

Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Mrs. George is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Joyce George on her retirement from the DeKalb County Public Schools System and to wish her well in her new endeavors; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 10, 2013 as Mrs. Joyce George Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 10th day of May, 2013.

SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY
PARK BOARD 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Springfield-Greene County Park Board's 100th Anniversary.

The Park Board was founded on May 22, 1913 and immediately assumed the maintenance and preservation of Washington and Lafayette Parks, both created shortly after the Civil War. By the end of World War II, it administered Springfield's ten historic parks, including: Dickerson Park Zoo, Doling, Grant Beach, Fassnight, Lafayette, Phelps Grove, Sequiota, Silver Springs, Smith, and Washington.

Tremendous growth took place from the 1950s to the present, particularly under the leadership of longtime Parks Director Dan Kinney, who more than doubled the size of the system during his tenure from 1971 to 2005. The name changed to the Springfield-Greene County Park Board in 1996, when voters approved expansion of the system beyond city limits.

The Park Board now counts more than 100 sites and many more facilities within its county-wide system, ranging from neighborhood playgrounds to multi-use recreational facilities. The system includes three golf courses, three Emily centers, a zoo, a farm park, a botanical center, several sports and athletic complexes, two indoor aquatics centers, six outdoor swimming pools, multiple school-park sites and more than 100 miles of recreational trails.

The Park Board has earned state and national recognition, most notably the "Gold Medal Award" for best overall parks and recreation department of its size in 2000 from the National Recreation and Park Association. In 2003, the City of Springfield, Missouri—Greene County was named "Missouri Sportstown USA" by Sports Illustrated magazine. The United States Olympic Committee has designated the Park Board as one of its select Community Olympic Development Program sites for the sports of tennis, volleyball, archery, and ice hockey.

Each year, park facilities host more than 50 national, regional, state and local tournaments

in softball, baseball, soccer, hockey, tennis, volleyball and golf, and it maintains an active partnership with more than 200 volunteer groups and entities in the area, enhancing recreation and outreach both within and beyond parks facilities.

For 100 years, the Park Board has skillfully managed the beautiful parks and recreation facilities throughout the Springfield area, and I am confident that the next 100 years will be even more impressive.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT F. CERVENKA OF PHILLIPS, WISCONSIN, ON BEING PRESENTED THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD BY THE PRICE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the business accomplishments of Robert F. Cervenka of Phillips, Wisconsin, who has been presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Price County Economic Development Association.

Bob Cervenka was born and raised in the small town of Phillips, Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After his graduation in 1958, Bob returned to the community that he loved to pursue his new business venture—the Phillips Plastics Corporation.

Phillips Plastics began operations on October 20, 1964, occupying an old creamery building in Phillips. In 1967, the company broke ground on a new 12,000 square foot custom plastic facility where they employed 30 skilled workers dedicated to crafting innovative control knobs for automobiles, dishwashers, fans, dehumidifiers, and dryers. In 1973, Phillips Plastics opened Precision Decorating in Medford, Wisconsin. Shortly thereafter, the facility became known as Phillips Automotive, a full service design, manufacture, decoration, and assembly plant for high volume injection molded components. As industries from the Midwest moved to the south and offshore, Bob recognized that Wisconsin's rural, small community workforce offered a unique competitive advantage. He developed additional plants in Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Menomonie, New Richmond, Hudson, and Prescott among others.

Capitalizing on the company's success, Mr. Cervenka and co-founder Louie Vokurka established the independent philanthropic Ann Marie Foundation in 1974. Named after their mothers, the foundation worked to improve the quality of life within local communities that are home to Phillips Plastics facilities. Since its inception, the foundation has given over \$8 million to schools and non-profit organizations.

Thanks to the business contributions of outstanding citizens like Robert F. Cervenka, Wisconsin's economic future looks bright. I ask that my colleagues join me today to express our appreciation for Bob's entrepreneurial spirit and our congratulations to him on receiving this well-deserved award.

