

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF ROBERT V. ANTLE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert V. Antle on the occasion of his recognition by the Grower-Shipper Association with the E.E. "Gene" Harden Award for Lifetime Achievement. Bob is a remarkable American whose vision, innovation, and hard work has helped to shape the Salinas Valley and build one of the largest and most innovative family-owned produce companies in the world.

Bob was born in Salinas, California, in 1935. In 1949, while still in high school, Bob joined his father, Bud Antle, in the family's lettuce harvest operation. During that time he started to learn the produce business from the ground up. After graduating from Watsonville High School, Bob attended Stanford University. While at Stanford, Bob married Sue Merrill Crawford. Bob and Sue have been blessed with four children, Rick, Karen, Kathy, and Mike and further blessed with 17 wonderful grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

After graduating from Stanford in 1957, Bob joined his family's business and took charge of its carrot operation known as "Antle Carrots." He excelled in all aspects of the business and even built a field pack carrot machine. Bob then moved into Sales and Marketing eventually becoming the General Sales Manager. In 1966, Bob relocated to the East Coast to develop the House of Bud, a fruit and vegetable wholesaler. Under Bob's leadership, the House of Bud opened facilities in New York, Boston, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Belgium.

In 1972, Bud Antle unexpectedly passed away at age 58. Bob, following his father's leadership and example, then became the CEO of all Antle activities. After six years of further developing and growing these businesses, Bob merged the Bud Antle companies with Castle & Cooke, now Dole Food Company, and joined their senior management team. Over the course of his produce career, Bob is credited with implementing several major produce industry initiatives, such as wrapping fresh vegetables in the field, developing distribution centers for the introduction of wrapped lettuce and other source packaged fruits and vegetables, and producing crops from transplants.

During the late 1940s, Bob met the Tanimura family who operated one of the produce farming operations that his father Bud worked with. Bob and the Tanimuras maintained and strengthened that relationship over the years. Finally in 1982, Bob and the Tanimura brothers combined over 50 years of mutual friendship, respect, and experience to create Tanimura & Antle. The new company combined the Antles' packing, shipping, and marketing expertise with the Tanimuras' growing expertise. That combination has helped T&A grow into one of the world's premier fresh produce companies. And it forms the basis of T&A's continued success.

While Bob is a towering figure in the fresh produce community, his leadership extends well beyond the industry. Bob is Co-Chairman of the Leon and Sylvia Panetta Institute, past president of the President's Council at California State University Monterey Bay, and Founding President of Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc. Bob also actively supports the University of Arizona. In March 2005, he was appointed to the California State Senate Commission: Agricultural Worker Housing and Health.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in commending Bob Antle for helping Americans eat better food and the people of the Central Coast live better lives.

CONGRATULATING DR. RICHARD SHAIK ON HIS RETIREMENT AS MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S LONGEST SERVING PRESIDENT

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Dr. Richard Shaink, Mott Community College's longest serving president, as he prepares to retire after 14 years of leadership and service. Mott Community College is a multi-campus institution serving Flint and Genesee County, Michigan.

He possesses a unique blend of business, community, economic development and educational experience having served as a former college campus president, multi-campus vice president, instruction dean, college business/industry director, shopping center general manager, industrial sales representative, production line supervisor, full-time high school vocational teacher, and an adjunct instructor at Michigan State University, Ferris State University, and Lansing Community College.

He received his Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Michigan State University, but affirms that he is most proud of the Associate of Arts degree he earned at Jackson Junior College.

In 2010, Dr. Shaink received the Marie Y. Martin Chief Executive Office of the Year Award from the Association of Community College Trustees, a national organization of governing boards representing more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees who govern over 1,200 community, technical, and junior colleges in the USA and beyond. Moreover, under his leadership, Mott Community College was also the recipient of the 2011 Aspen Institute's College of Excellence Award designating MCC as one of the ten best community colleges in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Dr. Richard Shaink for his exemplary leadership in Genesee County and congratulate him on his retirement.

HONORING JAXON RILEY HARVEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jaxon Riley Harvey. Jaxon is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 309, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jaxon has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jaxon has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jaxon has led his troop as Patrol Leader. Jaxon has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jaxon organized and led the pouring of a concrete pad for a picnic shelter at his church that another Eagle Scout was building.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jaxon Riley Harvey for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DELTA AIR LINES AS THEY CELEBRATE THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMERCIAL SERVICE

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize Delta Air Lines as they celebrate the 85th anniversary of commercial service and the grand reopening of the Delta Flight Museum at its world headquarters:

Delta began its first service from Atlanta on June 12, 1930, just one year after its first passenger flight on June 17th, 1929.

Delta, Atlanta's hometown airline, operates service to more than 200 destinations in the world.

Delta is the world's largest hub at the world's busiest airport, employing more than 30,000 employees in Georgia.

Delta is the largest private employer in both the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia, a historic cornerstone of economic development and job creation.

Delta has set the standard in Georgia for community contribution as a company with a rich history of employees putting countless hours of volunteerism back into community and local organizations.

It is with great pride that I congratulate Delta on 85 years of service to Georgia and others worldwide.

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HONORING SHALARIA JACKSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable student, Ms. Shalaria Jackson.

Ms. Jackson is a senior at Humphreys County High School. Throughout her years in school, she has been a part of many leadership organizations, such as: TATU, SADD, Sister of Sophistication, and Senior Select.

Upon graduation, she plans to attend Mississippi State University to major in Biochemistry to one day become a Medical Examiner.

Being a part of senior select gave her the opportunity to experience the work force; never did she think that she would have such a great effect on her coworker's lives. She has learned the basics of becoming and working as a Chancery Clerk assistant at the Humphreys County Court House.

She also learned the patience it takes to work well with others in a work setting environment. What she learned at work, she applied it to school and vice versa. She helped with the paperwork, greeted the patients and staff with such great hospitality, operated the telephones and also helped other coworkers when her tasks were completed.

It was not an easy job for her to juggle school and work, but she kept the faith and pushed forward.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Shalaria Jackson for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

HONORING BOY SCOUT TROOP 368
OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS, NEW
JERSEY**HON. LEONARD LANCE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Boy Scout Troop 368 of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey for a recent act of heroism. During a hike through Harriman State Park, in New York State, these young men came across a woman who had injured her leg.

The Scouts realized this woman was in immediate need of assistance and through quick thinking, resourcefulness and training, successfully splinted her leg and attempted to relieve her of immediate pain.

The Scouts also realized that she would be unable to navigate the mountain on her own and constructed a make-shift stretcher of two sturdy sticks and a tarp. Upon its completion, they used the stretcher to deliver the woman safely to her family waiting at the foot of the mountain.

In accordance with the Boy Scout Oath, these young men meet their duty to other people: to help people in need and to lend a helping hand to make life easier for someone else.

It was not until after they performed their duties that they were informed the woman they assisted was NBC News journalist Ann

Curry. Ms. Curry has proudly thanked these Scouts in the media and brought them many deserving accolades.

These young men proved themselves as Scouts and as citizens of high character and responsibility. I congratulate the Scouts of Boy Scout Troop 368 on a job well done.

HONORING NANINE MEIKLEJOHN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, forty years ago Nanine Meiklejohn started her work on behalf of working men and women at the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). Following in the footsteps of her father, Kenneth Meiklejohn, who worked for the AFL-CIO, Nanine has fought to build and sustain a path to the middle class for working families.

Today, I am pleased to rise to recognize her talents and her positive impact on public policy. Nanine worked to make government programs better and to support the men and women who help make those programs work. She developed an expertise in many areas, but she is particularly known for her deep knowledge of workforce issues, including job training programs, employment services, and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. As someone who continues to work to ensure an adequate UI system for workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own, I can tell you that Nanine was a key voice in our nation's efforts to help workers hurt by the worst recession since the Great Depression. Her keen understanding of workforce programs, her firm commitment to social justice, and her determined defense of those who do the everyday work of making government work represent a very powerful combination.

Now after four decades at AFSCME, Nanine is retiring. We will miss her tenacious advocacy, and we thank her for a career dedicated to strengthening efforts to help Americans succeed. We are a better nation because of the work of Nanine and so many others who fight for economic opportunity for all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MILDRED
BUTTS**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this mighty woman of God, Mrs. Mildred Butts, who gave of herself to brighten the lives of others; and

Whereas, her dedication to her family and community was unwavering, she was a model citizen with a heart of gold, providing nurturing love and support to her husband, children, grandchildren and other family members; and

Whereas, this remarkable, positive woman with the beautiful smile gave of herself, her time and her talent; never asking for fame or fortune but only to uplift those in need; and

Whereas, she led by example from behind the scenes, her beloved Butts family always knew that her hands and her words spoke meaning into everyone she encountered; and

Whereas, this virtuous Proverbs 31 woman was a wife, a mother, a friend, a matriarch, and a woman of great integrity; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional recognition on Mrs. Mildred Butts for her friendship and service to the citizens in Georgia; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Mrs. Mildred Butts of Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor."

Mrs. Mildred Butts, U.S. Citizen of Distinction, in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 3rd day of June, 2014.

HONORING THE CITY OF JACKSON,
MISSISSIPPI**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Jackson, which was founded in 1821, at the site of a trading post situated on a "high handsome bluff" on the west bank of the Pearl River.

Jackson's history tells that the trading post was operated by a French-Canadian trader named Louis LeFleur, and the town originally was called LeFleur's Bluff.

The Mississippi state legislature wanted the seat of government moved out of the Natchez area and into a more central location. It commissioned three men to locate an ideal place for a town that could become the state capital.

After surveying areas north and east of Jackson, Thomas Hinds, James Patton, and William Lattimore proceeded southwest along the Pearl River until they came to LeFleur's Bluff in Hinds County. Their report to the General Assembly was that this location had "beautiful and healthful surroundings, good water, abundant timber, navigable waters, and nearness to the Natchez Trace."

A legislative act dated November 28, 1821 authorized the location to be the permanent seat of government for the state and that it would be named Jackson—in honor of Major General Andrew Jackson who would later become the seventh president of the United States.

The building of a new state house had top priority, and a \$3,500 contract was awarded to build Mississippi's first capitol: a two-story brick structure that was 40 feet by 30 feet. Shortly after the adoption of the Constitution of 1832, which ensured Jackson would be the permanent capital, the Mississippi legislature authorized the construction of a new and much larger house of government.

This magnificent example of Greek Revival architecture remained the seat of state government until 1903. It lay dormant for several years, and then served as state offices until the late 1950s and as the state historical museum until 2005. Surviving extensive damage from Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the Old Capitol was lovingly restored and opened to the public as a state house museum in 2009.

A third capitol building, referred to as the "New Capitol," was completed in 1903. This magnificent structure, patterned after the National Capitol, is a major tourist attraction today, as well as the focus of Mississippi state government activities.

Two other buildings are worthy of note in Mississippi history. The Governor's Mansion, authorized in 1839 and completed in 1842, is the second oldest residence of its type in the nation; it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Jackson's City Hall, built in 1846 for less than \$8,000, is still the working seat of municipal government after more than 140 years. The massively-columned, three-story building and the gardens that surround it are two of the most photographed locations in the city.

Jackson's growth in the 1800s was slow and sometimes painful. During the Civil War, the town was ravaged and burned three times by Union troops under the command of General William Tecumseh Sherman. Surprisingly, the City Hall was spared the torch. It was rumored that Sherman bypassed the building because it housed a Masonic Lodge and that the Union leader was a Mason. More likely, its use as a hospital was the reason the building was not burned.

Although less than 8,000 people lived in the Jackson area at the turn of the century, its population began accelerating rapidly after 1900, and it is now one of the dynamic growth areas of the Sunbelt. In 1990, the population of the Metropolitan area rose to 395,396. It is a major distribution center with a prime location equal distance between Memphis and New Orleans, north-south, and between Dallas and Atlanta, east-west.

As a major distribution center, efficient transportation facilities are a must. Eight major air carriers—American Eagle, Continental, Delta, Northwest Airlines, US Airways Express, and Southwest Airlines—provide service in the Jackson International Airport and Hawkins Field. Amtrak provides daily passenger service to Chicago and New Orleans. The Illinois Central Gulf Railroad and scores of major truck lines provide freight service to all parts of the nation.

A new, state-of-the-art convention center, the Jackson Convention Complex, opened in January 2009, in downtown Jackson, the beating heart of this vibrant, modern city. JCC offers conferencing technology, a 380-seat theatre, and more than 110,000 square feet of prime meeting and exhibit space. The complex is near Jackson's arts district, hotels, entertainment and restaurants.

Jackson boasts two regional shopping malls, numerous multi-store centers, and a wide array of antiques, gift stands and craft shops.

Eleven hospitals, including the nationally renowned University of Mississippi Medical Center, provide diagnoses and treatments for thousands of patients in the region.

Every major church denomination is represented in the city, and there are more than 400 houses of worship scattered throughout the 105 square miles of community. An excellent public school system is an integral part of the area, and one university and six colleges and junior colleges are located within 15 miles of Jackson's center.

