EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNITION OF RIO VISTA HIGH SCHOOL AP GOVERNMENT CLASS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of California's 3rd Congressional District, I want to congratulate the AP Government students and their teacher Mr. Paul Heaney at Rio Vista High School for completing a class report on three major policy issues: welfare reform, health care, and unequal access to education.

The students, Victor Aguilera, Frederick Alvarez, Jamie Moe, Dylan Coito, Alexandra Correia, Hannah Cronin, Christina Curiel, Eric Del Aguila, Diana Elisea, Tyler Gomes, Jonathon Heaney, Alexis Johnson, Rebekah Kinser, Chace Marlowe, Alexa Martinez, Melanie Oakes, Lily Roberts, Christina Rutledge, Alyssa Schneider, Caroline Schulz, Kimberly Scneder, Maria Silva, Brady Swing, Dora Uribe, Raven Vance, Elizabeth Ventura, Antonio Wright, and Emily Zepeda demonstrated hard work in this inspiring program. Education is about developing knowledge and critical thinking skills. These students are civically engaged, reaching their lawmakers with policy recommendations on key issues facing our nation.

I was honored to learn more about their recommendations during a class visit on Tuesday, May 28. They engaged in a robust debate and succeeded in finding compromise on complex issues.

Their willingness to work together in good faith and to build consensus is laudable and a lesson for us all.

COMMENDING THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FOR OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF THE INTERIM REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS IN VIETNAM

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deepest appreciation to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for officially recognizing the Interim Representative Committee of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Vietnam, of which I am a member. I thank the Politburo, Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, President Truong Tan Sang, the Fatherland Front, the National Assembly, Foreign Ministry, Public Security, and any and all government agencies, especially the Committee on Religious Affairs, for sparing no effort to bring this day about.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the efforts and leadership of Chairman Pham Dung, Vice Chair Bui Thanh Ha, retired Vice Chair Nguyen Thanh Xuan, as well as Director Hoang Thi Thao, and the entire staff of the Committee on Religious Affairs.

I am grateful to H.E. President Nguyen Sinh Hung, Vice President Madam Tong Thi Phong, Vice President Madam Nguyen Thi Doan of the National Assembly, as well as Vice Chairman Ha Huy Thong of the Foreign Committee and all other Members of the National Assembly.

I thank Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh as well as any and all associated with the Foreign Ministry.

I also express my deepest appreciation to Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong, Dr. Luan Thuy Duong, and Mr. An Nguyen at the Embassy of Vietnam in the United States for their tireless efforts.

I also thank officers of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including The First Presidency, the Quorum of the Twelve, the Asia Area Presidency, as well as local leaders in Vietnam. In particular, I thank members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Vietnam and abroad.

I thank all those who have participated in this marvelous work and glory—those named in addition to all those who have added their efforts and prayers to ours, including those who have gone before us.

May 30, 2014, the official day of recognition, is a special occasion, a sacred occasion. Vietnam is a multi-religious society with approximately 25,000 places of worship and about 24 million followers of various faiths. In my official capacity as former Chairman and current Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs' Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, I have attended religious services in diverse houses of worship in Vietnam, and did so unannounced. Always, I found Vietnam to be a place favorable for religious activities and I thank Vietnam for encouraging and protecting the rights of individuals, families, and congregations to practice their religions and contribute as good parents and good citizens under the law.

I am very proud of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the work it does to protect activities of religious groups, including those of my faith. I consider the followers of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Vietnam my brothers and sisters. I feel the same about the leaders and officials of Vietnam. With mutual understanding, respect and trust, we have walked together to this day of recognition. We have walked together with faith in every footstep. And, as we journey forward, I am confident we will do so side by side.

When President Brigham Young led the followers of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints into the Salt Lake valley in 1847, he declared: "This is the right place. Drive on." To members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to government and party officials in Vietnam, to friends and family, I echo Brigham Young's words. Drive on knowing that May 30, 2014 will forevermore be one of the best days of my life, and I am sure many others will always cherish this day, too.

HONORING MRS. ANGETTI R. McLAUGHLIN

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

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

Whereas, Thirty years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System; and

Whereas, Mrs. Angetti R. McLaughlin began her educational career in teaching and this year she retires as a Teacher at Dunaire Elementary School in Stone Mountain, Georgia, she has served the DeKalb County, Talbot County, and Atlanta City Public Schools System well, and our community has been blessed through her service as a community activist; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator and Motivator, giving the citizens of 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. McLaughlin is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community and 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. Angetti R. McLaughlin 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 27, 2014 as Mrs. Angetti R. McLaughlin Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 27th day of May, 2014.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL GREGORY J. SCHWAB

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Major General Gregory Schwab of the United States Air Force on his illustrious military career spanning more than four decades. Major General Schwab will be honored at a ceremony at Camp Dodge on Saturday by Iowa's Adjutant General, Major General Timothy Orr.

