

than specifically to education, until 1997, when all lottery net revenue was redirected to the state's Foundation School Fund, which supports public education. School finance remained one of the key issues of her governorship and of those succeeding hers; the famous Robin Hood plan was launched in the 1992–1993 biennium which attempted to make school funding more equitable across school districts. Richards also sought to decentralize control over education policy to districts and individual campuses; she instituted "site-based management" to this end.

In March 2006, Richards announced that she had been diagnosed with esophageal cancer and will be seeking treatment at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. The disease has a five-year survival rate of 25 percent. Despite the statistics, Governor Richards vowed to beat her illness and battled valiantly until the very last day, when she finished her journey on earth and ascended to the heavens.

None of us who knew and loved Ann Richards will ever forget her or the way she brightened the lives of all the people she served. She was one in a million and she will be deeply missed. She will never be replaced. She was an American original. She was my friend.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAME BETWEEN MARINETTE, WISCONSIN AND MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the Marinette Marines from Marinette High School and the Menominee High School Maroons as they prepare for the 100th meeting of their football teams.

This celebrated gridiron contest began over a century ago when the teams first met on Thanksgiving Day in 1894. Over one hundred years later, the Marinette and Menominee High School football game is one of the oldest interstate high school football rivalries in the nation.

In true Midwestern football spirit, the historic game between Marinette and Menominee is one of the biggest events of the year for locals. While many shops and factories close for the day to enjoy the game, others decorate their storefronts with school colors. Without a doubt, the stands are filled each and every year with screaming fans—all anxious to show pride in their school and town.

Mr. Speaker, it's my pleasure to recognize this historic football game and pay tribute to the one hundred years of tradition surrounding it. On behalf of the residents of Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District, I want to say congratulations, best of luck, and go Marines!

HONORING 2006 PRESIDENTIAL FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS IN THE 20TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and recognize 20 exceptional high school students in my Congressional District that were the recipients of the 2006 Presidential Freedom Scholarship. The immeasurable amount of time and effort that these students have volunteered this past year has helped countless citizens of my district, and has made New York's 20th a better place to live.

The Presidential Freedom Scholarship promotes student service and civic engagement by recognizing high school students for outstanding leadership in service to their community and neighbors. This year's recipients in my Congressional District include:

David Casazza, Paige Hanselman, Andrea E. Holmes, Chad M. Shippee, Vanessa A. Merrill, Kathleen B. Price, Renee C. O'Toole, Eric R. Reeve, Craig Millward, Nicholas Kitsock, Patrick K. Gavin-Brynes, Meghan G. Michael, Brian Driscoll, Katelin M. Meehan, Michael Fueston, Stephen R. McGrath, Philip J. Schools, Kathleen Dillon, Jaimie N. DeJager, and Vincent A. Newell.

By completing at least 100 hours of community service, these high school students are solving problems in their communities, demonstrating compassion for others, and assisting those who need support.

Our neighborhoods and communities are stronger because of volunteers and these students are truly a role model for our nation and their peers. It is my privilege to honor such selfless and dedicated members of my district. On behalf of the United States Congress, I offer my best wishes to them for continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET E. "PEARL" MILLER

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness and tremendous gratitude to honor the life of my good friend, Margaret E. Miller, a generous and dedicated member of the community who will be greatly missed in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Miller, known to her many friends as "Pearl", was a woman of character, ability and charm, and we shall all miss her very much.

Pearl Miller was renowned for her unswerving loyalty to her friends and family. She worked to make a difference in the lives of others and everyone who met her was warmed by her friendliness and hospitality.

While establishing her reputation as a loving wife and mother, Pearl also distinguished herself as a gracious hostess and active supporter of many admirable causes. Pearl Miller was a woman of integrity, compassion, and

dedication. She carried out her responsibilities as mother, wife, hostess, campaign advisor, and friend with a grace and style, which few could match. Her loss is felt deeply throughout Delaware County, particularly in Springfield, the town she proudly called home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Pearl Miller, a dedicated friend to many in the 7th Congressional District. I wish Pearl's husband, Rutherford S. "Ford" Miller, Sr. and family my heartfelt condolences. May they find comfort in knowing that the many people she impacted deeply value her dedication and generosity and the example of her life and work.

DETROIT SHOCK CHAMPIONSHIP CELEBRATION

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, the Detroit Shock were crowned 2006 WNBA Champions after their 80–75 victory in Game 5 against the Sacramento Monarchs. This is the Shock's second WNBA title in franchise history. The Shock also won in 2003.

The Shock proved they have "got game" by becoming one of three teams to win two championships. Houston and Los Angeles are the others. The Shock's two titles in four seasons rank them among best in league history.

Flint native Deanna Nolan was named Most Valuable Player, MVP of the 2006 WNBA Finals.

Former Detroit Piston Bill Laimbeer is the Head Coach; former Detroit Pistons Rick Mahorn is an assistant coach. Cheryl Reeve is the other assistant coach.

The Shock's regular season record was 23–11.

This is the WNBA's 10th anniversary. Women's basketball announced "We Got Next!" when the NBA Board of Governors approved the WNBA concept in 1996.

The Detroit Shock serve as examples to young women everywhere. Their accomplishments encourage others to make HERstory. They demonstrate how you can achieve success by setting goals, doing your best, and practicing teamwork.

Shock Players include Jackie Batteast, Kara Braxton, Swin Cash*, Cheryl Ford*, Kedra Holland-Corn*, Deanna Nolan*, Sabrina Palie, Plenette Pierson, Elaine Powell*, Ruth Riley*, Katie Smith, and Angelina Williams.

*Members of the 2003 and 2006 teams.

HOMELESS VETERANS

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, each night nearly 200,000 veterans are homeless. They live on the streets, in alleys, in cars, in barns and under bridges. Many other veterans are just one paycheck away from being homeless.

The Government Accountability Office has just reported that the Department of Veterans Affairs' largest program to provide homeless