Residents of the City with Soul are extremely proud of their Southern hospitality and lifestyle. Community support is strong for a

symphony orchestra, an opera, ballet companies, professional theater groups, and a beautiful new art museum.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

HONORING THE GRADUATES OF LEADERSHIP FRISCO CLASS 17

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 17th graduating class of Leadership Frisco. This graduating class, comprised of 20 individuals, is a shining example of the civic responsibility that makes Frisco a great place to live, work, and raise a family. It's no wonder Frisco is the second-fastest growing city in the U.S.

Sponsored by the Frisco Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Frisco seeks out highly motivated, well-informed individuals who want to expand their leadership skills, deepen their civic duty, and increase their involvement in volunteer opportunities. Over the past nine months, these leaders have learned about Frisco's history, shared their time and talents through community service, and engaged with leaders from city government, the school district and other agencies.

Each year, the class selects a service project to give back to the community. This class worked on rebuilding a roof for the Boys and Girls Club of Collin County. In effect, these leaders are contributing and helping provide a safe place for tomorrow's leaders to learn, grow, and reach their fullest potential. For many kids in Collin County, the Boys and Girls Club is the only place for them to participate in developmental programs in an affordable, safe and nurturing environment.

Having strong and committed leaders is one of the fundamental building blocks of a safe and prosperous community. As President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in." This statement rings true for communities as well and that's what the members of Leadership Frisco strives to do each and every day. I thank each graduate for their hard work, dedication, and promise of a bright future for Frisco. You must be proud of your accomplishments, I sure am.

Once again, Congratulations and keep up the good work. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the best on your future endeavors.

The names of the 2014 Leadership Frisco Advisory Council graduating class follows:

Debbie Ames, Goldin Peiser & Peiser, LLP; Mike Barber, BKM Sowan Horan, LLP; Brandon Burden, Farmers Insurance; Chad Cunningham, C4 Roofing, Inc.; Robert Dawson, ProImpetus LLC; Oscar Gonzalez, First National Bank Southwest; Myrna Martinez, Frisco Family Services; Christine Messner, "Yooz"; Erin Minett, Gay, McCall, Isaacks, Gordon & Roberts, P.C.; Suzanne Mitchell, Keller Williams Frisco Stars; Randy Nichols, Prospera Financial Services.

Bridget Payne, Wingspan Portfolio Advisors, LLC; Jake Poulsen, TXU Energy; Diana Sage, Collin College; Rachel Sam,

Strasburger & Price LLP; Darcy Schroer, Frisco Economic Development Corporation; Julie Simon, Broadlinkone; Angela Sytak, Whitley Penn LLP; Adam Wisler, ACO Practice Solutions, LLC; Ryan Langston, Strasburger & Price LLP.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TAXPAYER IDENTITY PROTECTION ACT OF 2014

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Taxpayer Identity Protection Act of 2014.

This bill will help cut down on tax fraud from identity theft, a serious problem that costs the government billions of dollars annually. My bill would truncate Social Security Numbers on Forms W-2, and the Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that implementing it would have a negligible revenue effect.

At the moment, W-2 forms contain a person's full Social Security Number, making it easy for someone to steal an identity. This bill would give the IRS the authority to shorten Social Security Numbers on W-2 forms, making it tougher for a person's identity to be stolen if their W-2 ends up in the wrong hands.

The Treasury Department wrote in the Greenbook that "the risk of identity theft from Form W-2 is high because employers are required to file a Form W-2 for each employee who receives wages." It added that, "providing the IRS authority to require or permit truncated SSNs on Forms W-2 would reduce the risk of identity theft and improper payments resulting from false or fraudulent returns."

In 2010, a Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) report estimated that "\$21 billion in potentially fraudulent refunds" would be issued over the next five years as a result of identity theft. The report noted that this estimate is likely conservative.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during the second vote series on June 18, 2014. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on the Democrat Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3230—Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014.

HONORING VICKSBURG ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of women who has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve

their community, Vicksburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The Vicksburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has served the Warren County community and the State of Mississippi through informational meetings, social and civic engagement.

The idea of an alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in Vicksburg, Mississippi, was realized in February 1976 when Maggie Walker and Gloria Hebron discussed the possibility of becoming active in a nearby alumnae chapter. While developing a list of potential members to accompany them, they asked themselves, "Why join another Chapter when there are at least 15 to 20 inactive members in our city?" With this in mind, they contacted National Headquarters, requested an application for a charter, and sent out a call for inactive Deltas to come forward to serve our city and local communities.

The Vicksburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was chartered by 14 of the 18 Deltas who came forth when on Saturday evening, November 6, 1976, then Southern Regional Director and future 19th National President Yvonne Kennedy installed them into the Vicksburg Alumnae Chapter. This event took place at the Holiday Inn, on Clay Street, in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

The Vicksburg Alumnae Chapter boasts 83 members for the 2013–2014 sororal year. All are registered voters and hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree.

Vicksburg Alumnae Chapter members actively participate in Vicksburg and surrounding communities through annual blood drives; walk-a-thons; HIV/AIDS awareness programs; Habitat for Humanity; refurbished and maintain The Delta Room at Mountain of Faith Ministries Women's Shelter; youth educational scholarships, mentoring, and ACT workshops; financial management workshops; cultural

awareness programs, including Jabberwock; educational forums; and meet the candidates political awareness forums.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Vicksburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for its dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLORIA NEGRETE MCLEOD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD. Mr. Speaker, from March 5, 2014 to June 10, 2014, I was unavoidably absent from the House and missed rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll	Vote	Roll	Vote	Roll	Vote	Roll	Vote	Roll	Vote
93	Nay	103	Aye	113	Nay	281	Nay	291	Nay
94	Nay	104	Aye	114	Aye	282	Nay	292	Nay
95	Aye	105	Aye	191	Aye	283	Nay	293	Aye
96	Aye	106	Nay	192	Aye	284	Nay	294	Nay
97	Nay	107	Nay	193	Aye	285	Nay	295	Nay
98	Aye	108	Aye	276	Nay	286	Nay	296	Aye
99	Nay	109	Nay	277	Aye	287	Aye	297	Nay
100	Nay	110	Aye	278	Nay	288	Nay		
101	Nay	111	Aye	279	Nay	289	Nay		
102	Aye	112	Aye	280	Nay	290	Nay		

TONY GWYNN: A MAN OF UNRIVALED SKILL AND EXEMPLARY CHARACTER

HON. SCOTT H. PETERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. PETERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I, along with my fellow members of the San Diego Delegation including Representative DAVIS, Representative ISSA, Representative HUNTER, and Representative VARGAS, rise today to pay tribute to the life of Mr. Tony Gwynn, a celebrated batting champion in the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame and beloved San Diego Padre. For over 30 years, Tony's enthusiasm for baseball and life itself was a source of goodwill for our national pastime and for all San Diegans. He will be sorely missed by the many people he inspired to play the game and by the many lives he touched on and off the baseball diamond.

Tony Gwynn was a baseball legend. The 15-time All-Star led the Padres to two World Series appearances. In his career, he accumulated 3,141 hits over 20 seasons, earning a career batting average of .338, the highest since Ted Williams. He also received a record-tying eight National League batting titles in addition to winning five Gold Glove Awards in recognition of his defensive skills. Gwynn was elected to the Hall of Fame in 2007, his first year of eligibility.

Gwynn's dedication to the sport was only matched by his remarkable character and his love for San Diego, earning him the nickname, "Mr. Padre." While Gwynn had the option to play elsewhere, he loyally spent his entire career in San Diego. Following his time as a player, he remained in San Diego to dedicate the remainder of his life to coaching at his alma mater, San Diego State University. A role model to many, Gwynn focused more on

brightening the lives of others than on pursuing fame and fortune for himself. He is remembered for his kindness and generosity as well as for his infectious laugh.

Mr. Speaker, it is with the utmost respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to the life of Tony Gwynn, an outstanding athlete and exemplary citizen, friend, and family man. His love of the game, tireless dedication, genial attitude, and uplifting presence will be missed.

HONORING REVEREND DR. CURTIS L. LESTER

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Curtis L. Lester has celebrated forty (40) years in pastoral leadership this year and has provided stellar leadership to his church; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Curtis L. Lester under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Greater Bethany Missionary Baptist Church as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Lester is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our community and the nation his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this

day to honor and recognize Reverend Dr. Curtis L. Lester as he celebrates forty years in pastoral leadership; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 8, 2014 as Reverend Dr. Curtis L. Lester Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of June, 2014.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,585,699,982,065.80. We've added \$6,958,822,933,152.72 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING CITY OF CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Canton, Mississippi.

Madison County, the 23rd county in Mississippi, was named for the fourth President, James Madison, and was created in 1828 out of Yazoo and Hinds Counties. It incorporates lands between the Pearl and Big Black Rivers

where General Andrew Jackson met with the Choctaw Chieftain, Pushmataha. That meeting resulted in the 1820 Treaty of Doak's Stand.

This area attracted large numbers of settlers from Virginia and the Carolinas who came to farm the lush, rolling hills, and fertile soil.

In 1833, the Madison County Board of Police (a governing body similar to today's supervisors) appointed surveyor John B. Peyton to select a geographical center for a new county seat and to lay it out in blocks. In 1834, 40 acres of land belonging to Killis and Margaret Walton were deeded to the county for \$100. The land was divided into square parcels with the plot nearest the center reserved for the public square.

In 1836, the town was legally incorporated and boasted a population of 400. The first recorded ordinance made it a misdemeanor to gallop horse, mare, or mule on any street or alley.

By 1838, Canton boasted two banks, two hotels, ten dry goods stores, a drug store, three groceries, a bakery, a tin shop, three tailor shops, and two watchmakers. The public buildings were a courthouse, jail, church, and a female academy. The town enjoyed notoriety for having as visitors the celebrated original Siamese twins, Chang and Eng, who ordered two custom suits from Perlinsky's Tailor Shop.

There are two stories concerning the naming of Canton, and both attribute the name to Chinese origin. One states that Canton, Mississippi is the exact opposite side of the world as Canton, China, and was thus named. The other story states that the daughter of a Chinese family died in the area and the sympathetic community named the town for the family. There is really no more proof for one over the other, it's just which one you wish to believe.

The very center and glory of our town is the beautiful Greek Revival Courthouse. Members of the local Masonic Order laid the cornerstone to the Courthouse in July 1855. The Board of Police paid \$26,428 for it, as well as \$65 per month to a commissioner to supervise proper construction—a magnificent sum at that time. The brick used were salvaged from the old Courthouse that had been condemned in 1840 because of the deterioration of the mortar. The new Courthouse was the scene of a huge Fourth of July celebration in 1857, but was not legally accepted until 1858. The beautiful iron fence was added later at a cost of \$5,250. The large dome (twenty feet in diameter and thirty feet high) has twice been threatened with removal for security reasons. The first time was during original construction in 1856, and the second time was during remodeling in 1925. Both times the women of the town were successful in protecting it by insisting that “beauty prevail over reason.”

The Courthouse has also served as a gathering place to welcome the railroad, send soldiers off to war, as a Court of Justice and the Seat of county offices, a polling place, an early library, a theater, and a hospital during the yellow fever epidemic.

The happenings within the Courthouse walls have reflected the humorous, chivalrous, hard-headed, hospitable personalities who have given the South its distinctive character. During reconstruction, there was so much ballot box stuffing and tensions that when Election Day threatened to become bloody, a group of officials dispersed a gathering crowd by climb-

ing into the dome and shooting down rocks with slingshots.

The legal chambers within the Courthouse have witnessed many fiery trials, several of which resulted in duels between lawyers. When dueling had been outlawed in the state, Judge Calhoun and Judge Bowers, respecting the law, traveled together to Vicksburg and crossed the river into Louisiana to settle a court quarrel with pistols. Neither man was injured; it was simply a matter of honor.

In 1994–1995 a new Courthouse was built one block north of the Square and the beautiful old Courthouse underwent a \$2,000,000 renovation. The 1855 cornerstone was opened and re-laid by the Masonic Order. The first floor is currently home to the Madison County Economic Development Authority, and the old courtroom, on the second floor, is currently not in use.

In 1982, the Canton Courthouse Square District was officially entered into the National Register of Historic Places and declared one of three best examples in the State of Mississippi.

The Courthouse Square, still the focus of exciting activities, is the scene twice yearly of the nationally famous Canton Flea Market Arts & Crafts Show. The Market attracts up to 100,000 visitors annually from across the United States and beyond.

It is estimated that over \$20,000,000 in public and private funding has been invested in the Canton Square District, including the new and old Courthouses.

In recent years, the beauty, uniqueness, and preservation efforts of our Courthouse Square and Historic District, with its beautiful homes, have attracted the attention of Hollywood. In addition to the five major films, many advertising agencies have chosen Canton as the location for commercial and corporate shoots, and PBS again chose the town for a segment of a six hour blues documentary on blues great Skip James to air in 2003.

With the site of the Nissan Automotive Plant located one mile south of the city, proposed plans for the Mississippi Film Complex, and the continued efforts toward preservation by the community, Canton's future is well-secured.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the City of Canton, Mississippi.

