

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the wonderful life and important contributions of Susannah Mushatt Jones. She is a treasured and active member of Vandalia Senior Center. We are proud that she is still part of our community. This milestone gives all of us hope that people can truly live a long prosperous life.

HONORING COLONEL CHARLES C. GIBSON

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Colonel Charles C. Gibson, and congratulate him on his relocation to the United States Army Communications Electronics Command Headquarters at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, as Chief of Staff.

Currently serving as a commander of Tobyhanna Army Depot, Colonel Gibson has devoted over two decades of heroic service to our country, demonstrating his devotion to the preservation of the United States of America and to our safety through numerous military campaigns, decorations and advancement to leadership positions.

Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, Colonel Charles Gibson was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps in 1986. After receiving his degree in Mathematics from Bowie State University in 1987, he began his military career as a Platoon Leader for the 122nd Main Support Battalion, 3rd Armored Division, Hanau, Germany, which later deployed with the 3rd Armored Division to Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1990.

Upon his return, Colonel Gibson assumed the position of Maintenance Officer, Support Operations Cell and Battalion S-3, 264th Corps Support Battalion, Fort Bragg, NC, and deployed to Haiti in 1994. Subsequently, he served in several leadership positions while assigned to the 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii including; Support Operations Officer, G4 Division Logistics Planner, Battalion Commander of a Stryker BSB, 2nd Stryker Brigade, and Assistant Chief of Staff, Logistics Division G4. While with the 25th Infantry Division, he deployed to Bosnia as the Logistics Operations Planner. He also served one year as the BDE Support Operations Officer with the 45th Corps Support Group with a deployment to Thailand.

Colonel Gibson's awards and decorations for his service in the United States Army include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon, Kuwaiti Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Southwest Asia Kuwaiti Liberation Medal, NATO Medal and Parachutist Badge.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Charles C. Gibson, and ask my colleagues to join me in praising his commitment to the protection and defense of our great nation.

RICE UNIVERSITY 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rice University on its 100th birthday. For over a century it has stood as one of the premier educational institutions in the world.

Over the past 100 years, Rice University's name has come to be synonymous with excellence. The institution consistently ranks among the top 20 national universities in the U.S. News & World Report and holds many other marks of excellence.

For example, in 2010 Rice University was ranked No. 1 worldwide in materials science research. In 2011, the Carnegie Foundation gave the university top classifications for "very high research activity" and "comprehensive doctoral program".

While this is an amazing accomplishment, Rice's work is more than just a statistic—it has changed the world we live in. The research performed by the university has proved groundbreaking on several fronts, most notably the discovery of "buckyballs." The discovery launched the field of Nanotechnology which has led directly to advances many fields, including medicine, technology, energy, defense, and transportation. Nanotechnology is already playing a powerful role in the lives of Americans, from its capacity to help find cures to deadly diseases to reducing the cost and extending the lifespan of consumer products like clothes and cars.

Rice's School of Business, Architecture, Engineering, Social Sciences, Music, Humanities, Institute of Public Policy, and the Alliance of Technology and Entrepreneurship all hold similar national standing.

Not only is Rice University a heavyweight contender in academic and research fields, the university also maintains a noteworthy athletic department. For 17 consecutive years, Rice has produced a NCAA conference championship team—another outstanding accomplishment.

Again, congratulations to Rice University on its 100th birthday. Rice University's devoted faculty and student body have continually endeavored for excellence, and as a result Texans, Americans, and people all over our world have benefited.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF RICE UNIVERSITY

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Rice University and celebrate 100 years since its founding in Houston, TX. Since its first class in the fall of 1912, Rice has established itself as a flagship of Texas universities. This October, faculty, students and alumni will celebrate a century of excellence and distinction in the Houston community and the state of Texas.

Rice and Texas Tech, my alma mater, were in the Southwest Conference together during

my college years. We Tech fans are often described as very passionate at our football games and other sporting events. I remember how much fun we had when we played against Rice, because Rice fans are just as fanatical about their school as we are about ours.

Rice University cultivates a flourishing learning environment and empowers its students to explore opportunities in and out of the classroom. It has a prestigious and notable alumni list comprised of many people I respect and admire in Texas and throughout the country, including my friend and Texas colleague, Congressman PETE OLSON. I'm proud Texas can boast of a quality university like Rice, and I stand today to congratulate Rice University on 100 years of excellence.

RICE UNIVERSITY'S CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Rice University on reaching its centennial. Since its founding a hundred years ago, Rice University has become a distinguished institution, high in the ranks of academic achievement amongst our country's best colleges and universities. Rice's research programs are highly regarded and it is the proud alma mater of many intellectuals who have been recognized for their accomplishments, including numerous Marshall Scholars, Rhodes Scholars, and Fulbright Scholars.

In addition to their extraordinary academic programs, Rice has made a name for itself in the area of collegiate sports. The Rice University Owls became the kings of baseball when they won the 2003 College World Series, and they have continued to stand in the ranks with the country's best college baseball teams. Rice has also succeeded in the area of women's athletics. Its volleyball, soccer, basketball, and tennis teams have competed in many NCAA tournaments, earning Rice a varied set of achievements.

As Rice University reaches its centennial in October, I want to give credit to its students and professors for their hard work and commitment to higher education. Their consistent dedication to academic advancement makes Rice the prestigious institution it is today.

I commend Rice University for reaching this impressive milestone, and I wish them the best of luck for the next 100 years. I look forward to seeing the big things the faculty, alumni, and current students at Rice will undoubtedly continue to accomplish.

I hope all Members will join me in congratulating Rice University for 100 years of academic excellence.