

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO CAMPBELLSVILLE
UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S VOLLEY-
BALL TEAM

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 11, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Campbellsville University Women's Volleyball Team for their outstanding performance this season. While the team's record-setting 38 wins constitute a monumental achievement in their own right, the fact that the Campbellsville University Volley Tigers won the team's—and the university's—first NCAA National Championship is truly a testament to their exceptional effort and indomitable spirit.

The Lady Tigers' extraordinary commitment to academic and athletic excellence has not only distinguished them as role-models for their community, but has also earned Campbellsville University the national attention it so richly deserves. It is fitting, then, that the Volley Tigers' tremendous success aptly demonstrates not only their own exacting standards of excellence, but those of the university itself.

In addition to Coach Randy LeBleu and Assistant Coach Amy Eckenfels, I would like to commend the members of the team, Caitlin Dresing, Brooke Marcum, Lilian DaSilva, Tiarra Wilham, Lilian Odek, Caroline Martin, Samantha James, Shannon Cahill, Christiana Sindehar, and seniors Jovana Koprivica, Whitney Haynes and Renee Netherton, on their outstanding success. I wish them nothing but the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING SERGEANT BENTON
THAMES FOR HIS EXEMPLARY
SERVICE TO THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AS COM-
MANDER OF THE RELIEF AT THE
TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOL-
DIER AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL
CEMETERY

HON. BILL CASSIDY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 11, 2009

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Sergeant Benton Thames from the Town of Springfield in Louisiana's Sixth's Congressional District. It gives me great pleasure to extend to Sergeant Thames immense gratitude and appreciation for his exemplary service to our country as Commander of the Relief at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Sergeant Thames has dutifully guarded the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for over two years. His responsibilities include changing of the guard and laying of the wreath at the Tomb. Sergeant Thames strives to make this

ceremony special for the thousands of veterans and Americans who visit this sacred landmark annually. Sergeant Thames' dedicated service and commitment to our brave and courageous veterans and fallen heroes is truly admirable.

Sergeant Thames is a graduate of Springfield High School, and a former resident of Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District. In his spare time, Sergeant Thames volunteers with the Louisiana Honor Air program which aids World War II veterans in a variety of ways. I am honored by Sergeant Thames' service to our country and wish him continued success as Commander of the Relief at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
DR. WILLIAM HENRY "BILL"
COSBY JR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 11, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Dr. William Henry "Bill" Cosby Jr.—a husband, a father, a renowned entertainer, and an activist who has recently been selected to receive the Kennedy Center's 12th Annual Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. His contributions as an author, writer, actor, singer, comedian, and television producer span every facet of the entertainment industry and his work is beloved around the world.

In 1961, Mr. Cosby was the first African American to win the coveted Emmy award for his work on the TV show, "I Spy." Since then, Mr. Cosby has garnered numerous awards for excellence in the performing arts including the Golden Globe, a People's Choice award, and Grammy and Emmy awards. His natural comedic talent was first noticed in college when he attended Temple University and worked as a bartender. His quick wit and laid-back style easily drew others to him, including the legendary producer and director Carl Reiner. During his successful career in entertainment, Mr. Cosby remained committed to education, eventually earning a doctorate degree in Education from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Mr. Cosby is a rare comedic genius. He is intelligent, creative and never relies on profanity. His popular stand-up comedy performances are drawn from personal experiences such as a childhood spent on the streets of Philadelphia and his experiences as husband and a father. His thought provoking performances feature themes of family, love and human fallibilities. In addition to stand-up, his work in television is well known. He worked on hits including the "Electric Company," the animated comedy "Fat Albert and The Cosby Kids" and starred as Dr. Heathcliff Huxtable, the affable, educated and loving father on the hit comedy "The Cosby Show." Mr. Cosby's

work explored challenging family issues softened by comedy. His impact on children and young adults is immeasurable. Even today, Dr. Huxtable continues to be the most beloved television father of all time. Moreover, Mr. Cosby continues to be a mentor and voice of empowerment in urban and black communities. He uplifts and inspires young and old through public forums, music, humor and song. He continues to educate and encourage involvement based on the principles of family unity, community involvement and personal responsibility.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. William Henry "Bill" Cosby. Mr. Cosby's brilliant artistry, unwavering activism and volunteer spirit continue to lighten hearts and enlighten minds by bringing hope and laughter to millions. Mr. Cosby has made and continues to make our nation and our world a better place.

PERMANENT ESTATE TAX RELIEF
FOR FAMILIES, FARMERS, AND
SMALL BUSINESSES ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 4154, a bill that would cut taxes for millionaires at a time when Americans are struggling to hold on to their paychecks, their homes, and their dignity.

Today, one in ten Americans is out of work, one in eight Americans is receiving food assistance, and one in six of our children is living in poverty. With such need in this nation, Congress's primary mission must be to create jobs and strengthen economic security for the American people. When Congress convened in January, the economy was losing 20,000 jobs each day, and we took decisive action to avert the freefall of the economy and to set it on the path to recovery. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act made critical investments in our communities, infrastructure, education, and clean energy, and has so far created or saved as many as 1.6 million jobs.

As a result of this decisive action by Congress, the most recent Department of Labor jobs report showed that this country lost 587,000 fewer jobs in November 2009 than January 2009. While a significant improvement over the numbers at the beginning of this year, it is clear that this recession is still exacting a devastating toll. Congress must keep its focus on creating jobs. Legislation is urgently needed to provide assistance to prepare workers to fill occupations like nursing which have a shortage of skilled workers, to invest in new job-creating technologies, and to encourage the next generation of entrepreneurs to produce the new ventures and products that will ensure that the American economy returns to its preeminent position in the world.

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