

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, one hundred thirteen years ago this month, pioneers from Korea first journeyed to our shores in search of opportunity, prosperity, and freedom. These early Korean Americans worked hard in our growing country, started families, and established strong communities. Over the past century, Korean Americans have made strong contributions to our fields of medicine, engineering, research, and innovation, and have become respected community leaders and elected officials.

The United States shares a special relationship with the Republic of Korea forged during the Korean War and solidified by the greater global struggle for freedom in the 20th century. In response to the invasion of North Korea and communist forces in 1950, the United States led a global coalition to defend Korean sovereignty. Millions of American and Korean soldiers fought side by side and formed friendships during the conflict. Guided by desire to foster trust and mutual cooperation in the region, the U.S.-Korea alliance has stabilized a region subjected to terror by North Korea.

Last November, I had the privilege of visiting the Republic. Over the course of my three-day visit, I enjoyed robust policy discussions with Korean leaders on numerous topics, deepening old friendships while forging new ones. It was evident to me that the U.S.-Korea alliance has never been stronger. The U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS) has brought economic growth to both of our countries, and American exports to Korea reached a record level last year. As I continue to reflect on my visit to the Republic, I am reminded of the deep and abiding responsibility all American leaders should feel towards preserving the U.S.-Korea alliance. The vigor and vitality of the Korean people and their commitment to democracy, a free market economy, and the rule of law—our common values—is simply inspirational. We owe that commitment to our esteemed Korean War veterans—the 1.8 million Americans who fought and sacrificed so much in that awful conflict to help birth one of the greatest democracies and alliances in the history of civilization.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Korean American Day. As the co-chairman of the Congressional Caucus on Korea, I am proud to recognize our nations' special relationship and the powerful contributions that Korean Americans have made to the United States, especially those who have served with distinction in our Armed Forces. In the years to come, the U.S.-Korea alliance will surely be tested but our faith and determination will never falter or waiver.

TRIBUTE TO LAUREN SMITH

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to honor the life of Lauren Suzanne Smith. I am joined by my esteemed colleagues DORIS O. MATSUI, JERRY MCNERNEY, ZOE LOFGREN, AMI BERA, JULIA BROWNLEY, LOIS CAPPS, TONY CÁRDENAS, JUDY CHU, JIM COSTA, SUSAN A. DAVIS, MARK DESAULNIER, ANNA ESHOO, SAM FARR, JOHN GARAMENDI, JANICE HAHN, BARBARA LEE, TED LIEU, ALAN S. LOWENTHAL, GRACE F. NAPOLITANO, LINDA SÁNCHEZ, ADAM B. SCHIFF, BRAD SHERMAN, JACKIE SPEIER, ERIC SWALWELL, MARK TAKANO, MIKE THOMPSON, NORMA J. TORRES, JUAN VARGAS, and MAXINE WATERS.

Lauren Smith, a beloved daughter, sister, friend, Congressional staffer, and coworker, died on December 26, 2015 in her home in Washington, D.C. at the age of 37.

Lauren was born on August 18, 1978, in Illinois. At the age of four, she attended her first Chicago White Sox baseball game—thus launching a lifelong love of the sport. Lauren was also a professional ballroom dancer and instructor. A self-proclaimed “foodie,” Lauren was an inspirational chef, who had her own website: “One if By Food.” She believed people should not have to compromise taste, flavor, and health—just because they were only cooking for one.

Lauren thrived on following her passions, despite the sacrifices. That characteristic fueled her journey across the country multiple times, from the campaign trail to Capitol Hill. Her unabating dedication to progressive ideals was second only to her independent spirit. Her keen communications skills and doggedness served her well, bringing exciting opportunities and necessitating many a quick decision to say “yes” to pack up everything to go on to the next challenge.

Lauren got her feet wet fresh from graduating from Cal State Fullerton with the All America PAC during the 2006 midterm elections, and worked her way up to become the Democratic National Committee's statewide communications director for Indiana during the 2008 presidential election. Lauren proved herself time and again, handling tough situations and high pressure through a decade on the Hill as Press Secretary for Rep. CUELLAR (D-Texas), Communications Director for Rep. MATSUI (D-Calif.), and Communications Director/Deputy Chief of Staff for Rep. MCNERNEY (D-Calif.). After serving as Communications Consultant for John Walsh's bid for Montana's vacant Senate seat, Lauren served as the Deputy Communications Director for Sen. Walsh (D-Mont.) as well.

