

Cody is the first student in the Highland Public School district who has maintained perfect attendance for all thirteen years. I am asking Congress to join me in recognizing this amazing young man, who despite hardships, has already accomplished so much in his academic career. Although he will be graduating with a diploma this spring, I'm positive this is just the beginning of many other successes to come in his future.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR.
W.O. MOZINGO

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and southwest Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the memory of W.O. Mazingo.

Before moving to Mobile, "Mo" as he was known to his friends, joined the U.S. Army during World War II and served in the 65th Infantry Division of the European Theatre. He led a mine platoon, locating and disarming land mines. He was wounded in action and became a Disabled American Veteran and lifetime member of the VFW, Post 49.

Considered by many to be the father of the labor movement in southwest Alabama, Mr. Mazingo began his career with the former National City Bus Line in Mobile and joined the Amalgamated Transit Union Local No. 770 in 1943. He served in various capacities as a union member, including 20 years as president and 19 years as president of the Southwest Alabama Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

It goes without saying that Mr. Mazingo was well known throughout the Mobile community. He served on numerous boards of directors, including the American Red Cross, Volunteers of America, the United Way of Southwest Alabama, Mobile United, South Alabama Regional Planning Commission, and the Advisory Board for Springhill Memorial Hospital. Mr. Mazingo was also a lifelong Democrat. In 1999, the Mobile County Democratic Party awarded him the Democratic Award of Distinction.

Mr. Mazingo's awards were also just as numerous. In 1992, he was inducted into the Alabama Organized Labor Awards Foundation Hall of Fame. The Southwest Alabama Labor Council, AFL-CIO, honored him by creating an annual award known as the "W.O. Mazingo Community Services Award." He earned the distinction of being one of only five Mobilians to achieve Emeritus status with the United Way board.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout southwest Alabama. W.O. "Mo" Mazingo will be deeply missed by his family—his wife of sixty eight years, Myrtle LaBarreare Mazingo; their three children, William Gary Mazingo, Linda Mazingo Murphy, and John W. Mazingo; his sister, Josephine Beddingfield; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

SUPPORTING H.R. 362 AND H.R. 363

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise to show my strong and enthusiastic support for H.R. 362 and H.R. 363. Both of these bills are extremely timely and worthwhile pieces of legislation that will provide much needed assistance to my constituents, and to the country as a whole.

As we advance forward in this new century, it is of the utmost importance that we prepare our young people for the challenges that lay ahead. Addressing issues such as global climate change and making our nation more energy efficient require that we train our students to become the scientists, mathematicians, and engineers of the future.

In the district that I represent, families are yearning for more schools that focus on math and science. Such curriculums offer greater opportunities to help prepare our students to attend college and graduate school in these areas and to secure jobs in the new millennium in the fields of biofuels, biotechnology, and biodefense.

I have personally been involved in trying to secure more funding to address these concerns and bring science and math-oriented schools into my district.

Additionally, with the selection of Chicago as a potential host for the 2016 Olympics, our great city will need to fulfill the demand for more civil engineers, technicians, and architects. We will need to construct new buildings, roads, and stadiums, and we would like to utilize the limitless talent of Illinois' most skilled and well trained mathematicians, scientists and engineers.

H.R. 362 and H.R. 363 will help address the needs of my community, as well as the many challenges that this great country faces. I urge all of my colleagues to support these bills.

TRIBUTE TO THE LACKAWANNA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. CARNEY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lackawanna Historical Society and their commitment to celebrating the coal-mining heritage of Pennsylvania.

The Lackawanna Historical Society is proud to be partners with the Olyphant Coal Miners Association in a visionary project to celebrate the heritage of coal miners in Pennsylvania. On Father's Day, June 17, 2007, they will unveil a monument to honor the mid-valley miners who worked to fuel the world's energy supply in Olyphant collieries.

These dedicated individuals worked to supply anthracite coal and energy to others. In doing so, some lost their lives. It is fitting that we remember their sacrifice, and this monument is a just and proper way to do so.

The monument will feature a bronze statue with a stainless steel pick, crafted by local sculptor Frank "Wyso" Wysochansky. The monument will be placed in Olyphant. This is an appropriate place to honor all miners from the Mid-Valley due to its central location. This memorial will remind everyone of the dedication and sacrifice of the coal miners of Mid-Valley, Pennsylvania.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Lackawanna Historical Society and the Olyphant Coal Miners Association, and all the citizens of Pennsylvania who lost their lives helping to fuel the world's energy supply.

RECOGNIZING THE BIRTHDAY AND
LIFE OF SUGAR RAY ROBINSON

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the birth of Walker Smith Jr., a boxing phenomenon, whose boxing style was so smooth and sweet that he earned the nickname "Sugar Ray."

Sugar Ray Robinson was born Walker Smith Junior on May 3, 1921 in Ailey, Georgia. His family relocated to Harlem, New York to escape the racial injustice of the South when he was just 12 years old.

After a few years of living in Harlem, he was introduced to the sport of boxing. Since he was too young to register, he borrowed a registration card from his friend, Ray Robinson. He used his name to begin boxing under the Amateur Athletic Union. His boxing style was unique and drew crowds. A boxing coach, George Gainford, thought his style was sweet as sugar and others agreed. Thus, he was called Sugar Ray Robinson.

It was his unique style that made him a boxing legend. It all began in 1940, when he won the New York Golden Gloves championship. He was just 19 years old. Immediately after that victory, he became a professional boxer. By 1946, he became the world welterweight champion, a title he held for 5 years winning 91 straight matches. His success continued when he entered the middleweight division. He held the middleweight title five times from 1951 to 1960. He retired from boxing in November of 1965 after his last fight. His outstanding boxing record includes a total of 202 professional fights of which he won 175, and during his career he came to define boxing as "the sweet sacrifice."

Due to health conditions, he passed away on April 12, 1989, at the age of 67. He was elected to the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1967 and created a foundation for youth in California. A postage stamp was created in his honor in 2006. I urge my colleagues to support House Resolution 359, recognizing the athletic achievements and commitment to young people of this great American boxer.