RECOGNIZING VICE SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ ON RECEIVING THE JUDICIARY'S 2013 HUSTISIA AWARD FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Benjamin J.F. Cruz, the Vice Speaker of the Guam Legislature, on being awarded the Judiciary of Guam's 2013 Hustisia Award.

The Hustisia Award is awarded annually to recognize a person or organization that has contributed to improving the administration of justice and good government.

Vice Speaker Cruz has committed his life to promoting justice in Guam as an attorney, jurist, and current senator. This award recognizes his 40 years of service in advocating for justice and equality and for promoting and strengthening respect for the rule of law. Throughout this career, he fostered building public support for the judiciary, promoted understanding of the judicial system, and encouraged civic responsibility and service.

Born to Antonia C. Franquez and the late Juan Quenga Cruz, former Commissioner of Piti, Vice Speaker Cruz received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Economics from Claremont Men's College in 1972. In 1975, he received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Santa Clara Law School.

Vice Speaker Cruz returned home and became an attorney and member of the Guam Bar Association. Throughout his career, Vice Speaker Cruz has worked for all three branches of government. From 1975 to 1979, he served as Legal Counsel to my late husband, Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo. A few years later, in 1983, he served one year as Director of the Guam Liaison Office in Washington, D.C.

His work in the judicial branch of government began in 1984 when he was appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Guam. He was elevated to the Supreme Court of Guam and served as an associate justice from 1997 to 1999. In 1999, his colleagues elected him Chief Justice of Guam and served in this capacity until his retirement from the bench in 2001.

In December 2003, he was federally appointed as Commissioner of the Guam War Claims Review Commission. He served in this post until June 2004.

He is currently serving his second term as Vice Speaker of the 32nd Guam Legislature; he has served as a senator in the 31st, 30th and 28th Legislatures. He was also the Minority Legal Counsel for the 15th, 16th, and 29th Guam Legislatures.

Additionally, Vice Speaker Cruz remains an active member of our island community. He has been involved in numerous community and civic organizations, and has spearheaded several non-profit corporations focused on social justice issues, cultural preservation, and youth services.

I congratulate Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz on receiving the Judiciary of Guam's 2013 Hustisia Award. I join the people of Guam in commending him for his award and thanking him for his many contributions to our community.

IMPROVING EMPLOYMENT & INDEPENDENCE FOR THE BLIND AND VISION IMPAIRED

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as May is Vision Loss Awareness Month, it is my pleasure to recognize and support the AbilityOne Program. The AbilityOne Program, established by the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act, is the nation's largest initiative that provides career opportunities to more than 50,000 people who are blind or have other significant disabilities. Seven out of 10 working age Americans who are blind or visually impaired are not employed. Through this program, people with disabilities have the opportunity to gain greater independence and quality of life, and enjoy and benefit from participation in their communities.

There are over 600 community-based non-profit agencies nationwide that participate in the AbilityOne Program. Lighthouse Central Florida, located in Orlando, Florida, is one of the agencies across the country associated with the AbilityOne program to provide individuals who are blind or visually impaired with rehabilitative services, job training and employment opportunities. In August 2012, I was fortunate to visit and tour the Lighthouse Central Florida facility, its recent expansion Lighthouse Works!, and their new call center. On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I commend the efforts of Lighthouse Central Florida and the investments they are making in the lives of individuals with vision loss to provide them with job training, work experience and other tools necessary to lead independent, successful lives.

In addition, the AbilityOne Program network manufactures a wide array of products and services such as the National Industries for the Blind's (NIB) SKILCRAFT® brand, which encompasses over 3,000 items including janitorial equipment, office supplies, medical supplies, tools, and uniforms. I am pleased to support the AbilityOne Program and NIB's initiatives by purchasing SKILCRAFT® products for use in my District office.

Federal and state governments save more than \$33 million a year through the excellent work being done through the AbilityOne Program. Over the past 75 years, AbilityOne has enriched the lives of individuals who are blind or have other significant disabilities, and over the past 37 years, Lighthouse Central Florida has educated, trained, and helped 100,000 blind and vision impaired individuals. I applaud the efforts of those involved, and I wish them many more years of quality service to our nation.