Before he was a Major General, Gregory Schwab spent his childhood growing up on a

farm in Minnesota. Upon his high school graduation in 1968, Gregory enrolled in the University of Minnesota, Duluth to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Geography. In 1972, Gregory received his degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force through the ROTC program. He earned his wings in 1973 and would begin his storied career serving as an A–7 pilot and Forward Air Controller across the world before joining the Iowa Air National Guard in May of 1978.

Since joining the 132nd Fighter Wing, Major General Schwab's remarkable efforts have been invaluable to the State of Iowa. Initially serving a number of squadron roles in and out of the A–7, Major General Schwab transitioned to the F–16 with the unit and led two combat deployments to Southwest Asia in 1996 and 1997 as the 124th Fighter Squadron Commander. By 2002, he had ascended to Commander of the 132nd Fighter Wing. His remarkable leadership and management of such a renowned unit led to his service as the Deputy Adjutant General for the Iowa National Guard in 2008. In this role, Major General Schwab assisted leading Iowa's 9,000 Guardsmen in meeting mission requirements at the state and federal level. His outstanding work in Iowa resulted in his selection as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander of Air Combat Command in which he has served since 2011.

Mr. Speaker, our state and nation owes Major General Schwab a great debt of gratitude for his decades of service and sacrifice. His unwavering commitment to honorably serving his country and fellow Americans has been recognized through numerous decorations and continues to positively impact both Iowa and our nation as a whole. I know all of my colleagues in the United States Congress will join me in thanking Major General Schwab for his years of faithful service and congratulating him on a truly stellar career. I wish him, and his wife Debey, the very best as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO SEC. 217 OF H.R. 4435, WHICH PLACES COSTLY AND UNNECESSARY LIMITATIONS ON MODERNIZATION INITIATIVES FOR THE SPACE-BASED INFRARED SYSTEMS

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my opposition to Sec. 217 of H.R. 4435, the 'Buck' McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015. During the committee markup of this bill, language was added that limits the availability of funding for the modernization initiatives for the Space-Based Infrared System (SBIRS) program.

This provision fences off 50 percent of the funds for the SBIRS SMI Hosted Payloads and Wide Field of View Testbed projects until the ongoing analysis of alternatives for the SBIRS is completed and reported to the congressional defense committees.

I am concerned that restricting funding for these initiatives will derail important efforts to develop future architecture concepts for the missile warning platform. Fencing funds for those projects will likely ensure that alternative architectures will not be viable or informative when the major acquisition milestone decision on the next SBIRS is made in the 2017–2018 timeframe.

The Air Force's Space and Missile Systems Center estimates that the 50 percent restriction will delay the launch of the demonstration by seven months, pushing the project completion date to April 2018 and incurring about $10 million in cost growth.

It is my understanding that the intent of the bill's language is not to damage or derail these important modernization efforts, but rather to compel the timely completion of the Department's ongoing Analysis of Alternatives for the missile warning architecture. I support that goal, but I believe it should be achieved without limiting funds for the modernization initiatives for the SBIRS program.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS STEWART

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, I am recorded as voting "aye" on rollcall vote No. 254, an amendment by Mr. MORAN that would facilitate closing the detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by allowing the transfer of those dangerous detainees, who were captured on the battlefield in the war on terror, to be transferred to the United States of America. Mr. Speaker on this vote I was misrecorded. I duly intended to vote "no" on rollcall No. 254.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. T. NATHANIEL HERCULES

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

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

Whereas, Reverend Dr. T. Nathaniel Hercules is celebrating fifty-five (55) years in ministry this year and has provided stellar leadership to his church on an international level; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. T. Nathaniel Hercules, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Saint Paul AME Worship Center, as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. T. Nathaniel Hercules is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Reverend Dr. T. Nathaniel Hercules as he celebrates fifty-five years in ministry and to salute him as he retires from pastoral leadership; A true Man of Excellence; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 6, 2014 as Reverend Dr. T. Nathaniel Hercules Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 6th day of June, 2014.

TRIBUTE TO GRACE GARCIA, VISIONARY, ACTIVIST, AND FIERCE WARRIOR FOR TEXAS WOMEN AND EQUALITY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and remember one of the most influential and prominent leaders in the movement to empower women and groom the next generation of women Democratic political leaders.

Grace Garcia died on Monday, June 2, in a traffic accident in Waxahachie, Texas. She was 59 years old. She died doing what she loved and what she was put on earth to do, and that was to help women gain the skills, resources, and opportunities to become leaders in their communities.

Powerful and courageous, compassionate and sympathetic; this was the rare and beautiful blend that was Grace Garcia.

Grace Garcia came from a military family and the ethic of duty and service to others was embedded in her soul. Although the family relocated often, Grace claimed San Antonio, Texas, as her home.

Grace Garcia attended Jefferson High School in the San Antonio Independent School District and went on to earn her B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, and afterwards, moved on to live out her dreams.

