

"Bill" B. Turner. During their remarkable sixty-five years of marriage, Mrs. Turner was the epitome of a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. A strong-willed woman, she was fiercely committed to raising a loving family by instilling in each of them the good values and morals that she and her husband embodied. Known as "Precious" to her family, she showed her support for her six children, 21 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and countless friends at hundreds of ball games, dance recitals and birthday parties.

One of the things I admired most about Mrs. Turner was her ability to make each person she met feel special because he or she was indeed special to her. No person was ever a stranger to her because she could make anyone feel like part of the family from the moment they met.

Mrs. Turner loved her community dearly and was constantly working to improve it. She was active in the Bradley-Turner Foundation, a charitable non-profit organization that has given millions of dollars to various projects in Columbus and the Chattahoochee Valley region. The Turner family also helped launch the Pastoral Institute forty years ago. The organization provides counseling and educational resources to assist people who are going through difficult and traumatic times in their lives. The Pastoral Institute established the Sue Marie and Bill Turner Servant Leadership Award to honor couples who have made significant contributions to the community. The Turners received the first award in 2012. In addition, the Turner family has long supported St. Francis Hospital. The new Women's Hospital was named in Mrs. Turner's honor last fall.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are all so blessed that Mrs. Sue Marie Turner passed this way and during her life's journey did so much for so many for so long. She leaves behind a great legacy in service to her beloved family and to all those whose lives she touched and brightened with her radiant smile and rich laughter. She will truly be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me, my wife, Vivian, and the Columbus, Georgia community in paying tribute to Mrs. Sue Marie Turner for her outstanding contributions to her community. We extend our deepest sympathies to her family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time and we pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL
JOSEPH A. SIMONELLI, JR.

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the meritorious service of Colonel Joseph A. Simonelli, Jr., who will transfer in June from the Secretary of Defense's Office of Legislative Affairs.

Prior to his tenure in Legislative Affairs, Colonel Simonelli has already had a long and distinguished career in the United States Army. Upon graduation from the United States Military Academy, he received his commission in 1987 as an Air Defense Artillery officer. He served 27 years with great distinction in the field and in command. Prior to his work in the Secretary's office, he was the Garrison Commander at Fort Bliss, Texas. He also served as the Director of Operations for the Multi-National Security Transition Command (Iraq) and the Executive Assistant to the Vice Director of the Joint Staff's Director of Operations.

Colonel Simonelli is no stranger to the halls and offices of Capitol Hill, having spent the last two years in Legislative Affairs as the Director of House Affairs and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for House Affairs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs (OASD-LA).

His character, capabilities, and good humor enabled him to interact effectively with Members of Congress and their staffs and other Executive agencies under the most strenuous circumstances. Colonel Simonelli's work ultimately led to successful legislative outcomes on a wide-range of issues critical to our national defense and to the enhancement of the lives of the country's military men and women.

Colonel Simonelli represents what our military seeks in a congressional liaison and officer in uniform. His dedication to service, commitment to excellence, and performance of duty have been extraordinary throughout his career and most recently in the Office of Legislative Affairs. I am proud to share in the celebration of Colonel Simonelli's tour on Capitol Hill, and I join his colleagues in honoring his distinguished service.

Colonel Simonelli was supported, encouraged, and nurtured by a strong and loving wife, I would like to recognize his wife, Bettye Marie. As he goes on to pursue new endeavors and challenges as the Chief of Staff of the Arlington National Military Cemeteries, I wish Colonel Simonelli and his family well.

HONORING SARAH KING

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

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

Whereas, One hundred five years ago a virtuous woman of God was born in Moreland, Georgia on February 11, 1909; and

Whereas, Ms. Sarah King was born to Mr. John King and Mrs. Elizabeth King, she was educated in the local school system in Georgia; and

Whereas, this Phenomenal Proverbs 31 woman has shared her time and talents as a Community Advocate and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all who wants to advance the lives of others; and

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

Whereas, Ms. King along with her family and friends are celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, her 105th Birthday, we pause to acknowledge a woman who is a corner-

stone in our community in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. King on her birthday and to wish her well and recognize her for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim February 11, 2014 as Ms. Sarah King Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of February, 2014.

HONORING TOMMIE MABRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Tommie Mabry, a native of Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Mabry has four brothers and one sister, and he's the first person in his family to finish high school.

Mr. Mabry graduated from Bailey Magnet High School and went on to attend Missouri State University. While there he played on the school's basketball team as a small forward. He also attended Lawson State University, playing on that basketball team, as a small forward, as well. From there, he transferred to Tougaloo College, where he studies to obtain an Undergraduate Degree in Health and Recreation Education and also played for the nationally ranked basketball team.

Having quickly acclimated into the Tougaloo family, Mr. Mabry was elected Mr. Tougaloo by vote of his peers for the 2010-2011 school years. Mr. Mabry now speaks to kids all around the world hoping to provide inspiration with his story. Mr. Mabry graduated from Tougaloo College in May 2011 with a degree in education and is currently a teacher at Whitten Middle School.

Mr. Mabry published his first book titled "A Dark Journey to A Light Future", which made him one of the youngest authors in the state of Mississippi at the age of 24.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Tommie Mabry.

TRIBUTE TO ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, since its establishment in 1948, Israel has been one of America's closest allies. Today, we celebrate Israeli Independence Day, or Yom Ha'atzmaut, to honor the proclamation of State of Israel. As a strong supporter of Israel, I join millions of my fellow Americans in wishing Israelis a Happy Independence Day.

Zionism, the movement to create a Jewish homeland, emerged in the 1800s as a response to centuries of anti-Semitism. Theodore Herzl, a Zionist pioneer, created the World Zionist Organization to initiate the preliminary steps to attaining a Jewish state free from persecution. Waves of immigrants flowed