EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS'S AEROJET ROCKETDYNE EMPLOYEES

HON. TOM COTTON

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. COTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nearly 525 employees at Aerojet Rocketdyne's Camden, Arkansas, production facility and their upcoming achievement of the milestone shipment of their 2,000th PAC–3 Solid Rocket Motor and 400,000th PAC–3 Altitude Control Motor to Lockheed Martin and the United States Army.

Aerojet Rocketdyne is a world-recognized aerospace and defense leader principally serving the missile, space propulsion, and armaments markets. This most significant milestone will be commemorated with a celebration ceremony held in Camden, Arkansas, on Thursday, December 5, 2013.

The PAC–3 missile, powered by Aerojet Rocketdyne propulsion, is a high velocity interceptor that defeats incoming targets by direct, body-to-body impact. The "hit-to-kill" PAC–3 missile is the world's most advanced, capable, and powerful terminal air defense missile, and when deployed in a Patriot battery, significantly increases the Patriot system's firepower. It is capable of defeating the entire threat of tactical ballistic missiles (TBMs), cruise missiles, and aircraft. One hundred percent effective in Operation Iraqi Freedom, the PAC–3 missile is a quantum leap ahead of any other air defense missile when it comes to the ability to protect the warfighter.

Since 1998, Aerojet Rocketdyne has manufactured the PAC–3 SRM and ACM rocket motors at its Camden facility. The PAC–3 rocket motors are a noteworthy element of Aerojet Rocketdyne's industry-leading tactical propulsion portfolio produced in Camden, generating significant employment opportunities for the area.

On the occasion of this milestone, I am proud to recognize the dedicated, hardworking employees of Aerojet Rocketdyne in Camden and their achievements so far. These Arkansans are working hard to ensure our men and women in uniform have the resources they need to carry out their missions effectively and quickly, and they deserve our sincere appreciation.

IN HONOR OF JIMMIE JOHNSON AND THE NO. 48 LOWES TEAM

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Jimmie Johnson for winning the 2013 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Championship. With this achievement, Jimmie has earned his sixth Sprint Cup championship, further securing his spot in racing history.

North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District is home to many of NASCAR's greatest teams and, without a doubt, some of NASCAR's biggest fans. The Charlotte Motor Speedway, one of the premiere tracks where NASCAR races, sits in my hometown of Concord, North Carolina.

Jimmie Johnson, his No. 48 Lowes team, and Hendrick Motorsports skillfully clinched the Sprint Cup title, swiftly leaving other teams in the rearview mirror. But more than a champion driver, Jimmie uses his platform as one of the best drivers in NASCAR history to assist those in need. From public education to disaster relief efforts and rebuilding homes, he has raised more than $5.6 million to better the lives of our children and families across the nation.

The impact Jimmie has had on our local communities is undeniable, and we are grateful for his commitment to help those in need. I am proud to represent Jimmie Johnson, Hendrick Motorsports as well as NASCAR, and we are thankful for the success this championship team brings to our state.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE DORENE ALLEN

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Midland County Probate and Family Court Judge Dorene Allen in recognition of her receiving the Daniel J. Wright Lifetime Achievement Award, presented on November 26, 2013. This honor is extended to those with the most distinguished careers in serving Michigan's children and families. Judge Allen's passion for improving the lives of children and strengthening families in my hometown of Midland and across the state of Michigan makes her more than deserving of this award.

Graduating with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan, and a Juris Doctor from the Michigan State University Detroit College of Law, Judge Allen began helping children as a private practice attorney handling probate and family law cases. In 2001, Judge Allen was first elected to the Midland County Probate Court.

Throughout her time on the bench, Judge Allen has focused her courtroom on successful outcomes for our community's youth, and worked to strengthen all families. Her outstanding efforts have resulted in the use of a multi-systemic therapy program, which has helped to significantly reduce the county's juvenile delinquency rate. Additionally, Judge Allen's involvement was instrumental in establishing Midland County's Baby Court, a ground-breaking collaborative effort to stop the neglect and abuse of infants and toddlers, while keeping families united.

Judge Allen's service to children and families does not stop in the courtroom. Judge Allen serves on the Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice, a 15 member committee focused on implementing and improving effective juvenile justice policies and programs. She is also an active member of the Michigan Probate Judges Association, serving as the Chair of the Juvenile and Adoption Committee, and Juvenile Issues Committee.

Judge Dorene Allen's many successes, continued dedication to public service, and ongoing commitment to the families of the State of Michigan distinguish her as a deserving recipient of the Daniel J. Wright Lifetime Achievement Award. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I extend my congratulations to Judge Allen upon receiving this high honor, thank her for her contributions to our community and state, and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

WINNER OF THE 1ST ANNUAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH ESSAY CONTEST FOR THE 27TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, Hispanic Heritage makes a great influence in my life because it is a way of life. This culture is deeply important to me because it represents who I am, how I live my life, and how I view the world. All these characteristics form part of my life and personality, which I love, and lead me to proudly say that I am honored to be Hispanic.

Hispanic Heritage Month means celebrating our heritage by sharing stories and informing others of our traditions and customs, while honoring where we came from. As we share stories about the traditional Christmas posadas, Día de los Muertos celebrations, and the famous Grito de Independencia, we let others know more about our lives and at the same time spread our culture.

As a Hispanic, I have strict, conservative parents who have made me the person I am today. I have inherited ideas such as being respectful to our elders, the willingness to work, attending church, dedicating myself to help others, and above all being a strong person who overcomes obstacles I may face; these are important Hispanic characteristics that have been enforced to me by my parents and grandparents. All this has helped me during my lifetime and will continue to lead me in the correct path as I aspire for my life goals. I have many goals for my future, and my biggest dream is to one day become a physician assistant and make a difference in people's lives by helping those in need. My parents have taught me to use perseverance and never stop fighting for what I want because I

can reach anything I put my mind to, and I know that with their advice and my hard dedication I can get very far in life. Hispanics are people who never give up when it comes to accomplishing their life goals and will face sacrifices and have dedication to reach their goals and persuade others to do the same.

Hispanic Heritage may fade away in families who move to live in the United States and adopt another culture. As a Hispanic, I consider it my duty to make sure that my heritage is not forgotten. As my parents have done with our family, I will ensure that our heritage is protected for generations by telling others about our traditions and customs. When I have a family of my own I will tell them all the memorable stories my parents told me about our family traditions. I will continue to use traditions, such as the piñatas, language, posadas, dances, and foods, to keep the Hispanic heritage alive in my life and inculcate those values to my descendants.

As a proud Hispanic I will never forget where my family's roots initiated. Even though I live in a different country with a different type of life and traditions, my Hispanic heritage will always remain in my memories and deep in my heart.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FIRST SERGEANT JAMES A. KEATING MEMORIAL

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the First Sergeant James A. Keating Memorial Monument in Sharon, Massachusetts.

I was never fortunate enough to meet my uncle, Sergeant James Keating, as he was killed in the line of duty while bravely fighting for our country in World War II. A Silver Star recipient, Sergeant Keating was a man I greatly admired growing up, and his memory lived on in our family as a true example of what it means to serve one's country.

