling Award for operational excellence awarded by the Governor. She has been appointed by the Florida Supreme Court to a number of special committees, most recently one to study privacy and court records. Lydia lent her support to causes important to her and the Central Florida community. She was a strong advocate for the mentally ill and was the recipient of the Central Florida Mental Health Association's Golden Bell Award. She played a key role in establishing the Domestic Violence Commission in Orange County, served on the Jail Oversight Committee, Juvenile Justice Commission as well as the Board of Directors for the Central Receiving Center. In addition, she has served on the Board of the Orlando Science Center and Winter Park Chamber of Commerce, which elected her chairman in 2003.

A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, she truly made an indelible mark on her family, community and our judicial system. My deepest condolences are extended to her husband John, her son Chris and daughter Betsy. In addition, Lydia is remembered by her four grandchildren and three siblings. Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing the distinguished life and service of Lydia Gardner.

RECOGNIZING THE WINNERS OF
THE NINTH ANNUAL TECHNOLOGY AND ARTS COMPETITION HOSTED BY SAIC AND THE COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS OF HERNDON

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the participants and

winners from the Council for the Arts of Herndon's Ninth Annual SAIC Technology and the Arts Competition.

The Technology and the Arts program grew out of a desire to offer computer savvy teens a way to showcase their abilities in an artistic format. The innovative program challenges students in all Fairfax and Arlington county high schools to create works of animation, digital art, digital music, and digital photography by blending technology and artistry into one cutting-edge masterpiece. Students submit entries at their schools, and teachers are tasked with selecting which works will be entered into the contest. Works are judged by professionals and experts in the field, and awards are given for first place through honorable mention in each category.

This program also showcases how creativity extends beyond the arts into a crucial component of our local and national economies. Technology has been the driving force behind Fairfax County's economic expansion for the past two decades. Knowledge-based enterprises directly employ more than 140,000 people in Fairfax County and some of the world's leading technology firms are headquartered here. America remains the world's leader in technology innovation primarily because of the creativity and ingenuity of these companies. This event is not just about art, it is also about laying the foundation for America's competitiveness in a global market place.

I am pleased to congratulate the following winners of the Technology and the Arts Competition and to enter their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

SAIC Sponsor Award: Briana Bui—Taken By The Wind.

CAH Board of Director's Choice: Dean Dickinson Effects of Music.

Digital Art: 1st Place, Kelly Park—Bottle Memories, 2nd Place, Marvin Funes—Untitled, 3rd Place, Aileen Kenny—Bite Your Lip and Tell a Lie, Honorable Mention, J Lash—Found, Honorable Mention, Lauve Gladstone—Feather Brush, Honorable Mention, Dylan Staniszewski—Painting with Poison, Honorable Mention, Heather—Pham Dream, Honorable Mention, Kevin Jo—Jazz Player, Honorable Mention, Roya Sodeifi—Fourth, Honorable Mention, Tony Lunsford—Ticking Transformation.

Digital Photography: 1st Place, Dakota James—Spring Snow, 2nd Place, Wray Sinclair—Photography, 3rd Place, Kyle Kirkpatrick—Hit the Nail on the Head, Honorable Mention, Marisa Ross—Dryer.

Animation: 1st Place, Max Johnson—Dispense, 2nd Place, Samuel Eddy—Neerstorten, 3rd Place, Ian Jelliffe—Fat Lady Sings, Honorable Mention, Kevin Dang—A Day in the Life of a Pencil—Falls Church High School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating this year's winners and thanking SAIC, the Council for the Arts of Herndon, as well as the educators, parents, and community partners for their support of these students and this competition.

HONORING HAGEN R. KIMSEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Hagen R. Kimsey. Hagen is 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 10, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Hagen has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Hagen has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 41 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Hagen contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Hagen painted the physical therapy room at the United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Missouri facility in St. Joseph, Missouri. Hagen's work allowed the facility to maintain its license and provide children with developmental disabilities an opportunity for physical activity.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Hagen R. Kimsey for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF MIKE CONDOLEON

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Michael J. "Mike" Condoleon, 81, who passed away March 27, 2013 at St. Joseph Health Center in the presence of his loving family. Mike was born the son of John M. and Angela Condoleon on Nov. 6, 1931, in Warren, Ohio.

Northeast Ohio is known for hard working, honest Americans that work day in and day out to help drive this nation; Mike was no exception to this. He proudly served our nation in the U.S. Army during both World War II and the Korean War. In the early 1960s, Mike was the proud owner and operator of the McKinley Market. He also provided for his family while working at Penn Ohio Towel Co., St. Demetrios Community Center and most recently at Condo Inc.

