California, which will celebrate its centennial on Nov. 18, 2012.

In 1927, ten years after its incorporation, Beaumont boasted a population of 857. Today, it's a community of nearly 40,000 people, all of whom I've been proud to represent in Congress for the last ten years.

Much of this growth has happened in the last ten years. Residents flocked to Beaumont for its low housing costs, causing a 20% jump in the city's population, an increase that made it the fastest growing city in the State. What began as a railway outpost at the summit of San Gorgonio Pass has become a vibrant, progressive city that retains its small-town feel.

I proudly salute Beaumont's founders who laid the foundation for what has become a city that upholds the core values of public service. They're a shining example of local government at its best, and I hope my colleagues will join me in extending our best wishes to Beaumont on this most memorable occasion.

TRIBUTE TO CHAD EATON

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of my Congressional Staff who have served with me over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide exceptional constituent services and my Staff is second to none in providing the best assistance to everyone in our District. I take great pride in the work that each one has done on my behalf and on behalf of everyone in the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina.

Each District Staff member has shown a strong sense of dedication in meeting the needs of each and every one of our constituents. They often go well beyond the call to make sure each constituent is treated fairly and respectfully by our government agencies and that they receive appropriate resolution. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

I recruited Chad Eaton to join my District staff in January of 2009. Having first met Chad through his service to both our families' church as the Associate Pastor at Biltmore Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina, I was already well familiar with his commitment to personal and professional excellence. In the several years that have passed since we first met in 2005, I continue to be impressed by Chad's devotion to family, faith and public service. Chad's character and moral compass inspire his daily actions both inside and outside of our duties as a Congressional office, earning him my deepest respect and also the respect and appreciation of colleagues and constituents alike.

Not a day goes by without my leaning on Chad in some capacity. Chad is a loyal, honorable and trusted companion and I consider his counsel and friendship a blessing in my life. No matter where the Good Lord's plans take us in the future, I look forward to many more years of our continued friendship.

Chad should be proud of the service he has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with him and as I retire from office I wish him the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of his efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Chad and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Chad Eaton for his hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

HONORING KOLBY DEAN GOFF

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kolby Dean Goff. Kolby 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 418, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kolby has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kolby 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, Kolby has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Kolby designed and constructed an outdoor classroom at his sister's elementary school, building a nature learning center and an life-size outdoor checkerboard.

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

HONORING ED PAVIA

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of my Congressional Staff who have served with me over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide exceptional constituent services and my team is second to none in providing the best assistance to all in our District. My Washington, D.C. office is also tasked with researching, processing, analyzing, and making recommendations on an infinite number of reports, policies, and legislation. I could not ask for a more talented or dedicated team, and I take great pride in the work that each staff member has done not only on my behalf, but also on behalf of the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina and the United States.

My team has shown a strong sense of dedication to meeting the needs of our constituency. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Ed Pavia joined my Washington, D.C. office in January 2012, as he was completing his Masters in Appropriate Technology (renewable energy engineering) from Appalachian State University. It became apparent immediately that because of his understanding of energy and agriculture issues he would be a valuable addition to our team. New to Capitol Hill, Ed quickly learned the ropes and has been entrusted to serve in a variety of capacities, including work as a Research Fellow, Legislative Assistant and Executive Assistant. Ed's attention to detail, knowledge of policy issues and disciplined work ethic have proven to be invaluable assets.

Ed should be proud of the service he has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with him and as I retire from office I wish him the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of his efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Ed and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Ed Pavia for his hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

HONORING HOPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HOPE, MAINE

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate a school in my district for being selected by the U.S. Department of Education as one of only 269 Blue Ribbon Schools nationwide this year.

With 176 students in kindergarten through eighth grade, Hope Elementary in Knox County, Maine, is a small school doing big things. Foremost, the school has consistently met high standards of academic excellence. In itself, this achievement is worthy of honors.

But Hope Elementary has also excelled in teaching lessons in leadership. The school has an active student council, a leadership group that focuses on community service, and a culture where older students are expected to be leaders for their younger peers. Moreover, staff and administration set a strong example of collaboration. Immersed in this kind of environment, Hope students learn from an early age the importance of working together to move the whole community forward. This is an essential lesson for our next generation of leaders, and I truly appreciate the school's commitment to fostering it.

Being named a Blue Ribbon School is a prestigious honor, and the entire Hope Elementary community should be proud. This achievement belongs to the administration, teachers, students, families, and town as a whole. I am proud to have this excellent school in my district and they have my warmest congratulations.

HONORING UNITED MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, INC.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a remarkable small family owned business, United Management & Development Associates, Inc. It is a real estate development and property management firm. The company's portfolio consists of properties that are financed by the United States Department of Agriculture—Rural Development, Housing and Urban Development, and properties that receive low income housing tax credits. They provide their residential clients with a multitude of services like budget counseling, GED preparation through a partnership with Coahoma Community College, life skills, health and wellness activities, and home ownership preparation.

Jeffrey Gooden is the president. He was educated in the Clarksdale Public School System. He received a Bachelors of Business Administration Degree majoring in Banking and Finance and Managerial Finance from the University of Mississippi in 1992. He is a licensed real estate broker in Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas. He holds several real estate designations including the following: Certified Manager, Certified Property Manager, Certified Commercial Investment Member, National Association of Realtors, National Association of Realtors Green Resource Council, and Graduate of Realtor's Institute.