As a Member of Congress, I believe one of my most important responsibilities is to honor the men and women who have given so much to ensure our freedom. I am thankful for the countless individuals who have served the United States, and for the people who work every day in order to honor our veterans and active-duty servicemen.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the dedication of the First Sergeant James A. Keating Memorial Monument in Sharon, Massachusetts. I ask that my colleagues join me in this recognition, and in honoring all of the men and women who have given so much in service to the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING VARSITY BRANDS AND THE SERVICE OF FLORIDA'S YOUTH ON NATIONAL SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Varsity Brands and the service of Florida's youth on National School Spirit Day. In 2009, Varsity Brands designated the second Friday of October as National School Spirit Day to showcase the differences cheerleaders and dancers make in their schools and communities—as mentors, community service leaders, and positive role models.

Varsity Brands, which holds the Universal Cheerleading Association's (UCA's) National Championships and the International All Star Championship at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida, has encouraged school cheerleaders and dancers to take part in community service activities, pledging more than 465,000 community service hours since 2009.

In conjunction with National School Spirit Day on October 11, 2013, Varsity Brands launched Cheer for a Healthier America, a program aimed to enlist high school student cheerleaders, dancers, and student athletes as ambassadors to get local elementary school kids more involved in physical activities and teach them about making healthy choices.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I applaud the service of Florida's youth and Varsity Brands in conjunction with National School Spirit Day. May their example of sportsmanship and community inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

RECOGNIZING NEAL INGALLS SANDERS FOR HIS 33 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Neal Sanders for his 33 years of faithful service on the Board of Directors of the Open Door Community Health Centers.

Originally from Covina, California, Neal Sanders has demonstrated a life-long commitment to community service, including a successful career as one of the most highly respected and desired criminal defense attorneys of Humboldt County. A graduate of California Western in San Diego, he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree followed by his Juris Doctorate at McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento. Neal Sanders is a member of the California State Bar, lifetime member of the Traynor Society, and recipient of the American Jurisprudence Award. His passion for helping others extends beyond his career to his roles as former chair and commissioner of the Human Rights Commission, former board member of the Humboldt Arts Council, former board member and chair of Redwood Legal Assistance, and current board member of the Open Door Community Health Centers.

When Neal Sanders joined the Open Door Board of Directors in 1980, he joined an organization committed to expanding access to quality health care on California's north coast, regardless of age, income, or ability to pay. Through 33 years of unprecedented growth, he has served in a variety of positions including chair of the board. Neal Sanders helped guide Open Door from a small storefront operation to being the largest primary care provider in Northern California. He was instrumental in securing the USDA loan that helped build the Humboldt Open Door Clinic in Arcata—the first fully functional health center in the Open Door system. Neal Sanders continues to share his time, talent and commitment as an active board member and leader in health care access for all residents of the north coast.

Mr. Speaker, Neal Ingall Sanders' dedication to serving his community, and specifically his decades of service to the Open Door Community Health Centers, is commendable and worthy of recognition. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognition of his many contributions to the people of Northern California.

RECOGNIZING ROUND LAKE AREA AMERICAN LEGION POST 1170 AND HONORING EDGAR AND ERIK GARCIA FOR ORGANIZING ITS RENOVATION

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the inspiring story of Erik and Edgar Garcia's plans to renovate the Round Lake Area American Legion Post 1170 in my district.

Post 1170 was beginning to show its age. The walls, the floors, the chairs, the lights—serious renovation was needed. The veterans who fill its halls deserved better.

Two young, enterprising brothers from Boy Scout Troop 275 decided they would lead it. With the help of Troop Leader Paul Socha, Commander Steven Hall and their fellow scouts, Erik and Edgar designed their plan and organized the support they needed. But, willing as they all were to do the work, they still needed supplies—lots of supplies.

That's where the local Home Depot came in.

With donated materials and gift cards, Home Depot single-handedly covered 90 percent of the total cost. More importantly when the time came to start the work, 30 Home Depot employees pitched in to help with the labor.

Finally, with the supplies fully paid for and the tremendous outpouring of support from the community, Erik and Edgar's plan was not only off the ground, but soaring. Today, Post 1170 is bright and brand new. The turnaround is remarkable, though not surprising given the vision, dedication and hard work shown by Erik and Edgar and their fellow scouts.

Mr. Speaker, I am immensely proud of what our community was able to do together. They rallied behind Troop 275, and the results are nothing short of remarkable.

Mr. Speaker, this is an inspiring story and another example of why our communities in Illinois's Tenth District are so close and so strong.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAN JOSE HIGH

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague Representative MIKE HONDA to recognize the 150th Anniversary of San Jose High School.

It is not often that we get to honor an institution established during the Civil War; one that has witnessed our country's greatest triumphs, and withstood our greatest challenges.

Founded in 1863, San Jose High is the seconded oldest public high school in California. With humble origins in the second-story room above Orbon's flour store, it has been destroyed by earthquake, rebuilt and relocated many times, but San Jose High has persisted.

When it arrived at its current location in 1952, the original building was selected by the New York City Museum of Modern Art as one of the forty-three outstanding buildings of the postwar period.

Although it is responsible for the education of a number of successful Alum, San Jose High has the rare distinction of having educated four members of Congress: the Honorable John Anderson; former Secretary of Transportation, the Honorable Norman Mineta; our colleague Representative MIKE HONDA; and my predecessor, the Honorable Don Edwards.

San Jose High has a history of establishing forward thinking and unique educational programs. In 1985 it began offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma, a qualification widely recognized by the world's leading universities. The program's challenging and rigorous course work attracts students from all over Santa Clara County.

Not one to rest on its laurels, in 2007 San Jose High created a specialized engineering program to encourage students to enter STEM fields and prepare them for their continuing education. The curriculum includes courses on Engineering Design, Digital Electronics and Biotechnical Engineering. Coupled with the state-of-the-art Career Technology Engineering Building, opened in 2010, San Jose High is ensuring that its students are prepared for a 21st century economy.

We wish to congratulate San Jose High School on its 150th anniversary, and commend its faculty and staff, both current and former, for their hard work and dedication in educating the children of San Jose.

THE PASSING OF JEANET HALL

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exemplary Christian whose life of service to both God, and her fellow man, was an inspiration to both her children and her community.

Jeanet Hall passed away on Thursday, November 21st, 2013 at the age of 76. Though she is no longer with us, she leaves behind a lifetime of selflessness. Jeanet lived for her family, attending to her seventeen children, sixty eight grandchildren, sixty-three great grandchildren, ten great-great grandchildren, three adopted daughters; two nephews, two nieces, two great nephews, one great niece; and two Godchildren.

All the while, she was also involved in ministry at Bethel Baptist Church and served faithfully in the choir, driving the bus for the Evangelism Ministry and attending all special programs and church activities.

I extend my condolences to Jeanet's family and friends, but may they, as well as all of us, take strength in the selfless contributions and sincere love that Jeanet has left for us to emulate.

TRIBUTE TO JFK

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the passing of an extraordinary and progressive individual, our 35th President of the United States, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. President Kennedy was elected during a time period when change was imminent even in the midst of resistance. Throughout a tumultuous time in this country's history, President Kennedy stood strong against those who saw this nation's progress as a threat.

