

RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA
MOUNTAIN LAKES TOURIST AS-
SOCIATION FOR FIFTY YEARS OF
SERVICE

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association on its fifty years of dedicated service and proclaim September 2014 as Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association Month. Established in 1964, the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association's most important goal is to stimulate the economic and cultural development of North Alabama through the tourism and travel industry.

Representing the sixteen counties of North Alabama and an ever-expanding membership base, the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association is committed to expanding, and not duplicating, the objectives or efforts of local associations, organizations, and chambers of commerce that represent specific industry components.

The Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association is committed to sharing with the rest of Alabama, the South and the nation the great attractions, festivals, restaurants, and other entertainment options that North Alabama has to offer. From the W.C. Handy Music Festival in Florence and Riverfest in Decatur to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville and the Limestone Sheriff's Rodeo in Athens, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

I congratulate the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association on their fifty years of unparalleled success and wish them well and best wishes as they continue to promote the North Alabama region.

TRIBUTE TO APLIN RIDGE
METHODIST CHURCH

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aplin Ridge Methodist Church located in Gay, Jackson County, West Virginia, who is celebrating its 100th anniversary with a Centennial Celebration on September 20 and 21, 2014.

Aplin Ridge Methodist Church was constructed in 1914, built with hand tools by church members over several months. There was no electricity during construction, so lanterns were used by workers to illuminate the site during work at night. The land and the timber for the church were donated by Ester Aplin Waybright Thomas. The church was named for her father William Henry Aplin and was dedicated on November 2, 1914.

Charles Westfall, a member of the church remembers hearing stories of his father standing on a ladder holding a lantern, while putting the final touches on the steeple and securing the church bell in preparation for the church's grand opening. Others recall that during winter months, dozens of lanterns could be seen lighting the ridge as church members headed to Aplin Ridge Methodist Church on foot,

horseback or by wagon for evening worship services. Worshipers were warmed by a wood stove and the church was illuminated by oil lamps and candles until 1946, when electricity was made available. It is stories such as these, passed down from generation to generation, that enrich the history of the beloved church.

Many Aplin Ridge members answered the call to service for World Wars I and II, Korean and Vietnam Wars, Iraq and Afghanistan. The church survived and pulled together during many significant events, in addition to the wars, ranging from the Great Depression to Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon and the horrific attack on this country on September 11, 2001. Throughout its existence, Aplin Ridge Methodist Church has conducted hundreds of baptisms, weddings, and family celebrations. The church is proud of its 80 member congregation, of all ages, many of which are fourth generation members. The church is also known for its benevolence by providing substantial help and financial relief to community members experiencing difficult times. The motto of the Aplin Ridge Methodist Church follows the teachings of Jesus, "Love thy Neighbor."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close by thanking Pastor Danny Cummings for his commitment to Aplin Ridge Methodist Church and its congregation for celebrating its greatness through this special Centennial celebration. Hopefully, this will be the beginning of the next 100 years of service Aplin Ridge Methodist Church will have as the spiritual, loving beacon of the community of Gay and Jackson County. I am truly privileged to serve such a distinguished group of West Virginians.

TRIBUTE TO THE MAULTSBY
FAMILY

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

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

Whereas, in the mid 1800's, the Maultsby Family settled in Bladen County, North Carolina; since that time, they have blessed us with descendants across the country who have helped to shape and mold our nation; and

Whereas, today we honor all of the matriarchs and patriarchs, who are pillars of strength for the Maultsby family; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Maultsby family who are some of our most productive citizens such as Ms. Marilyn Pruitt and Mr. Jerome Maultsby; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Maultsby family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in Georgia's Fourth Congressional District; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Maultsby Family; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim, July 25,

2014 as The Maultsby Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia. Proclaimed, this 25th day of July, 2014.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
MAESTRO LORIN MAAZEL

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Representative CAROLYN MALONEY, Representative MIKE DOYLE, and Representative MARCIA FUDGE, I submit these remarks to commemorate the life of Maestro Lorin Maazel, who passed away July 13, 2014 at the age of 84.