HONORING MR. RICHARD JOSEPH DOMINGUEZ

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Richard Joseph Dominguez on the celebration of his 90th birthday on June 27, 2014. Richard has served his country and community faithfully as a veteran and lifelong resident of Los Angeles County, and I am proud to honor him today.

Richard Joseph Dominguez was born on June 27th, 1924 in Los Angeles, CA. The third son of Mexican immigrants, Jose and Panchita, he was raised in Boyle Heights attending Talpa Elementary School and Roosevelt High School. Richard's youth was centered around a family of eight boys, faith, and

community. Growing up, he was active in sports, the church, and spent some time as an extra in motion pictures.

A World War II and Korean War veteran, Richard enlisted into the United States Army in 1943 following his two older brothers, Eugene and Joe into the service. Richard served in the field artillery, armored infantry, the 11th Airborne Division, and in June 1945 he was shipped out to the Philippines. Richard continued to serve in the U.S. Army until returning to the United States, receiving an honorable discharge in 1948.

After relocating to Whittier, California, Richard joined the Los Angeles Police Department and worked in various divisions; Juvenile, Community Relations and the Hollenbeck Division. While with the Department, Richard was one of the founding members of LA LEY, the LAPD Latin American Law Enforcement Association, an organization that dedicates itself to enhancing the effectiveness of all LAPD employees and improving the Department's relationship with the community.

Following his years with the LAPD, Richard continued to remain an active public servant and worked for the L.A. City Attorney's office as a hearings officer, culminating over 35 years of public service.

Richard's involvement in public service reaches far beyond the confines of the LAPD. He has continuously demonstrated his dedication to his community with his involvement in many local organizations including; La Purisima Social Club, Saint Mary's of the Assumption Church and School, Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Meals on Wheels, Whittier Senior Center, Saint Paul High School, and docent at Pio Pico State Historical Park.

Today, Richard still lives in the same Whittier home where he and his family settled in 1953. Richard was married to his wife Norma for fifty-one years before she passed away in 2000. They raised eight children through hard work, instilling values of faith, family, and tradition that they continue to exemplify to this day.

Mr. Speaker, Richard Joseph Dominguez is a man who has selflessly given his time and efforts to the Los Angeles Community. Richard exemplifies the true meaning of service to one's country and service to others, and for that his community is grateful. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in wishing Richard a very happy 90th birthday.

CONGRATULATING MR. ANDREW N. SCHULTZ ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague Mr. NUNES, to congratulate Andrew N. Schultz on his retirement after 38 years of dedicated service to the children and parents of Tulare County, California.

Mr. Schultz grew up as the son of a farmer and historian in the Zion Lutheran Colony located near Terra Bella, California. He attended Zion Lutheran School, Porterville High School, Porterville College and California State University at Chico. He also obtained a Master of Education from California State University, Bakersfield.

Mr. Schultz started his career as a teacher at Rockford School District. He later became the Superintendent and Principal of Ducor School District in Southern Tulare County. For the last 13 years, Mr. Schultz has served as the Superintendent and Principal of Rockford School District, near Porterville, California. His tenure at Rockford School District makes Mr. Schultz one of the longest serving Superintendents in the history of Tulare County.

Over the course of his career Mr. Schultz enabled thousands of students to obtain a quality education. His leadership allowed students and teachers to thrive and his district has been bestowed numerous honors and awards. In 2010, the Rockford School District received the California Distinguished School Award for its substantial gains in narrowing the achievement gap.

In addition to serving as Superintendent and Principal, Mr. Schultz has also been active in the Small Schools Superintendent Association.

The children of Tulare County have been extremely fortunate to have a dedicated servant such as Mr. Schultz to aid in their education. He has set very high standards for himself, his staff, and his students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join Mr. NUNES and me in commending Andrew Schultz for his 38 years of dedicated public service in Tulare County and congratulating him on his recent retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF NICK AND TRACY BROWN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Nick Brown and Mrs. Tracy Brown for their immeasurable contributions to the community and congratulate them on their recognition by Count Basie Theatre at its summer gala, "A Little Help From Our Friends," on June 20, 2014. Nick and Tracy's philanthropy and professional accomplishments should be celebrated.

Both Nick and Tracy are active members of their community. Tracy currently serves as Secretary on the Board of Trustees of the Monmouth Medical Center Foundation as well as a member of the Prevention First Board of Trustees. She has served as co-chair for numerous galas for various organizations, including the Count Basie Theatre. Recently, Tracy and Nick co-chaired the 2014 Monmouth Medical Center Crystal Ball, which benefited the hospital's programs and services.

In addition to his professional work as GFI Group Managing Director and Head of Financial Product Brokerage for the Americas, Nick also dedicates much time to charitable activities. He has been a board member of the Center to Prevent Youth Violence, the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence and HELP USA, and currently serves on the Count Basie Theatre Foundation Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in recognition of Nick and Tracy for their tireless efforts and dedication to philanthropy. It is with great pleasure that I am able to join with Count Basie Theatre in honoring their exceptional work for the community.

HONORING REVEREND HORACE L. BUCKLEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Pastor Horace Buckley a native Jacksonian.

Reverend Buckley is a graduate of Lanier High School and Mississippi Valley State University, where he received the Bachelor of Science Degree. He received the Master of Education Degree in Counseling from Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama. Reverend Buckley received the Doctorate of Divinity Degree (Honoris, Causa) from Natchez College and the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, May 2003 and June 2003 respectively.

He is a former classroom teacher, having both interned and taught at Coleman High School in Greenville, Mississippi. In the Jackson Public Schools, he has worked as a high school counselor, a volunteer track coach and a middle school assistant principal. He is a recipient of the Jackson Association of Educator's "Friend of Education" Award and numerous other citations and awards.

He is a Hall of Fame Inductee in track and field, both at his Alma Mater and in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. He served for 16 years in the Mississippi House of Representatives.

Reverend Buckley is a man of God who holds to his convictions and walks by faith and not by sight. He received the call to serve as pastor of Cade Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in 1969 and has transformed a two Sunday a month worship service to full-time worship services. His dedicated and extraordinary leadership resulted in the retirement of mortgage in 1973 and 1991.

In 1980, the church held its Centennial Celebration Service. On April 18, 1993 the church broke ground on its \$1.2 million Family Life Center which houses an array of ministries and serves the community where the church is located and where as a boy Horace Buckley spent his formative years growing up.

Reverend Buckley is married to the former Myra Beamon. They are the proud parents of four adult children: Dr. Horace A. Buckley, Carol LeJune Buckley, Dr. Cedric Buckley and Reverend Reginald M. Buckley and currently are grandparents to eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Reverend Horace L. Buckley for his dedication to serving others.

HONORING REGINALD AND MARY LIZZIE WHIPPLE

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Reginald and Mary Lizzie Whipple are celebrating sixty years (60) in marriage today in Bibb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, on June 13, 1954 because of their union then, our community today has

been blessed with a family that has enhanced our district, Mr. Reginald Whipple, Sr., and Mrs. Mary Lizzie Whipple; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God and this phenomenal and virtuous Proverbs 31 woman are beacons of light to those in need; they both have been blessed with their family, their church and the many friends from across the state of Georgia; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Whipple are distinguished citizens of our state, they are spiritual warriors, persons of compassion, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their family, but with our community their passion to improve the lives of others; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Reginald and Mrs. Mary Lizzie Whipple as they celebrate their 60th Anniversary, sixty (60) years in marital bliss; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 13, 2014 as Mr. Reginald and Mrs. Mary Lizzie Whipple Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of June, 2014.

IN APPRECIATION OF DAVID SHAHOULIAN AND HIS YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I, along with House Judiciary Ranking Member JOHN CONYERS, JR. of Michigan and Representative ZOE LOFGREN of California, would like to thank David Shahoulian for more than seven years of service to the House of Representatives. Throughout this time, David has served as a dedicated counsel to the Judiciary Committee under three Chairmen, including myself, JOHN CONYERS, JR., and LAMAR SMITH of Texas. For the last three years, he has served as the Minority Chief Counsel to the Judiciary's Committee's Immigration Subcommittee.

A native of Miami, Florida, David initially pursued a career in the film industry after graduating summa cum laude from Florida State University. David eventually returned to school to earn a Master's Degree in creative writing from the University of Southern California before obtaining his law degree from the Yale Law School.

It was in law school that David developed a passion for immigration law. Through his work in the Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization, David spent hundreds of hours representing clients at the Asylum Office all the way up to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. After graduation, he worked for two years as a Chesterfield Smith Public Interest Fellow at the law firm of Holland & Knight LLP. Just two months into his fellowship, David looked out the window of his Miami apartment and saw dozens of Haitian refugees scrambling onto the Rickenbacker Causeway after their boat ran aground. David ultimately represented a number of these asylum seekers and worked to secure pro bono counsel for many more. As the child of refugee parents from Iran and Cuba, David is a tireless advocate for those who have fled persecution and torture in search of freedom and liberty.

After three additional years at the law firm, David joined the Judiciary Committee in March 2007 and took on an ever-expanding portfolio of issues. Over time, his ability to master questions of law, policy, politics, and House procedure earned him the respect of Members and staff on both sides of the aisle. Throughout his tenure, David played a critical role in bipartisan negotiations over legislative topics large and small. He was the lead staff Democratic negotiator for the Judiciary Committee on the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008, which made major reforms to immigration law regarding the victims of trafficking and unaccompanied children, and the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010, which established a program to provide health care to those injured during recovery and cleanup efforts at the September 11 terrorist-attack sites and by reopening the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund to provide compensation for such injured persons.

David's affable demeanor and quick mind have frequently been on display and have earned him many friends on both sides of the aisle and in both chambers of Congress. David's absence will be felt for years to come on matters pertaining to immigration law and policy, but we know that he will continue to work in this area as Deputy General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. Speaker, we applaud David's tireless, principled and loyal public service to the U.S. House of Representatives and the American people and wish his every success in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE 149TH ANNIVERSARY OF JUNETEENTH AND THE 21ST ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 149th anniversary of Juneteenth and the 21st annual celebration in Memphis, Tennessee. On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas and announced in the town square that all slaves were free. Although this came nearly three years after the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation, the newly freed men and women rejoiced in the streets with jubilant celebrations, and thus, the Juneteenth holiday was born.

This year, the Memphis Juneteenth celebration was very different from past celebrations. First, the Board of Directors changed the name of the celebration from the "Juneteenth Freedom & Heritage Festival" to the "Juneteenth Urban Music Festival." Second, the celebration took place in the Robert R. Church Park on Beale Street in Downtown Memphis instead of the historic Douglass Neighborhood, where the celebration has taken place for the past twenty years.

The importance of this change in location to the Robert R. Church Park is especially significant to the celebration of this important day in history. Robert R. Church was born in Memphis on October 26, 1885 and soon became a

prominent civil rights leader in the City of Memphis and in the State of Tennessee. In 1916, he founded the Lincoln League, which helped African Americans in the Memphis area by organizing voter registration drives and paying poll taxes for those who could not afford it. Through the Lincoln League alone, he enabled thousands of African Americans in the Memphis area to exercise their right to vote in local, state and national elections. However, his work did not stop there. In 1917, he chartered the first Tennessee chapter of the NAACP in Memphis. Two years later, his dedication to the organization and its mission was recognized when he was elected to serve on the national board.

Robert R. Church continues to be a prominent and revered political figure in Memphis because of his work to make the processes of government inclusive to all members of society, regardless of race or social class. As such, the Juneteenth celebration this year focused on the same mission: expanding the Juneteenth celebration so that thousands more people may take place in this joyous celebration. This year, the celebration included a variety of musical performances varying from gospel performers to neo soul artists. In addition to these performances, the celebration offered a poetry slam and a showcase featuring majorettes, drummers, cheerleaders, and steppers. By appealing to all members of the community and relocating to a larger space, the Juneteenth celebration provided the people of Memphis with a celebration that was consistent with the mission of Robert R. Church: a mission of inclusiveness that we should all strive for as we continue to serve the people of our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, this is a time to commemorate the end of slavery in America and to recognize the many contributions of African-American citizens. I ask my colleagues to join me in observing our nation's 149th anniversary of Juneteenth and the 21st annual celebration in Memphis.

HONORING TOWN OF JONESTOWN, MISSISSIPPI

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Town of Jonestown, Mississippi.

The Town of Jonestown, Mississippi elected its first black Mayor, James A. Shanks, in June 1973. During these times, the struggle for freedom was very high, especially in the South. Mayor Shanks took advantage of available opportunities from federal, state and local resources. He partnered with organizations like the National Conference of Black Mayors and Mississippi Conference of Black Mayors.

Additionally, Aaron E. Henry and other civil rights activists provided valuable assistance to Jonestown. Mayor Shanks and the Board of Aldermen, enhanced the community through housing, water and sewer projects, recreational facilities, and to improve the lives of the citizens. Mayor Shanks served a total of 12 non-consecutive years as mayor.

