

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Midland Marketing Cooperative, located in Hays, Kansas, which celebrates their 100th anniversary in business on March 5 of this year.

Midland started with 81 farmers, who put up a total of \$10,000 to begin capitalizing their new cooperative. Since that time, the co-op has grown to nearly 1,000 members and has over \$122 million in annual sales. They now operate 11 elevator locations, 2 full-service gas stations, 5 automated fueling stations, 2 feed mills, and 10 agronomy locations. In their five-county service area, Midland employs 62 full-time employees. When you add part-time and seasonal workers, that increases to 120 people. Midland Marketing Cooperative has returned over \$62 million in patronage to their members.

Thank you to Midland Marketing Cooperative and all the co-ops in my district who are keeping Kansas agriculture and our rural communities strong.

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SELMA VOTING RIGHTS MARCH WITH THE ISSUANCE OF A POSTAL STAMP

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a bipartisan resolution that would honor the Selma to Montgomery marches with a commemorative stamp.

I thank the 102 bipartisan House Members who cosponsored this resolution, and the original sponsors: Congressman BYRNE, Congressman HURD, and Congresswoman SEWELL.

The Selma voting rights march was a pivotal moment in our history that brought together Americans to march from Selma to Montgomery County 50 years ago. This stamp celebrates the march and reminds us to protect voting rights.

For 125 years the United States Postal Service has been issuing stamps to celebrate cultural milestones in the unique history of our Nation. Surely the protection of voting rights is a landmark development in our Nation's development. It is my hope that, as we remember the struggles, discrimination, and inequalities, we will lift our hearts and unite to find bridges to equality and justice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all Members unite with me and ask the Oversight and Government Reform Committee for a hearing on this stamp.

HONORING JOHN FORKENBROCK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERALLY IMPACTED SCHOOLS

(Mr. TAKAI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKAI. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the career of a man who was instrumental in education policy, Mr. John Forkenbrock. I have had the pleasure of working with John for the past 20 years, and he visited my home State of Hawaii twice during his time with the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools, or NAFIS.

From 1988 to the present, John has served as executive director of NAFIS, an association representing over 1,400 public school districts. In that position, John oversaw major changes in the Impact Aid Program that were included in the 1994 ESEA Improving America's Schools Act, and again in 2000 and 2001 with the passage of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Mr. Speaker, we are all indebted to John's leadership. Millions of children in school districts across this Nation have benefited from his hard work.

Though he will be sorely missed at NAFIS, I wish John and Patty Forkenbrock the best in their retirement.

MARIJUANA LAWS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, there is a bit of a dustup over D.C.'s new marijuana reform law. D.C. has never defied the Congress, although it has been tempting, especially several times when the Federal Government shut down, shutting down the District with it, although the District, of course, is no part of these disputes.

The majority language in the appropriation bill said that the District couldn't enact marijuana laws. The law was enacted before that language was passed. When approved by the voters, there was nothing further to be done. Small amounts of marijuana became legal in the District, smoked in private. On Thursday, D.C. has taken no further official action, and is in compliance with the law as passed by Congress.

The most important impetus for passage by residents was two independent studies that showed that virtually all of those who now carry marijuana arrests are young African Americans. That was the last straw for a substance that is de facto legal for most Americans.

D.C. passage is neutral on its face. It doesn't recommend the substance. We ought to have the same liberty other Americans already enjoy on this substance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FALLEN HERO, CAPTAIN DWIGHT BAZILE

(Mr. AL GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Houston has lost a firefighter in the line of duty, the State of Texas has lost a first responder, but America has lost a hero.

Mr. Speaker, today I pause to honor a hero. Captain Dwight Bazile, 57 years of age, firefighter for 37 years, promoted to captain in 2008, father to Dwight Bazile II, son of Charlotte Fielder, husband to Pamela Bazile, died in the line of duty February 21, 2015.

I ask that we have a moment of silence for a hero who died in the line of duty.

RECOGNIZING THE DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY

(Mrs. LAWRENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my Delta Sigma Theta sisters.

Delta Sigma Theta sorority was founded in January 1913 at Howard University by 22 brave young women. They sought to promote academic excellence, to provide scholarships, to support the underserved, to educate and stimulate participation in the formation of positive public policy, and to highlight issues with recommended solutions for problems in our communities.

Since its founding, it has distinguished itself as a public service organization that boldly confronts the challenges of African American women and all Americans. The women of Delta Sigma Theta continue to push for many of these same issues. In fact, they were at the confirmation hearing of Loretta Lynch, also a member of Delta Sigma Theta.

They will be in Selma, along with many Members of Congress and the administration, for the annual pilgrimage. This journey allows us to visit not only the sites of the civil rights movement, but to hear firsthand the stories of hope that emerged from the civil rights movement.

Mr. Speaker, this month 102 years ago, the women of Delta Sigma Theta marched in the historic suffragette march as the first public act. This weekend I will join my sorors again, my congressional colleagues, as we cross the bridge to show how we must continue to work, and we still have work to do.

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ENSURE BORINQUENEERS RECEIVE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

(Mr. GRAYSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, last year, Congress awarded the Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, an all-volunteer Puerto