During the height of the civil rights movement, President Kennedy's willingness to engage in the struggle for the equal rights of all people transcended the era. He embraced civil rights and encouraged an entire nation to join him in the fight for justice. His civil rights engagement was seen as a turning point in the fight for equality.

President Kennedy also advocated for technological advancement and encouraged unprecedented innovation during his time. As the ranking member on the Science, Space and Technology committee, I admire the will of President Kennedy to further our country's space exploration capabilities. President Kennedy placed an emphasis on the country's scientific competitiveness that few considered necessary. President Kennedy displayed a courageous and resilient vision for this country that is consistent, in every way, with the title of Commander-in-Chief.

Today, many cities around the country, including my district in Dallas, will hold ceremonies to commemorate his legacy. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his legacy. May his eternal flame continue to burn as a symbol of his lasting impact on this country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE CALVIN SMYRE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished public servant, devoted man of Faith and dear friend to my wife, Vivian and me, Georgia State Representative Calvin Smyre. Representative Smyre was honored for his contributions to Greater Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church on Sunday, November 24, 2013 at 11 a.m. in Columbus, Georgia.

Representative Smyre earned a degree in Business Administration from Fort Valley State University. In 1974, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives as its youngest member at 26 years of age. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to serve with Representative Smyre during my own tenure in the Georgia General Assembly, and we became great friends.

A longtime statesman, Representative Smyre has built a repertoire of legislative accomplishments. He currently serves on the Appropriations Committee and the Rules Committee and is the former Chairman of the House Minority Caucus. He played major roles in authoring and sponsoring important legislation, including the legislation making Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a state holiday; creating the Georgia Dome, home of the Atlanta Falcons; and creating a new Georgia State Flag. He is President Emeritus of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators.

In addition to his legislative achievements, Representative Smyre has also built a successful business career. He has served as Executive Vice President of Corporate External Affairs of Synovus and President of the Synovus Foundation. He also serves as one of eight members of the company's Corporate Executive Group. Synovus, a Columbus, Georgia-based diversified financial services holding company, has been named one of Fortune magazine's ''100 Best Companies to Work For'' in America multiple times.

Yet, Representative Smyre is more than a legislator, he is more than a business executive, he is a servant to all humankind and still finds time to serve his community. He has held leadership and membership positions on numerous boards, foundations and organizations. Dr. Maya Angelou once said that, ''I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.'' Representative Smyre continues to throw a prodigious amount of love and service back to the Columbus, Georgia community, the State of Georgia, and our country.

But most importantly, Representative Smyre is a devoted Man of God. Greater Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church has been his home for more than fifty years, the members of the congregation are his family, and worship is his sustenance. Representative Smyre has made numerous contributions to the Church and for that, he has been honored with the ''Calvin Smyre Tree of Life.'' This is the Church's way of thanking Representative Smyre for pouring his heart, body, and soul into Greater Ward Chapel A.ME.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, Greater Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church, and the Columbus, Georgia community in honoring Georgia State Representative Calvin Smyre for his dedicated service, leadership, and faith.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREASURE COAST FOOD BANK

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, for the past twenty five years employees and volunteers from the Treasure Coast Food Bank have been aiding in the mission to alleviate hunger by collecting and distributing food and other essentials to local Florida residents in need. Our community has been well-served by the staff and volunteers of Treasure Coast Food Bank and they are to be commended for twenty six years of hard work and dedication in serving our community.

The Treasure Coast Food Bank is one of 14 food banks in Florida and the only food bank to serve the four county areas of Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Okeechobee counties.

Led by CEO Judith A. Cruz and the dedicated staff of the Food Bank, the Treasure Coast Food Bank is a nonprofit clearinghouse that collects, stores, and distributes useable surplus food to non-profit organizations that then provide it to those in need at no cost.

Treasure Coast Food Bank is a partner with Feeding America (formerly called America's Second Harvest) the national network of more than 200 food banks. In 2011, Treasure Coast Food Bank distributed almost 8 million pounds of food within our communities.

In addition to their core mission, Treasure Coast Food Bank provides educational resources and guided tours of their headquarters to the public so our community can gain a greater understanding of what a Food Bank does, how it serves a critical role in fighting hunger on the Treasure Coast and how the public can become more involved in supporting the Food Bank and its clients.

The Treasure Coast Food Bank has enjoyed a longstanding reputation for treating all people with respect and dignity. I commend all of those who have given time and support over the last 25 years to sustain the Treasure Coast Food Bank and ensure that it can fulfill its mission. We are all proud of their success and commitment to serving our community.

Throughout the course of American history, non-profit and charitable organizations have always played a critical role helping those in need. The Treasure Coast Food Bank is a living testament to that effort. They allow each and every one of us to directly make a difference in the lives of those who have fallen on hard times and need a helpful hand. Organizations like the Treasure Coast Food Bank are often more successful, more compassionate and more personally connected than a government program.

As we enter the holiday season, this is a good time for us to think about those who may be in need and consider ways that we might support efforts like those of the Treasure Coast Food Bank.

HONORING MR. JOSEPH R. DEBRO

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow Mississippian, Mr. Joseph R. Debro, who passed away on November 5, 2013, three days after his 85th birthday. Joseph Debro was a staunch advocate for workers civil rights and justice. Joseph may have had a totally different life because as a young man, he had a strong desire to serve his country in the military and, in fact, received an appointment to West Point from Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, but Joe's physical examination revealed a medical issue—Sickle Cell Anemia Trait—which precluded his appointment. That set-back did not deter Joe from moving forward and seeking new avenues to achieve his goals

Joseph Debro was by education and training a scientist, having received his undergraduate degree in Bacteriology and his Masters degree in Biochemistry from the University of California at Berkeley. Joe held several important positions in his field after graduation—Research Assistant at UCSF, and NASA Bio-Chemical Engineer (where he worked on the Environment of the first space capsule). Joe later entered the business world, where we all felt he had found his true calling by challenging long-standing practices of discrimination and racial exclusion in trade unions and government contracting. Fighting racial injustice would be Joe's primary struggle to the end of his life. In his early days, he joined another advocate, Ray Dones, and organized over 300 Black contractors and was the co-founder of the National Association of Minority Contractors. He also founded the first minority-owned surety company in the United States—the Builders Mutual Surety Company.

Joe's work did not go unnoticed, he was apponted by then California Governor Jerry Brown to be the Director of the State of California Office of Small Business. Joe later became a co-founder of Trans Bay Engineering, a company with the signature accomplishment of renovating the long dormant Alice Arts Center, now known as the Malonga Casquelord Arts Center in Oakland.

Joseph Debro was probably the one person who was responsible for the increase of minority trainees in Northern California unions. In every contract that was awarded, Joseph tried to find ways to include women and minority-owned businesses and received numerous awards in recognition of his efforts.

Joseph served over 40 years on the board of the Housing Assistance Council, whose mission is to construct affordable housing for low-income people throughout the country. I was honored to serve on that board with Joe for over 20 years.

One of Joe's longest running and most passionate struggles to right a wrong was the lawsuit he initiated against the Oakland Raiders for receiving a loan of $465 million from the City of Oakland that was never repaid.