In June 1980 Jimmy Wilkins was elected Mayor and continued moving Jonestown for-

ward through excellent programs made by his predecessor. A modern fire station, a new fire truck and water and sewer projects were completed, upgraded housing complexes and new single family housing during Mayor Wilkins' tenure. Mayor Wilkins served eight non-consecutive years (1981-1985 and 1993-1997).

In 1989, Bobbie Walker became, the first female elected Mayor of Jonestown. In addition to ongoing projects, Mayor Walker increased community development by utilizing college volunteers, working with Habitat for Humanity and the Sisters of the Holy Name, whose members reside in Jonestown. They provide a cadre of services to citizens through education, medical contact, and recreation.

In June 1997, Joe W. Phillips was elected Mayor of Jonestown. He emphasized a sense of community and urged the people of Jonestown to be proud of their community. Mayor Phillips continued to enhance the Town of Jonestown during his two non-consecutive terms in office.

Patrick Leon Campbell was the youngest black Mayor elected to office in Jonestown and the State of Mississippi at age 28 in 2001.

He was instrumental in numerous revitalization projects via grants such as the Mississippi Historic Preservation Grant, Small Town Limited Municipality Grant, Planning Grant, Water & Sewer Grant, Public Safety Grant, Home Grant, and others. Mayor Campbell initiated the Jonestown High School scholarship fund, and reinstated the Annual Jonestown Day Celebration which brings many former citizens and tourists to town. In June of 2013 Mayor Campbell was re-elected Mayor of Jonestown and with eagerness sought out numerous economic development opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing Town for their dedication to their community and change.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA GAMES

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the 2014 Special Olympics USA Games. I am proud to say that the 2014 USA Games are being held throughout the state of New Jersey this week.

I especially want to honor the Special Olympics New Jersey Staff and Board of Directors, the athletes who demonstrate a true commitment to sport, the families that support them, and the volunteers and sponsors. They are all extraordinary citizens of this great state who demonstrate true "Genuine Jersey Pride" in the spirit of inclusive sports play.

Team New Jersey is made up of 269 athletes and 73 coaches, representing every county in our state, the largest delegation from New Jersey in the history of the Games.

The Special Olympics was established by President John F. Kennedy's sister, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, and is the world's largest organization dedicated to developing and enhancing the talents and abilities of children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Her support for people with intellectual disabilities

was the driving force behind the Special Olympics program. Through her leadership, a backyard summer day camp transformed into a global movement.

She believed that given the chance all people can accomplish great feats. I wholeheartedly agree. Her relentless effort and advocacy manifested into entire networks of foundations and research dedicated to improving the lives of people with intellectual disabilities.

The creation of the International Special Olympics Games in 1968 enabled a thousand participants and their families to compete in track and field and swimming events. Since those first games, the Special Olympics have grown to over 170 countries and include over 4 million child and adult athletes. The United States now hosts its own quadrennial Special Olympics Games and includes participants from all 52 U.S. programs.

New Jersey was among the first states to enlist in the Special Olympics program over 40 years ago. We now have over 21,000 athletes and 20,000 volunteers. It is fitting then for New Jersey to be the host of the 2014 Games, called the Games of Welcome and Acceptance. The Games will undoubtedly highlight our State's delightful spirit and innate sense of community. Participants will compete in 16 Olympic-styled events that include Unified play, where people with and without intellectual disabilities get to perform together and create friendships.

The enormous impact of the Special Olympics extends far beyond athletic competition. The athletes will gain a sense of pride and belonging that will carry over into their everyday lives. Once again, congratulations to all of the athletes who are participating in the 2014 Special Olympics USA National Games and to all those who help make the Games possible.

H. AMDT. 748 TO H.R. 4460

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the medical marijuana provision that came before the House of Representatives for a vote on May 30, 2014—H. AMDT. 748 to H.R. 4460—an amendment to prohibit the use of funds to prevent certain States from implementing their own State laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of medical marijuana.

Had I voted on May 30, 2014, I would have voted in favor of H. AMDT 748 to H.R. 4460, which was offered by Rep DANA ROHR-ABACHER (R-CA) to the FY 2015 Commerce, Justice, and Science (CSJ) Appropriations bill. The amendment was agreed to by recorded vote: 219–189.

Specifically, the bill is a bipartisan appropriations measure that looks to prohibit the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) from spending funds to arrest state-licensed medical marijuana patients and providers. Many of my colleagues and their constituencies agree that patients who are allowed to purchase and consume medical marijuana in their respective states should not be punished by the federal government.

I believe that we must modernize our federal laws to reflect the updated approaches to medical marijuana use, and allow states to determine the parameters, practices, and effects of legalization. Mr. Speaker, 22 states and the District of Columbia have legalized marijuana for medical use. In my home state of Florida, the majority of voters support the legalization of marijuana for medical use, and I stand behind them.

Mr. Speaker, I support the legalization of marijuana for medical use, and remain committed to protecting citizens nationwide that are the subject to detainment for use despite their medical needs.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLORIA NEGRETE McLEOD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mrs. NEGRETE McLEOD. Mr. Speaker, from July 24, 2013 to October 14, 2013, I was unavoidably absent from the House and missed roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll	Vote
411	Aye
412	Aye
515	Nay
516	Aye
547	Nay
548	Nay
549	Aye

HONORING TOWN OF BOLTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the historically rich, rural town of Bolton, Mississippi.

The beginnings of the Town of Bolton stemmed around one of history's most sought after resource and highly demanded man-made commodity: the modern railroad system. Prior to its incorporation in 1871, the area now known as Bolton was a deer path with most of its land dedicated to plantation owners. One of the plantation owners, Colonel Thomas Jefferson Bolton, was a well-known railroad builder and settled in the area prior to the Civil War. After posing a compromise with another prominent plantation owner in the area, a deal was reached and the Clinton/Vicksburg railroad companies constructed a railroad depot on Colonel Bolton's land; henceforth, naming the area and the station depot Bolton.

Within a few decades of establishing the railroad depot, the Civil War began and Bolton became involved in one of the Union forces most critical battle. In 1863, during General Grant's march to Vicksburg, Champion's Hill (a small community on the outskirts of Bolton) was the scene of a decisive battle between the Union and Confederate forces. The defeat of Confederate troops paved the way for the resultant siege and fall of Vicksburg. Eight years after the defeat, the Town of Bolton was incorporated and had reached a population of just under 800.

The Town of Bolton has withstood many changes, both good and bad. In 1878, many

residents succumbed to a yellow fever epidemic. Economically, however, the town was booming with businesses that lined the main thoroughfare between Vicksburg and Jackson. Farming was the main occupation for many in the town as much of the area had acres upon acres and rich farmland. In 1903, the constructed an artesian well, measuring 1,638 feet in depth. This well subsequently provided the townspeople with approximately two million gallons of water at the lowest price possible for the time period. In 1908, the town built and equipped a modern light plant. Two cotton gins processed numerous bales of cotton, aiding in the economic stability of the town.

With the construction of the interstate highway system, much of the continuous traffic seen passing through Bolton quickly diminished, much to the delight of the residents of Bolton. Once the new bypass highway was constructed, business plummeted to include only the local residents and the occasional traveler. A shift in demographics also began, growing minority than in previous decades past. Today, the town's population is approximately 567, with mostly 75% of the residents being African American. There are currently symbols from the town's early beginnings still existing, such as the Gaddis and McLaurin Feed and Seed Store, the Lummus cotton gin, and original artesian well, all of which are monumental landmarks that have stood through the multiple changes and are a testament of the resolve of the citizens of Bolton. In addition to old landmarks, new ones have also emerged, such as the town's City Hall, multiple institutions of worship, a veterinarian, library, medical clinic, and a number of small businesses, primarily owned and operated by African Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Town of Bolton as a resilient, historically rich rural town that has remained committed to maintaining its close-knit community ties within and outside its city limits by staying true to its roots in agriculture and local owned businesses.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD RAMSEY, SR. AND HATTIE JOHNSON

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, in November, 1901, the union of Edward Ramsey, Sr., and Hattie Johnson made the Johnson-Ramsey family definite and their union has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the seeds of family was planted in the 1800s with Wiley Johnson and his wife Saphronia Cobb-Johnson, parents of Hattie Johnson Ramsey, it would only be a matter of time before the first family reunion would be held in the rural area of the Huguley woods near Shawmut, Alabama in 1934; Otis Johnson, Wiley Johnson, Charlie Johnson and Carrie Booker led the charge of planning the first reunion and throughout the years, this family has produced many well respected citizens that have and continues to honor the patriarchs and matriarchs of the family which are pillars of strength across this great nation; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have members of the Johnson-Ramsey family, including Ms. Wandra Seymore-Outlaw one of our most beloved citizens in our District who resides in Ellenwood, Georgia; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Johnson-Ramsey family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's 80th family reunion in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Johnson-Ramsey family in our District; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 20, 2014 as Johnson-Ramsey Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 20th day of June, 2014.

JUNETEENTH 2014

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, on June 19, 1865, General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas and announced the freedom of the last American slaves; belatedly freeing 250,000 slaves in Texas nearly two and a half years after Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

Juneteenth was first celebrated in the Texas state capital in 1867 under the direction of the Freedmen's Bureau.

Today, Juneteenth remains the oldest known celebration of slavery's demise. It commemorates freedom while acknowledging the sacrifices and contributions made by courageous African Americans towards making our great nation the more conscious and accepting country that it has become.

This year, I introduced H. Res. 632 to Honor Juneteenth Independence Day. In introducing this Resolution, I acknowledge State Representative Al Edwards of Texas and all Houstonians who honor Juneteenth as well or all who celebrate this freedom day.

Last year, I introduced H. Res. 268—a Resolution observing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day. As we celebrate the anniversary of Juneteenth, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in reflecting upon its significance.

Today, I will be reintroducing the Resolution to commemorate this year's celebration of Juneteenth.

Because it was only after that day in 1865 when General Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, on the heels of the most devastating conflict in our country's history, in the aftermath of a civil war that pitted brother against brother, neighbor against neighbor and threatened to tear the fabric of our union apart forever that America truly became the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Not until 1979 when my friend State Representative Al Edwards introduced the bill did Juneteenth become a Texas state holiday. It was first celebrated as such in 1980.

Civil rights pioneer Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Freedom is never free," and Afri-

can American labor leader A. Phillip Randolph often said "Freedom is never given. It is won."

We should all recognize the power and the ironic truth of those statements and we should pause to remember the enormous price paid by all Americans in our country's quest to realize its promise.

Juneteenth honors the end of the 400 years of suffering African Americans endured under slavery and celebrates the legacy of perseverance that has become the hallmark of the African American community and its struggle for equality.

Throughout the 1980's and 90's Juneteenth has continued to enjoy a growing and healthy interest from communities and organizations throughout the country.

Institutions such as the Smithsonian, the Henry Ford Museum and others have begun sponsoring Juneteenth-centered activities. In recent years, a number of National Juneteenth Organizations have arisen to take their place alongside older organizations—all with the mission to promote and cultivate knowledge and appreciation of African American history and culture.

Juneteenth today, celebrates African American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures.

As it takes on a more national and even global perspective, the events of 1865 in Texas are not forgotten, for all of the roots tie back to this fertile soil from which a national day of pride is growing. The future of Juneteenth looks bright as the number of cities and states come on board and form local committees and organizations to coordinate the activities.

HONORING THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the historically rich city of Lexington, Mississippi.

Lexington is a city in Holmes County, Mississippi. The population was 2,025 as of the 2000 census. It was named in honor of Lexington, Massachusetts. Like much of the state, Holmes County suffered during and after the Civil War.

The City of Lexington is served by the Holmes County School District. It is also served by a private school called Central Holmes Christian School (formerly Central Holmes Academy).

The City of Lexington also has some rich African-American History. It is the root for the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) (formerly called the Church of God when it got its Lexington beginning) by founder Bishop Charles Harrison Mason.

The City of Lexington can also boast as having the first black-elected school superintendent in the State of Mississippi—Elder William Dean, who is now pastor of the St. Paul Church of God in Christ here in Lexington. The church is situated next to the beautiful campus of Saints College (now closed to students) but is used for multiple purposes, especially its church-like edifice commonly known as "Holy Hill."

Saints College was founded by an African-American, Dr. Arenia Mallory as Saints Industrial and Literary School.

The historically black school was renamed and is currently called Saints Academy. Dr. Mallory served as president of the school from 1926 until her death in 1983. It is run under the Church of God in Christ. Dr. Mallory was an active member of the COGIC church and participated in the Women's Department and was the leader in the national church. She also served as the Vice President of the National Council of Negro Women from 1953–1957.