Jeffrey is a second generation real estate professional. His father, the late Bennie Stone Gooden, was a developer and manager of affordable housing properties, who started United Management & Development in the 1980's. His father's vision was to improve the quality of life in the Mississippi Delta. After his father's death, Jeffrey and his family continues the Gooden family's legacy.

Jeffrey works with his sister, Marian Gooden Miller, and his brother, James Norvell Gooden. The three of them have expanded the company's services and vision. Norvell is both a licensed real estate and insurance agent in Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas. Marian is a licensed real estate agent. United Management & Development Associates, Inc. provide full real estate brokerage services and insurance products.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing United Management & Development Associates, Inc. for providing decent and affordable housings for the Mississippi Delta.

TRIBUTE TO DR. WELTON I. TAYLOR

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Welton I. Taylor, Ph.D. A distinguished scientist, WWII liaison pilot, and civil rights advocate, Dr. Taylor died in Chicago on November 1, 2012, just 11 days shy of his 93rd birthday. Born November 12, 1919, in Birmingham, Alabama, to Frederick Enslen Taylor and Cora Lee Brewer, Taylor was still an infant when his family fled to Chicago as a result of an ultimatum his mother received from the Ku Klux Klan. Throughout Dr. Taylor's life, the story of his family's trauma fueled his desire to succeed in every endeavor and to fight racism wherever he found it.

Graduating from DuSable High School as class Valedictorian in 1937, Dr. Taylor attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign thanks to scholarships from the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. In his senior year he became the first black cadet in the University of Illinois' Advanced ROTC Field Artillery Unit. He graduated in 1941 with an A.B. in Bacteriology and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. Only 28 days after following orders to report for active duty at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Taylor became the first black field artillery officer in the history of the post.

Taylor had always dreamt of becoming a pilot, however, and when a flight instructor at the Lawton, Oklahoma airfield offered to teach him, he jumped at the chance. Taylor took lessons during his off-duty hours and was rewarded when the Army subsequently sent him to the Second Army Air Force's Pittsburg, Kansas flight school to become a Field Artillery liaison pilot. Taylor was eventually deployed to the South Pacific with the all-black 596th Field Artillery Battalion, 93rd Infantry Division and flew liaison and reconnaissance missions in the South Pacific until the end of World War II.

During his 5½ years of service, Taylor boldly challenged institutional racism in the Army at every turn—most notably protesting the Army's discriminatory practices regarding the admission of black officers to the officers' clubs. Taylor suffered numerous racial affronts during active duty, but still joined the Illinois National Guard Reserves at the end of the war, rising to the rank of Major before resigning his commission in 1952.

Upon his return stateside, Taylor married his longtime girlfriend, Jayne Kemp Taylor, a graduate of Howard University. The couple entered the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign shortly thereafter to pursue their graduate degrees where Taylor earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in Bacteriology on the G.I. Bill. While on campus, the couple teamed with white veterans and their wives to force the integration of local restaurants, movie theaters, and swimming pools. Champaign-Urbana was changed forever by their efforts, and when the Taylors returned to Chicago after graduation, they continued their civil rights activism. They became one of the first black families to integrate the Chatham neighborhood on Chicago's South Side and Dr. Taylor played an active role in civic life. He served as President of the Chatham Avalon Park Community Council, founded the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, and received the Brotherhood Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

As a scientist, Dr. Taylor had a remarkable career spanning close to fifty years. He taught microbiology at the medical schools of both the University of Illinois and Northwestern University, did ground-breaking research on bacteriological contamination in the nation's food supply, helped France and Britain eradicate Salmonella in their imported foods, became microbiologist-in-chief at Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital, and served as consulting microbiologist to Resurrection Hospital and eleven other hospitals in the Chicago area. He earned four patents, published forty articles in scientific journals (becoming the first black editor of several of them), and developed a product adopted by the Food & Drug Administration, which is still used today by microbiology laboratories the world over to certify foods Salmonella-free. In 1985, the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta named a bacterium Enterobacter taylorae in honor of Dr. Taylor and a British colleague.

Following the death of his wife, Jayne, in 2005, Dr. Taylor joined the Chicago "DODO" Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. to once again pursue his lifelong passion: flying. Always one of the organization's most vocal and articulate supporters, Taylor helped fellow pilots introduce inner-city children to the joys and challenges of flight. He lectured extensively to corporate, civic, and academic groups across the Midwest and spoke passionately about the triumphs and frustrations faced by the Tuskegee Airmen and other black servicemen during World War II. Taylor received the Congressional Gold Medal with the Tuskegee Airmen in Washington, DC in 2006.

Fully committed to educating succeeding generations, Dr. Taylor published his long-awaited memoir and history, Two Steps from Glory, in July of 2012. He proudly unveiled it at the huge air show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin (EAA Airventure), just days before being diagnosed with the cancer that took his life.

Dr. Taylor is survived by his daughters, Karyn and Shelley, by his nephew, Herbert Wallace, and his niece, Frances Austin.

On behalf of my wife Carolyn and the constituents of Illinois' First Congressional District, I extend my condolences to Dr. Taylor's family and I want for them to know that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

HONORING DENNIS BERMAN

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor several of the volunteers who have served in my district office over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide excellent constituent services and these volunteers have assisted my staff in providing the exceptional assistance so many have come to expect in our District. I take great pride in the work that each one has done on my behalf and on behalf of everyone in the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina.

These volunteers have always treated our constituents with the utmost respect and always made sure their needs were met in a timely fashion. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Dennis Berman played a valuable role as a volunteer during my first two terms in office. Dennis offered a calm and reassuring voice to constituents as they would call our District office with concerns and needs. His ability to