After retirement, Joe continued to be active in his community and began writing for several community newspapers (including the San Francisco Bayview, a national black newspaper; the East Bay Express, and the Oakland Post). Joe was a member of the Oakland Kiwanis club, serving on the scholarship committee.

Joe is survived by his wife of 63 years, Anita, who was his strongest supporter along with his three sons, Keith, Karl and Kraig.

Joe will be truly missed by all who knew him.

COMMEMORATING FLORENCE COUNTY DEPUTY JOSEPH ANTWINE

HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is with much sadness that I rise today to commemorate Florence County Deputy Joseph Antwine. Last week, the Florence County Sheriff's Department and South Carolina's Seventh District lost a young and upcoming deputy in the line of duty.

Joseph Antwine of Lake City, South Carolina, was responding to a fellow deputy's call for immediate assistance when his car crashed. A recent Citadel graduate, Deputy Antwine earned his degree in criminal justice. At the Citadel, his leadership and loyal service to the Corps of Cadets was recognized when he was presented with the Col. Joseph E. Perkins Honor Committee Award.

Deputy Antwine was a dependable young man, dedicated to his work and protecting our community. Even at his young age, he has been a role model to many and a model of public service.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends and the Florence County Sheriff's Department.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EDISON CRICKET CLUB

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Edison Cricket Club. The organization continues to serve as an outstanding social and athletic club in Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Since its establishment, the Edison Cricket Club has provided an outlet for the community to be active and enjoy the sport of cricket. Its members have worked tirelessly to promote the sport, which has helped the club grow. The club's home ground is based at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Edison. In addition to club-sponsored events, including its annual awards celebration, its members also participate in community service and charitable events. It has also worked with the Edison School Board to host a summer camp for local children.

The club is currently comprised of three teams and competes in four leagues: the Cricket League of New Jersey; the Millennium Cricket League; the New Jersey State Cricket and Umpire's Association; and the New Jersey Softball Cricket League. The Edison Cricket Club joined the Cricket League of New Jersey

in 2004 and is currently one of 48 clubs in the league. After joining, the Edison Cricket Club quickly moved into Conference A of that league and in 2010 earned 2nd place in the conference final.

The club is currently led by its president, Atul Huckoo. It has an Advisory Board consisting of public officials and representatives of media outlets, organizations, and others.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating the Edison Cricket Club on its 10th anniversary.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was $10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is $17,217,151,645,105.86. We've added $6,590,274,596,192.78 to our debt in 4 years. This is $6.5 trillion in debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

CONGRATULATING KATHY TUELL FOR HER ANGEL IN ADOPTION DESIGNATION

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a woman whose commitment to improving the lives of children in the Florida Keys is only eclipsed by her success in doing so. In her eighteen years as President and CEO of the Florida Keys Children's Shelter, Kathy Tuell has served the needs of hundreds of children still without a family to call their own. These efforts proved fruitful during her participation in the federal workgroup that established basic standards for programs funded under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act.

It is my pleasure to congratulate Ms. Tuell for her recognition as one of this year's Angels in Adoption by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute.

I commend Ms. Tuell for her accomplishments and service, as she serves as an exemplar citizen and advocate of the less fortunate.

NO WORDS—THANKING AMERICA'S ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES THIS THANKSGIVING

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the selfless sacrifice and service of The Armed Forces and their families to our Nation on this Thanksgiving Day. Across this Nation many families will be separated by War and Death on this Thanksgiving. Remember all of them, as you sit down with your families and say a prayer of Thanks to them all. I submit this tribute penned in honor of them "No Words" by Albert Carey Caswell.

NO WORDS

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

No words!
No words of thanks can express!
On this Thanksgiving day,
what we so owe to America's Best!
And no words of thanks can ever repay the debt!
That we owe,
for what you so gave without regret!
And no words can erase,
all of the pain and heartache that you've faced!
And no words can so mend,
the loss of your loved ones, and your best friends!
And no words can ever describe,
all of the worry and heartache that you've lived with inside!
And no words can ever repay,
all of you whose eyes and arms and legs so gave!
And no words of thanks and gratitude can so rise!
High enough,
to thank all of you whose loved ones died!
And no words can ever heal,
all of the pain of which you now feel!
And no one can explain,
to all of those children . . .
that their mommy and daddy aren't coming home again!
And no words can so repay,
all of those Doctors . . .
Nurses, Medics, Corpsman, who helped rebuild your lives . . .
and from death you so saved!
For no words can so express,
our Nation's gratitude on This Thanksgiving to America's Best!
And no words can so bring back,
all of those Husbands and Wives,
Sons and Daughters . . .
Brothers and Sisters,
whose courage did not so lack!
And no words can ever repay,
all of you, America's Heroes on This Thanksgiving Day!
But Thanks!
To all of those in hospitals who now so lay!
And no words can not so stop all of those tears,
around Thanksgiving dinners,
for all of those who could not be here!
But Thank You!
Thank You!
Thank You!
Thank You This Thanksgiving Day!
A prayer for all of you upon bended knee we now so pray!
Because no words can thank you enough on this Thanksgiving Day,
Amen!

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATUE OF FREEDOM

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Ms. NORTON, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Statue of Freedom, which sits atop the dome of the U.S. Capitol, and Philip Reid, the African American enslaved laborer who made significant contributions in the casting of the bronze figure. Originally named Freedom Triumphant in War and Peace, Reid was the only known slave to work on the colossal figure that stands at 19½ feet and weighs approximately 15,000 pounds.

Phillip Reid was born a slave in Charleston, South Carolina around 1820, and was purchased during his youth by Clark Mills, who quickly recognized Reid's skills in ironworks. The first major project Mills and Reid worked on was the Andrew Jackson statue in Lafayette Square in 1852. The success of the Jackson statue made Mill's foundry the top candidate for the Statue of Freedom project. In 1859, the plaster model was being showcased outside the Capitol waiting to be disassembled for casting at the foundry. However, the Italian sculptor who assembled the five main sections of the plaster model in Washington refused to reveal how to separate the figure and demanded a pay raise. Facing a dire situation, Philip Reid stepped up and figured out that by using a pulley and tackle to pull the ring atop the model, the seams of the sections would be revealed. His dedication to see the Statue of Freedom complete pushed him to work straight through July 1, 1860, to May 16, 1861. Mr. Reid worked weeks without a break, only receiving pay on Sundays, which was given as a rest day for enslaved laborers. On Sundays, he received a pay of $1.25 and went on to work for 33 Sundays, receiving $41.25.

Philip Reid finally received his freedom on April 16, 1862, through the D.C. Compensated Emancipation Act, which ended slavery in the District of Columbia. Reid eventually went on to marry, start a business and become a highly respected member of the Free Black Society of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Philip Reid for his tireless effort as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Statue of Freedom on December 2, 2013. As Americans, it is crucial that we honor and commemorate this 150th anniversary of the Statue of Freedom. The completion of the statue on December 2, 1863, not only signified an era of newly minted freedom for the thousands of former enslaved African Americans, but it now stands as powerful symbol for freedom around the world.