Lexington is also the home of the Dr. Arenia C. Mallory Community Health Center, Inc. (Mallory CHC) founded by Dr. Martha Davis (now deceased). Its mission is to provide high quality, customer oriented and cost effective healthcare services in a safe and accessible environment to all persons of Holmes, Carroll, Madison, Leflore counties and surrounding communities. Its motto is "Enter a Patient, Leave a Friend." (See more about the clinic at <http://www.mallorychc.org/>)

The City of Lexington is also the home of the Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) founded by longtime African-American natives Leslie and Beulah Greer: "Our Mission for the Community Students Learning Center is to promote community and educational change, by providing state-of-the-art leadership development and personal improvement opportunities for youth, adults, and seniors." Its motto is "In Relentless Pursuit of Education and Knowledge." (See more about CSLC at: <http://www.communitystudentlearning.org/>)

The City of Lexington was at the heart of the Civil Rights Movement in Holmes County, Mississippi. Brave men and women, black and white, protested, challenged and worked hard to bring about racial harmony. While some success in that regard was made, the city and County both still could currently use more racial reconciliation, according to some of the residents.

In addition to numerous historical firsts, today, the City of Lexington also boasts first ever Black Mayor of Lexington, Mississippi—the Honorable Mayor Clint Cobbins, who is currently leading his community toward progress.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the City of Lexington as a resilient, historically rich rural town that has maintained its community ties inside and outside its city limits by staying true to its roots in agriculture and local owned businesses.

RECOGNIZING THE SECOND ANNUAL GREATER SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "ABOVE AND BEYOND" AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an outstanding group of first responders and public safety officers who have been honored with the Second Annual Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce "Above and Beyond" Award.

These awards honor Fairfax County Firefighters, EMTs, Police Officers and Sheriff's

Deputies who give back to the Greater Springfield area by providing service to the community outside their normal duties. In addition to the immeasurable contributions made every day in the line of duty, these men and women have distinguished themselves through their extraordinary efforts in the community, which largely go unseen. They willingly volunteer their personal time, energies, and support to activities for the betterment of our children, our neighborhoods, and our quality of life.

It is my honor to enter the names of the following individuals into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Master Deputy Sheriff Rodney Harrison has served the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office for 26 years. Through his church, MDS Harrison makes an annual trip to Africa for the purpose of ministering and donating educational materials and clothing. In addition, twice a year the Sheriff's Office provides security for a portion of the will of President George Washington between Mount Vernon and the Circuit Court. MDS Harrison willingly participates and uses this opportunity to educate others on the history of the will and how to safely transport this important historic document.

Officer Long Dinh, Jr., endured traumatic head injuries when responding to a call on duty in 2013. However, these injuries did not deter him from continuing to serve his community. He has applied his language abilities to the Habitat for Humanity Restore program by creating tutorials and helping to train volunteers. His tremendous contributions to the program have been recognized by the Director of the James Lee Senior Center. In March of 2014 Officer Dinh returned to the police force.

Auxiliary Police Officer Thomas Oliver has volunteered his services since 1999. In addition to his regular duties, APO Oliver participated in over 70 community events for vehicle or crime prevention displays in 2013. He has assisted in "Operation Hands-On," which is a new process developed to obtain information on cases previously closed. He helped follow up on these cases and has educated members of our community on how to keep themselves secure.

Officer Paul F. Stracke has just completed his second year with the police force. He began his service at age 18 when he attended the Fairfax County Volunteer Fire Academy and obtained an Emergency Medical Technician certification. Apart from his police duties, he continues to work 60 hours every quarter at Fire Station #14 to maintain his firefighter status. Officer Stracke was nominated in 2013 for a lifesaving award and received the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award in 2013.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating and thanking each of the brave men and women who go above and beyond the call of duty to serve our community. They are part of the bravest and the finest who collectively ensure that Fairfax County remains one of the nation's safest communities in which to live, work, and raise a family. Moreover, the volunteer service exhibited by these honorees is one of the hallmarks of what has made Fairfax the thriving community it is today, and because of their efforts, that tradition will carry on for future generations.

IN RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize the holiday of Juneteenth, or as it is also known Juneteenth Independence Day, Freedom Day, and Emancipation Day. Juneteenth commemorates a huge step toward the emancipation of African American slaves in Texas from the morally abhorrent institution of American slavery.

On June 19, 1865, after the Union's victory in the Civil War, Major General Gordon Granger arrived with Union troops on the island of Galveston, Texas. The celebration of Juneteenth recognizes that day, when Major General Granger publicly read "General Order No. 3," ostensibly freeing Texas slaves. Granger said, "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer." The order ostensibly freed 250,000 slaves in the former Confederate state of Texas, more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

"General Order No. 3" was another marker on our nation's long road toward the full realization of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all our fellow citizens. We are still traveling down that road but because of the extraordinary courage and compassion of some of our greatest citizens, we have come further than many ever imagined.

We traveled further down that road when in 1979, my friend, Texas State Representative Al Edwards introduced the bill that officially made Juneteenth a state holiday in Texas. In 1996, the House of Representatives and the Senate officially recognized June 19th as "Juneteenth Independence Day." As of today, 43 states observe Juneteenth.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, Juneteenth remains the oldest known celebration of slavery's emasculation in the U.S. On this Juneteenth, I encourage all my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the historical significance of this holiday, which celebrates a huge step toward the extension of the American Dream to African Americans and encourages multicultural respect for all.

RECOGNIZING ACTION IN COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICE SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS ADVOCACY SERVICE ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the staff and volunteers for Action in Community Through Service Sexual Assault Victims Advocacy Service (ACTS SAVAS) as

they celebrate 30 years of assistance and advocacy on behalf of survivors of sexual assault in Prince William County, Virginia.

There are more than 235,000 sexual assaults every year in the United States. That is one assault every two minutes. Forty-four percent of survivors are under the age of eighteen, and eighty percent of survivors are under the age of thirty. Sixty percent of sexual assaults are not reported and ninety-seven percent of attackers will never spend a day in jail. These are staggering statistics, and they illustrate the challenges faced by ACTS SAVAS. There are few safe havens for these survivors. ACTS SAVAS provides survivors with a safe, secure place to go and receive counseling from experts who can assist with the healing and recovery process.

SAVAS was first established in 1983, and in 2012, it joined Action in Community Through Service. ACTS SAVAS is the only center of its kind serving the Greater Prince William community. The staff and volunteers are dedicated to empowering survivors of sexual assault and their loved ones with the resources necessary to heal and move forward, while working towards ending all forms of sexual assault and combating human trafficking. ACTS SAVAS has provided assistance to more than 15,000 individuals in the areas of crisis intervention, a 24-hour hotline, court companions for victims, adolescent and adult support groups, and community education and outreach.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking the staff and volunteers of ACTS SAVAS for their many contributions during 30 years of service to the Greater Prince William community. ACTS SAVAS engages an issue that threatens to undermine safety and trust in our community. For providing survivors of sexual assault with the resources they need to recover, ACTS SAVAS is certainly a vital service and is deserving of our highest praise.

TRIBUTE TO THE TAIWAN FELLOWSHIP

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Taiwan Fellowship, a highly prestigious scholarship which allows American experts and scholars to conduct advanced research at universities or academic institutions in Taiwan. Established and funded by Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the fellowships provide for tuition, financial assistance and a monthly stipend.

In the past 4 years, 346 scholars from 57 countries around the world have been awarded Fellowships. Recipients include professors, doctoral candidates, and post-doctoral researchers interested in Taiwan, cross-strait relations, mainland China, the Asia-Pacific region and Chinese studies. The fellowship terms are as short as three months and can be as long as a year. In terms of resources devoted to awardees, the Fellowship is on par with the Fulbright Program and the Rhodes scholarship.

Mr. Speaker, this scholarship serves as an important conduit for educational and cultural exchange between the United States and Taiwan. This is the 35th Anniversary of enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, the measure that crafted the modern, successful and

beneficial US-Taiwan partnership. It's important that we continue to build our alliance on a mutual commitment to the rule of law, free and fair elections, and free enterprise. It is in that spirit that the Taiwan government offers the Taiwan Fellowship to students: so that our friendship and mutual understanding will continue into future generations.

COMMENDING THE EFFORTS OF
"DO MORE 24—ONE DAY. OUR
COMMUNITY."

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the tremendous efforts of "Do More 24—One Day. Our Community." Today, June 19th, thousands of residents from across the National Capital Region will help make a positive, lasting contribution to those in our community in need of assistance through the region's largest philanthropic giving day: Do More 24.

For 24 hours only, residents will go to domore24.org and choose an organization or cause closest to their hearts to support. They will be able to contribute to one or more of the 550 participating nonprofits serving our neighbors in Northern Virginia, the District of Columbia, and suburban Maryland by providing food, shelter, education, and access to medical care, affordable housing, and other essential services.

Launched by United Way of the National Capital Area last year, the Do More 24 campaign helps nonprofits raise money during the difficult summer months, when many nonprofits see a drop off in donations that creates gaps in their budgets. Last year, 11,000 donors contributed \$1.3 million during the Do More 24 blitz. Their generosity allowed our regional nonprofits to serve more people, expand their programs, and buy necessary equipment.

For example, Martha's Table, which has been providing food to families for 35 years, plans to use this year's Do More 24 donations to expand its "Summer Food Fund" to provide breakfast and lunch for children who would normally receive those meals through school. Hunger doesn't take a summer break, and neither will Martha's Table.

Joseph's House, another nonprofit, provides nursing and support services to homeless men and women struggling with AIDS and cancer. Its mission is to "nurture the living and accompany the dying." Thanks to last year's donations, Joseph's House was able to purchase a desperately needed new van and cover food costs that had exceeded its budget.

Mr. Speaker, Do More 24 encourages us to imagine a community where every man, woman, and child is healthy, fed, educated, and employed. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the United Way of the National Capital Area for this initiative and in thanking the thousands of residents who participate. I encourage us all to consider how we can "Do More" for our local community on June 19th.

AZERBAIJAN'S REPUBLIC DAY

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic of Azerbaijan on its commemoration of Republic Day, a remembrance of an extremely important event in Azerbaijani history. When the Russian Empire collapsed in 1917, it brought chaos to the region. On May 28, 1918, the Muslim National Council adopted a Declaration of Independence, and established an independent Azerbaijan Democratic Republic in the southern and south-eastern Caucasus.

Along with the establishment of this Democratic Republic, Azerbaijan adopted several laws, the most famous among these was the establishment of the right to vote for women, a full year before it was adopted in the United States. Azerbaijanis also received the rights to assembly, speech, and religion.

This new and leading democracy flourished until it was crushed by a military attack of the Soviet Union in April 1920, and all government institutions of Azerbaijan were abolished. Sadly, it took another 71 years of Russian repression until Azerbaijan could, once again, establish an independent Democracy.

Today, we remember the courage and foresight of this independent Democratic Republic and we wish them well for the future.

RECOGNIZING PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE RECRUIT CLASS 2014-01

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the most recent graduates of the Prince William County Public Safety Academy. As they join the ranks of the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, these men and women are entering a proud profession with a rich history.

Securing a position as a first responder begins with a competitive application process. Recruits must then complete a rigorous and comprehensive 23 week training program before graduating as a Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue Technician I.

A Technician I is trained in emergency medical services, fire prevention and countless other public safety measures. The certifications required to reach the status of a Technician I cannot be accomplished without dedication and hard work. The graduates have completed the requisite coursework for certification in CPR, Infection Control, CISM, EMT-B, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, EVOC 2, EVOC 3, Flashover Simulation, RIT, Mayday, Hazmat Awareness/Operations, Swift Water Rescue Awareness, LPG with Simulation, Rural Water Supply, BLS Protocols, Rope Rescue Awareness, Vehicle Rescue Awareness and Child Passenger Safety Seat Installation. Each graduate has completed more than 600 hours of training and education.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the Prince Wil-

liam County Department of Fire and Rescue Recruit Class 2014-01:

Joel Bernardo, Ryan Beuttenmuller, Peter Francisco, Brendan Galvan, Andrew Mullinax, Daryl Palumbo, Lauren Pinkston, Rachel Reardon, Craig Walton, Jordan Wiley, and Travis Zimmerman.

There are many reasons that firefighters and first responders are known as America's Heroes. These brave men and women regularly put the lives and well-being of those they serve ahead of their own. I am confident that this newest group of graduates will serve the citizens of Prince William County with distinction and honor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the newest members of Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue. I want to thank them for making this commitment to public service in our community, and, in the tradition of their new firefighting family, I say, Stay Safe.

CONGRATULATING FORT LAUDERDALE AS AN ALL-AMERICAN CITY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fort Lauderdale for being one of only 10 communities nationwide selected as an All-America City.

Established in 1949 by the National Civic League, the All-America City Award recognizes cities and towns across the country for exemplary community-based problem solving and civic engagement efforts that involve public, private, and non-profit entities.

I would like to congratulate Mayor Seiler and his staff, Fort Lauderdale's residents, and all its community and business leaders on this accomplishment.

Together, you're helping make Fort Lauderdale an outstanding place to live, work, visit, and raise a family.

RECOGNIZING THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY AND HONOREES OF THE VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF PEOPLE OF INDIAN ORIGIN

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Virginia Chapter of the Global Organization of the People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) on the occasion of its 5th Anniversary and to recognize this year's honorees.

