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**PAYING TRIBUTE TO US OLYMPIANS FROM THE 3RD DISTRICT OF COLORADO
—HON. SCOTT TIPTON
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**HON. SCOTT TIPTON
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the athletes from my home district in Colorado that are competing in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. With their dedication, passion, and spirit, these 15 men and women are a fine example of the best of our nation, and they serve as a model for young people around the world. To formally acknowledge their distinction and excellence, I stand to recognize these athletes from Colorado's 3rd district:

Competing in Skiing: Aaron Blunck, Bobby Brown, David Chodounsky, Lyman Currier, Simi Hamilton, Keri Herman, Gus Kenworthy, Heidi Kloser, and Torin Yater;

Competing in Snowboarding: Arielle Gold, Taylor Gold, and Justin Reiter;

Competing in Nordic Combined: Todd Lodwick and Bryan Fletcher;

And competing in the Biathlon: Lanny Barnes.

I am especially proud and honored to have watched one of these fine Coloradans carry the U.S. flag high in the Opening Ceremony of the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics. Todd Lodwick, competing in the Nordic Combined, has inspired athletes from around the U.S. since he began his Olympic career in Lillehammer in 1994. I could not think of a more deserving U.S. athlete to display our flag on this world stage. While I stand to specifically honor the athletes of our Olympic delegation who hail from my home district, I would like to thank every member of Team USA for their continued contribution to their sports and communities.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize each of these fine athletes. I rise today to thank them for inspiring so many people and congratulate each of them on their truly amazing careers representing the best of America.