Edward Savoy left the State Department, with a wealth of knowledge and the admiration of many in the United States and abroad. On his final day of work, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt sent his limousine to pick up Edward Augustine Savoy from the diplomatic entrance of the State Department to chauffeur him to the White House to be thanked for his service and congratulated on his retirement in a private meeting with the president. Edward Savoy was so revered that less than a year after his death, a U.S. Liberty Ship named for him was launched, the SS *Edward A Savoy.* Liberty Ships were named for deceased prominent Americans, among them were 17 named for African-Americans when the Army and Navy were still racially segregated.

Edward Savoy was also revered in his private life. He was a great family man, raising four successful children alone after his wife died. Edward was an early leader in District of Columbia organizations active in seeking justice. Among the many organizations in which he was active were The Oldest Inhabitants Association (Colored) of The District of Columbia

and the Prince Hall Freemasons. Edward Augustine is interred in Historic Woodlawn Cemetery in Southeast Washington, DC.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in honoring Edward Augustine Savoy on the 70th anniversary of his death and for his tireless work as a public servant. His life and public service are steeped in America's History and deserve to be remembered.

CELEBRATION OF WORLD AIDS DAY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of World AIDS Day which we celebrated on Sunday, December 1. Each year since 1988, we commemorate those who have died and show our support for those living with HIV.

While numerous scientific advances have been made in HIV treatment, World AIDS Day reminds us that HIV is still destructive and that there is no cure. There is still a critical need for funding, research, and education in our country and abroad.

The passage of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief and Stewardship and Oversight Act (PEPFAR) is encouraging because of the necessity of an international response to the ongoing HIV/AIDS pandemic. Eleven years ago, I initiated the first round of PEPFAR talks with President George W. Bush while I was the Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.

As we embark on another reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act, it is imperative that we remain diligent in the battle against AIDS. I will continue to do what is necessary to engage in this fight to promote public health around the world. I urge my colleagues to fight this battle and to join me as we recognize World AIDS Day.

RETIREMENT OF CHP OFFICER RUDY CONTRERAS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Rudy Xavier Contreras, Jr., who is retiring this December after 30 years of law enforcement service with the California Highway Patrol.

After graduating from the CHP Academy in West Sacramento on December 22, 1983, Officer Contreras served with the CHP across the State of California, including many years in the Solano and Woodland areas. He handled a variety of assignments throughout his career, with assignments ranging from Field Training Officer to Officer in Charge. During Officer Contreras' assignment to Dignitary Protection, he served a distinguished term as my security officer when I was California's Insurance Commissioner and Lieutenant Governor. He was also the primary officer assigned to Lieutenant Governor Abel Maldonado and State Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones.

Officer Contreras was a loyal representative of the law enforcement community and admired for his hard work, dedication, and positive work ethic. He has become a dear friend and I thank him for his service.

SALUTE TO CHIEF DOUGLAS MULDOON

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the service of Palm Bay Police Chief Douglas Muldoon. Chief Muldoon has dedicated the last 36 years of his life to making our community a safer place to raise our children and pursue our dreams. Throughout 2013, he has served as the National President of the FBI National Academy Associates (FBINAA).

Chief Muldoon began his career in local law enforcement in 1976 as an officer with the Palm Bay Police Department. He spent a large part of his career working as a local liaison to the FBI, having graduated from the FBI National Academy. The National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders with rigorous training in the latest innovative techniques of law enforcement.

In 1998, Chief Muldoon served as the President of the Florida Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates and, for the past year, he has served as President of the FBI National Academy Associates. His experience, training, and dedication to law enforcement have greatly enhanced the Palm Bay Police Department.

Our city is blessed to have someone who has taken such an active role in serving our community and our nation, and I am proud of his commitment to making Palm Bay a safer place to live.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2013 UPPER DARBY HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING TEAM ON WINNING VARSITY BRANDS' NATIONAL SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Upper Darby High School cheerleading team on winning the 2013 Varsity Brands' National School Spirit Day. The Upper Darby Cheerleaders collected hats, gloves and other warm clothing items for survivors of domestic violence throughout the month of October.

Varsity Brands' National School Spirit Day began in 2009 as a way to honor the efforts of cheerleaders and dancers around the country who are making a difference in their schools and communities. Over the past five years, cheerleaders and dancers have pledged more than 500,000 community service hours as a part of National School Spirit Day.

The Upper Darby High School Royals won first place in this nationwide contest. As October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Royals honored survivors with their warm clothing drive. The Upper Darby Police Department learned what the cheer squad was doing and decided to join in the effort. During a home football game, the Chief of Police joined the Upper Darby High School cheerleaders in presenting the warm clothing items to women and children. By the end of October, the Upper Darby Community had helped the cheerleaders donate more than 1,000 items of warm clothing.

Congratulations to the Upper Darby High School Royals on their first place finish in the 2013 Varsity Brands' National School Spirit Day, an honor that recognizes the cheerleaders' great leadership, community service and compassion.

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARS INCORPORATED FACILITY IN GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Mars, Incorporated manufacturing facility in Greenville, Mississippi—an important institution in our community since its opening in 1978.

Mars, Incorporated is a family-owned, American company that started when Frank C. Mars made the first Mars candies in his kitchen in 1911. Today, Mars is a global company that employs more than 72,000 Associates worldwide with more than one third of them being employed here in the United States. The company's investment in its Associates has earned it a place on Fortune magazine's list of "100 Best Companies to Work For."

At the Greenville facility, Mars Food North America makes products bearing some of America's favorite brands, including Uncle Ben's®, which is the number one rice brand in the United States. Our Greenville facility also makes products for the Seeds of Change® brand, which makes organically grown seeds and Organic Food products. I'm proud to congratulate Seeds of Change® on winning a 2013 Vegetarian Times Foodie Award.

Mars' Greenville facility has played a significant role in the health of our local economy. Over 160 people work in the facility, which originally opened with just 5 packaging lines and 1 processing line. The facility has repeatedly expanded to house additional lines and manufacturing areas, and Mars continues to invest in our economy as it completes a $42 million multi-year investment in the facility.

I am thankful that Mars' investments and longstanding relationship with our community extend beyond the facility. Mars supports Greenville public schools through its Blessings in a Backpack program, and worked to help improve the local Boys and Girls Clubs in the region. Mars Food has also done its part to encourage healthy cooking and eating from a young age by having the Uncle Ben's® brand launch its nationwide Ben's Beginners™ Cooking Contest.

This Friday, I will be honored to join state and local officials in Greenville to commemorate this longstanding relationship through a

special celebration. Again, I congratulate Mars for reaching this 35-year milestone and hope that this facility will continue to be a member of our community for many more decades to come.

REMEMBERING EDWARD AUGUSTINE SAVOY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in remembering Edward Augustine Savoy, a freeman of color who held one of the highest government positions possible for an African American at the time, Chief Messenger to the Secretary of State, on the 70th anniversary of his death.

Edward Augustine Savoy was a third-generation Washingtonian born to a father who was a former slave and a mother who was a teacher in Northwest Washington, D.C. in 1855. Edward Savoy's illustrious career spanned 64 years, during which he worked for 21 Secretaries of State. Through 14 presidencies he played a significant role in many of the historic events in our nation. Even though Edward Savoy never ascended higher than Chief Messenger to the State Department because of the color of his skin, Edward Savoy still managed to become a great public servant, and was well known and respected by politicians, dignitaries, and international emissaries alike.

