

the Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia where he was the 1993 Graduate Student of the Year. He also graduated with Military Honors from the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy in Newport, Rhode Island in 1995.

Mr. Speaker, Master Chief Haggard's contributions have had a direct and lasting impact on the overall readiness and effectiveness of Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program personnel. He is an individual of uncommon character and his professionalism will be sincerely missed. I am proud, Mr. Speaker, to thank him for his honorable service in the United States Navy, and to wish him "fair winds and following seas" as he closes his distinguished military career.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS HAMMOND  
ROBOTICS TEAM

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2002*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I congratulate the national champion Hammond Robotics Team, the team, which comprises students from all racial, cultural, and economic walks of life, finished in first place for the second consecutive year at the US FIRST national competition in Orlando, FL.

The members of the national champion Hammond Robotics Team are: Amanda Aldridge, Jasmine Barnett, Justin Clark, David Clinton, Ryan Gawron, Mike Goril, Ethan Grove, Eugene Hanas, Elyse Holguin, Khamicia Jarrett, Kristyn Kapetanovic, Kevin Kolodziej, Omar Martin, Sarah Michna, Luis Moreno, Amanda Morrison, Julia Novak, Shane Ostapchuk, Michael Phillips, Christina Polka, and Michael Smith.

US FIRST is an organization dedicated to motivating America's youth about science, technology, and engineering through hands-on methods. The program involves a unique blend of problem solving and competition that prepares students for real world situations. During the competition, teams face off against each other and are given a limited amount of time to devise both an offensive and defensive strategy for accomplishing a specific task. Team Hammond conquered the challenge. While nearly 1,000 teams nationwide were involved in the US FIRST competition, Team Hammond came out on top.

Although Team Hammond has enjoyed a high level of success through the years, the team's triumphs have not come without adversity. Though many of the teams at the National Competition enjoyed significant corporate financial underwriting, Team Hammond had to work extremely hard to secure funding for both the regional and national competition. Through numerous fundraising efforts and private sponsorships, Team Hammond took the necessary initiative and was able to secure the necessary funding for its worthy program.

However, perhaps the most applaudable aspect of Team Hammond's success is the various backgrounds from which the team members come. The team is comprised of students from all four of Hammond's high schools and reflects the diversity on which northwest Indiana prides itself. This diversity is, for the Hammond Robotics Program, the rule rather than the exception and it should be commended.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate Team Hammond for its second consecutive year as national champions and third national championship overall at the US FIRST national competition. The young men and women of the team worked hard towards a goal and their efforts paid off. I hope that the rest of my colleagues will join with me in applauding Team Hammond's commendable effort.

IT'S TIME

**HON. KEN LUCAS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2002*

Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak to my colleagues about prescription drugs and Medicare. Specifically, I feel it is an outrage that our senior citizens are being forced to drive to Canada to get prescription drugs at reasonable prices, or even worse having to choose between buying food or medication.

This has gone on for far too long. As a couple in Maysville, KY, avowed, "It is past time! And way overdue! Older people need help, perhaps not all of us, but many of us do." This is just one of the many comments that I received in the mail from Kentucky seniors. However, as I read their comments, I realize these are not just the voices of Kentucky's senior citizens, they are the voices of America's senior citizens. These senior citizens are veterans, they are mothers and fathers, they are grandparents, and they are men and women that have worked their entire life to make America a better place.

As representatives of the American people, we must work together to pass a meaningful drug benefit for our senior citizens. We need a bipartisan prescription drug plan that helps seniors afford the drugs their doctors are telling them they need. This is not a political issue. This is a quality of life issue. We need to get this done and get this done now. I would like to share with you some of the stories from Kentucky's senior citizens. However, when you listen to these stories from across the Fourth District of Kentucky, remember they are representative of the problems seniors are facing all across America.

From Crittenden, KY, "It is getting so bad we are thinking about driving to Canada to stock up on our prescriptions." From Rush, KY, "Seniors have worked all their lives and now can't enjoy pleasures because medicine is too high." From Pleasureville, KY, "When is it going to end? Something surely needs to be done, people like myself are not going to be able to make it. Sometimes, I wonder do I pay my bills or buy my medicine." From Dry Ridge, KY, "We are both 68 years old. My husband's prescription drug bills were about \$600 a month after heart surgery. So we started getting prescription drugs from Canada. My cholesterol medicine is \$80 a month from Wal-Mart. From Canada it is \$31 a month and is exactly the same prescription drug." From Ashland, KY, "I am 90 years old and it is a choice between food and Medicine." From Williamstown, KY, "We need the medicine but we need to eat too. Sometimes we do not know which comes first. We need help with our prescription drugs."

Mr. Speaker, it's time for us all to work together to enact a meaningful Medicare prescription drug benefit.

HONORING STANLEY ZIMMERMAN

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2002*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stanley Zimmerman on the occasion of his 70th birthday and the Preview of the Automobile Driving Museum. For over 30 years, Stanley Zimmerman has been collecting, restoring, and showing classic automobiles, amassing nearly 40 cars. This life long passion will culminate with the opening of the Automobile Driving Museum in the fall of 2002.

Stanley's passion for automotive restoration began in the 1970s when he purchased a 1936 Packard Convertible Sedan which he painstakingly restored over the ensuing 28 years to award-winning, 100 point perfection. Since that time, his collection has expanded to include: Packards, Studebakers, Lincolns, Fords, Cadillacs, Chryslers, and a Stutz. Due to its uniqueness of variety and perfection, Stanley's collection has been shown around the country, winning awards and inspiring fellow collectors.

Over the last 30 years, Stanley Zimmerman's passion has contributed to the preservation of the history of automobile production in America as well as the histories of the famous Americans who drove them. His collection contains such historically significant automobiles as a 1955 Packard Caribbean, a car first purchased by Howard Hughes for his wife, Jean Peters, and a 1936 seven-passenger Packard Phantom, purportedly a gift from President Roosevelt to Joseph Stalin.

As a member of the Classic Car Club, The Packard Automobile Classics Club, the Antique Studebaker Club, the Lincoln Owners Club, the Walter P. Chrysler Club and the Earl C. Anthony Packard Club, Stanley has gained priceless knowledge about each of the cars he has restored and has thus been able to pass on this knowledge to countless other classic car owners and members of our national community. With his years of experience as his guide, Stanley will open the Automobile Driving Museum, the only car museum in the United States which allows visitors to ride in the classic cars on display.

I ask all Members to join me in congratulating Stanley Zimmerman for his devotion to the history and restoration of classic automobiles and in wishing him good fortune upon the opening of the Automobile Driving Museum.

IN RECOGNITION OF PASTOR  
FATHER PHILLIP G. RACCO

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2002*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Phillip G. Racco, Pastor of Holy Rosary Church in Cleveland, OH. On