From the start of her career, Grace Garcia was actively involved in government and politics. She went on to hold prestigious senior level positions from the state to the national level.

She played prominent roles in the management of President Clinton's successful 1992 and 1996 presidential campaigns, Senator Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign, and was an advisor and confidante of Texas State Senators Wendy Davis and Senator Leticia Van de Putte in their bids for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Texas.

During the Clinton Administration, Grace Garica held the position of Deputy Director in the Office of Presidential Scheduling and Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Grace Garcia later went on to work in the Obama Administration as Senior Advisor to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in the Office of the Chief of Protocol at the U.S. Department of State.

Upon her return to Texas, Grace Garcia was named Executive Director of Annie's List, an organization dedicated to "advancing progressive women in Texas from the ballot box to the halls of power."

She was a mentor to many women who had dreams and ambitions to become leaders in the Democratic Party. But she was more than that: she was a beacon of light.

Annie's List flourished as a result of leadership and organizational genius as reflected in

the unprecedented achievement of nominating women to the two highest statewide constitutional offices.

Grace Garcia was a visionary leader and had tremendous passion for advancing equality and opportunity for women in the field of public service.

Women like Grace Garcia are diamonds. They are sharp, shine brightly, are unbreakable, and perfectly suited for their mission.

Grace Garcia loved to defy the odds; where others were deterred by obstacles, she saw and seized opportunity.

As a founder of the National Latina Political Action Committee and leading member of the National Latino Finance Council for Hillary Clinton's presidential bid, Grace Garcia proved to be an influential leader for the Latino community.

Grace Garcia's modesty belied her remarkable ability to influence events and improve people's lives.

Her departure came all too soon, but the trail she blazed leaves us a path to follow.

Grace Garcia opened doors of opportunity for women, and to honor her memory, we must continue that effort.

Mr. Speaker, today we remember the gift with which we were abundantly blessed with, and that is the life of Grace Garcia.

I hope it is a comfort to her family that so many of us mourn with them at this sad time.

But through our sadness, we draw strength from the legacy she left behind.

Grace Garcia will never be forgotten. She lives on in lives and deeds of progressive women political leaders in this generation and those to come.

So long my friend. We will miss you dearly, and forever hold you in our hearts.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of the remarkable Grace Garcia.

MARKING THE RETIREMENT OF CHAIRMAN BUFORD ROLIN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the distinguished career of a great tribal leader, Chairman Buford Rolin. For more than three decades, Chairman Rolin has worked tirelessly to build stronger, healthier and more prosperous communities—for his fellow Poarch Band of Creek Indians and for native peoples across the country. He retires with a towering legacy of leadership and accomplishment, built through the vision, determination and energy that has long defined his many years of service.

Rolin was born in Atmore, Alabama in 1940. He spent eight years in the Army, occasionally hitchhiking home from Fort Benning, Georgia to enjoy his weekend passes back in Poarch. His first job after the army was as a haberdasher in Pensacola, Florida. Eventually Rolin found a job with Dixie Asphalt and Paving.

Over the years, his insight and expertise has fueled work in positions involving diverse groups including the National Committee on Indian Work, the Episcopal Church, the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Creek Indian Arts Council, Creek Indian Heritage Memorial Association, and the State of Alabama Public Health Board.

His hands-on experience with Indian health issues led to his appointment as Tribal Co-Chair National Steering Committee (NSC) for Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) in 1998. After his service as Tribal Co-Chair for the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, President Bill Clinton appointed him to the White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Policy. The National Congress of American Indians recognized his leadership by appointing him to the NCAI Tribal Leaders Health Information Technology Task Force in 2001. Diabetes prevention has long been a focus of Rolin's leadership, and just last year, he received the IHS Director's Special Recognition Award for his many years devoted to tackling this challenge.

Chairman of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians since 2006, Rolin has been a tenacious and devoted advocate for tribal sovereignty, the duty of the trust responsibility, and the health and prosperity of his people. Today, the state-of-the-art Buford L. Rolin Health Center—named in recognition of a lifetime improving health across Indian Country—carries forward his great work, caring for his home community with a host of primary care, nutrition, diabetes, diagnostic, and rehabilitative services.

As he enters the next chapter of his life, I join with many others in thanking him for the many years of service and leadership he has given Indian Country and our Nation. For while Chairman Rolin is ending his career, we know that his achievements will make a difference in the lives of his community for generations to come. Congratulations on a well-earned retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF JANET GRAY HAYES

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues, Congresswoman ANNA G. ESHOO and Congressman MIKE HONDA, to honor the life of our friend Janet Gray Hayes, the first woman elected as Mayor of San Jose, California.

We often use words like pioneer and trailblazer in tribute to inspiring and remarkable individuals, and that certainly is true for Janet Gray Hayes. She made a profound impact on our community in San Jose, and in a larger sense, was one of the pioneers who helped open the doors for women to serve their communities in public service.

