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**PAYING TRIBUTE TO PUEBLO EAST AND BAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
TEAMS —HON. SCOTT TIPTON
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**HON. SCOTT TIPTON
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor both the Pueblo East High School and Bayfield High School football teams, who are the 2015 Colorado State Football champions of the Colorado High School Athletic Association's 3A and 2A divisions, respectively.

The Pueblo East Eagles defeated the Roosevelt Rough Riders, in a 57-30 route in front of their fans at Dutch Clark Stadium in Pueblo, Colorado. With this victory, the Eagles are now back-to-back State champions, making them the latest in what is a long line of powerhouse high school football teams from the Steel City. The season began with East losing to a team they had beaten a year before, but their resiliency in the face of adversity saw them win 12 consecutive games in route to the state title, and making the Eagles Pueblo's only high school football team to have ever won consecutive state football championships.

The Bayfield Wolverines traveled to Kersey, Colorado and capped their perfect season with a hard fought 28-20 victory over the Platte Valley High School Broncos, winning their first state championship in football since 1996. The last time Bayfield High School won a state championship in any sport was back in 2005, making this victory that much sweeter, and ensuring that the players and coaches of this season can look back and be proud of their hard work which ended the drought.

Mr. Speaker, the Pueblo East Eagles and the Bayfield Wolverines deserve a tremendous amount of recognition for their hard work. A football season in Colorado is filled with long trips over diverse terrain to play unfamiliar opponents, injuries, and the unpredictable elements that Colorado weather provides. With exceptional displays of grit and determination throughout their seasons, the Eagles and the Wolverines have brought an immense amount of pride to the Third Congressional District of Colorado. I am honored to represent these exceptional high schools and congratulate them for their recent accomplishments.