

For five decades, the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama have provided safe, positive places for children and adolescents. B.R. "Babe" Wilson Jr., Arthur Tonsmeire, and Jack Harris formed the area's first Boys Club of Mobile on McDuffie Island with 20 boys as members. Today, the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama have 11 clubs and a 150-acre day camp.

The clubs are open year-round and offer members help with homework, classes on computers, organized athletics, arts and crafts, and life-skill programs such as the Job Ready Program. In 2006, there were over 17,000 registered members, and youth served in Mobile and Baldwin counties through the Boys and Girls Clubs' community outreach.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of America began in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1860. At a time when parents labored 12 hours a day, six days a week, many of their children were left unsupervised. Elizabeth Hamersley, along with sisters Mary and Alice Godwin, encouraged others to invite these boys into their homes for refreshments—an effort which eventually grew into the Dashaway Club. In 1906, 53 of the organizations united in Boston to form the Federated Boys' Clubs, now known as the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

It is my sincere hope that the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama will continue its vital service to the children of south Alabama for another 50 years. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama, along with executive director Mary Zoghy, the staff and many volunteers for their dedication and hard work as well as for being a positive influence on the lives of so many young men and women throughout south Alabama.

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT BRUCE
HORNER, UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2007

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage of one of the bravest and most dedicated heroes of our Nation.

Sergeant Bruce Horner was part of the search and recovery operations for American soldiers captured by Al Quaida terrorists in southern Baghdad when he was killed by an enemy sniper on June 1, 2007.

An 18-year veteran of the Army, Bruce Horner was a proud non-commissioned officer, mentor and leader to younger soldiers.

He came from a family with a long tradition of military service and did not take his responsibilities to lead younger soldiers lightly.

Sergeant Horner is survived by his wife, parents and the soldiers he left behind, who are continuing the hard work of protecting our Nation's freedoms in Iraq.

SGT. Bruce Horner is gone, but he will never be forgotten.

His memory lives on through the family he left behind and in the soldiers that he so ably led.

Our community and Nation honor Sergeant Horner's memory and we are grateful for his 18 years of faithful and distinguished service to America.

COURTNEY AMAYA CROWDER
MAKES HER MARK ON THE WORLD

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2007

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Courtney Crowder, formerly of my staff, and his wife Byinna on the birth of their first child, Courtney Amaya Crowder. Courtney was born on June 17, 2007 and weighed 8 pounds. Faye joins me in wishing Courtney and Byinna great happiness during this very special time in their lives. A Raleigh native, Courtney served on my district staff in several capacities with distinction and will always remain a member of team Etheridge.

As a father and grandfather myself, I know the joy, pride, and excitement that parents experience upon the entrance of their child into the world. Representing hope, goodness, and innocence, a newborn allows those around her to see the world through her eyes as a new, fresh place with unending possibilities for the future. Through a child, one is able to recognize and appreciate the full potential of the human race. I know Courtney and Byinna look forward to the changes and challenges that their new daughter will bring to their lives while taking pleasure in the many rewards they are sure to receive as they watch her grow.

I welcome young Courtney into the world and wish Courtney and Byinna all the best as they raise her.

HONORING BRODIE CLARK

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Brodie Clark, a student at Greenwood High School in Kentucky's Warren County School District. Brodie is the recipient of the spring 2007 Outstanding Student Award from Carnegie Learning, a publisher of research-based math curricula for middle school and high school students. Brodie received this award for his success in math, and also for his ability to appreciate the practical applications of math concepts—not just memorized formulas—in his everyday life.

Brodie is a 10th grade Algebra II student, and enjoys using the Carnegie Learning curricula in Ms. Lee's Algebra II class. Brodie has excelled beyond Ms. Lee's expectations and has challenged himself to complete every Algebra II unit before the end of the school year; a task which is nearly complete. He has emerged as a leader in his Algebra II class, helping other students understand the material and stay on task.

In his spare time, Brodie enjoys playing disc golf, a sport in which he constantly uses math. "Whether I am trying to figure out the distance to the basket, or my score, addition and subtraction are constantly being performed. I have to think about the angle I am going to throw the disc, and what speed I want to throw it," said Brodie. "Thanks to math, I am able to do all of this in my head with ease. Playing disc

golf and doing math allows me to combine my two favorite things."

Brodie received the Outstanding Student Award from Carnegie Learning, a developer of math programs for middle school, high school, and postsecondary students. Carnegie Learning is helping students across the Commonwealth of Kentucky increase their achievement in math, and in a recent evaluation by the Kentucky Committee for Mathematics Achievement, was the only one of nine curricula to receive the top ranking in every category in the committee's assessment of intermediate and middle grades math intervention programs.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Brodie's achievement in math education, and in encouraging more students to appreciate the importance of math and science education. In the global economy of the 21st century, knowledge of math is absolutely critical. While our Nation is concerned by reports that our students are falling behind in basic math skills, Brodie Clark is proving that our students can succeed if they have access to quality resources, and the support of dedicated family and teachers. I would also like to thank Carnegie Learning for recognizing his exceptional efforts.

HONORING LINCOLN FALLS AND
MILLVIEW WESLEYAN CHURCH

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2007

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lincoln Falls and Millview Wesleyan Church and their commitment to serving the Sullivan County area for well over 100 years.

The Millview Church was established in 1843 and Lincoln Falls was established in 1877. They celebrated their first annual Camp Meeting in 1907. On July 15, they will celebrate that 100th anniversary.

Dr. Harry F. Wood, the district superintendent, will speak at the celebration service. An old-fashioned picnic will follow.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Lincoln Falls and Millview Wesleyan Churches for their 100 years of joint camp meetings and for over 100 years of distinguished service to Sullivan County, PA, and the United States of America.

NATIONAL HERITAGE FELLOW
HAZEL DICKENS

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2007

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the National Heritage Fellowships.

The National Heritage Fellowships are a proud tradition that honors our Nation's diverse cultural heritage and West Virginia has been truly blessed by the music of Heritage Fellow Hazel Dickens, who was awarded this lifetime achievement recognition in 2001.

As we celebrated West Virginia's birthday last week, the words of Hazel Dickens were