Born Janet Gray Frazee in Rushville, Indiana, on July 12, 1926, she was the second of two daughters of John P. Frazee, Jr., and Lucile Charman Gray Frazee. Like other members of the famed ''Greatest Generation,'' she grew up in the hard scrabble years of the Great Depression. These humble beginnings, and the personal challenges she overcame, taught Janet Gray about character, empathy for others, and standing strong when it came to matters of principle.

Janet Gray would go on to pursue a higher education, graduating as a Phi Betta Kappa at the University of Indiana. She met her future husband Kenneth while she was a student at the University of Chicago. They married in 1950, after Janet Gray earned a master's degree in social work, and she supported his medical studies. Their marriage would last for over five decades until Kenneth passed away in 2013.

In 1956, when Janet Gray's husband Kenneth took a job as a physician at Agnews State Hospital, they moved to San Jose. Having been raised in an active Republican family, Janet Gray was introduced to politics at a young age when her family home became an official campaign base for Wendell Willkie, the Republican presidential nominee in 1940. But her real impetus for launching into the world of civics and politics came when she was eight months pregnant and made an appeal to the City Council for a school crossing guard in her neighborhood.

That battle for a simple community issue would ultimately take sixteen years, but it unleashed Janet Gray's involvement in San Jose politics. By 1960 she became the president of both the San Jose and Bay Area Leagues of Women Voters. Six years later she was appointed to the San Jose Redevelopment Board and rose to become chair.

In 1971, Janet Gray won election to the San Jose City Council, and four years later, sought to succeed Mayor Norman Mineta after he was elected to Congress. Against tremendous odds, and against a deeply entrenched establishment that fought her candidacy, she won.

Her election threw the doors open for other women to follow, sparking a movement for women to get actively involved and seek public office. Over the next two elections, women were elected to eight of the eleven City Council seats and three out of the five Santa Clara County supervisor seats—including a future Member of Congress named ZOE LOFGREN.

San Jose was declared the ''feminist capital of the world.'' And as Janet Gray welcomed delegates at the 1977 National Women's Political Caucus, hosted in the city, she proudly remarked that ''In sunny Santa Clara Valley, you are in the heartland of women in power.'' However, Janet Gray's accomplishments were not limited to her milestone election.

Her successful stewardship running a major city shattered long held myths that women could not be successful executives. Janet Gray made a commitment to improving access to the mayor's office and presided over San Jose's growth during the high-tech development years by laying out a vision to make the city ''better before we make it bigger.'' That vision for San Jose is present today in a city that has focused on smart growth and urban planning to avoid urban sprawl and achieve a better quality of life for its citizens.

When asked by her son to name her biggest source of pride, Janet Gray replied ''I was proudest of the fact that I could open doors. I had a lot to do with these women getting where they are today.'' Her generous assistance, guidance, leadership and friendship helped emerging women leaders after her succeed.

Mr. Speaker, more than fifty years ago, Adlai Stevenson praised another pioneering woman when he said of Eleanor Roosevelt that she would 'rather light a candle than curse the darkness.' Those words are also fitting for Janet Gray Hayes. Because of her, and other pioneering women like her, future

generations of women inherit a country where women are increasingly encouraged to engage in serving their communities and our country in public office.

We invite all of our colleagues in Congress to join us in paying tribute to the remarkable life and legacy of Janet Gray Hayes.

HONORING JANICE T. CRAWFORD

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

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

Whereas, Thirty-five years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System; and

Whereas, Mrs. Janice T. Crawford began her educational career in teaching and this year she retires as a Principal at Dunaire Elementary School in Stone Mountain, Georgia, she has served the DeKalb County Public Schools System well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator and Motivator, giving the citizens of 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. Crawford 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. Janice T. Crawford 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 21, 2014 as Mrs. Janice T. Crawford Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 21st day of May, 2014.

HONORING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR MARTIN BARRERAS

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Command Sergeant Major Martin Barreras, who died on May 13, 2014 from wounds suffered while serving in Afghanistan. CSM Barreras was serving with the 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire. CSM Barreras joined the Army in 1988 after serving five years in the Marine Corps and served 22 years in the 75th Ranger Regiment in both 1st and 2nd Battalions. During his time in the Ranger Regiment, he served in a large range of positions and completed multiple combat deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, Operation Just Cause in Panama, Operation Restore/Uphold Democracy in Haiti, and other special operations missions.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with V device, Bronze Star with three oak leaf clusters, Purple Heart with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Iraqi Campaign Medal with three stars, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with four stars, Combat Infantryman Badge with one star, Expert Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge with bronze star, Military Freefall Badge and Pathfinder Badge.

CSM Barreras was respected by both his community and colleagues, and deeply loved by his family and friends. He was 49 years old and left behind a wife, a young son and two daughters.