In 2015, Lauren joined Rep. HONDA's (D-Calif.) team. Lauren swiftly settled in, becoming a major asset to the entire staff—teaming with each staff member to increase effectiveness of all communication. She thoughtfully

served as the Member's voice and ambassador to the media. Lauren was a media liaison extraordinaire, easily developing positive professional relationships with reporters.

Lauren loved her job, and everyone knew it from her positive impact. Lauren changed the lives of everyone with whom she worked. A common denominator for all the offices where Lauren worked is that Lauren was viewed as dedicated, passionate, incredibly hard-working, and most of all, beloved. She would brighten up any office with her quick wit and cheery nature. She was also deeply caring and considerate. She was the first to ask how someone was doing and offer assistance. To her, relationships mattered most of all. Lauren always put herself last.

Mr. Speaker, sometimes, we are simply lucky enough to be gifted with an amazing employee and colleague. Lauren had an infectious laugh, and an inspiring spirit that matched her drive to make the world a better and happier place. No doubt, Lauren is still giggling somewhere, and looking out for her loved ones. Lauren—you are beyond compare. You made it so easy to fall into love with you. We miss you so very dearly.

RECOGNIZING THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF “BLACK JANUARY”

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 26th anniversary of “Black January” in Azerbaijan. Imbedded in the memory of all Azerbaijanis regardless of where they live, Black January commemorates Azerbaijan's stand against Soviet soldiers for independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity over all lands under Azerbaijani jurisdiction, and freedom from communism and dictatorship.

On the evening of January 19, 1990, the U.S.S.R. Supreme Soviet Presidium backed by then-President Mikhail Gorbachev, declared a state of emergency in response to the growing national independence movement in Azerbaijan, which led to Russian troops storming the Azerbaijani capital city of Baku. In an attempt to suppress the movement and “restore order,” Soviet invaders indiscriminately fired on peaceful demonstrators, including women and children. That night, more than 130 people died, over 700 people were injured, 841 were arrested and 5 went missing.

The invasion, however, focused not just on peaceful protestors but also on critical infrastructure and workers. According to a report by Human Rights Watch entitled Black January in Azerbaijan, “among the most heinous violations of human rights during the Baku incursion were the numerous attacks on medical personnel, ambulances and even hospitals.” Additionally, the attack was an act of intimidation for all then-Soviet countries with independence ambitions. The Human Rights

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Watch report concluded that, “indeed the violence used by the Soviet Army on the night of January 19–20 constitutes an exercise in collective punishment. The punishment inflicted on Baku by Soviet soldiers may have been intended as a warning to nationalists, not only in Azerbaijan, but in other Republics of the Soviet Union.”

Azerbaijani citizens, however, refused to succumb to Soviet aggression. Instead, the invasion inflamed Azerbaijani nationalism. In the days after the invasion, thousands of Azerbaijanis surrounded Communist Party headquarters demanding the resignation of the republic’s leadership, the Baku City Council demanded that Soviet troops be withdrawn and the Soviet legislature in Azerbaijan threatened to call a referendum on secession unless Soviet troops were withdrawn within 48 hours.

Soviet troops were eventually withdrawn and January 20th became known as “the Day of the Nationwide Sorrow.” It would not be for nearly two years, however, before Azerbaijan gained political control from the Soviet Union. In October 1991, Azerbaijan’s parliament—the National Assembly—declared its independence.

Today, Azerbaijan has developed into a thriving country with double digit growth, in large part due to a freely elected president and parliament, free market reforms led by the energy sector, and, most importantly, no foreign troops on its soil. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the tragic events of Black January that precipitated the independent Republic of Azerbaijan and the fall of the USSR.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. NEVA BELL

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a wonderful Hoosier, Mrs. Neva Bell. Today Neva Bell of Indianapolis, a true daughter of the State of Indiana attains the century mark of 100 years of age.

