

to provide the citizens of Northern Ireland with a Constitutional Bill of Rights. Northern Ireland should draw from the experiences of the U.S. and South Africa, and create a binding document that specifically lays out the liberties and rights of all the residents of the North. Citizens of Northern Ireland should be guaranteed the right against unreasonable search and seizures, the right against being detained without charges filed and the right to openly practice one's religion.

It is my hope that Prime Minister Blair will take immediate action on reinstatement of the Belfast Assembly and come to his senses and terminate these two Scots Guards. I hope that we will honor Peter McBride's memory by continuing our fight for equality and self-rule in Northern Ireland. Again, while we should never forget Peter's murder, we should use this atrocity as a basis for human rights and police reform in the North.

I look forward to continuing to work for the right of all citizens of Northern Ireland.

HONORING TONY BARBERI

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the many accomplishments of Tony Barberi, who was recognized Friday, January, 24th, at Ireland's 32 annual dinner dance held at the Hi-Hat Club in Bayonne, New Jersey.

In 1973, Tony Barberi immigrated to America, making Bayonne, New Jersey, his new home. After working for a year in construction for a local contractor in Bayonne, Tony, along with his father and brothers, founded the Barberi Brothers Construction Company and Graziella Tile Imports. What was once a family dream rapidly became a great and wonderful reality. His family-run construction business grew, and over the years has continuously provided top quality community development to Bayonne and its residents. The Bayonne Housing Authority received national acclaim for the outstanding Roverson Homes project completed by none other than the exceptional Barberi Brothers Construction Company. Tony is currently the President of Barnac Builders and Developers.

A soccer enthusiast, Tony, for the past 12 years, has been a coach and sponsor of the Bayonne Youth Soccer Association. He is a state-licensed soccer coach, and since 1996, has been the head varsity soccer coach at Holy Family Academy.

Tony is a member of the following organizations: the New Jersey State Contractors Association; the Sicilian Citizens Club; the Nick Capodice Association; National Soccer Coaches Association of America; and New Jersey Girl's Soccer Coaches Association.

Tony dedicates his time to the Spinal Bifida Foundation, the Simpson Barber Foundation for the Autistic, and Holy Family, St. Andrew's, and Our Lady of Assumption Parishes.

The son of Pietro and the late Grazia Barberi, Tony has two brothers, Nunzio and Mario. He is married to Fina, and has three children, Pietro, Graziella, and Rosalia.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Tony Barberi for living the American dream: nurturing a family; establishing a busi-

ness; investing in the community; and selflessly giving his time to making Bayonne a better place for all.

TRIBUTE TO THE NEGAUNEE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM IN RECOGNITION OF WINNING A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to the coaches, players, and managers of the 2002 Negaunee High School Miners football team, in recognition of winning the Michigan Division 6 state football championship on November 29, 2002 at the Silverdome in Pontiac. The 2002 title was the Miners' first ever state football championship!

Every high school football team in Michigan begins practices with "two a days" under the sweltering August sun with hopes of making it to the Silverdome and winning a state championship. Only one of these schools in every division will actually realize their title hopes.

The valuable traits of teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship are learned through participation in athletics. In addition to instilling these traits, the hard work and dedication of the coaches, players, and managers paid off with a state championship this season for the Negaunee Miners.

Hard work and dedication are hallmarks of the men and women of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The residents of the City of Negaunee, Marquette County, and the entire Upper Peninsula are proud of the accomplishments of the Negaunee High School Miners state football championship team.

Defeating Hopkins High School 28–20 in an exciting overtime thriller, capped a 13 and 1 season for the Miners. The Miners also captured a 2002 Mid-Peninsula conference championship.

The Miners began their march to the state championship with a hard fought 14–12 victory over rival Ishpeming High School. A 20–6 win over Suttons Bay High School gave the Miners a Division 6 Region 1 District 2 crown. The Miners went on to defeat Iron Mountain 28–17, for the Division 6 Region 1 championship and a berth in the Division 6 state semi-finals. A close 32–28 win over Whittemore-Prescott High School sent the Miners downstate for the championship game against Hopkins High School.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize every person involved in the Negaunee High School Miners' Division 6 state football championship.

