

be honored with this award. Each state's TOP COPS are invited to an award ceremony in Washington D.C., which is attended by celebrities, politicians and members of the national law enforcement community alike to pay tribute to these local heroes.

Mr. Speaker, the extraordinary heroism displayed in the face of danger by these police officers is nothing short of awe-inspiring. These members of the Des Moines Police Department are a testament to the high quality of our state's law enforcement community. I know I speak for all of my colleagues in the United States Congress in congratulating Jeremy, Robin, Colin, Aaron, John and Michael, and thanking all of Iowa's police officers for their selfless efforts in protecting communities across our great state. Thank you.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 40TH ANNUAL DEBUTANTE SCHOLARSHIP COTILLION OF THE THETA LAMBDA OMEGA CHAPTER OF THE ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the members and alumni of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s (AKA) Theta Lambda Omega Chapter on the 40th Anniversary of its Debutante Scholarship Cotillion.

Over a hundred years ago, in 1908, AKA was founded by a group of brave, determined and socially conscious African-American women at Howard University in Washington, D.C. As the first organization of its type, the pioneers of AKA banded together out of simple need to ensure that women of color not only attend college, but that their experiences while there helped them to fulfill their greatest potential. Over the decades following its creation, AKA has not only empowered its members, but has cultivated an attitude of commitment to service to the community.

Like its national organization, the Theta Lambda Omega Chapter of AKA shares in a rich history and commitment of service. Over the last four decades, the members of the Theta Lambda Omega chapter have engaged in countless community service projects and organized many charitable campaigns that have had a tremendous impact on communities in Southeast Michigan.

Among the Theta Lambda Omega chapter's many endeavors is a concerted effort to improve educational opportunities in the Pontiac community. As part of this effort, the Chapter's Emerging Youth Leaders Initiatives help youth develop their leadership skills, encourage parental involvement in the education process and promote civic activism. In addition to helping youth develop these important skills, the sorority provides scholarships to members and future members helping them achieve their educational goals.

For the past 40 years the Theta Lambda Omega Chapter has gathered to honor the young women of Pontiac and its surrounding communities at the annual Debutante Scholarship Cotillion. The scholarship cotillion is one of many community service contributions of the Pontiac chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and during the 40th year celebration, eleven extraordinary hard-working young women and high school seniors will receive scholarships to assist them in attending college. Each debutante is recognized for their outstanding scholastic achievements in addition to the many hours they have committed to community service and personal development.

Mr. Speaker, for almost half of a century, the Theta Lambda Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority has been supporting the young women in Southeast Michigan and giving them the tools they need to build a bright future. Over its time, Theta Lambda Omega chapter and its members have been honored with many awards for their work, which has undoubtedly strengthened and ensured the continued vibrancy of the region. I wish the members and alumni of the Theta Lambda Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority many more years of success as they fulfill their mission in service to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, due to being unavoidably delayed, I missed the vote on the Huelskamp Amendment, which prohibits the use of funds in contravention of the Defense of Marriage Act, to H.R. 5326 (roll No. 235), the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Appropriations Act for FY 2013. I would have voted against this amendment, had I been present to record my vote.

IN MEMORY OF DORIS B. MCMILLAN

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the memory of an exceptional public servant and psychiatric nurse, Doris B. McMillan. A loving mother, godmother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Mrs. McMillan devoted her life to serving her family and community.

Mrs. McMillan was born in New York City on July 8, 1928. She was educated in New York City, graduating from the Psychiatric Institute of Nursing in Rockland County and then completed her graduate studies at Long Island

University Psychiatric Institute at Columbia University and Glassboro State College.

After Mrs. McMillan completed her studies, she started her career as a school nurse in New Jersey with the Cape May County Special Services School. Mrs. McMillan excelled in her profession, she went on to work as a nurse at the Atlantic County Jail, and also became the supervisor and director of nursing at Harborfields Juvenile Correction Facility. Mrs. McMillan worked tirelessly for the underserved in society, frequently serving as an advocate for female inmates in county jails.

In addition to her lifelong service in her community, Mrs. McMillan volunteered her time with several organizations, including The Red Cross, The Advisory Commission on the Status of Women and the American Association of Retired People.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, Doris B. McMillan leaves to cherish her legacy a host of friends and family members, including her beloved son, Minister Robert Muhammad of Houston.

CELEBRATING JEWISH AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, as the proud representative of one of the most ethnically diverse congressional districts in the nation, I am honored to join my friends in the Jewish American community in celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month, and to recognize the many contributions Jewish Americans have made to our country.

Jewish immigrants, like the immigrants from many other countries throughout our nation's history, came to our country for the promise of freedom, tolerance and socioeconomic mobility. For more than 350 years, Jewish Americans have enriched American society by placing a strong value on education, community and culture.

Through their entrepreneurial spirit and innovations in technology, the Jewish American community has contributed to the economic vitality of our nation and particularly of my district, leading the way in renewable energy development and high technology. Without question, Silicon Valley would not be the hub of innovation it is today without the many significant contributions of Jewish Americans.

The Jewish American community in my district serves as a shining example of what makes Silicon Valley a global leader. I am privileged to serve a district that celebrates its diversity, and proud to represent a community of Jewish Americans whose contributions in the fields of technology, business, education, and many others, have served as a testament to America's promise as a land of opportunity and of dreams.