Mike was a member of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church and AHEPA Zeus 88. He found joy in reading, landscaping, doing home projects and studying history. Although Mike enjoyed these hobbies, none of them can compare to the love Mike had for his family. Mike is survived by his loving wife, Christina "Tina" Condoleon, whom he married August 18, 1963; three children, John (Tricia) Condoleon of Howland, Harry (Hollie) Condoleon of Algona, Iowa, and Angela (Steve) Zervas of Cortland; ten grandchildren, Kristin, Michael, Kurt, Caitlyn, Michael John, Nicholas, Gabriel and Laney Condoleon, Christopher and Melena Zervas; one sister, Peggy Kontos of Warren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mike's son John is my dear friend, Mr. Speaker. And I know how proud he was of his son and all of his family. I know that his children continue to pass on to their children the values and integrity they witnessed in their father. And isn't that what it is all about? That is why I am honored to take this opportunity to commemorate the life of Michael J. Condoleon. He will be remembered as a friend, a colleague and a mentor to many—but most importantly, he will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. His contributions to this his family, our community and our nation will not be forgotten.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING ST.
MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of St. Mary's Bundschu Memorial High School, an historic and admirable educational institution that has been a proud part of my district for well over a century. At this time, I would like to join with my friends and neighbors to say goodbye and thank you to St. Mary's High School, recognizing all that the teachers, staff, and administration have done for generations of our community.

Few institutions can claim the vibrant history that St. Mary's can. It can trace its roots back to 1853, when Father Bernard Donnelly founded the school on a small plot of land, donated by Susan A. Hamilton. On this land was a small one and a half story building, which Father Donnelly converted into a school. From humble beginnings came bold and bountiful blessings.

At that time Independence, Missouri was the farthest point westward to which steamboats could travel on the Missouri River. It would be twelve more years before the city of Independence even opened its first public school, so St. Mary's served as the first public school for the frontier town. The children of merchants, explorers, and pioneers began their education together.

As the town grew, so did St. Mary's. Throughout its history—even in 1876 when part of the building was destroyed by a cyclone—St. Mary's has served the students of this community. In 1946, the cornerstone of the co-educational St. Mary's High School was laid, and by the very next year, a new building was completed and accredited. By 1968, the school opened its doors wide, expanding enrollment to neighboring communities, from greater Independence and Sugar Creek, to Northeastern Kansas City, Blue Springs, Lee's Summit, Raytown, Buckner, Smithville, and Liberty.

Over the years, St. Mary's has dedicated itself to the education and development of young men and women, teaching them to realize their unique potential through an extensive curriculum, instructional excellence, global awareness, service and extra-curricular programs. Thousands of young adults spent their formative years learning and growing in the classroom, on the field, on the stage, and in the pews on North Main Street.

It is with these facts in mind that Mayor of Independence Don B. Reimal dedicated May

14, 2013, to be St. Mary's High School Day, recognizing the positive impact this school has had on the lives of all of us, and urging all citizens to join in promoting the welfare of all children and youth.

As this school year comes to a close, so too do the doors of St. Mary's. But what will go on in these days, months, and years to come, is the lasting legacy of education and experience, living on in the hearts and minds of St. Mary's alumni.

Mr. Speaker, it is my wish that this Congress pay tribute to this valued part of our community.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
MAYO STUNTZ

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the extraordinary life of one of Fairfax County's more iconic figures, Mayo Sturdevant Stuntz, who passed away May 9, at the age of 97. Mr. Stuntz not only witnessed the historical events that shaped our community, but he and his family also dedicated themselves to documenting, sharing, and preserving that history for future generations.

A native of Vienna, Va., Mr. Stuntz spent his early years serving his country. After graduating from Cornell University, he served with the U.S. Army for five years during World War II, where he was a member of the renowned Alamo Scouts reconnaissance unit based in the South Pacific. He went on to serve 25 years with the Central Intelligence Agency. Those accomplishments alone merit our great praise and thanks, but it was what Mr. Stuntz did during his retirement that will leave a lasting imprint on our community.

Mr. Stuntz inherited from his parents an interest in history that grew into a hobby and ultimately became his true passion. His family is steeped in Fairfax County and our nation's history. He was a descendent of a Hessian soldier who came to the colonies during the Revolutionary War to fight for the British but wound up switching sides once he learned the impetus for the war. Mr. Stuntz also was a descendent of the Fitzhugh family, which traces its roots in America to the early 1600s. The family owned a large tract of what later became Fairfax County. At one point, the Fitzhughs were close family friends of George and Martha Washington, who had settled in eastern Fairfax, and another Fitzhugh descendant married Robert E. Lee.

Concerned with the disappearing character along the main street in Vienna that he recalled from his youth, Mr. Stuntz set out in the 1960s to photograph every house on Route 123 between Tysons Corner and Oakton. His wife, Connie, was soon pulled into the project, which eventually led the publishing of three books: "This Was Vienna," "This Was Tysons Corner," and "This Was Virginia." It was also during the mid-1960s that Mr. Stuntz was recruited to join the Fairfax Landmarks Preservation Committee, which would serve as a precursor to the Fairfax History Commission. In a 2005 oral history interview, he said his initial goal was to create a book of historical