Head Coach, Paul Jacobson, and assistant coaches: Kevin Jacobson, Mark Marana, and Dick Koski, provided the leadership and discipline.

Team members include: Donald Barr, John Bauman, Zack Brintlinger, Doug Byykkonen, David Cain, Dan Champion, Luke Cody, Cory Cronkright, Adam Croschere, David Echelbarger, Eric Faulkner, Eric Faust, Chris Giletto, Ben Grossman, Ken Heikkila, Andy Hill, Bryan Hill, Randy Howe, Luke Jandron, Eric Jarvi, Jack Jarvi, Jesse Jezek, Bob Jurasin, Jeremy King, Josh LaBelle, Steve LaJoie, Kyle Lander, Eric Larson, Ryan Leaf,

Brian Mattice, John O'Neill, Shaun Pynnonen, Josh Rich, Eric Roberts, Jake Skewis, Eric Smock, David Speaker, Randy Sundell, Nick Thompson, Dillan Thome, and Josh Wernholm.

Team managers were Jacob Jandron and Mario Marana.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to recognize the efforts of the Negaunee High School cheerleading team and its coaches who provided invaluable support to the Miners football team throughout the championship season.

Cheer Coach, Karen Saari, assistant coach Kathy DelAngelo and volunteer coaches Diane Faust and Amy Pringle.

Cheerleaders: Colleen Argall, Andraya Mattila, Brittany Hewitt, Ashley Nault, Tashina Kallionen, Kayla Pizzala, Ashley Kangas, Brittany Rice, Stacy Kemper, and Amber Wetton.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my House colleagues to join me in saluting the coaches, players, managers and supporters of the 2002 Negaunee High School Miners-Division 6 Michigan state football championship team.

INTRODUCING THE "TERROR IMMIGRATION ELIMINATION ACT OF 2003"

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the "Terror Immigration Elimination Act of 2003."

The United States remains vulnerable to terrorist attacks more than a year after the tragedy of 9/11. Our borders remain porous—a virtual revolving door and welcome mat for those who would seek to harm us. This was never more evident than when news broke some time ago that the Immigration and Naturalization Service had actually renewed the visas for several of the 9/11 hijackers after the attack had taken place. We cannot prevent terrorism if we cannot keep terrorists out of our country.

That is why I am introducing the "Terror Immigration Elimination Act of 2003." This bill will deny student and "diversity" visas to anyone coming from a country currently on the State Department's list of terrorism-sponsoring countries.

It may seem shocking that citizens from these countries can even still receive these visas, but it is true. We must put a lock on this revolving door if we are going to protect Americans from the continuing threat of terrorism on our soil.

Further, Mr. Speaker, it is time we face reality regarding Saudi Arabia. We must remember that most of the 9/11 hijackers were Saudi nationals. Also, when al-Qaeda supporters were rounded up from Afghanistan and held at Camp X-Ray, reports showed that of the 158 prisoners more than one hundred were Saudi nationals. With such an evident level of involvement from Saudi nationals in these activities, it is quite obvious that the Saudi government is not doing all it can, or all it should, in resolving this urgent problem. Therefore, Saudi citizens will also be denied student and "diversity" visas to the United States under this bill.

Mr. Speaker, we need to take concrete and substantive steps to protect the United States

and its citizens against further terrorist attacks. One such step is passage of this bill. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and I look forward to its passage.

HONORING THE FRENSHIP JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Cheerleaders of Frenship Junior High. Through their hard work and dedication, these young women won the National Cheerleading Association National Championship.

Since September, the girls of Frenship Junior High have practiced their routines at least two hours a week. The competition began on December 28th, where the girls qualified for the finals competition the next day. They overcame nerves and last minute alterations in their routine to take the championship on December 29, 2002 with a score of 9.05 on a scale of 10. After so many months of practice and determination, the squad pulled through with a spectacular victory.

It is with great pleasure, Mr. Speaker, that I honor these dedicated young women for their commitment to their sport. The Frenship Junior High School cheerleaders stand out as very dedicated and motivated individuals. I wish to congratulate these girls on their success in such a competitive sport.

HONORING BARRY A. KASTNER

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the works of Barry A. Kastner. This outstanding individual from Long Island was honored last night at the B'Nai B'Rith Banking and Finance Distinguished Achievement Award Dinner.

