

under his leadership, the staff worked tirelessly to prepare the school for a return. The Sabine Pass School reopened in early October, missing only 17 days of instruction. 92 percent of the students were back on the first day. They were not just passing time, either. The School would receive exemplary status from the Texas Education Agency that year.

After a 6-year tenure as Superintendent of the Sabine Pass ISD, Malcolm Nash is stepping down. Because of his courageous leadership, he was named the Region 5 Superintendent of the Year for 2011–12 and is also in the running for the statewide title. Thanks to Mac's leadership, Sabine Pass is a stronger, better place to live.

The Sabine Pass School gets the name of the "Beacon of Hope," but the citizens will never forget the light that Malcolm Nash shined on the entire community.

And that's just the way it is.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR. JOHN C. FAKAN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Mr. John C. Fakan, the skipper of the historic USS COD Submarine Memorial.

Mr. Fakan was born in Cleveland, Ohio on May 10, 1934. He grew up in Cleveland and attended John Marshal High School. John earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Ohio University, a master's degree in electrical engineering from Colorado State University, and a PhD in systems engineering, also from Colorado State University. Despite his education in the sciences, John had interests in many areas. He served as the president of the Cleveland Philosophical Society and was a trustee of the Great Lakes Historical Society and the Historic Naval Ships Society.

John led a life full of accomplishments that ranged from working as an aerospace engineer for NASA's Lewis Research Center in Brook Park, Ohio to founding the Medical Data Systems Corporation, located Northeast Ohio. Throughout his career, John helped develop technology used in moon landings and designed quieter jet engines. He also worked on the Great Lakes Very High Frequency Communications System technology that allowed for radio-telephone communication over the Great Lakes.

Most recently, John had been known as the skipper of the USS COD Submarine Memorial, a warship that saw battle in both World War II and the Korean War. In 2011, John was awarded the Casper J. Knight, Jr. Award for his work restoring and maintaining the submarine.

I offer my condolences to his wife Helene; children, Stephen, Debra and Sandra; grandchildren, and five siblings. In addition to his family, John will be missed by the many people whose lives he affected in his 78 incredible years.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring John C. Fakan, a leader and a role model in the Cleveland community.

NAVY LT. BRAD SNYDER EM-BARKS ON HIS NEXT MISSION—OLYMPIC GOLD

**HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2012*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Navy Lt. Brad Snyder, of St. Petersburg, Florida, who I not only have the honor and privilege to represent but who I appointed to the United States Naval Academy.

Lieutenant Snyder is an American hero who lost his eye sight in Afghanistan while carrying out an extremely dangerous mission to protect the lives of his team in the field.

Lieutenant Snyder is emblematic of the American volunteer spirit that is the cornerstone of our Nation's fighting force. As a record setting swimmer at Northeast High School in St. Petersburg, he informed me in 2001 of his desire to attend the United States Naval Academy.

"I believe that to serve my country, and by attending the Naval Academy, I would be making the most of what I have been given by God," Brad wrote to me in his candidate statement. I was proud to nominate Brad in December 2001 and with his appointment, he joined the Class of 2006 in Annapolis during the summer of 2002.

Brad was an outstanding Midshipman. He demonstrated his exceptional leadership skill as the Captain of the Navy Swim Team. His coaches, teammates, and fellow sailors all extolled his exceptional work ethic and amiable, trustworthy behavior.

During his time at Annapolis, Brad learned of the mission of our explosive ordinance disposal, EOD, teams, the fearless men and women who dismantle explosives and Improvised Explosive Devices, IEDs, to protect Americans in the field, often endangering their own lives in the process. Brad decided that he wanted to volunteer for this dangerous assignment.

Lieutenant Snyder graduated in May 2006 and became an Explosive Ordnance Officer. After a 6 month deployment to Iraq, Lieutenant Snyder was deployed to Afghanistan on April 11, 2011. Despite his father's passing while he was in Afghanistan, Lieutenant Snyder decided to remain on deployment with his team. On September 7, 2011, the front of Lieutenant Snyder's patrol team set off an IED. While providing aid, Lieutenant Snyder stepped on a pressure plate, detonating another unseen IED. The second blast inflicted severe burns and permanently blinded him. While recovering at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Lt. Brad Snyder remained positive and focused on healing.