Born in Monroe, Indiana in 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Fricke, Neva attended Purdue University where she met her future husband Simeon Bell of Portland, the son of a Jay County, Indiana pioneer family. Neva and Simeon Bell both graduated from Purdue, married, and raised three children in Indiana. Neva now has 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Over the years, Neva and Simeon Bell spent countless volunteer hours helping many Indiana institutions like the Indiana State Museum, the Eiteljorg Museum, the 500 Festival, and the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Neva and Simeon also maintained and improved the Bell family pioneer farm in Jay County, Indiana which is still in the family to this day.

Neva lost her husband in 2005, but that hasn’t stopped her from supporting her loved Indiana organizations. Over a lifetime Neva Bell has epitomized the strong, independent citizen that makes Indiana great.

Let us join together today and wish Neva Bell a very Happy Birthday and a joyful and healthy year.

RECOGNIZING THE ANNIVERSARY OF DWAYNE AND CAROL CHESNUT

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Dwayne and Carol Chesnut, two dear friends, respected community leaders, generous philanthropists, and loyal Democrats. They have three children, Kay, Michelle, and Mark, and two grandchildren, Darrel and Danielle Jobe.

Carol and Dwayne met as teenagers in high school when, coming out of class, he held the door open for her. Carol responded, “It is good to know that there are still gentlemen and scholars left.” Dwayne was smitten and holds the door for Carol still today.

When Carol and Dwayne were courting in Texas in the early fifties, their favorite song was “Too Young” by Nat King Cole. Its words were prophetic: “This love will last though years may go.” The joy they find in each other spills over into the numerous lives, including my own, which they have touched over the 60 years they have been together.

Congratulations. Here’s to many more good times and sweet memories to come.

HONORING DR. WILLIAM B. BYNUM, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. William B. Bynum, Jr., a 25-year higher education professional, who was unanimously selected to be the 7th President of Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) by the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning Board on October 8, 2013 and he began his presidency at “The Valley” on November 6, 2013.

A native of Rocky Mount, NC, Dr. Bynum earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Davidson College while on a student-athlete scholarship. While at Davidson, he also minored in Education and passed the National Teachers Exam. He was subsequently licensed and certified to teach Social Studies and Math in North Carolina and Georgia. Dr. Bynum went on to earn his masters and Ph.D. in Sociology from Duke University while serving as a Duke Endowment Fellow. Dr. Bynum was also a member of the inaugural class of the NAFEO-Kellogg Leadership Fellows Program, a yearlong program specifically designed to train the next generation of presidents/chancellors for minority serving institutions, which was led by then NAFEO president—Dr. Frederick Humphries; NAFEO chairman—Dr. Joe Johnson, and executive director—Dr. Arthur Thomas. As part of the program, Dr. Bynum “shadowed” Dr. Harold Martin, then chancellor of Winston-Salem State University and now chancellor of NC A&T State University.

As the 7th President, Dr. Bynum’s vision for the University is to uplift 6 powerful words that are already deeply rooted in “The Valley” culture. The vision is: ONE GOAL. ONE TEAM.

ONE VALLEY. The ONE GOAL is Student Success (increased enrollment, retention and graduation; holistic student development and career advancement); The ONE TEAM is University and Community Stakeholders Working Together; And the ONE VALLEY is students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends actively demonstrating School Pride and Spirituality that is second to none!

Prior to his appointment at MVSU, Dr. Bynum served as the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Services at Morehouse College (2009–2013), where he was mentored by Morehouse’s 10th president, Dr. Robert Michael Franklin. While serving at Morehouse, Dr. Bynum significantly enhanced student-administration relations, improved the efficiency and effectiveness of student services, started, envisioned and led the initiative which established the Parents Council and implemented the nationally acclaimed Morehouse “Appropriate Attire Policy.”

Prior to Morehouse, Dr. Bynum served as the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (2000–2009) at The Lincoln University (PA). During his nine years of service, he was successful in nearly doubling Lincoln’s enrollment and recruited the 4 largest new student classes (900+) in the University’s 150-year history. Dr. Bynum also led the Board-approved Student Enhancement Initiative, which entailed elevating Lincoln from NCAA Division III to NCAA Division II athletics, reactivated Lincoln’s membership in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) conference, returned football to the campus after a 40-year absence and started the University’s first marching band program: “The Orange Crush.” At Lincoln, Dr. Bynum was mentored by Dr. Ivory Nelson, the University’s 12th president, who garnered over \$200 million in capital construction to transform the campus physical plant.