GOPIO was founded at the First Global Convention of People of Indian Origin in New York in 1989. The initial purpose of GOPIO was fighting human rights violations of people of Indian origin. While we have seen improvements over the years, human rights violations continue to be a major issue for people of Indian origin living outside India. In 2001, GOPIO was accredited by the U.N. as an NGO to participate in the World Conference

Against Racism. GOPIO has now expanded its mission to pool financial and professional resources for the benefit of people of Indian origin and the communities in which they live. Today GOPIO has 28 chapters in 18 countries.

The Virginia Chapter of GOPIO is led by its founding President, Jay Singh Bandari. The chapter has a mission of serving the entire community and has collected food for the less fortunate, held free medical clinics, and provided financial assistance and scholarships.

The Chapter also honors people of Indian origin who have excelled in the fields of education, business, industry, community service and other endeavors. I am pleased to enter the names of this year's honorees into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Dr. Partha Pillai—Community Service
Korok Ray—Education and Economic Research

Aziz Haniffa—Journalism
Dr. CM Prasad & Dr. Surya Dhalcar—Medicine

Lt. Colonel Ravi Chaudhary—Politics
Natwar Gandhi—Finance

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Virginia Chapter of GOPIO on its 5th Anniversary and in thanking this year's honorees for their service to our community.

HONORING WEST FORSYTH BASEBALL

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the West Forsyth baseball team, which recently won the North Carolina state 4A baseball championship. West Forsyth defeated Richmond in a best of three series. This was the Titan's first baseball state championship, and the school's first championship in any boys' sport.

West Forsyth's victory was under the leadership of first year head coach Brad Bullard, a West Forsyth graduate and member of the Titan's 2001 second place team, which was the last team to reach the state championship. This year, the Titans amassed a 29 and 6 record and won the West Regional Championship to earn their place in the final series.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these young athletes and the coaches who led them on their winning campaign and wish the team continuing success in future seasons.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HERNDON ROTARY CLUB

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Rotary Club of Herndon on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary and to recognize its significant contributions to the community. The Club's celebration for this event will be held in the historic Dranesville Tavern, where it received its charter in 1939.

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago was formed February 23, 1905, by Paul P. Harris. The name "Rotary" is derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices. The Rotary Club concept thrived in its early years, and, by 1921, there were chapters on six continents. In 1922, the name "Rotary International" was adopted. The objective of Rotary International is to encourage and foster community service. International understanding, goodwill and peace are fostered through the shared commitment to service of Rotarians from 166 countries.

For the past 75 years, the Rotary Club of Herndon has served as an integral part of the local community. The Club has initiated such programs as the Herndon Rotary Citizen of the Year Award, the Senior-Senior Prom, and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library as well as provided funding and volunteers to advocate for the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic.

The Club provides remarkable volunteerism opportunities through its support of community programs including the annual Herndon Festival, Friendly, Instant, Sympathetic Help (FISH), Herndon Relay for Life, and clean-up activities at local streams and trails. In addition, the Club sponsors scholarships for Herndon High School students and has provided free computers for Herndon Middle School students. In 2013, thanks to \$15,000 raised by the Club, The Herndon High School Band was able to travel to Hawaii to perform in front of the USS Missouri and participate in a parade commemorating the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On an international level, the Rotary Club of Herndon contributes to the Polio Plus campaign to eradicate polio worldwide, donates "Shelters in Place" for disaster relief efforts, and provides grants for water system development projects in third world countries.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Herndon on its 75th Anniversary and in thanking its members for their tremendous service to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF RALPH PRESTON BOLT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Ralph Preston Bolt, a constituent of mine from Anniston, Alabama. Mr. Bolt will be celebrating his 90th birthday on July 4th.

Mr. Bolt was born on July 4, 1924, in Randolph County, Alabama. He graduated from Randolph County High School and after World War II, graduated from Auburn University in 1950. By the end of World War II, Mr. Bolt was a Staff Sergeant with the 94th Infantry Division. He was in the 302nd Battalion, Company K. With his division, he landed on Utah Beach 94 days after D-Day and ended up in Germany in 1945. His division spent just under a year in France and Germany.

In 1947, Mr. Bolt married Betty Wright and had two sons, Ralph Preston, Jr. and James Andrew. He also has four grandchildren. Weathers Preston Bolt, Edward Morrisette Bolt, Sarah Sage Bolt and Anne Jacobs Bolt.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolt reside in Anniston where he has been very involved in the community. Over the years, he has served on the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee and served as past Chairman of both the Chamber and YMCA Board. He was president of the Anniston Jaycees and is still a member of the Kiwanis Club of Anniston. He served on the Board of the Boys and Girls Club of Anniston and was recipient of the Silver Beaver award from the Choccolocco Council of the Boy Scouts of America following many years of service. He has also served on numerous boards and committees for the First United Methodist Church of Anniston where he is still an active member.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. Bolt for his brave service to our country and join me in wishing him a very happy 90th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN- NIVERSARY OF THE ARC OF GREATER PRINCE WILLIAM/IN- SIGHT, INC.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Arc of Greater Prince William/Insight, Inc., based in Woodbridge, Virginia.

The Arc is an affiliate of The Arc of the United States and The Arc of Virginia and is a tireless advocate for the rights and full participation of all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc provides support services to residents of the community that help to realize the organization's broader mission.

The local chapter of the Arc of the Greater Prince William County was founded in 1964, and has since seen vast growth within the community. At their start, the local chapter served 26 children in a school setting. Today, they serve over 1,700 children and adults from the Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park communities. Over 10 major programs are provided, including family support, residential and child care services, and advocacy.

The assistance provided by The Arc in raising a child with disabilities begins early in life with their child care services. Children ages 6 weeks to 21 years can seek therapeutic and educational activities at the Muriel Humphrey Center in Dale City, Virginia. At the Robert Day Child Care Center in Manassas children enjoy recreational activities that encourage healthy socialization and friendship. Recognizing the added stress and time commitments that accompany raising a child with disabilities, The Arc offers "Parents Night Out" and respite care programs. Prince William families are not alone and have a dedicated and capable partner in The Arc of Greater Prince William.

The Arc extends its support beyond high school education with a number of programs designed to give adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities a well-rounded life experience. In the vocational services program individuals are taught ground maintenance, lawn care and janitorial skills.

Young adults are encouraged to continue to develop their social skills through bowling

leagues and various recreational activities. The Arc has numerous group homes which allow adults to enjoy an independent and less structured living environment. These programs afford individuals the opportunity to grow and develop their skills and social networks.

This year, The Arc of Greater Prince William celebrates its 50th Anniversary. The organization has built a remarkable infrastructure of programs and facilities, including a new 13,800 square foot expansion. The residents of Prince William are served well by the diverse and comprehensive selection of assistance programs offered by The Arc.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating The Arc of the Greater Prince William County on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary and in thanking their compassionate members and staff for their commitment to providing opportunities for disabled individuals. I would like to express my personal gratitude for their work and my admiration for the mission they seek to accomplish.

**RECOGNIZING CORPORAL WILLIAM
"KYLE" CARPENTER ON THE OC-
CASION OF RECEIVING THE
MEDAL OF HONOR**

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable military service of retired Marine Corporal William "Kyle" Carpenter, and former Defense Fellow with the House Veterans Affairs Committee, as earlier today he became the latest and youngest recipient of our Nation's highest military honor, the Medal of Honor.

Born in Flowood, Mississippi on October 17, 1989, Corporal Carpenter enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in February 2009. Upon completion of Recruit Training at Parris Island, South Carolina, then Private First Class Carpenter was assigned to Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines as a Squad Automatic Weapon gunner. In July 2010, Corporal Carpenter deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Later that year, his life would change forever in an instant.

On November 21, 2010, Lance Corporal Carpenter and Lance Corporal Nicholas Eufrazio were providing overwatch on the rooftop of a makeshift operation center in Marjah, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, when his unit took small arms fire from enemy forces. A live grenade landed next to both men and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Lance Corporal Carpenter leaped onto the grenade to save the life of his brother-in-arms. His subsequent injuries were so extensive that the medical team of a nearby facility labeled him "Expired on Arrival".

Thanks to the remarkable efforts of his medical team, Corporal Carpenter stabilized. In the following two and a half years, Corporal Carpenter would undergo more than forty surgeries to fix a skull fracture, punctured lung, thirty fractures to his right arm, a fractured jaw, ruptured ear drums, and subsequently lost his right eye. All the while, the Marine Corps and Department of the Navy had been conducting an investigation into the incident

and found that Corporal Carpenter's actions proved worthy of the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity.

I do not believe Corporal Carpenter's actions that day occurred in a vacuum; selflessness and heroism of that magnitude do not simply happen overnight, and it serves as a testament to the moral character he had developed every single day leading up to that fateful event. The true grit, determination, and never-give-up attitude he has demonstrated through his extensive rehabilitation these past few years since serve us all as an example of the best this Nation has to offer. While the duration of his official military service was cut short, the example he left will motivate and inspire not just those within our military ranks, but our entire Nation for generations to come.

I wish Kyle all the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his selfless service and sacrifice. Semper Fi, Corporal Carpenter.

**RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF
NIAGARA**

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the City of Niagara. Founded in 1914, this community is located at the northern part of my district and has been referred to as a "City of Scenic Beauty". The name itself means "thundering waters". Smalley Falls and Piers Gorge are two highly visited places near the city. The beautiful Menominee River serves as a border between this city in my district and the State of Michigan. This part of the 8th District is a wonderful destination for travelers looking to get outdoors.

This community also takes great pride in some residents that have represented the City of Niagara well through their professional accomplishments. Anna DeForge, an alumnus of the Niagara High School basketball program, became the first resident to not only play for the WNBA but also played on the 2004 WNBA All Star Team.

Retired Major General Michael J. McCarthy, another Niagara native, served his country with distinction in the United States Air Force and completed his service to our country by working at the Pentagon. Major General McCarthy has been recognized with the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Vietnam Service Medal as well as Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and Kuwait Liberation Medal, just to name a few.

The City of Niagara is planning to commemorate their centennial from June 25–29th with a giant carnival, live music, children's activities and a grand parade that will include the University of Wisconsin Marching Band. Again, I congratulate the City of Niagara for achieving this milestone, and wish the city and its residents all the best in the next 100 years!

**CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNI-
VERSARY OF
ROCKETDYNE**

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. BERA of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate an important milestone for one of Sacramento County's most important economic drivers, Aerojet Rocketdyne.

It was one year ago that the formerly separate companies officially launched their future together as Aerojet Rocketdyne, a company that jointly represents 130 years of space launch and rocket propulsion.

Aerojet Rocketdyne is a world-recognized aerospace and defense leader providing propulsion and energetics to the space, missile defense, strategic, tactical missile and armaments areas. They also play a key role in our nation's space program.

They employ more than 5,300 people nation-wide, and more than 3000 of those employees are in my home state of California. They represent the best our nation has to offer in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), and contribute to our community and to keeping our nation a leader in aerospace and propulsion.

Over this inaugural year, among Aerojet Rocketdyne's many accomplishments was successfully contributing to 11 rocket launches; and they have already contributed to the successful launch of 4 of the 17 rocket launches planned for 2014. They have powered every human mission to space since the Gemini and Mercury missions that preceded the Apollo Moon missions.

Aerojet Rocketdyne will also power the next generation Space Launch System, which will launch humans into space farther than we have ever gone before, and they are working with commercial partners to provide affordable and innovative solutions to launching crew and cargo to the International Space Station.

So, again, I want to recognize Aerojet Rocketdyne and the men and women who have worked to invigorate our economy and make our country a leader in propulsion and space exploration. Thank you, Aerojet Rocketdyne, for 130 years of success. I wish you many more!

TRIBUTE TO QUINTON JENKINS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Quinton Jenkins for being named a state winner of the Library of Congress's Letters about Literature program.

Letters about Literature is a national reading and writing program that is sponsored by the Library of Congress. The program asks students to write to the past or present author of a book that affected their life. More than 50,000 young readers from across the country submitted letters last year to compete for the state-level awards for 2014.

A panel of judges that can include published authors, editors, publishers, librarians, teachers, and state officials chose Quinton's letter

as a state winner. Quinton wrote a letter to author Michael Buckley explaining how Buckley's book, *Gifted Hands*, affected his life. Quinton's letter to Buckley earned him recognition in his community as well as here in Washington.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man demonstrates the rewards of harnessing one's talents and sharing them with the world. Quinton's efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent him and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating his achievement and will wish him continued success in his future education and career.

CELEBRATING KAREN WALANKA'S
OUTSTANDING CAREER AND
SERVICE WITH MORIAH CON-
GREGATION

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special woman on the occasion of her retirement. Karen Walanka is stepping down as the Executive Director of Moriah Congregation in Deerfield, a synagogue in the Illinois district I represent, and of which I am also a proud member.

Karen is completing this chapter of her life, leaving a legacy of accomplishments too long to mention in full, having touched the lives of countless people.

From her parents, Karen learned a deep love for her heritage and community, and she developed a great passion for "Tikkun Olam", for making her immediate world, and the entire world, a better place.

As the Executive Director of Moriah, Karen has been responsible for many achievements and had a tremendous impact in our community. In her first week in the position, she began the Shabbat Bulletin to better engage the community and keep the congregation informed. She later started the Moriah All-Judaic Art and Jewelry Fair that is a celebrated community event. And Karen created the widely anticipated weekly Moriah Shabbat lunch, or "kiddush."