Less than 2 months after losing his sight, Lieutenant Snyder returned to the swimming pool and swam several hundred meters on his first attempt. He continued to progress and train with the intent to serve his country, this time as a member of the U.S. Paralympics Swim Team.

Just last month, Lieutenant Snyder fulfilled his dream and qualified for the team that will represent the United States in London later this summer.

As I look back over Brad's candidate statement to me 11 years ago, I was struck by one of his life goals. Brad wrote, "Initially it was Olympic gold that I dreamed of, but as reality set in I realized that the military was a more realistic dream. Today I dream that I will be an officer in the best Navy the world has ever seen, and I hope that my contributions to the Navy can help it grow strong."

Mr. Speaker, Lt. Brad Snyder has already achieved one of his goals—to be an officer in the best Navy the world has ever seen and to help it grow strong. He sacrificed his vision to protect his fellow sailors, soldiers, and Marines. It is my hope that my colleagues will join me in saying thank you to Lieutenant Snyder for the steep price he paid to protect our freedom and at the same time to wish him God speed as he sets off to London to achieve his next goal—to bring home gold from the 2012 Paralympics.

When I see the spirit and courage of Lt. Brad Snyder, I am confident that our nation is in good hands with a new generation of leaders who understand the value of service and sacrifice. Our best wishes go out to him that a gold medal may be but one of many great achievements Brad achieves over his lifetime.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
C.W. BILL YOUNG, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

*Washington, DC.*

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

Young men and women who are selected for training at one of our Service Academies receive an outstanding and costly education at the expense of the United States Government. Graduates are normally required to serve at least their five years after graduation. Congressman Young is most anxious to select young men and women who sincerely desire a service career and who fully intend to make it their life's work. Therefore, applicants for appointment to one of the Service Academies are requested to complete the following:

I, Bradley W. Snyder, a candidate for appointment to one of the United States Service Academies, do hereby certify that my application is motivated primarily by a desire to serve my country as a career officer. I further state that it is my intention, if appointed, to graduate from the Academy and make service in the Armed Forces of the United States my profession and career. I make this statement in good conscience and without mental reservation. Moreover, I want to serve my country as a career officer in the U.S. Navy because: (Please type in space below)

The Naval Academy is one of the best institutions in the world, and has the most potential for development in mind and character. I believe that to serve my country, and by attending the Naval Academy, I would be making the most out of what I have been given by God. As a young child I dreamed that perhaps one day, I could have the chance to represent the great country of the United States and be a part of it's world dominance. Initially it was Olympic gold that I dreamed of, but as reality set in I realized that the military was a more realistic dream. Today I dream that I will be an officer in the best Navy the world has ever seen, and I hope that my contribution to the Navy can help it grow stronger,

Signature Bradley W. Snyder Date 09/06/01.

WOOD-PAWCATUCK WATERSHED  
PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 23, 2012*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act. I also want to thank my colleague, Congressman JIM LANGEVIN, for his unyielding efforts to introduce, promote and advance this important legislation.

As you know, the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act would initiate an important first step to potential National Wild and Scenic River designation for portions of the Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in Connecticut and Rhode Island. Launching a study by the National Parks Service, this legislation could help to verify the outstanding beauty, abundant fisheries, and historic character that these free-flowing rivers currently provide our local communities and put this designated area on a path towards greater preservation.

Connecticut and Rhode Island are home to some of the most diverse habitats and natural resources, including the lands and waters of the Wood-Pawcatuck watershed. As stewards of this pristine 300 square mile area, it is our responsibility to ensure that these natural habitats are preserved and protected for generations to come. Our communities in Connecticut and Rhode Island have joined together to help protect this outstanding resource and preserve the area's biological diversity as well as its seemingly unlimited recreational opportunities. The relationship between the continued health of our local communities and the continued health of these waters is one that cannot and should not be overlooked.

The Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association and the Nature Conservancy have done an outstanding job advocating for the need and passage of this legislation, garnering the support of every town in the surrounding areas. It is evident that this locally-driven priority would benefit greatly from the public-private partnership that the Wild and Scenic designation entails, and I encourage this body to look favorably on this legislation so that a study for potential designation can begin.

I urge my colleagues to cast a vote in favor of H.R. 3388, the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act.

HONORING DR. BEVERLY WADE  
HOGAN**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan. She was appointed as President of Tougaloo College in May 2002.