Prior to LU, Dr. Bynum served as the Associate Vice President and Dean of Students at Clark Atlanta University (1993–2000), and he was the number 2 person in the division that recruited the 4 largest classes (1500+) in the then 125-year history of CAU. While at CAU, Dr. Bynum was mentored by and developed strong strategic planning and assessment skills from Dr. Doris Walker Weathers. During his CAU days, Dr. Bynum was nicknamed “Bye-Bye Bynum” for his no-nonsense approach to judicial affairs and enhancing the campus culture and environment.

In addition to his enrollment management and student affairs work, Dr. Bynum has lectured and/or taught as well. He served as the Covington Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Davidson and at Morehouse, he was an adjunct professor in the Leadership Studies program and Sociology department. Dr. Bynum’s other professional experience includes research and teaching positions at the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), Duke University and Durham and Edgecombe Community Colleges. He started his educational career as a teacher, football and wrestling coach in the Rocky Mount (NC) City School System (1984–87) and the Dekalb County (GA) School System (1987–88). Dr. Bynum has represented his institutions in numerous external programs and at professional conferences, while serving as a presenter or moderator. He has authored refereed articles in professional journals and presented papers with academic and social themes. Trained as

a Quantitative Sociologist, Dr. Bynum still remains active in research and teaching. His research and teaching interests center around: (1) Black Church Studies; (2) Race, Gender and Ethnicity; and (3) Organizations, Markets and Work.

His publications include: A co-authored article with Duke colleagues in the sociology journal *Social Forces* entitled "Race and Formal Volunteering"; A chapter entitled "The Black Church in America: Demography and Current Trends" in the book: *Exploring The African American Experience* (3rd edition); and a short story entitled "For the Love of J-Ski" in the NASPA produced book: *Stories of Inspiration: Lessons and Laughter in Student Affairs*. Dr. Bynum is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Chi Alpha Epsilon and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

A God-loving, God-fearing man, he is married to Deborah Elaine Bynum, a manager and 34-year employee with AT&T Mobility Services, and they are the proud parents of six children—Tyrone (a student at Georgia State University), Tyler (a student-athlete graduate of Truett-McConnell College), Chelsea (a student at Clark Atlanta University and Army Reservist), Zack (a student at Morehouse College), and Jordan and Jazz (both of whom are Atlanta public high school students).

Dr. Bynum's personal and professional motto is "Look back and thank God. Look forward and trust God. Look around and serve God. Look within and find God."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. William B. Bynum, Jr., a teacher, professional and educator for his contribution to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on the afternoon of Thursday, January 7 and January 8, 2016, I took medical leave to attend to an appointment related to an upcoming hip replacement surgery and was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 7 (on agreeing to the Johnson (GA) Amendment to H.R. 712),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 8 (on agreeing to the Cummings Amendment to H.R. 712),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 9 (on agreeing to the Lynch Amendment to H.R. 712),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 10 (on agreeing to the Johnson (GA) Amendment to H.R. 712),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 11 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 712, with instructions),

"No" on roll call vote No. 12 (on passage of H.R. 712),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 13 (on agreeing to the Johnson (GA) Amendment to H.R. 1155),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 14 (on agreeing to the Cummings Amendment to H.R. 1155),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 15 (on agreeing to the Cicilline Amendment to H.R. 1155),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 16 (on agreeing to the DeIBene Amendment to H.R. 1155),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 17 (on agreeing to the Cicilline Amendment to H.R. 1155),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 18 (on agreeing to the Pocan Amendment to H.R. 1155),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 19 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 1155, with instructions),

"No" on roll call vote No. 20 (on passage of H.R. 1155),

"No" on roll call vote No. 21 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 581),

"No" on roll call vote No. 22 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 581),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 23 (on agreeing to the Cohen Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 24 (on agreeing to the Conyers Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 25 (on agreeing to the Deutch Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 26 (on agreeing to the Moore Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 27 (on agreeing to the Moore Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 28 (on agreeing to the Waters Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 29 (on agreeing to the Johnson (GA) Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 30 (on agreeing to the Jackson Lee Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 31 (on agreeing to the Nadler Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 32 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 1927, with instructions), and

"No" on roll call vote No. 33 (on passage of H.R. 1927).