This husband, father, and friend cannot be replaced, but his sacrifice will always be remembered and his legacy of compassion and service will live on after him. He is gone but not forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Command Sergeant Major Barreras, and I thank him for all he gave back to the people of this great Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOUG HAWTHORNE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Doug Hawthorne, who is stepping down as chief executive officer of Texas Health Resources after 44 years of outstanding service to the communities of North Texas.

Hawthorne played a vital role in 1997 with the merger of Presbyterian Healthcare Resources, Harris Methodist Health System and Arlington Memorial Hospital. He created the Texas Health Resources health care system, which has grown to become one of the largest faith-based, not-for-profit health care systems in the nation under his leadership.

Hawthorne received many awards and recognition for his work. He was named to Modern Healthcare magazine's annual list of the 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare in 2012 and 2013 after being on the list six times in prior years.

As a physician, I can say that his dedication and commitment have been instrumental in transforming the delivery of healthcare in North Texas. He is truly deserving of recognition for his exceptional work, and I wish him all the best on his next endeavor. I am proud to represent him in Congress.

HONORING CYNTHIA V. LEWIS

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

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

Whereas, Thirty years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System; and

Whereas, Mrs. Cynthia V. Lewis began her educational career in teaching and this year she retires as a Teacher at Dunaire Elementary School in Stone Mountain, Georgia, she has served the DeKalb County and New York Schools Systems well, and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia and New York 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. Lewis is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community and 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. Cynthia V. Lewis 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 27, 2014 as Mrs. Cynthia V. Lewis Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 27th day of May, 2014.

RECOGNIZING ANDREW GARCIA

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of New Mexico resident Andrew "Andy" Garcia, a man of iconic proportions who developed, refined, and transformed New Mexican cuisine in our great State of New Mexico.

Andy began his entrepreneurial pursuits on his own, 50 years ago with his first venture selling New Mexican food at carnivals and street fairs. It was not until a few years later that Andy founded the wildly successful Garcia's Tents and Events. Andy's life success culminated with the establishment of eight Garcia's Kitchen restaurants, a popular food choice throughout the Albuquerque metro area.

For those visiting Albuquerque, as locals will tell you, a stop at Garcia's is a must. Today at Andy's establishments, business leaders, political icons, and New Mexicans enjoy great food, hospitality and camaraderie. Garcia's embodies the spirit of New Mexico culture and is a historic pillar in the Albuquerque community—still today and for years to come.

The truth is that Andy's life is a testament to the American Dream and the idea that with hard work, persistence, and dedication nothing is unattainable. His vision and accomplishments serve as an inspiration for future generations of entrepreneurs and small business owners, and demonstrate the impact one individual can have on an entire community. As a proud family man, Andy was fortunate to see these values passed down to his children and grandchildren who continue to manage and build his enterprises.

His family will tell you that he:

Shared his love, his wisdom, his will to love life and all it brings. He has had many peaks and valleys, highlights and adventures

in his 90 years of life, more than most of us. He lived everyday with passion to do his best and to be happy. He is now on his journey into somewhere we will all meet again.

A successful businessman, loving father, and community icon, Andy was indeed a talented man of courage and integrity. His character, love of life, enthusiasm and selflessness were felt by all who knew him. It is individuals like Andy that make our Nation a sought-after home for those with a dream. My thoughts and prayers are with family, and everyone who has enjoyed Andy's hospitality and a meal at one of his restaurants. May the memory of Andy live on in our hearts.

HONORING ELIZABETH JONES

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

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

Whereas, A virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System; and

Whereas, Ms. Elizabeth Jones began her educational career in teaching thirty-five (35) years ago, and this year she retires from teaching at Stephenson Middle School in Stone Mountain, Georgia, she has served the DeKalb County School District well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator and Motivator, giving the citizens of 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, Ms. Jones 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 Ms. Elizabeth Jones on her retirement from the DeKalb County School District and to wish her well in her new endeavors; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 25, 2014 as Ms. Elizabeth Jones Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of May, 2014.

HONORING THEODOSIA MURPHY NOLAN

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, today I submit the homily of Theodosia Murphy Nolan, a legendary Arkansas businesswoman and philanthropist, delivered on May 28, 2014, and authored by her godson, the Reverend Doctor Christoph Keller III.

Theodosia; from theos (God) and dosis (gift). "Gift of God."

As Jesus was passing through Samaria, he met a woman at a well. Thirsty, he asked for water. "Who are you," she said, "a Jew, a man, asking me, a woman of Samaria, for water?" That's when he said: "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that asks you for a drink, he would give you living water." If you knew the Gift of God. If you knew Theodosia.

If you knew Theodosia, then you know the story; that her father was already forty-five, her mother thirty—old for those days—when they married; that in the first two pregnancies, they lost their baby. Now came a daughter, beautiful and healthy. With thankful hearts, they named her Theodosia.