Edward Savoy began his career at the young age of 14 as page for the State Department in 1869, serving Secretary of State Hamilton Fish. In a time that was especially difficult for African Americans, Edward Savoy had a remarkable career as a public servant. Edward Savoy's intelligence, tactfulness, and remarkable memory allowed him to become a trusted employee inside the State Department, privy to confidential information, such as coming wars, yet never violated the trust placed in him.

In 1914, Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan recommended Mr. Savoy for promotion and President Woodrow Wilson authorized this promotion in an executive order. President Herbert Hoover's Vice President, Charles Curtis, and two Secretaries of State, Frank Billings Kellogg and Henry Lewis Stimson, intervened to extend his federal service past mandatory retirement age. Secretary Stimson called the native Washingtonian ''indispensable.'' In 1931, a bill was introduced by Congressman Hamilton Fish III of New York asking Congress to extend the employment of Edward Augustine Savoy ''indefinitely despite his years.'' This would have been the third extension of his retirement. Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson retained Mr. Savoy as a personal assistant, paying his wages from his own paycheck. In 1933, at the age of 77, Edward Augustine Savoy retired under Secretary of State Cordell Hull, after 64 years of uninterrupted federal service in the State Department, unheard of even in today's time.

HONORING IRENE STAGGERS HARRIS FOR HER DESIGNATION OF BISHOP

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Irene Staggers Harris, whose tireless efforts within her parish, as well as her community, have earned her the title of Bishop.

The daughter of the late Pastor Arthur Staggers, Mrs. Staggers Harris has a lifetime of faithful church attendance, dedication, and ministry work. She began as an Ordained Elder in Greater St. Matthews Church in Florida City. With her leadership the ministry began to flourish and grow, advancing the increase of new Ministers and Deacons, and various other church initiatives. She also helped develop The Greater Love Daycare, Inc. which provides low-income parents with affordable pre-schooling for their children, and serves on the board of the South-Dade Ministerial Allowance, which is focused on crime prevention efforts in Homestead and Florida City Communities.

Because of these accomplishments, Mrs. Staggers Harris was considered and recently ordained bishop in the Shekinah Glory Deliverance Churches.

I applaud Mrs. Staggers Harris for her accomplishments and new designation. May she continue to lead and inspire her community through the grace of God.

TOYO TIRE NORTH AMERICA'S 8TH ANNIVERSARY IN BARTOW COUNTY

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Toyo Tire North America's Bartow County facility, which is celebrating eight years of fostering economic growth in Georgia's 11th Congressional District.

In 2006, the Bartow Toyo Tire facility became the first U.S. consumer tire production operation. The plant includes a manufacturing facility and warehouse that serve customers throughout the country. Since then, Toyo has invested more than one billion dollars and created close to 1000 jobs in northwest Georgia, bringing financial stability and opportunity to Georgia families.

This week, Toyo Tire will announce plans to begin the plant's fourth expansion, investing hundreds of millions of dollars and adding hundreds of jobs to the local economy. This is a huge testament to Georgia's pro-business environment, and one of the reasons Governor Deal certified Bartow County as a 'Certified Work Ready Community.'

Mr. Speaker, I proudly extend my deepest thanks to Toyo Tire North America, their Plant Manager Jim Hawk, and the Toyo employees who play such an important role in making Bartow County's economy flourish. On behalf of Georgia's 11th District, I congratulate the Bartow Toyo Tire facility on eight successful years. Here's to many more.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF MEMPHIS–BASED U.S. BIOLOGIC IN THEIR WORK TO HALT THE SPREAD OF LYME DISEASE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the work of Memphis-based U.S. Biologic in their work to halt the spread of Lyme disease. U.S. Biologic was recently awarded a grant of $1 million from the Global Food and Health Innovation Challenge to expand their research on this important topic and I am proud to honor the hard work of their dedicated research team, especially Maria Gomes-Solecki.

I believe that our Nation's true department of defense is made up of the doctors and researchers who work hard to find cures and prevention methods for the diseases that threaten the lives and livelihoods of Americans every day. The research of people like Dr. Gomes-Solecki is integral in our mission to make the United States a safer place for the grandchildren of our generation, and I encourage more federal investment in the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health, as well as private funding like that provided through the Global Food and Health Innovation Challenge.

I congratulate U.S. Biologic and Dr. Gomes-Solecki on their achievement and I look forward to more developments from some of the Nation's most advanced researchers who are based in my district.

TRIBUTE TO COACH WILLIE E. MAXEY, JR.

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor high school athletic coach, Willie E. Maxey, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement from Selma City Schools. This beloved teacher and administrator coached for fifty years and for his dedicated and distinguished service to the City of Selma and the State of Alabama, I pay tribute today to the life work of Coach Willie E. Maxey.

Coach Maxey was born December 1, 1943 to the late Willie E. Maxey, Sr. and Ollie J. Maxey of Sardis, Alabama. His early years were spent in Sardis and Selma, Alabama.

Coach Maxey graduated from R. B. Hudson High School in 1961 and subsequently earned his Bachelor Degree from Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University in 1966 and a Master's degree in Administration in 1981. Coach Maxey's leadership roles have included positions as Assistant Principal and Head Basketball Coach at Selma High School; Coach at Westside Jr. High School, Eastside Jr. High School, and R.B. Hudson High School. Also, Coach Maxey was coordinator of the Selma City Recreation Program for over fifty years.

Coach Maxey has served the Selma City Schools and community faithfully and his exemplary work and commitment to excellence

has earned the respect and admiration of fellow teachers, administrators, students, their families and our community.

Coach Maxey as a basketball coach had an 80% overall winning record that included: State Championship in 1994; Runner-Up Championship in 1998; Final 4 Competitions; Elite 8 appearances as well as seven Area Championships participating in tournaments all over the United States.

Coach Maxey's special talents, strong leadership and expertise led to his mentoring and coaching many outstanding athletes in the Selma City Schools including many All-State players as well as an All-Tournament player.

Notably, we are celebrating Coach Maxey's accomplishments and retirement from high school sports; but, his illustrious career and dedicated service to the youth of our community will continue in his current role as Assistant Coach at Wallace Community College Selma. His career shows the heart of Coach Willie E. Maxey, Jr. and the positive influential role he has played to develop athletic abilities in young people.

Coach Maxey continues to demonstrate an exemplary commitment to community service through his long-time membership in the New Shiloh Baptist Church in Sardis, Alabama where he is Chairman of the Trustee Board. Also, he serves on the International Paper Advisory Board, is a member of the Board of Directors for Kittie Kastle Daycare and has been involved in numerous civic and community endeavors in Sardis and Selma, Alabama.

On a personal note, I have known Coach Maxey all my life. A close family friend, I understand that I was the first newborn baby he ever held. He served as assistant coach under my father Coach Andrew A. Sewell and graciously succeeding him as head basketball coach at Selma High School when my father had a stroke in 1990. My father was proud to mentor and work with Coach Maxey and he was so elated over his successful coaching career. It was with tremendous pride that Selma High gymnasium was dedicated and renamed the "Sewell-Maxey Gymnasium" in honor of the outstanding legacy of both coaches. The retirement of Coach Maxey is truly the end of a golden era in Selma High basketball. I know that his legacy lives on in the hearts of all the young men he coached.