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. SUE BAUCH

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Sue Bauch on her retirement after twenty eight years of dedicated service to the City of Kingsburg.

Mrs. Bauch was born in Auberry, California. During her childhood, she attended local schools and later graduated from Sierra Union High School. Mrs. Bauch and her husband Guy have four children, Shannon, DJ, Chad, and Michelle.

On January 28, 1988, Mrs. Bauch began working as a part-time Utilities Clerk for the City of Kingsburg. Exactly one year later she was hired on as full time and has since served in multiple positions, including Business License Clerk, Building Secretary, Planning Secretary, and Deputy City Clerk. In 1998, she was promoted to City Clerk and has held that position ever since. In 2013, Mrs. Bauch also served as the Acting City Manager of Kingsburg.

Mrs. Bauch's hard work and dedication to the City of Kingsburg is without question. She is known in the community for her knowledge of all things Kingsburg and for her invaluable guidance to fellow co-workers and residents.

After twenty eight years with the City of Kingsburg, Mrs. Bauch retired on January 6, 2016. During her time with the City of Kingsburg Mrs. Bauch was known as the "face" of city hall. There is no doubt that the city has benefited from her guidance throughout her years of service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to

join me in commending Sue Bauch for her years of dedicated public service and wishing her well as she begins her retirement.

HONORING MILTON GASTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable civil servant, Mr. Milton Gaston.

Born in Hollandale, Mississippi, Milton Gaston was nurtured and reared by his parents, the late James and Luella Gaston, in Glen Allen, Mississippi. He is the seventh born of eleven children to his parents. Gaston proudly admits that his parents reared them to be a close-knit family and his siblings and he remain so today.

Milton Gaston was educated in the Glen Allen Public Schools.

Understanding the meaning of family as so taught by his parents, Mr. Gaston met and married Ms. Alice Watts. To their union, six (6) children and ten (10) grandchildren are being shaped for this most extraordinary world.

To support his family, Mr. Gaston began work with the Washington County Sheriff Department on January 20, 1986 under the leadership of the late Sheriff Harvey Tackett, Sr. In July of that same year, Milton Gaston, Sr., became the only civilian sent to the Jackson Police Academy in Jackson, Mississippi to be certified and deputized under Sheriff Tackett's administration. Because of his work ethics, Greenville Optimist Club named him as Deputy Sheriff of the year in 1989.

On November 3, 2003, Washington County elected Milton Gaston, Sr. as Sheriff of Washington County, Mississippi. At the age of 42, he was the first African American in this county to hold this distinguished position. County Court Chancellor Vernita King-Johnson swore him in on January 5, 2004 to uphold this position to serve and protect the citizens of Washington County, Mississippi. Currently, Sheriff Gaston is in his third term, serving more than twenty-nine (29) years in law enforcement with a plethora of training on the state and federal level. Additionally, he has initiated and overseen a Juvenile Justice Intervention/Prevention Program that was developed to rebuild at risk youth between the ages of 12–15. The program was called "Biggest S.U.C.C.E.S.S.," which is an acronym for Students Unanimously Conceiving Confidence & Excellence in Skills and Success. The program was grant funded for one year. Currently, under his leadership, the TRIAD of Washington County was established in 2012. This organization is comprised of senior citizens working with law enforcement to address their safety needs in the community. It is also state funded and has been approved for the current year's funding.

Sheriff Gaston's staff is comprised of approximately 120 people between Washington County Sheriff's Department and Washington County Regional Correctional Facility; all of whom he requires to help make Washington County, Mississippi a safe place for all of its citizens.

As if he is not constantly busy enough, Sheriff Gaston devotes his time and servitude as a member of New Hope First Baptist

Church, Vice-President of the Usher Board, a member of the male choir, a member of the 100 Black Men of the Mississippi Delta, a member of the Lake Vista Masonic Lodge Number 46, a member of the Serene Lodge Number 567, a member of the NAACP, and a board member of the Boy's and Girl's Club.

Yet, after committing himself to all of this, his Lord, his family, his career, and his affiliations, he still manages to conceive other ingenious ideas to help citizens in our area. He is indeed. "The Peoples' Sheriff," and he considers it a pleasure to serve the citizens of Washington County, Mississippi by striving to make it a safer place in which to live.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sheriff Milton Gaston for his dedication to serving others and giving back to his community.