You know that she grew up gentle, respectful and devoted to her parents, but not meek; that at sixteen, she owned and flew an airplane, setting a dangerous example for her sister, in the opinion of my father; and that at eighteen, she married William, over objections from her parents. She was too young; about William, there were questions. As she stood her ground opposite her parents, she was being every inch their daughter. Firm and loving, they gave their children rope to make and accept the consequences of their own decisions. It was her life and she would get to live it as she saw fit.

So how did she live it? As a firm and loving wife and mother, devoted to her family—and with William, who was a keeper.

If you knew Theodosia, you know Bubba. For our guests, Bubba is our term of endearment for Bertie Wilson Murphy, Theodosia's mother. I guess Charlie Nolan must have been the first to call her that. Eventually, Bubba was her name to everyone in El Dorado.

When Bubba died almost forty years ago, Theodosia—now "Dosia," thanks to Diny—assumed the matriarchal mantle for our wider family, including siblings Charles, Polly and Bertie, plus all their progeny and in-laws. Ours has been a fruitful, multiplying clan, now sprawled out across the planet from Seattle to Beirut. The family center, though, is here in El Dorado: 900 N. Madison, where you can dangle your feet in the pool, sucking scuppernongs and muscadines.

If you've read King Lear, or Faulkner, or Genesis and 2nd Samuel, or the Wall Street Journal, or watched Dallas, then you should know that life in families isn't simple, necessarily.

Theodosia, however, doesn't bring to mind the complexity of family life. She represents its grace. It was Robert Frost who said: "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in." True enough, I suppose, but it doesn't capture Theodosia. With her, you wanted to go there and she wanted to take you in. She wanted to feed you a heart-healthy breakfast: quail and scrambled eggs, Talla Bena sausage with a side order of bacon, pancakes with Ribbon Cane syrup (maple syrup only if you begged, served with a slight frown of disapproval). She wanted you to plop down beside her on the couch, get comfortable, and tell her the latest chapter of your story. She would know that you weren't telling her the whole truth. You would know that, even if you did, she would love you. There was nothing you could do or say that would warrant expulsion. You were family, period.

A word to my younger Nolan cousins: I used the word "grace." If you have heard that word and wondered what it means, then think of where you stood with Dosia.

Remember your worst day. You know that on that day she still loved you. That is grace. Jesus made that point through parables, like the prodigal son returning to his father. You can understand the father in that parable just by knowing Dosia. Once you understand that father, you know God.

The force of Theodosia's presence and example on our family history is impossible to calculate, but I am thinking that her impact was enormous. After everything, and no small thanks to her, we know our family as a blessing. We won't let it be less.

If you knew Theodosia, you know that, not only was she devoted to a family, she was devoted to a place: El Dorado, Arkansas.

Let's think on this place. Growing up in Arkansas, we learn early on of our three distinct geological regions: mountains to the north and west, delta to the east and, in between, spreading south from Little Rock, the gulf coastal plane. Of the three regions, this is the one that seems to have lacked a national identity: Hillbillies, they know, delta planters, they know, but who are we?

Well, there is a lot of wood, so I will start with that. Wood means deer, and I will mention that. Then came oil. My wife Julie recently took on a project to salvage and restore a Steinway piano at Central High School in Little Rock. This instrument had been purchased for the school in 1927. Julie tracked down the original Steinway distributor's ledger that recorded the sale. That particular ledger page shows 73 sales from throughout the Mid-South. Looking it over, Julie noticed a sale, December 28, 1926, to Bertie Wilson Murphy. When Julie showed me her find, I noticed that, of the entries on that page, no fewer than twenty were to buyers in El Dorado, Arkansas. It made perfect sense! The Busey-Armstrong well came in 1921. Through the twenties, El Dorado was a boomtown. What are you going to do with all that new money? The good citizens of El Dorado were going to purchase Steinways, which we now know is what people did with extra cash before the invention of the bass boat. Just three weeks ago, Julie brought that ledger down to 900 North Madison and showed it to Theodosia. They sat down on the couch beside Bubba's Steinway, and Julie caught Theodosia up on Keller family stories.

El Dorado's early glory day was back before the great depression. Even then, it would not have been the kind of town that is full of its own importance. There are such places. Great ladies in such places are not called Bubba. I have lived in such places and I appreciated and enjoyed them. But they don't care. They don't need our loyalty and love. If we want the kind of instant self-esteem they offer, we can have it just by living there. They give us that, needing nothing in return. These places are in New York or California. I am told there may be some in Texas. They are not in Arkansas. They are not El Dorado.

The big oil play petered out and the economics of the region began to favor dispersion: raise your kids and send them off, pack up the Steinways and move on. But El Dorado defied that fate with muscular determination, as well as cultured sensibility and aesthetic flair. Does that sound like anyone we know?