Mr. Kastner's leadership in the commercial finance industry has been an example to many, and I am most grateful for his service to Congress Financial Corporation and to Long Island.

DR. FRANCINE RATNER KAUFMAN

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Francine Ratner Kaufman who is receiving the 2003 American Diabetes Association's Women of Valor Award for her dedication to the field of diabetes.

Dr. Kaufman has devoted her clinical and research career to improving the lives of children affected by diabetes. Dr. Kaufman heads the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and is Professor of Pediatrics at the Keck School of

Medicine at USC. She has published extensively and lectured nationally and internationally on her research in childhood diabetes.

In addition to Dr. Kaufman's busy clinical practice at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and its satellite centers, Dr. Kaufman has been the medical director at a summer camp for children with diabetes in the San Bernardino Mountains of Southern California for two decades. She has helped establish standards of care for the American Diabetes Association where she currently serves as 2002-2003 National President. She has led many advocacy efforts at the local and national levels to increase insurance benefits and to reduce discrimination against people with diabetes.

I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Kaufman while I was in the California State Senate. Dr. Kaufman worked with me on legislation that would enhance diabetes treatment and management.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Francine Ratner Kaufman for her pioneering clinical studies, research and devotion to the field of diabetes.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE BYRON KINDER

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that a long and exceptionally distinguished career in public service has come to a close. The Honorable Judge Byron Kinder retired from his position as Cole County's circuit court judge on January 1, 2003.

A graduate of the University of Missouri and Georgetown Law School, Judge Kinder has been a highly respected judge in Cole County for thirty years.

Judge Kinder is well known for his sense of humor, his directness, and his ability to quickly get at the heart of the problem. Through his time in office, he has treated all before him with the same sense of justice and respect.

In 1962, he entered private practice in Cole County and served as an assistant prosecutor. In 1965, Judge Kinder was appointed prosecutor by Governor Warren Hearnes, serving until 1972, when he was elected circuit court judge.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Judge Kinder all the best as he moves on to the next step in his life. I know the members of the House will join me in wishing him well.

RECOGNIZING PARTNERSHIP OF IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY ENGLISH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND TAIWAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the success of the Idaho State University English and Professional Development

Program in partnership with the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This unique program, the only program of its kind in the United States, provides a language and cultural education program for junior diplomatic officers in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Over 40 students have completed the program since its inception in the early 1990's, and many of these graduates now serve their country in diplomatic postings throughout the world.

The program enables these junior officials to increase their knowledge of the American political system, enhance their language skills, and gain a greater understanding of U.S. culture. Instead of just learning about America in textbooks they have the unique opportunity to experience and participate in the American system by way of local internships and interactions with elected officials. Additionally, they can experience Idaho's natural beauty and participate in numerous outdoor activities. Not only does this program benefit these officials, but it also benefits the students of Idaho State University who are exposed to a different culture and perspective, broadening their world view and understanding.

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet the current group of junior diplomats studying at Idaho State University. They are an intelligent, energetic group who are eager to serve their country. We had a healthy exchange of ideas and a good discussion regarding the American political system and current events in Taiwan. They are very interested in gaining as much knowledge and insight as possible during their stay in America and look forward to using what they have learned as they progress in their diplomatic careers.

I congratulate the 2002-2003 participants of this very worthwhile program. Chen Sy-yun, Fu Yu-min, Huang Chien-tsai, Chin Tsung-kai, and Hsiao Kuang-wei are very able representatives of their country and I am sure that like their predecessors they will serve their country with honor and distinction. I wish them success in all their future endeavors.

This exchange of ideas serves both countries well and reinforces the democratic bond between the United States and Taiwan. Positive associations such as this strengthen the tie between our two countries and further reinforce the importance of Taiwan as a trusted ally.

I am honored to have this program in my congressional district and look forward to a continued successful relationship with Taiwan.

I would like to thank the Honorable C. J. Chen, Taiwan's chief representative in the United States, for his contribution to the close and friendly relationship between our two countries. I would also like to thank Mr. Anthony Chung Yi Ho, Senior Assistant to the Honorable C. J. Chen, for his expertise and leadership in working with my staff, and Michelle Lewis, Director of the Idaho State University English and Professional Development Program, for her dedication and commitment to this unique program.