RECOGNIZING DR. WILLIE BRYANT

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Willie Bryant, of Spring Valley, NY, a dentist and Hudson Valley civil rights activist for nearly a half-century, who passed away December 28, 2015, at the age of 77.

A lifelong NAACP member, Dr. Bryant was active with the Rockland Human Rights Commission and helped create the Spring Valley NAACP Life Membership Program. Dr. Bryant also helped form the Rockland Employees Federal Credit Union, a non-profit group that provided low-interest loans to people who worked at the Rockland Psychiatric Center and in county government. Dr. Bryant also spearheaded the successful effort to have a statue of United States Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall placed on the front lawn of the former Hillburn Main School, which was integrated following then-NAACP attorney Marshall's appeal to the New York State Commissioner of Education in 1943.

Dr. Bryant attended Florida A&M University, graduating in 1961, and then Howard University School of Dentistry. He remained active in both universities' alumni associations, serving as President of the Florida A&M Ossining (NY) alumni branch, where he started a sickle-cell anemia screening project that reached more than 1,200 people. Dr. Bryant interned at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Philadelphia and joined the dental staff of the FDR Veterans Administration Hospital in Montrose, NY, in 1969. In 1982, Dr. Bryant began serving as the Director of Dental Services at Letchworth Village, a residential facility for people with physical and mental disabilities in Thiells, NY. Dr. Bryant often said providing dental care for the developmentally disabled population was his biggest achievement and his most rewarding experience.

Dr. Bryant was honored many times throughout his career. He received the 2003 "Volunteer Beyond Excellence" Award from the New York Organ Donor Network for promoting organ and tissue donation. He was named Rockland's Alpha Man of the Year in 2004 and was awarded the Rockland Buffalo Soldiers' Award in 2006. Dr. Bryant was a 2008 inductee into the Rockland County Human Rights/Civil Rights Hall of Fame for his

efforts to help people attain justice and equal treatment under the law. In 2012 he was named one of Florida A&M's Outstanding Alumni of the Quasquicentennial and was honored by the Howard University Alumni Club of Westchester and Rockland.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize my constituent, Dr. Willie Bryant. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring his exceptional life of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY AND 71ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the 71st anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

It is fitting today to remember to those who experienced the depth of human cruelty in that camp and all other Nazi concentration camps.

It is estimated that over one million prisoners perished at the Auschwitz concentration camp over the five years that it was operational.

I grieve for those lost souls, but I give thanks for the 7,500 prisoners who were liberated 71 years ago today.

The stories of those survivors ensure that we will never forget this crime against humanity and remain vigilant and dedicated to combating hatred and oppression in all its forms.

For that reason, I would also like to bring attention to the ongoing massacres and human rights violations being carried out by the militant terrorist organization Boko Haram in Nigeria.

Just like the actions of the Nazis during World War II, the actions of Boko Haram today are an affront to human life and dignity.

From their first violent uprising in 2009, to the massacre in Baga less than one month ago, Boko Haram has been waging a war that has cost an estimated 10,000 lives, and displaced more than one million people.

I thank President Obama and Secretary Kerry for their active engagement in supporting the Nigerians in their efforts to combat Boko Haram.

I also thank the United States military, for providing the Nigerian military with trainers and specialists to aid them.

But there needs to be more.

These atrocities must not be permitted to continue, and we must do everything within our power to stop the kidnapping and killing of innocent men, women, and children across Nigeria.

So on this 71st anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, let us remember and honor those who perished in the Holocaust by rededicating ourselves to combating genocide and the oppression of people by regimes and entities motivated by hatred, religious bigotry, megalomania, or false ideologies.

HONORING MOTHER MATTIE MAE AMOS-MARSHALL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Mattie Mae Amos-Marshall, who was born in a small community in Florence, Mississippi called Steen Creek on October 15, 1915 to the late Mr. Ben and Salle White-Amos.

Mrs. Marshall married her childhood sweetheart, the late Mr. Jessie Marshall, at the age of 18 and moved to Flora, Mississippi where she began a family of her own.