As much as Theodosia's love for family was unconditional, so was her commitment to South Arkansas. The taxes are a little higher here than Florida or Texas, the lights a little brighter in New York, but she belonged to El Dorado, case closed. She stayed put, as did her brother; and, as they insisted, so did the companies they founded. So Madison stayed too, with Suzanne; and Bill, with Deborah; and Bob with Candi, and in came Claiborne with Elaine; now Raymond with Liza; and back come Mike and Sydney. And now El Dorado is recognized throughout the country as the town where anyone and everyone can get a college education. There are no such towns in Texas, New York or California. El Dorado has an impressive new identity; and a remarkable town square; and

a beautiful new school; and a growing reputation for commitment to the arts. Also, the Wildcats are doing well.

All this grew as much from heart as calculation. This is a little bit like faith. It has to stand the tests of reason—in this case, economic reason—and it does, but there are other factors in the blend: appreciation for tradition; memories of loved ones; love of neighbor. As Newman said of faith, belief in El Dorado lives in the desire for that which it confesses. There are things between earth and heaven, my dear Horatio, undreamt of by Investor's Weekly. To Theodosia, such things were real and exceedingly important—and in some small part because she saw them as such, they took hold. Through grace, grit and imagination, El Dorado perseveres against the tide.

If you knew Theodosia, you know where else her love of place and family coalesced: the Coast and Cherokee. When we say ''coast'' we don't mean the Pacific Palisades, we mean Pass Christian and the Mississippi Sound—waveless, brown and shallow. We couldn't wait to get there: slathered up with Off and Coppertone, fishing from the pier, catching crabs and speckled trout and occasionally a stingray; swinging in a hammock with a good or trashy book; zooming up and down the Gulf Coast Highway; eating better than kings. All that, we lost to Hurricane Katrina. Even the house that Bubba built couldn't hold against that primal tide. Safely inland, Cherokee endures.

If you knew Theodosia, you know that, as we reckon long, she lived a long time: from Model T to Prius. Not that she would drive a Prius: she belonged in Thunderbirds. She lived through social revolutions. I always knew what Polly Keller thought about those revolutions as they happened. I also had a solid take on William Nolan's views, which reliably ran opposite to Polly Keller's. Theodosia held her opinions closer to the vest. She seemed neither restless with the way things were, nor much disturbed by the thought that they were changing. There would still be town and family to attend to, come what may.

I do know that in 1966 she supported David Pryor's run for Congress in the Fourth District, because I read that in his book (actually, my son Christoph read the whole book and showed this to me. I read only the two or three sentences concerning Theodosia.) In the primary, Charles Murphy was backing Richard Arnold. (Show me a congressional election from New York to California that involved such commendable opponents.) The battle went to Pryor and Theodosia over Charles and Richard Arnold. As I said, meek she was not.

Watch over thy child Theodosia, O Lord, as her days increase. Bless and guide her, wherever she may be.

If you know Theodosia, you know her faith: Methodist, with the occasional Episcopal accoutrements; and you know that she called her children, and their children, and theirs, on their birthdays, to pray with them from the Book of Common Prayer.

Strengthen her when she stands, comfort her when discouraged or sorrowful . . .

Well, certain aspects of that prayer are no more applicable to Theodosia. She leaves sorrow and discouragement behind. She leaves you, her beloved family, with that prayer, to say for one another as you carry on. As you say that prayer, as I know you'll do, you will think of her. As you think of her, remember her in faith. The faith in that prayer imbues our attitude towards place and family—actually, our attitude towards everything, Theodosia's death included. At least, it should; and for her, it did.

This place, First United Methodist, was the church through which she lived that faith through all her many years. Here, she commended the souls of Charles and Bertie her parents; William her husband; Charles her brother; and Bill her son, to the good Lord who was grace itself, incarnate.

If you know Theodosia, you know that, good Methodist that she was, her faith in Christ was first and last a matter of the heart.

She had a good one, didn't she. She was a gift.

RECOGNIZING OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE AND THE ABILITYONE PROGRAM

HON. STEVEN A. HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Opportunity Village and the AbilityOne Program. The AbilityOne Program harnesses the purchasing power of the Federal Government to buy products and services from participating community-based nonprofit agencies that are dedicated to training and employing individuals who have significant disabilities or are blind. Organizations like Opportunity Village, located in every state of our great nation, employ nearly 50,000 Americans who are blind or have significant disabilities through this Program.

AbilityOne affiliated non-profit agencies like Opportunity Village offer people who are blind or who have significant disabilities opportunities to acquire the job skills and training necessary to receive good wages and benefits and ultimately improve their quality of life. Today, over 75 percent of people with significant disabilities do not have jobs. Census statistics indicate there are 9.4 million people with significant disabilities in the United States who could work given the appropriate opportunity and support.