An American born in Paris in 1930, Maazel quickly became a child prodigy, beginning violin lessons when he was just five years old. At age seven, Arturo Toscanini invited him to conduct the NBC Symphony, and only five years later, he debuted at the New York Philharmonic. He conducted nearly all of the major American orchestras before he was 15 years old. At the age of 16, he began studying philosophy, language, and mathematics at the University of Pittsburgh, while also playing violin with the Pittsburgh Symphony to help pay his tuition.

He would go on to conduct more than 150 orchestras in at least 5,000 opera and concert performances during his career and make over 300 recordings. Maazel was the Artistic Director of the Deutsche Oper Berlin and the General Manager of the Vienna State Opera. He also served as the Music Director for the Cleveland Orchestra for 10 years, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra for eight years, the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra for nearly ten years, and the New York Philharmonic, America's oldest orchestra, for seven years.

Also a widely admired composer, Maazel wrote most of his operas over the last 15 years. His first opera, based on George Orwell's 1984, premiered at the Royal Opera House in London and later sold out its revival at La Scala in Milan.

Maazel shared his talents with the world, but he also believed deeply in mentoring the next generation of artists. Along with his wife, Dietlinde Turban Maazel, he founded the Castleton Festival in 2009, which was intended to be a "vista-opener," in his words, to nurture and mentor young musicians through annual summer performances and training seminars on their farm in Rappahannock County, Virginia. He was rehearsing and making preparations for this year's festival when he passed away at their home, Castleton Farms. His legacy will live on through the Castleton Festival and through all of the artists he mentored.

As Nina May, a member of the Castleton Festival Board of Directors wrote, "the maestro's life was based on years of giving—to the arts community, to young musicians who are called to their craft and to a world that wants to preserve the majesty of classical music."

Our thoughts remain with his wife, Dietlinde, and his seven children and four grandchildren. Congresswoman MALONEY, Congressman DOYLE, Congresswoman FUDGE, and I note

with great gratitude the life of a world-renowned musical icon.

HONORING ATTORNEYS TONEY
AND SHUNDA BALDWIN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding, highly driven professional duo, Mr. and Mrs. Toney and Shunda Baldwin. Together, the Baldwins have established a reputable law firm with a primary focus of providing high quality legal services with integrity, professionalism, and respect for those they represent and the community.

Toney Baldwin obtained his Juris Doctorate degree in May of 2005 from Southern Law Center in Baton Rouge, LA. He moved back to Mississippi in June of 2005 where he began his career as a law clerk with the Honorable Dennis Sweet. He also clerked with Hinds County District Attorney Robert Smith. Toney Baldwin was admitted to the Mississippi Bar in 2006. Toney successfully operated and managed Toney Anthony Baldwin, PLLC as a sole practitioner.

In 2008, Toney was offered employment with Richard Schwartz and Associates, P.A. as a result of his zealous representation of a client concerning a personal injury case that was being handled by that firm. Toney received extensive training in the areas of personal injury and trial advocacy, including the NITA Trial Advocacy Program. Toney was the leading producer of attorneys' fees for 2 out of the 3 years that he was with the Schwartz firm. After realizing that the sky was the limit, Toney decided to practice with his wife, Shunda Baldwin.

Shunda Baldwin graduated in the top percentile of the 2004 class of Mississippi College School of Law. While completing the Juris Doctorate program, Shunda served as a member of Law Review and was the Clerk of the Moot Court Board. As a result of her academic excellence and outstanding community service, Shunda was offered a clerkship with Justice Jess Dickinson of the Mississippi Supreme Court. Shunda was admitted to the Mississippi Bar in 2004 and was also admitted to practice in the Federal District Courts and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals during that time. She has received various accolades, including: selection for Who's Who Among American Law Students; selection as student participant of the Charles Clark Inn of Courts; receipt of the Outstanding Service Award from the Magnolia Bar Association; and various nominations. Shunda has co-chaired and/or served on the Capital Area Bar Association's diversity committee during several administrations. Shunda Baldwin is regarded as one of the leading attorneys under the age of 40. For almost seven years prior to creating Baldwin & Baldwin, Shunda practiced for one of the largest and most prestigious defense firms in Mississippi.