On behalf of the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama and this nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the accomplishments and retirement of Coach Willie E. Maxey, Jr. We pay tribute to his distinguished career and contributions for the betterment of youth in our society and extend deep appreciation for his distinguished service.

RECOGNIZING PESACH OSINA

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pesach Osina. Mr. Osina learned from a young age the importance of working on behalf of the community. Born in Brooklyn to parents who were well known for their kindness and charity, Pesach moved to Far Rockaway in 1999.

Pesach immediately got involved in Far Rockaway community life—as an active board member of the Jewish Community Council (JCCRP) and a founding member of the Rockaway Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). He started a holiday toy collection and distribution organization that provides toys to hundreds of needy families. In addition, Pesach used his love for politics to advance the needs of the community by actively advocating with local elected officials.

After helping elect Phil Goldfeder to the New York State Assembly in September of 2011, Pesach joined Goldfeder's government staff as Community Liaison and put his experience and skills to work for the community at the government level. Pesach has carved out a name for great work, responsiveness and community service.

Pesach's passion for helping others has been most evident during the last few months—prior to and in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Pesach worked with government officials and community leaders doing to prepare the community, as much as possible, for the impending storm. As the storm was raging, he worked throughout the night with local organizations to communicate with and to meet the needs of stranded families. In the days and nights following the storm, Pesach travelled throughout the community visiting relief sites and working with community leaders to ensure that all of the community needs were met.

Pesach has provided a beacon of hope and an exemplary standard of community service to the entire district. On behalf of New York State's 5th District, I commend Mr. Pesach Osina and thank him for all his contributions to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT BLOMQUIST

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor Robert G. Blomquist who has proudly given 14 years of public service to the residents of Olmsted Falls in the great State of Ohio. Mayor Blomquist graduated from Olmsted Falls High School in 1973 and served in the United States Navy from 1976–1981. Mayor Blomquist is a graduate of Baldwin Wallace College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Finance. He also is a graduate of Culinary Institute of America. As a public servant, Mr. Blomquist served on Olmsted Falls's City Council for six years before being elected as Mayor of the city in 1999. Under his leadership, Olmsted Falls has made incredible progress. Under Mayor Blomquist's direction, the city initiated construction of a railroad underpass on State Route 252, installed quiet zones on seven railroad crossings on both CSX and Norfolk Southern railroads and construction of a new fire station serving the people and businesses of the community. Mayor Blomquist has also served as a board member to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency and Cuyahoga County Planning Commission as well as on the Olmsted Economic Development Committee.

I would like to acknowledge Mayor Blomquist's achievements throughout his long career of public service and thank him for his outstanding contributions to the people of Olmsted Falls and the 16th District of Ohio.

"REMEMBERING PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY" INSPIRATION TO MILLIONS, AMERICAN HERO, ENDURING SYMBOL OF THE GREATEST GENERATION, AND THE 35TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, in the life of this nation there have been a few events of such consequence and moment that they have a transformative impact on the people of the country. For my parents' generation the death of President Franklin Roosevelt was such an occasion.

The explosion of the Shuttle Challenger in 1986 left a traumatic and indelible impression on my children's generation. The morning of September 11, 2001 is a day no living American will forget.

For my generation, however, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963 is the moment that lives with us forever. For on that day, my generation lost its leader, its hero, its champion. And its innocence.

None of us can forget where we were and how we felt when we learned the terrible news. I was a young schoolgirl when my teacher, wiping away tears, announced to the class that President Kennedy had been shot in Dallas, Texas and was dead. I was stunned and shocked and sad and heartbroken. I cried all the way home. When I got there I went to my room and prayed.

A half century later, I still remember that day as if it were yesterday. And every year on this day for the last 50 years, I always pause to remember the man who inspired me to devote my life to public service and who, along with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, taught me by their example that the greatest calling in life is the call to serve others.

And I still say a prayer for President Kennedy each November 22 but they have not been prayers of lamentation for many years. They are prayers of thanks to the Lord for his infinite wisdom and grace in blessing our country with a captain as perfectly suited to lead our ship of state during the epochal time that was the 1960s as was Abraham Lincoln to the 1860s.

The year 1963 is one of the most momentous in the life of our nation. It was in August, 50 years ago, that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. challenged and inspired a nation by sharing his dream about its future at the largest peaceful demonstration in American history.

The year 1963 also marked the centennial of the Gettysburg Address, which redefined and reenobled the meaning of the American experience and is the only other American speech that can stand with Dr. King's and not suffer in the comparison.

At Gettysburg, President Lincoln delivered the words that consoled and helped to heal and reunite a divided nation. He reminded us

that just 87 years before, in 1776, America had given birth to something new in the world, self-government, and he made us understand that in the life of nations, ours was still a young country with an unfinished democracy and an uncertain future.

He then paid tribute "to those who died so the nation might live" and challenged the living to dedicate themselves to the "great task" remaining before them, which was not just to ensure the survival of the union, but for us to honor those who "gave the last full measure of devotion" by giving the nation a "new birth of freedom."

One hundred years later, in August 1963, Dr. King reminded us that the great work of democracy which had been so nobly advanced a century before remained unfinished but expressed the confidence that his and future generations of Americans, would like their forbears, rededicate themselves to the proposition that all people are created equal and resolve to continue the task of perfecting our democracy until "justice rolls down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream."

And in those heady days there was little doubt we would become the country foretold by Dr. King because America in that year and at that time was powerful and prosperous and confident and optimistic.

And no one better symbolized the nation's vitality and sense of purpose and unlimited possibility than the man it had elected to lead them, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

John Kennedy personified the pioneering, trailblazing, independent, courageous, and can-do spirit for which America is justly celebrated around the world. He was the youngest person and the first Catholic elected President and the first person born in the 20th century to hold the office.

A junior officer who served heroically during World War II, the greatest conflict in world history, John Kennedy was the leading member of what has been called the "Greatest Generation" and the first of the seven of its members elevated to the presidency, the most of any generation ever.

A naval officer, congressman, senator, and author of the Pulitzer Prize winning "Profiles in Courage," John Kennedy was both a man of action and a man of ideas. He was pragmatic and compassionate; tough-minded and tender-hearted, determined but not dogmatic. He was, in short and in sum, a man with great charisma and great character.

Most of all, John Kennedy was a man who never stopped thinking about tomorrow or working to realize the full promise of America. And he understood that we all had a place in that future and a role to play in bringing it about. That is why he proclaimed in his stirring inaugural address: "Ask not, my fellow Americans, what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

John Kennedy believed there was nothing America could not achieve once it set its mind to it. In September 1961, President Kennedy came to my home city of Houston, Texas and committed America to send a man to the moon and to bring him safely home before the end of the decade. Asked why we should go to the moon, President Kennedy said:

> We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard.

To anyone who might doubt America's ability to make good on this commitment, President Kennedy said, "this country of the United States was not built by those who waited and rested and wished to look behind them. This country was conquered by those who moved forward—and so will space."

