

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 112th Congress that Mrs. Eileen Samuel of Birmingham, Alabama is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition"—Mrs. Eileen Samuel, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 10th day of March, 2012.

IN RECOGNITION OF MATTHEW
PETER O'CONNOR

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Matthew Peter O'Connor who retired as the Chief of Police for the Hillsborough Police Department after more than 30 years of service.

Chief O'Connor has a stellar record of keeping the residents of Hillsborough safe. He maintained the lowest crime rate for a municipality with a population of over 10,000 for the entire decade of the 2000's. His leadership was instrumental in the department's radio and computer technological advances and in establishing lasting relationships with the Hillsborough school district. He has engaged our youths with bike rodeos, reading events and police officer lunches.

Mr. O'Connor followed in his father's footsteps in pursuing a career in law enforcement. The son of Matthew M. O'Connor, who was a special agent at the San Francisco office of the California State Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, Matthew P. O'Connor began his career as a community service officer with the San Bruno Police Department at age 20. In 1981, he was hired as a deputy sheriff for the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. The following year he moved to the Hillsborough Police Department where he worked his way from police officer to field training officer to sergeant to commander and eventually chief of police in 2002.

Chief O'Connor has received numerous awards including the Life Saving Act of Heroism, the Notre Dame de Namur University Dean's Award for academic excellence and service to the University, the Notre Dame de Namur Alumni Award for achieving prominence in a profession and the Leadership in Action Award. Chief O'Connor's dedication and commitment to law enforcement are reflected in the many roles he has taken on over the years: he served as president of the San Mateo County Police Chiefs and Sheriff Association, Member of the California Police Chiefs Association and International Association of Chiefs of Police, chair of the County Communications & Technology Committee, member of the California State Police Chiefs Communications & Technology Committee, President of the 100 Club of San Mateo County, and graduate of the Leadership Program of San Mateo, Foster City, Burlingame and Hillsborough. He has also been a strong supporter of the annual Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance, the Centennial Celebration, the Memorial Day Parade and dignitary visits.

Matthew O'Connor was born in Glendale, California and raised in South San Francisco. He attended St. Veronica's Catholic School and South San Francisco High School. He earned his Associate in Science Degree from

San Francisco City College. He received both his Bachelor of Science in Human Services and Counseling and his Master's Degree in Public Affairs Administration from Notre Dame de Namur University. In addition, he is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Class 191 and the Delinquency Control Institute at the University of Southern California.

Chief O'Connor and his wife of 28 years, Janie, have two children, Matthew and Tayler. Upon his well deserved retirement Mr. O'Connor will be spending more time with his family and friends, traveling and taking photos.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to honor Matthew Peter O'Connor for his outstanding service to our community. He personifies what a law enforcement officer ought to be and has touched and improved the life of every resident in Hillsborough.

COMMENDING ARMISHA ROBERTS
FOR BEING A RECIPIENT OF THE
2012 BUICK ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Armisha Roberts of Boynton Beach, Florida, for being named one of the first four winners of the 2012 Buick Achievers Scholarship Program. The Buick Scholarship is bestowed upon students nationwide who have continually demonstrated an ability to excel in the classroom as well as have an interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, STEM, education; along with a willingness to serve the community.

Armisha has displayed an extraordinary commitment to community activism, volunteering for a variety of important projects such as Toys for Tots, Relay for Life, and Education Rocks. Furthermore, through her community involvement Armisha has participated in efforts to clean debris from a local inlet in addition to planting a community vegetable garden. Due to her dedication to community service, Armisha was appointed to the Education and Youth Advisory Board for Boynton Beach as a student voting member.

Armisha will be attending Howard University where she plans to major in mathematics and then seek a career in electrical engineering. In this field, Armisha hopes to be involved in the development of electric vehicles. I am proud that Armisha and other students recognize the value and importance of STEM education as well as the importance of giving back to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly honored to represent such a driven student and young leader who lives in my Congressional district. I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors, where I know she will go on to do great things. Armisha Roberts is the definition of a role model, and she is truly deserving of this most prestigious award.

HONORING LORRAINE B. MYLES

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

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

Whereas, reaching the age of 75 years is a remarkable milestone; and

Whereas, Ms. Lorraine B. Myles was born on March 4, 1937 and is celebrating that milestone; and

Whereas, Ms. Myles has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Ms. Myles is celebrating her 75th birthday with her family members, church members and friends here in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the Lord has been her Shepherd throughout her life and she prays daily and is leading by example a blessed life; and

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating the milestone of her 75th birthday in the 4th District of Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Lorraine B. Myles for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all,

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 4, 2012 as Ms. Lorraine B. Myles Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of March, 2012.

RECOGNIZING TWO-YEAR ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE DEEPWATER
HORIZON OIL SPILL

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tragic two-year anniversary of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill on April 20, 2010. The explosion that day and subsequent fire claimed the lives 11 American workers and after the sinking of the oil rig two days later led to the largest oil spill in U.S. waters. The damaged well was estimated to have lost approximately 60,000–100,000 barrels of oil each day. The affects of the oil spill on the Gulf Coast were staggering and still today have lingering effects.

Hundreds of miles of delicate ecosystems were devastated along the tidal shorelines of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. Approximately 83,927 square miles of Gulf of Mexico federal waters were closed to fishing because of health concerns. Even after the eventual sealing of the well and the shutting off of crude oil flow, the work was not done. Extensive efforts were made to rid the water of oil and to restore the shorelines to their prior beauty. The untold economic impact on the fishing, tourism, and other industries of the Gulf cannot be overlooked.

I praise the valiant efforts of the men and women that spent countless hours dedicating themselves to containing and cleaning up of this disaster. The team included the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), EPA, the Department of