Both Toney and Shunda take great pride and joy through their involvement with the community. Toney is an active member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., while Shunda also engages in community service through her

membership with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Toney and Shunda Baldwin as remarkable attorneys in the Jackson Metropolitan area.

RECOGNIZING THE ALPHA DELTA
KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONORARY
ORGANIZATION FOR
WOMEN EDUCATORS

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on its sixty-seven years of dedicated service and proclaim October 2014 as Alpha Delta Kappa Month. Established in 1947, Alpha Delta Kappa's goals have been to establish high standards of education, give recognition to outstanding educators, build a fraternal fellowship among educators and to promote educational and charitable projects and activities enriching the lives of individuals everywhere.

With a membership of over 33,000 educators representing all fifty U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica and Australia, Alpha Delta Kappa is committed to educational excellence, personal and professional growth and for collectively channeling their energies toward the good of their schools, communities, the teaching profession and the world.

Women in education constitute a great portion of the nation's working force and are constantly striving to serve their communities and nation in educational, cultural, and charitable programs leading to harmony, happiness, and peace among all people.

Over the last few years, the members of Alpha Delta Kappa have given altruistically to the communities they serve by raising nearly \$14.5 million and volunteering over 2 million service hours. Alpha Delta Kappa also biennially awards over a quarter of a million dollars through its 11 scholarship programs.

I congratulate Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on their many years of unparalleled success and wish them well and best wishes as they continue to educate our children.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN THE
CITY OF BULVERDE, TEXAS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for the 31st year, the National Association of Town Watch is sponsoring an annual, nationwide crime, drug, and violence prevention program on October 7, 2014, entitled, "National Night Out". The City of Bulverde, which is located in the 21st Congressional District in Texas, will participate in this event for the ninth consecutive year.

National Night Out provides a unique opportunity for Bulverde, Texas, to join forces with

thousands of other communities across the country in promoting cooperative, police-community crime prevention efforts. Police-community partnerships, and neighborhood safety awareness and cooperation are important themes of National Night Out.

Congratulations to the City of Bulverde for participating in this important event and for assisting the Bulverde Police Department by promoting joint crime, drug, and violence prevention efforts. These efforts keep our communities, and our citizens, more safe and secure.

Credit goes to the citizens of Bulverde, Texas as they join the Bulverde Police Department and the National Association of Town Watch in supporting the 31st Annual National Night Out on October 7, 2014.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF
CHICAGO RIDGE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Village of Chicago Ridge, Illinois, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this month.

The history of Chicago Ridge is indeed unique as its beginnings coincide with The Chicago World's Fair, which in 1893 commemorated the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the new world. Trainloads of dirt, brought out by way of the Wabash railroad for the construction of the fair, formed the ridges from which Chicago Ridge takes its name.

Settlement increased with the establishment of rail yards in Chicago Ridge and in 1914 the village was incorporated. The newly incorporated government moved quickly to make investments to improve infrastructure and transportation, paving the way for economic growth.

The village and its residents also host RidgeFest—an annual summer celebration that draws thousands from the Chicago metropolitan area to enjoy live music, fireworks, and time with family and friends.

Today's Chicago Ridge owes much to the steady leadership provided for almost four decades by Eugene "Gene" Siegel who served as mayor from 1975 until his retirement in 2013. Mayor Siegel guided the town through a revitalization and population boom. He established a full-time fire department and led the development of a public works facility and municipal complex. Gene Siegel's accomplishments during his tenure as Mayor provided the foundation for Chicago Ridge to flourish for years to come. Chicago Ridge now prospers under the leadership of Mayor Charles Tokar who previously served 24 years as Village Clerk and 14 years as a trustee.

I am proud to represent the Village of Chicago Ridge. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring all of the citizens of the village as they celebrate the 100th anniversary. May they enjoy this centennial celebration and I look forward to many more years of growth and prosperity.