But perhaps Karen's most lasting legacy will be the establishment of the Moriah Congregation Endowment Fund, which will ensure the long-term financial future of the congregation as well as support its continued expansion and deeper engagement with the community. This contribution will truly define her legacy for years to come, leaving the Moriah Community vibrant and strong.

Karen is a Moriah Congregation institution, a true leader and visionary, a dear friend and a beloved member of our community. Her constant presence and leadership will be missed, but her professional legacy will leave a permanent mark, and her friendships will continue to flourish. I want to personally thank Karen for everything she has done for me, my family and our community, and wish her the absolute best in her future.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION AU-
THORIZATION ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, while I originally intended that the Hon. DONNA EDWARDS and the Hon. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON be added as cosponsors to my bill, H.R. 4412, the NASA Reauthorization Act of 2014, due to an error they were not added prior to the engrossment of the bill. This statement is intended to demonstrate their position as cosponsors of this measure.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 350TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF MIDDLETOWN
TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Middletown Township, New Jersey as it celebrates its 350th Anniversary this year. It is my honor to join the residents in celebration of this significant milestone.

Middletown village is a National Register of Historic Places historic district. One of the oldest settlements in New Jersey, Middletown was established by English settlers from western Long Island and New England by the Monmouth Patent. It was settled on land acquired from local Native Americans and was one of three villages settled at the time, including Portland Point, which was unsuccessful, and Shrewsbury.

In 1693, Middletown was one of the three municipalities organized into Monmouth County. Still one of the largest townships in New Jersey, Middletown has seen its borders change several times over the years, including the 1848 formation of Raritan Township, the 1887 secession of Atlantic Highlands and the 1900 secession of Highlands. The local neighborhoods of Port Monmouth, East Keansburg, Belford, Leonardo, Locust, New Monmouth, Navesink, and Lincroft have their own history and create Middletown's unique identity and character.

In 1913 a high school built in the Leonardo section of Middletown was the first rural high school in the area. Also in 1913, Middletown's first library, the private Navesink Library, opened. The Middletown Public Library opened seven years later.

The First Town Book in Middletown, dated 1667, marks the first formal records of the township. The New Jersey State Legislature approved a special charter in 1971 establishing the township's current form of government. In its 350th year, Middletown Township is governed by Mayor Stephanie Murray, Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino, and Committee-men Anthony Fiore, Stephen Massell and Gerard Scharfenberger.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in marking the 350th Anniversary of Middletown Township and celebrating its rich history.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
PROVIDENCE BOYS GOLF TEAM

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Providence Academy Boys Golf Team for winning the 2014 Class AA High School State Championship earlier this month.

The state title was the first in Providence Academy's history. The Lions golfers all played well—finishing 10 strokes ahead of the second place team. All of the Lions played with enormous commitment and passion throughout the season, culminating with their performance at the State Tournament where they ran away with the competition.

Golf is a game that requires focus, skill, and mental toughness. Despite the pressure of jumping out to an early lead, the Providence team maintained their concentration and finished strong. Their performance is even more outstanding when you factor in how difficult it is for high school student-athletes to balance their dedication to their sport and their efforts in the classroom. These student-athletes should all be very proud.

Congratulations again to the Providence Boys Golf Team, Coach Seiffert, and all of the parents, teachers, and fans who have supported these athletes along the way.

TRIBUTE TO ELLIE BALL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ellie Ball for being named a state winner of the Library of Congress's Letters about Literature program.

Letters about Literature is a national reading and writing program that is sponsored by the Library of Congress. The program asks students to write to the past or present author of a book that affected their life. More than 50,000 young readers from across the country submitted letters last year to compete for the state-level awards for 2014.

A panel of judges that can include published authors, editors, publishers, librarians, teachers, and state officials chose Ellie's letter as a state winner. Ellie wrote a letter to author J.R.R. Tolkien explaining how his renowned work, *The Lord of the Rings*, affected her life. Ellie's letter to Tolkien earned her recognition in her community as well as here in Washington.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young woman demonstrates the rewards of harnessing one's talents and sharing them with the world. Ellie's efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her and her family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating her achievement and will wish her continued success in her future education and career.

HONORING THE HISPANIC AMERICAN EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INC. AND THE FATHER GARY GRAF CENTER FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO ASSISTING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CITIZENSHIP

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor two community organizations in the northern Illinois district I represent. Both groups assist with one of the most basic and most important functions of our democracy—the naturalization and integration of new citizens.

The Hispanic American Education and Community Service Inc. (HACES) and the Father Gary Graf Center—both based in Waukegan—offer educational and support services to help new citizens, recent immigrants and their families fully integrate in their communities, become naturalized citizens and engage with our democracy.

These extraordinary organizations and the dedicated people who make them special provide some of the most valuable and helpful services to immigrant families.

HACES and the Fr. Gary Graf Center work together to deliver a broad spectrum of vital services to immigrant families and to ensure that our communities are engaged, thriving and inclusive.

Witnessing a group of immigrants take the oath as citizens for the United States is an experience unlike any other. The first time I witnessed such a ceremony, I was deeply moved and inspired. In that unique moment, it is important to remember all of the work and all of the support that makes that possible.

Today, I rise to recognize two great organizations that help enable the dreams of millions around the world.

RECOGNIZING MAESTRO PHILLIP GABRIEL GARCIA

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maestro Phillip Gabriel Garcia, founder of the El Paso Youth Symphony Orchestra (EPYSO).

As the conductor and head of operations for this organization, Maestro Garcia provides a valuable service to the children of El Paso and its citizens. Through the development of "The Band Against Bullying Tour", the EPYSO built a bridge between music and social justice awareness. EPYSO helped raise consciousness of the negative effects that bullying has on the victims and the community's quality of life with their performances throughout El Paso. By using music as a means to educate the community, Maestro Garcia demonstrates his creative and passionate work ethic to improve his community.

With over 200 concerts performed, EPYSO gives kids the opportunity to see how music can positively reinforce their self-esteem

through personal achievements as musicians and performances to their community. While performing at the Child Crisis Center, the Battered Women Shelter, Ft. Bliss, and La Fe Community Health Center, kids experience the joy that their music brings to the public. More so, EPYSO champions community service, raising money to feed the homeless at the Feeding the Nations Homeless benefit concert and serving food to the homeless for Thanksgiving. EPYSO continues to impact its participants and the rest of the public by remaining viable and relevant to their community.

EPYSO and Maestro Phillip Garcia will continue to profoundly impact the El Paso community by continuing to connect their artistic endeavors with service. I am proud that this organization and Maestro Garcia are using music to contribute to the El Paso community, and I hope their message continues inspire our young citizens' enthusiasm for serving their community.

HONORING HITZEMAN FUNERAL HOME'S 110TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 110th Anniversary of the Hitzeman Funeral Home, which will be celebrated on June 21, 2014. The Hitzeman Funeral Home was created to serve the residents of Chicago and Western suburbs during difficult times. Todd Hitzeman, a fourth-generation funeral director, now owns the business and continues the practice of his ancestors to meet patrons' needs.

Founded in 1904, the Hitzeman Funeral Home's mission is to serve patrons with compassion and respect. Fifth generation businesses are a rarity today, but the longevity and success of this institution prove that the care the Hitzemans provide is well-appreciated.

One of the major accomplishments of Hitzeman Funeral Home was being recognized by the Illinois State Historical Society as an Illinois Centennial Business. The Hitzeman Funeral Home was also featured in Crain's Chicago Business family business focus for their 100th anniversary. After the centennial, Hitzeman Funeral Home continued to progress by renovating the existing building and expanding with a new wing and additional parking.

Members of the Hitzeman family also serve as active contributors to the community of Brookfield with involvement in churches, schools, and numerous charities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the great service that the Hitzeman Funeral Home has provided for 110 years. May their selfless dedication to their community serve as example to us all.

HONORING LIGHTHOUSE FIELD

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lighthouse Field now cele-

brating 100 years of service to the community, set in motion when the Pennsylvania Railroad Company deeded over 15 acres of land to the Lighthouse on June 13, 1914.

The history of Lighthouse Field dates back to June 13, 1910, when Charles Hamilton completed the first round trip airplane flight between two major cities, landing at Lighthouse Field and signaling the beginning of the commercial viability of airplane travel. At one time Lighthouse Field hosted the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus. In 1938, half of the United States Olympic Soccer Team was from Philadelphia with most of those players learning the sport at Lighthouse Field. By 1940 the Lighthouse Boys Club soccer program was the largest single soccer organization in the world and the most famous goal in American soccer history was scored by Walter Bahr, a product of the Lighthouse Boys Club, while playing on the 1950 World Cup team. In 1952, in anticipation of the Manchester United Soccer Club playing an exhibition game at Lighthouse Field, which over 3,000 people attended, Manchester United paid for the installation of concrete bleachers that are still used at Lighthouse Field. Also in the 1940's the Philadelphia Phillies occasionally practiced at Lighthouse Field. In 1984 the Army National Guard began using Lighthouse Field to host training exercises. In 2012 the Lighthouse partnered with Teens 4 Good to open an Urban Farm Program at Lighthouse Field. The Boy Scouts of America have also used Lighthouse Field to host a weekend camping exhibition for 500 scouts complete with camp fires and bow and arrow exhibitions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Lighthouse Field for a century of serving as a safe haven for our city's children and for standing as a beacon of excellence and innovation for the evolving needs of our community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DAN R. TANNER

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Dan R. Tanner.

From a very young age Dan knew that he was different, years later coming to the realization that he was gay—a significant challenge for him, as he lived in a very conservative part of the United States. Dan was influenced by his experiences as a child to become a teacher, a position where he had a platform to be a positive role model for his students by impacting their educational success and sense of self-worth. But he later left teaching because of the fear of losing his job if the school district administration, parents, or community found out he was gay. The ability to teach children and spark their academic interest is something that Dan misses to this day.

As Dan became more comfortable in his own skin and less fearful of the fallout from bridging his personal and professional lives, he realized he wanted to be involved in his

community and have a positive impact on it. In April 1993 on C-SPAN, Dan watched the brave LGBT community members and supporters who convened on our nation's capital to demand the rights and respect entitled to all Americans. He saw the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) equality logo for the first time and wondered if the HRC would help him find his voice and make a difference in the lives of others.

After moving to Orlando in 1998, Dan became fully engaged in a new LGBT community and continued his search for a volunteer organization where he could learn, make a positive impact, and develop his leadership skills. The opportunity to build an HRC community in central Florida came in 2004, when Dan was given the responsibility of acquiring pledges from HRC supporters and overseeing the local organization and volunteer structure.

Dan believes that who he is today, and what he has accomplished, is due to the many LGBT leaders who came before him. Soon he knows the country will see federal laws change again through protection for LGBT employees and full recognition of marriage equality in all 50 states.

Dan's years of experience in the LGBT community and his volunteer leadership with HRC have enabled him to be his best. Today, Dan is able to be the man he dreamt of being as a young boy in Oklahoma—a great father to Finn, a loving husband to Steven, and a positive contributor to the world. He feels an unrepayable debt and great thanks to those that took the challenge before him and gave him the voice that he has today.

I am happy to honor Dan R. Tanner, during LGBT Pride Month, for his contributions to the LGBT community in Central Florida.

COLONEL PAUL G. HUMPHREYS

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stone Harbor, NJ resident Colonel Paul G. Humphreys of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) who will retire from the United States Army on July 1, 2014, after twenty-eight years of distinguished service. Colonel Humphreys significantly contributed to the global fight against IEDs during his final tour of duty as JIEDDO's Chief of Staff. His efforts improved the safety and security of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines as they operate in areas plagued by IEDs.

Colonel Humphreys is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, Class of 1986. During his 26-year career as an infantry officer, he has commanded from the platoon to battalion level and served in numerous staff assignments from brigade to Joint headquarters. He completed five combat tours to include Operation Just Cause, Operation Desert Storm, Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom I and III and most recently Operation New Dawn.

Colonel Humphreys has earned numerous awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal, among others.

I am proud to share in the celebration of Colonel Humphreys' military career. I would also like to congratulate his wife, Tammy, and his children, Devon, Brandon, Aubrie and Rhianna—whose love and support has aided and strengthened Colonel Humphreys as he has served our great Nation. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING TUCKER JAMESON'S
ESSAY AT THE SOUTHERN
MARYLAND STAND DOWN VET-
ERANS EVENT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following essay which was delivered by Mr. Tucker Jameson at the Southern Maryland Veterans Stand Down event on May 16, 2014. Tucker is a freshman at St. Mary's Ryken High School and is a member of the Stars and Stripes club. He lives in Mechanicsville, MD. He wrote:

Stand down. In military terminology, this term is used when commanders wish to halt operational progress. It could be due to mission completion, safety, or the elimination of a threat. In some situations, a stand down is an opportunity to ensure that the unit is in the most complete, efficient, and advantageous position that it can be before it proceeds with its mission. Sometimes the momentum of our operational tempo and our desire to complete the mission blinds us to one of the oldest of tactical blunders—haste. We take this opportunity today to stop and remember the tradition that we hope to carry on, and that tradition lives in our veterans.