Prior to being appointed as President of Tougaloo College in 2002, Dr. Hogan served in many capacities at the College. She was the College's interim president, vice president for Institutional Advancement, founding direc-

tor of the Owens Health and Wellness Center, and executive assistant to the president. She served for ten years as the commissioner for the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission, four years as the executive director of the Governor's Office of Federal-State Programs, nine years as the executive director of the Mental Health Association in Hinds County and the state of Mississippi, respectively. She was once the adjunct instructor in Public Policy at Jackson State University and a frequent guest lecturer at the University of Mississippi and Mississippi State University. Additionally, Dr. Hogan has been involved with employment and educational training programs in Denmark, Sweden, and West Germany in affiliation with the German Marshall Fund. Dr. Hogan has also been a scholar with the Kettering Foundation where her research focus was on Higher Education and Civic Responsibility, in addition to being a participant and presenter in the Oxford Roundtable at Oxford University in Oxford, England.

Dr. Hogan holds the Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Tougaloo College and a Master's in Public Policy and Administration from Jackson State University. Dr. Hogan has continued her own education by pursuing additional studies at the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Georgia. Dr. Hogan is currently furthering her education by pursuing her Doctoral Degree in Human Development and Organizational Leadership at Fielding Graduate University. She currently holds an Honorary Doctorate in Humanities from Wiley College in Texas and Rust College in Mississippi. In addition to this, she has also earned numerous certificates in leadership development, organizational management, policy development, health and human resources management, alcohol and drug studies, urban development and administrative law.

Dr. Hogan has also been credited with pioneering programs that have improved the quality of life for many citizens, including but not limited to the founding of the first psychiatric halfway house in Mississippi, establishing the first rape crisis center and shelter for battered women, and initiating the state's Self Employment Demonstration Project to reduce welfare dependency and the Rental Rehabilitation and Low Income Tax Credit Programs to increase the availability of housing for low income families.

As a woman dedicated to her community, Dr. Hogan volunteers and serves on various boards, including the community advisory board for Bancorp South, the Metro Chamber of Commerce, the University Club, and the Board of Visitors for the School of Dentistry at the University of Mississippi. She also serves on the local board for Entergy Mississippi, Sanderson Farm, the Regional Commission on Building Philanthropy, the national board of directors for the United Negro College Fund, the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education and the Brown University Leadership Alliance. She presently serves as the Chairperson of the Foundation for the Mid-South Board of Directors, and is a founding member and former president of the Central Mississippi Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women. Dr. Hogan is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the Links.

Dr. Hogan is a current member of the Mt. Wade Missionary Baptist Church in Terry, Mis-

issippi and is a regular worshipper at the Union Church of Christ/Woodworth Chapel at Tougaloo College.

She is married to Marvin Hogan and they have two sons, Maurice and Marcellus; two grandsons, Marsei and Tai'Micah; and two granddaughters, Emani and Liyah.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Beverly W. Hogan for her dedication to serving others.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2012*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 23, 2012, I was unable to attend votes due to a previously scheduled appointment. At that time I was in my district meeting with constituents to discuss environmental issues impacting the town of Clinton, IL and DeWitt County, IL.

Had I been present, my votes would have been as follows: for H.R. 2362 and H.R. 3477 I would have voted "yea"; for S. 2039, I would have voted "nay".

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REOPENING  
OF ST. BARBARA CHURCH**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of St. Barbara's Church, one of the 11 Cleveland Catholic Diocese parishes that will be reopening this year.

In 2009 it was announced that several of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese's area churches, including St. Barbara's, were to close. However, just months ago, the Vatican overruled this decision and St. Barbara's will be reopening its doors on Sunday, July 22.

St. Barbara's Church originally opened in 1906 on top of a hill south of Big Creek in Cleveland. The building burned down in 1913, and a new one was built on the corner of Denison Avenue and West 15th Street, which was much more accessible for parishioners traveling by foot. In 1925, St. Barbara's Elementary School was established along with a new church building, leaving the old church building to be used as a hall for events. The third church building was torn down and replaced with yet another in 1952, and would remain the primary church building.

In anticipation of the re-opening, parishioners spent the past several weeks restoring the building to its former condition, cleaning the pews and replacing the statues that had been removed after the closing.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the reopening of St. Barbara's Church, a beloved parish that has returned to the City of Cleveland.