Opportunity Village is a shining example, providing employment opportunities and training to over 1,990 individuals with disabilities; many of whom live in the 4th district of Nevada; through this Program. Opportunity Village helps them to lead more productive lives, support their families, gain important work experience, and share in the same pride that each of us has after a day's work. Many of these individuals work in support of our men and women in uniform, doing their part to improve our country and ensure safety and security for us all.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I extend my support to the AbilityOne Program and to Opportunity Village. I also want to commend the dedication and commitment of Mr. Ed Guthrie, the Executive Director of Opportunity Village, and to his staff for helping individuals who are blind or have significant disabilities find employment opportunities. Their work helps people live fuller lives and become more active members of society. I also commend each of the nearly 50,000 AbilityOne employees who work every day to improve their lives, and make our country a better place to live.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP DR. STEWART REESE, JR.

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

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

Whereas, Bishop Dr. Stewart Reese, Jr., is celebrating forty five (45) years in pastoral leadership this year as the founder of Bethesda Cathedral of the Apostolic Faith, Inc., and has provided stellar leadership to his church; and

Whereas, Bishop Reese, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Bethesda Cathedral as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Bishop Reese is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the nation his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Bishop Reese, as he celebrates forty five years in pastoral leadership on this the Founder's Day of Bethesda Cathedral of the Apostolic Faith; now therefore, I, HENRY C. ''HANK'' JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 1, 2014 as Bishop Dr. Stewart Reese, Jr. Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 1st day of June, 2014.

COMMENDING THE SALVATION ARMY OF BROWARD COUNTY ON THE LAUNCH OF THE OPEN DOOR PROJECT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Salvation Army of Broward County, Florida. In the coming week, the Salvation Army will launch the Open Door Project, a new homeless shelter in Fort Lauderdale that will focus on helping the chronically homeless.

Our nation is currently faced with a harsh reality. Roughly 2 million Americans face homelessness every year. We have made great progress in reducing the number of Americans without a home, but there is much more to be done. The Open Door Project will be instrumental in helping vulnerable individuals in Broward County find shelter, support, and eventually, a permanent home.

The Salvation Army of Broward County has been serving the South Florida community since 1926, tirelessly working to serve the needs of the less fortunate. The organization offers transitional housing, life-skill training, and a structured support system to help individuals and families escape the cycle of homelessness. With the launch of the Open Door Project, the Salvation Army of Broward

County has again demonstrated its dedication to providing resources for anyone grappling with homelessness in the Fort Lauderdale region.

The Open Door Project is a low demand facility. All they ask of their guests is their name, and do not require more private information. This ensures that individuals suffering from drug and alcohol addiction, mental illness, or those who would otherwise avoid these services can still find a safe place to sleep for the night. By providing homeless individuals with a safe bed and a meal the following morning, the Open Door Project will build a system of trust, in hope that these individuals may be comfortable seeking further help in the future.

Mr. Speaker, as the Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of the Congressional Homelessness Caucus, I believe that ending homelessness must be one of our top priorities as a nation. Allowing men, women, and children to live on the streets is not a standard America should be willing to accept. I am pleased to offer my deepest appreciation and congratulations to the staff and volunteers of the Salvation Army as they continue in their mission to combat homelessness in Fort Lauderdale. I look forward to working with the Open Door Project in the future to advocate for those who so often cannot advocate for themselves.

HONORING FREDERICK LEE McHENRY, SR.

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

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

Whereas, Mr. Frederick Lee McHenry, Sr., a tenacious and illustrious man from Lawrenceville, Georgia, utilizes his gifts, talents and wisdom everyday to ensure that citizens are inspired and lives are touched; and

Whereas, Mr. Frederick Lee McHenry, Sr., is a renowned advocate, business leader, motivator and community leader in the state of Georgia; and

Whereas, he is the Grandmaster of the Genesis Willingham Grand Lodge of Georgia, Chief Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masonic Order and has been an active Mason for over thirty years; and

Whereas, this model citizen has shared his time and talents for the betterment of his community and his nation through his tireless works, words of encouragement and inspiration that continue to be a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Frederick Lee McHenry, Sr., for his outstanding leadership and service to the citizens in the state of Georgia; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 17, 2014 as Frederick Lee McHenry, Sr. Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 17th day of May, 2014.

TO RECOGNIZE BOY SCOUTS FROM TROOP 28

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize three Boy Scouts from Troop 28 of Southampton, Bucks County. Harrison Kampf, Dylan McKernan, Ron Brown and one of their Scoutmasters Tom McCullough were on a white water rafting trip last October when another rafter became trapped underwater due to the strong river current and pinned up against a rock formation. Realizing the situation at hand, the Scouts acted quickly and decisively to stabilize their own raft and pull the man out of the water—saving his life. For their courageous and life-saving action, the Boy Scouts of America recognized these young men with the Honor Medal, which has only been awarded to 2,354 scouts since its inception in 1923. I am honored to recognize these individuals and proud to say that the values and skills taught by the Boy Scouts of America are alive and well in Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District.