A cornerstone of our development at St. Mary's Ryken high school is our service to others. As a part of the Stars, Stripes, and Service club I have had the opportunity and the honor to focus my service on veterans. From assisting with the Veteran's Day parade, visiting Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home, and raising money for the Wounded Warrior Benefit, we have been able to put our words into action in showing our brave servicemen and women how much we care. Recently, we coordinated an item drive for homeless veterans in the D.C. area through Pathways to Housing. The response from our community was incredible and it fills me with pride to hear that our first donations went to a post 9/11 veteran who, along with her 3 children, are no longer living in their car and can look forward to a bright future. Although we are making progress, we still have a long way to go.

Our efforts exemplify how important it is, not only to ensure veterans are appreciated, but that they know they are loved and needed. As our armed forces fight the enemy overseas, we must fight against the intangible enemy of disconnection and emotional disengagement, against unemployment and homelessness. This Veteran's Stand Down is a time to stop and remember that it is our duty and obligation to live the principles our servicemen and women sacrificed so much to preserve.

Nobody who fights for America overseas ought to have to fight just as hard to find a job, to keep a roof over their head, or to access quality health care once he or she returns home. I was pleased Tucker was able to participate in the event and remind us all of

the moral obligation we have to ensure our veterans have the support and resources they need to transition to civilian life after serving our nation so courageously. I thank him and all who participated from throughout Southern Maryland for coming together for the Stand Down event.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WAYZATA
TROJANS GIRLS GOLF STATE
CHAMPIONS

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Wayzata Girls Golf Team on their 2014 High School State Championship.

The Trojans put on an incredible display at Bunker Hills Golf Course as they broke the Minnesota state record by 22 strokes and finished 19 strokes ahead of the second place team. Head Coach Mike Schumacher had reason to be impressed with his team's outstanding performance throughout the tournament.

It was the Trojan's dedication and hard work that made the team so difficult to beat. After the first round of the State Tournament, most of the athletes spent an additional two hours putting and chipping to perfect their game for the following day. It is this level of devotion that set the team up for their success.

Individually, senior co-captain Sarah Burnham won the silver medal, placing just one stroke behind the first place score. Two Trojan athletes, Jenna Nelson and Madalyn Mrosak, had their best rounds of the season.

Achieving the State Championship Title is an impressive accomplishment, but even more admirable is the Trojan's ability to excel on both the golf course while maintaining a commitment to schoolwork and time with their family. The Wayzata golf team's parents, teachers, and fellow Wayzata students should be extremely proud of their golf team and their performance this season.

Once again, congratulations to the Wayzata Girls Golf on their 2014 State Championship Title.

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION
OF JUNE 20, 2014 AS AMERICAN
EAGLE DAY

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to support the designation of June 20, 2014 as American Eagle Day and celebrate the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States. On June 20, 1782, the eagle was designated as the national emblem of the U.S. by the Founding Fathers at the Second Continental Congress.

The bald eagle is the central image of the Great Seal of the United States and is displayed in the official seal of many branches and departments of the Federal Government.

The bald eagle is an inspiring symbol of the spirit of freedom and the democracy of the

United States. Since the founding of the Nation, the image, meaning and symbolism of the eagle have played a significant role in art, music, history, commerce, literature, architecture and culture of the United States. The bald eagle's habitat only exists in North America.

I hope my colleagues will join in celebrating June 20, 2014 as American Eagle Day, which marks the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SUSAN "SUE-BEE" LAGINESS

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Susan Laginess. Known as "Sue-Bee", Susan Laginess was born to Mel and Charlotte Laginess in the small suburb of River Rouge, Michigan, located on the southwest side of Detroit. As the youngest of seven children, and an aunt and great-aunt to over 35 nieces and nephews, Sue-Bee never had shortage of love or close family values.

After high school, Sue-Bee entered the hospitality industry in a Detroit area hotel and restaurant. Soon after, she joined her newly retired parents in the Brevard County area on Florida's east coast. Ten years on the beachside managing restaurants and nightclubs led Sue-Bee to the areas of event planning, hosting and emcee work. Sue-Bee became passionate about being involved in community events and decided to leave beachside living for a big city. After the death of her father in 1991, Sue-Bee moved to Orlando, a city that is still close to her mother.

Sue-Bee began working in theme park restaurants, and soon discovered the charm, culture and especially welcoming LGBT community in Thornton Park and downtown Orlando. After four years as a manager of Hue Restaurant, in 2004, Sue-Bee joined Palm Properties of Central Florida and began a career in real estate. A year later, she became part of the team at Olde Town Brokers.

Sue-Bee co-founded Phish Phest events in 2001 to help fill the void of lesbian nightlife in Orlando. In its early years, Phish Phest held large bi-annual events for the LGBT community. Now they host monthly happy hour parties that rotate to different venues and special events during Gay Days and the Pride Parade. In 2003, Phish Phest held a fundraiser for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), one of the first "unity" events. Since then, Sue-Bee served several years on the HRC's steering committee and is a current Federal Club member.

Sue-Bee is also a member of the Metropolitan Business Association and was a sponsorship director for the organization's largest event, Come Out With Pride. She also served as the emcee for the event's signature Pride Parade alongside Mayor Dyer.

Sue-Bee has been on the sales team for the Hope and Help Center's Headdress Ball and has hosted numerous fundraisers for the organization. She has recently produced events for the Zebra Coalition, helping to raise much needed support for Orlando's LGBT youth.

Sue-Bee has been the emcee and on the committee for the annual Scooters 4 Hooters event since 2008. Her involvement has been instrumental in raising thousands of dollars in sponsorships and donations. Fundraising for Libby's Legacy Breast Cancer Foundation and riding her own scooter through Orlando's neighborhood is one of her favorite pastimes.

Sue-Bee currently resides in Thornton Park, sells real estate, is on the board for The Thornton Park District, and recently became event manager at the Veranda and Neighborhood Rogue.

I am happy to honor Sue-Bee, during LGBT Pride Month, for her contributions to the LGBT and Central Florida communities.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAROLYN INGRAM THORNTON

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, today it is with profound grief that I rise to commemorate the life of Carolyn Ingram Thornton, a great leader, public servant and phenomenal woman who will be greatly missed in her home community of Durham, North Carolina.

Carolyn Thornton reserved her place in history as the first African American woman to serve on the Durham City Council in 1978. She also was the first African American female probation officer in the State of North Carolina. In 1968, Mrs. Thornton was appointed as the Chief Psychiatric Social Worker at the Cooperative School for Pregnant Girls. In addition to these accomplishments, she served as the director of Social Work and Mental Health at historic Lincoln Community Health Center for 31 years.

During the course of her tenure, the citizens of Durham had the unique opportunity to watch Mrs. Thornton successfully embark on building a brighter future for women, children, and mentally disabled citizens in her community.

As a native of Durham County and due to her honorable contributions to Durham, Mrs. Thornton will now and forever be a daughter of Durham. As a member and former President of the Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Mrs. Thornton regularly supported community volunteering and fundraising initiatives. She also served as President of the Durham Chapter of the Links, Inc.

Mrs. Thornton was born in Durham to Charles J. and Bernice H. Ingram. After graduating from Hillside High School with honors, Mrs. Thornton earned Bachelors' degrees in Psychology and Sociology from Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina in 1957. Mrs. Thornton also earned a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

To cherish her memory, Mrs. Thornton is survived by two sisters, Audrey Ingram Johnson and Dr. E. Lavonia Ingram Allison; one sister-in-law, Carolyn Thornton Walker, and three children, Susan Kane, Gail Monjé Thornton, and Rick Thornton.

Mr. Speaker, Carolyn Ingram Thornton was a loving mother, sister, friend and public servant and her passing will surely be felt by all of

those whose lives she touched. She will forever be missed but never forgotten in the city of Durham and her by friends and family across the State and Nation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EDINA HORNETS BOYS GOLF STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Edina Boys Golf Team for becoming the 2014 State Champions this season. It is the school's first boy's golf title in nearly 30 years.

Despite a tough field, Head Coach Phil Finanger and the Hornets team were able to come out on top at this month's Class AAA Tournament. Edina finished with a four stroke lead the first day, a small cushion that provided very little comfort. However, the Hornets stayed focused and claimed the 2014 title by a razor thin margin.

The Hornets were led by Sam Foust who finished tied for third in the tournament. Kobi Boe and Bobby Terwilliger played great as well and finished in the top ten. Ben Olson also posted a strong score to contribute to the overall team effort for Edina.

With only one senior, Captain Tyler Nanne, Edina looks to be a tough team to beat for years to come.

Golf is a sport that requires skill, focus, and mental toughness. It takes years of dedication to master the game and compete at a high level. The ability of these young men to excel at the sport while completing their schoolwork, spending time with family, and having a social life should be commended.

Again, congratulations to Edina Boys Golf, Coach Finanger, and all of the parents, teachers, and fellow classmates that supported this team on their way to the 2014 state title.

RECOGNIZING THE LEMONT HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lemont High School Baseball Team, which recently won its first IHSA Class 3A Baseball State Championship. This is the first state championship for a boys' team in any sport at Lemont High School.

On June 14, 2014, the team garnered a 2-1 victory over Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin at Silver Cross Field in Joliet to win the championship. I appreciate all of the hard work and dedication this team put into their performance and would like to congratulate them on this tremendous team achievement.

The team, under the guidance of head coach Brian Storako, had a great season leading up to the IHSA State Finals. They accomplished a school single-season record for wins and captured a sixth straight South Suburban Conference-Blue Division title.

Prior to this season, the most postseason success the Indians had seen was an IHSA Regional title. They not only won the program's first state championship, but also collected their first-ever IHSA Sectional and Super-Sectional crowns.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this impressive accomplishment by the Lemont High School Baseball Team and to congratulate them on their state championship.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ASBURY PARK-WALL ELKS LODGE NO. 128

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Asbury Park-Wall Elks Lodge No. 128 on its 125th anniversary. As its officers and members gather to celebrate this milestone, I would like to join with them in honoring its history as one of the oldest Elks lodges in the United States.

The Asbury Park-Wall Elks Lodge was originated as the Asbury Park Lodge of Elks number 128 on June 28, 1889. It is one of the five first lodges in New Jersey, among Newark, Patterson, Hoboken and Trenton. The lodge was housed in the Mikado Building on Cookman Avenue in Asbury Park and consisted of 42 members in its first year.

In its early years, the Asbury Park Lodge was led by several Exalted Rulers. Its first was John K. Parker, followed by John F. Hawkins, Samuel A. Patterson, and Harry J.

Rockefeller. In 1893, Exalted Ruler William K. Devereux, who was also District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for New Jersey at the time, presided over the lodge when it surrendered its charter due to decreasing membership among the limited population.

Fourteen years later, interest in the lodge rebounded and it was reorganized on January 11, 1907 with a new dispensation. At the time, it was numbered 1047, but was later given the original number 128 again. Today, the Asbury Park-Wall Lodge No. 128 is one of 35 lodges in New Jersey and is part of the Southern District. Exalted Ruler Mary Ann Smith currently leads a membership of over 200.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Asbury Park-Wall Elks Lodge on its 125th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STRATTON POLLITZER

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Stratton Pollitzer. Stratton is the co-founder and Deputy Director of Equality Florida. A Phi Beta Kappa Political Science graduate of Emory University, Stratton has spearheaded numerous community-based campaigns that respond to political attacks and build support for anti-discrimination ordinances, safe schools policies, and domestic partnership laws at the local and state level. He also oversees all Equality Florida fundraising programs and has

raised over \$15 million for LGBT organizations and political campaigns.

Since founding Equality Florida in 1997, Stratton and Executive Director, Nadine Smith, have helped it grow into one of the largest LGBT equality organizations in the country. Today, Equality Florida has over 185,000 members, over a thousand volunteers, and a staff of 22. Equality Florida fights at the state level to end discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. The organization has helped overturn the state ban on gay and lesbian adoption, implemented a statewide anti-bullying law that has led to specific bans on LGBT bullying, and passed over 130 local policies addressing LGBT discrimination and providing domestic partnership benefits.

As a key spokesperson on LGBT issues, Stratton is a regular contributor to major television, print, and radio outlets throughout the state. He has had opinion columns published in the Miami Herald, Broward Sun-Sentinel, Saint Petersburg Times, Tampa Tribune, Daytona Beach News Journal, and Orlando Sentinel.

From 2004–2006, Stratton served on the board of directors and as Vice-Chair of the Equality Federation, a national network of statewide LGBT advocacy groups. In 2011, he was presented with the Harvey Milk Foundation's Honors Medal. Stratton lives in Miami with his husband of 20 years, Christopher Boykin and is the father of 17 year old twins, Ben and Sarah.

I am happy to honor Stratton Pollitzer, during LGBT Pride Month, for his activism on behalf of the LGBT community in Central Florida and nationwide.