HONORING JERRICK JACKSON

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

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

Whereas, we are gathered to celebrate the life of Mr. Jerrick Jackson, one of DeKalb County's favorite sons; and

Whereas, Jerrick Jackson was born to Wiley "Chief" Jackson, Sr., and Bobbie Lois Jackson, on April 19, 1966, he was educated in the DeKalb County Public Schools, later working for Delta Airlines and Norfolk Southern Railroad as a conductor; and

Whereas, he was a young man who believed and lived a life for God, country, community and family; and

Whereas, Jerrick Jackson gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life with unwavering commitment to his family; and

Whereas, he was a son, a brother and a friend; he was a man who enjoyed life, savoring the moments with his family and his companion Kimberly E. Little and her daughter, AnBiya Y. Mitchell; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia recognizes Mr. Jerrick Jackson as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Mr. Jerrick Jackson is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor" by declaring Mr. Jerrick Jackson, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia

Proclaimed, this 13th day of May, 2013.

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY FOR ITS SERVICE OVER THE LAST 100 YEARS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the One Hundredth Anniversary of the American Cancer Society.

Originally founded as the American Society for the Control of Cancer in 1913, the American Cancer Society promotes awareness and education, in addition to demonstrating an unmatched determination and commitment in supporting patients, survivors, and their families.

In 1944, the American Cancer Society began the prioritizing of cancer research and has to date been the largest non-governmental funder of cancer research. The American Cancer Society was instrumental in the passage of the Cancer Act of 1971, which established the National Cancer Institute to advance the detection of cancer and the application of cutting edge treatments.

Thanks in part to the American Cancer Society, the number of cancer deaths in America declined for the first time in history in 2006 and continues to decline today. The Society has made an incredible impact in the race to find the cure. Not only has the American Cancer Society been directly responsible for saving the lives of millions, but also for providing a light of hope in times of despair.

Relay for Life, which is the largest grassroots fundraising event in the world, was originally founded by an American Cancer Society volunteer over twenty years ago. Relay for Life is undoubtedly one of the most emotionally powerful group fundraising events, raising more than three billion dollars to date. This laudable event brings the Nation together to provide hope and strength amongst all those impacted by cancer.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I congratulate the American Cancer Society and

its courageous members on the monumental impact they've made over the last one hundred years. My wife Vicki joins me in offering our best wishes in the fight against cancer and for the success of the American Cancer Society.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Danville, Illinois upon the 150th Anniversary of the church. The church celebrated this special occasion on April 25, 2013 with a festival divine service and banquet.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded on February 15, 1863 when 14 members signed the constitution which formed the congregation. The first ordained pastor was Gottfried Markworth, who also started Lutheran day school education in Danville, which is celebrating 150 years as well. The congregation moved to the current building on Main Street on April 25, 1915. Today, the church has 727 baptized members and the Pastor is Kent Tibben.

I extend my congratulations to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church upon this special occasion. It is my prayer that the Lord blesses them with many more years of service.

CLEBRATING MINNESOTA MARRIAGE EQUALITY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today is a historic day for Minnesota. Marriage equality will become the law in our state, and I stand with my fellow Minnesotans to celebrate the equality of love and access to civil rights for all families. I applaud the courageous legislators who voted with their hearts for justice and equality for all families.

I am inspired by the dedication and compassion of all those who have worked to make the freedom to marry a reality in our state. Just two years ago, a hurtful and discriminatory amendment was proposed to constitutionally exclude Minnesota's same-sex couples from marriage. Yet through countless thoughtful conversations and the brave sharing of personal stories, a coalition was built that defeated the amendment.

Here in Washington I am mindful that much work remains to be done. Same-sex couples who will soon be legally married in Minnesota will still not be federally recognized because the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) discriminates against them. These couples will be denied more than 1,000 federal rights and benefits that their neighbors are eligible to receive. I will continue to work to repeal DOMA and I hope in the coming weeks the U.S. Supreme Court will rule it unconstitutional.

All Americans deserve to be treated equally under the law. I look forward to the day when