President Kennedy knew first-hand the horrors of war so he worked for peace. What kind of peace? He told us in the commencement address he delivered at American University in April of the momentous year of 1963:

> Not a Pax Americana enforced on the world by American weapons of war. Not the peace of the grave or the security of the slave. I am talking about genuine peace, the kind of peace that makes life on earth worth living, and the kind that enables men and nations to grow, and to hope, and build a better life for their children—not merely peace for Americans but peace for all men and women, not merely peace in our time but peace in all time.

President Kennedy led our nation safely through two of the most perilous events of the Cold War, the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 and the erection of the Berlin Wall in 1961. Thanks to his cool resolve, calm restraint, steely determination, and clear thinking, nuclear war was averted and America's freedom, and that of our allies, was secured. Like Lincoln, President Kennedy knew the value and cost of freedom and the sacrifices required to win and keep it:

> Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty.

President Kennedy was the first president to see first-hand the Berlin Wall when he traveled behind the Iron Curtain to that divided city in 1963 and gave hope to the besieged people of West Berlin by pledging America's unwavering support and aid in its struggle to remain free:

> You live in a defended island of freedom, but your life is part of the main. So let me ask you, as I close, to lift your eyes beyond the dangers of today, to the hopes of tomorrow, beyond the freedom merely of this city of Berlin, or your country of Germany, to the advance of freedom everywhere, beyond the wall to the day of peace with justice, beyond yourselves and ourselves to all mankind.
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> Freedom is indivisible, and when one man is enslaved, all are not free. When all are free, then we can look forward to that day when this city will be joined as one and this country and this great Continent of Europe in a peaceful and hopeful globe. . . . All free men, wherever they may live, are citizens of Berlin, and, therefore, as a free man, I take pride in the words "Ich bin ein Berliner!"

Above all, John Kennedy was a man of consistent and tremendous moral courage. To him, freedom was indivisible, the birthright of every person on earth. John Kennedy, like Abraham and Martin, understood that "when one man is enslaved, all are not free."

And nothing better illuminates this great quality of this remarkable leader than the speech he delivered to the nation the evening of June 11, 1963, committing the federal government to the cause of civil rights, in full support of the Civil Rights Movement and to the eradication of racial segregation and discrimination.

In that landmark address, President Kennedy informed the nation that he had ordered troops to enforce a federal court decree directing that two highly qualified African American students be enrolled at the University of Alabama notwithstanding Governor Wallace's vow to block their admission by standing in the schoolhouse door.

President Kennedy saw clearly and connected the events and circumstances facing Abraham Lincoln in 1863 to the challenges confronting Dr. King in 1963, stating:

> It ought to be possible for every American to enjoy the privileges of being American without regard to his race or his color. But this is not the case.
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> We are confronted primarily with a moral issue. It is as old as the Scriptures and is as clear as the American Constitution.
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> The heart of the question is whether all Americans are to be afforded equal rights and equal opportunities, whether we are going to treat our fellow Americans as we want to be treated.
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> One hundred years of delay have passed since President Lincoln freed the slaves, yet their heirs, their grandsons, are not fully free. They are not yet freed from the bonds of injustice. They are not yet freed from social and economic oppression. And this Nation, for all its hopes and all its boasts, will not be fully free until all its citizens are free.
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> We preach freedom around the world, and we mean it, and we cherish our freedom here at home, but are we to say to the world, and much more importantly, to each other that this is the land of the free except for the Negroes; that we have no second-class citizens except Negroes; that we have no class or caste system, no ghettoes, no master race except with respect to Negroes?
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> Now the time has come for this Nation to fulfill its promise.

The following week, President Kennedy sent to Congress legislation making good on this promise. Although he did not live to see its enactment, that legislation—brilliantly shepherded to passage by President Lyndon Johnson—transformed America. Along with the passage of the Voting Rights Act the following year, America made more progress in backing up its boasts and fulfilling its hopes than any time since the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation and ratification of the Civil War Amendments. It is no exaggeration to say that these actions constituted another "new birth of freedom" foretold and predicted by Abraham Lincoln and Dr. King.

Abraham Lincoln and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. are two of the towering figures in American history. And so is John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Taken together, the lives of these three giants teach us at least three important lessons when it comes to the question of race: Words have power. Actions matter. Moral courage is indispensable.

Many persons have one of these qualities but much rarer are those who possess two, let alone all three in the abundance and to the degree possessed by Abraham, Martin, and John. Is it any wonder then that we still revere them after all these years and still miss them so much?

The 1968 folk classic, "Abraham, Martin, and John," by Dion and the Belmonts still sums up the feelings of countless millions, here in America and around the world:

> Has anybody here seen my old friends?
> Can you tell me where they've gone?
> They freed a lot of people,
> but, it seems the good they die young.
> You know, I just looked around and they were gone.
> Abraham, Martin, and John.

They may be gone but they will never be forgotten. Their works—the glow from their fire—truly lit the world.

So on this day I am remembering President Kennedy. His flame glows eternally in Arlington Cemetery and in the hearts of untold millions the world over, including that little schoolgirl he inspired long ago and who is now the Member of Congress from the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas.

God bless President John Kennedy. I ask that a moment of silence be observed in memory of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States.

RECOGNIZING VIRGIL HALL HODGES

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the generosity and vision of Mr. Virgil Hall Hodges. Mr. Hodges is a proud alumnus, member of the Board of Trustees, and founding father of the Richard Allen Classic Group. The Richard Allen Classic Group is an 11-year-old advocacy group of men of consciousness and influence who are committed to upholding the social and intellectual mission of our traditional institutions and perpetuating their mission to the masses. Richard Allen Classic Group members remain staunch supporters of education and the quest to close the technological divide that exists in our communities

Mr. Hodges professional career began as a college professor and football coach. He was then recruited to become a government agency administrator, first as Administrator with New York City's Youth Board, then as head of an anti-poverty agency, the Coney Island Family Center. From there he went into state government as a Facility Director at Mt. Morris and later Arthur Kill Rehabilitation Centers of the NYS Drug Abuse Commission. Lastly, to the NY State Department of Labor and retired from the NYS Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and Institute for Nonviolence.

Mr. Hodges adopted Morris Brown College, a 132-year-old prestigious institution founded by the A.M.E. Church that has produced thousands of professionals and masters of the trades and has dedicated countless hours to the service of others.

Mr. Virgil Hall Hodges is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award as Deputy Labor Commissioner by the NYS Legislature; the Distinguished Service Morris Brown College President and Faculty Award; and the NYS Employees Brotherhood Award; and the NYS NAACP Public Service Award.

I commend Mr. Virgil Hall Hodges for his extraordinary service. His vision as an educator and policymaker has inspired both students and colleagues alike. On behalf of the more than 718,000 residents of Fifth Congressional District, I thank you for your outstanding contribution to our communities and nation.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 11

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine protecting seniors from medication labeling mistakes.

SD–562

DECEMBER 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

Business meeting to consider an original bill to repeal the Sustainable Growth Rate system and to consider health care extenders.

SD–215

DECEMBER 18

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine the future of long-term care policy, focusing on continuing the conversation.

SD–562