

issue of a vacant Constitutional position within the Executive Branch.

The Presidential Succession Act established the line of succession to the office of President of the United States in the event that neither a President nor Vice President is able to discharge the powers and duties of the office.

The Presidential Succession Act places the Speaker of the House first and the President pro tempore second in the line of constitutional succession for our Chief Executive after the Vice President of the United States.

By creating this clear line of Constitutional succession for the Office of the President, Congress provided a mechanism to maintain continuity of executive branch operation through horrific national tragedies, like the one occurring on November 22, 1963 in Dallas, Texas, when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, elevating at that moment Vice President Lyndon Johnson to the Office of the Presidency.

Another moment in our nation's history that exemplifies the wisdom of the Presidential Succession Act is the attempted assassination on March 30, 1981, of our 40th President, Ronald Reagan.

The aftermath of this attempted assassination of a sitting U.S. President was eased by the well-known defined transition of duties set forth in the Presidential Succession Act.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to commemorate the "Presidential Succession Act" of 1947 as an example of Congressional foresight in protecting the continuity of the Office of the Presidency during a national crisis.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION NETWORK

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) and South Carolina Educational Television (SCETV) for garnering a coveted bronze prize at the annual "Telly Awards" for their partnership documentary, "Zip Code." The Telly Awards honor the finest in film, video production, and web commercials for outstanding local, regional and cable television commercials and programs.

I applaud MUSC and SCETV on their efforts to present a program to South Carolina viewers offering viewpoints of doctors and community leaders that seek to change the way people think about health care. More specifically, this program focuses on a variety of health topics, from the food we eat to the water we drink to the air we breathe—all of which affect our daily lives and play a huge role in our health. According to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control, in South Carolina alone there are approximately one million people who lack access to healthy food. That's 20 percent of the state's population.

Through MUSC's Public Information and Community Outreach group, the "Zip Code" production paired two outstanding organizations who presented an in-depth look at the

many causes of health disparities in our nation today. As stated in the program, "Health starts where we live, learn, work and play. In fact, some experts say the lifespan of a child is determined more by his or her zip code than their genetic code." "Zip Code" seeks to answer, "Why is there such a divide in the health of the American people?"

I would also like to personally thank my good friend David Rivers, the Director of the Public Information and Community Outreach department at MUSC, for his leadership in this project. His commitment and creativity have led to instructive and productive innovations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in congratulating these two outstanding organizations on their efforts to bring attention to the important topic of the state of health in South Carolina.

HONORING UNITED STATES NAVY CAPTAIN ANDREW K.M. ROSA

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and contributions of United States Navy Captain Andrew Rosa. I know I am not alone in my appreciation of Captain Rosa's service and dedication.

Throughout his career, Captain Rosa served in a variety of positions both here in the United States and overseas. As Mission Commander of Task Group 53.8—a Fifth Fleet antiterrorism-force protection task group—he was mobilized and deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom. His bravery and contributions to our nation's fight against terrorism are truly admirable.

Captain Rosa leaves a lasting legacy through his leadership and unwavering commitment to the protection of this country's ideals both at home and abroad. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to express my gratitude to Captain Andrew Rosa for his thirty-four years of exemplary service.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. WILLIAM L. DEAN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Dr. William L. Dean who will become Pastor Emeritus at First Baptist Church of Sylacauga in Sylacauga, Alabama.

Dr. Dean served as the senior pastor at First Baptist Church of Sylacauga from October 1972 until December 1994—pastoring this church longer than any other minister.

The event honoring Dr. Dean will take place at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, August 23, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Dr. Dean and thanking him for his unwavering service and devotion to First Baptist Church Sylacauga.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN AND SUE VAN FOSSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor John and Sue Van Fosson of Clarinda, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. John and Sue were married on June 24, 1955 in College Springs, Iowa.

John and Sue's lifelong commitment to each other, their children, Teresa, Julie, Robin, Bruce, and Betsy, as well as their grandchildren and great-grandchildren truly embodies our Iowa values. I applaud this devoted couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion. I wish them and their family all the best moving forward.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FLORIDA'S BELOVED, SENATOR DURELL "DOC" PEADEN, JR.

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and legacy of Northwest Florida's beloved Senator Durrell "Doc" Peaden, Jr. Doc was a great friend and committed public servant who had an enormous impact on the lives of both his constituents in Northwest Florida and the state as a whole. His passing is mourned throughout the great State of Florida.

A proud Northwest Floridian, Doc was born August 24, 1945, in DeFuniak Springs. After obtaining his undergraduate degree from Tulane University, Doc went on to medical school, gaining his MD in 1973. He immediately returned to his home in Northwest Florida, and, as he often liked to say, he was a "country doctor" for decades, working tirelessly to care for the patients in and around his home in Okaloosa County. While practicing medicine, Doc also obtained his law degree.

In 1994, Doc Peaden began his distinguished career as an elected official when he won a seat in the Florida House of Representatives serving the people of the 5th District. Using his immense experience as a doctor, Doc quickly established himself as a leader in the state on health care issues, and during his time in the House, he helped lead efforts to expand medical education in the state by establishing a medical school at Florida State University. Having had the opportunity to serve with Doc in the Florida House, I know firsthand how hard he worked to ensure that the medical needs of our state were met.

After serving in the Florida House of Representatives, Doc continued his tremendous service to Northwest Florida in the Florida State Senate, where he served from 2000–2010. His tenure included a position as Chairman of the Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee, and he successfully championed many important health care related bills through the Florida Legislature, including legislation requiring greater reporting from physicians.