Mrs. Marshall was baptized at a young age at Stokes Chapel M.B. Church and later moved her membership to Jones Chapel M.B. Church where she is a member of the Mother's Board. Mrs. Marshall moved to Canton, Mississippi as a child and was educated in the Madison County School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mother Mattie Mae Amos-Marshall.

CONGRATULATING CARL SWINDELL ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE EULESS POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Carl Swindell on his well-earned retirement from the City of Euless Police Department in Euless, Texas, after thirty-two years of dedicated service.

Carl is a hardworking and highly respected officer of the Euless Police Department. He has honorably served his community since beginning his distinguished career with the department in 1983. Throughout his time in Euless, Carl has received over 42 police commendations as evidence of his outstanding service and professionalism. Whether he was investigating criminal activity as a detective, sharing his knowledge and experiences as a field training officer, or protecting the children of Euless as a school police resource officer, Carl always provided an outstanding service to his community.

Carl's contributions to the law enforcement operations in the City of Euless have helped to ensure countless officers have been adequately trained and prepared for the challenges they face in their everyday duties as police. His legacy will leave a lasting mark on the City of Euless and the Euless Police Department for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the exhaustive efforts Carl has contributed to the City of Euless. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Carl Swindell and his many years of service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, January 11; Tuesday, January 12; and Wednesday, January 13, 2016, I took medical leave to attend appointments related to an upcoming hip replacement surgery and was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

“Yes” on roll call vote No. 34 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 598, as amended), “Yes” on roll call vote No. 35 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3231, as amended), “No” on roll call vote No. 36 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 583), “No” on roll call vote No. 37 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 583), “Yes” on roll call vote No. 38 (on agreeing to the Kil-dee Amendment to H.R. 1644), “Yes” on roll call vote No. 39 (on agreeing to the Cartwright Amendment to H.R. 1644), “Yes” on roll call vote No. 40 (on agreeing to the Sewell Amendment to H.R. 1644), “Yes” on roll call vote No. 41 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 1644, with instructions), “No” on roll call vote No. 42 (on passage of H.R. 1644), “Yes” on roll call vote No. 43 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 757, as amended), Pursuant to a unanimous consent request made by Majority Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY, and agreed to without objection, the roll call vote No. 44 and the motion to reconsider thereon were vacated and further proceedings on the question of passage of H.R. 3662 postponed as though under clause 8 of rule 20 through the legislative day of January 26, 2016, and “No” on roll call vote No. 45 (on passage of H.R. S.J. Res. 22).

IN HONOR OF GALIYA UMAROVA

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I inform this House that on January 4, 2016, Galiya Umarova, wife of Ambassador Kairat Umarov of Kazakhstan passed away.

The Ambassador and Galiya were married for thirty years.

Their son, Gaini, currently works for an international consulting group in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Galiya and her husband have known each other much longer than the beginning of his diplomatic career.

The two met in English class, where he entertained her with his funny stories.

Galiya grew up in Almaty, Kazakhstan's largest city and the country's foremost historical, financial and cultural center.

She dedicated her life to the promotion of the importance of education and was a passionate supporter of building progress in her home country, including her husband's work on behalf of his country.

For example, the Ambassador and Galiya were posted to the United States capitol three different times in the span of 15 years.

Known as the land of peace and prosperity, the beautiful country of Kazakhstan sits on 3,000 years of extraordinary history.

The country's development has been influenced by legends such as Alexander the Great and Genghis Khan.

For centuries, the Silk Road through Kazakhstan served as one of the world's oldest and most historically significant trade routes.

All of this has contributed to the richness of the Kazakh culture and its capacity to adapt and develop.

Much like her home country, Galiya Umarova adapted and developed as she accompanied her husband throughout his diplomatic service for his country.

In fact, Galiya adapted to the DC life by driving herself around town, navigating the hectic DC traffic.

Galiya and the Ambassador traveled the world over, spreading the imperative of cultural tourism, the beautiful culture of Kazakhstan and its over 140 different ethnic groups, while working to promote peace at home and in bilateral relations such as its relationship with the United States.

The couple embodied what former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan declared about their country: “Kazakhstan may serve as an example of a peaceful multiethnic country where ethnic diversity is a blessing, but not a curse.”

Kazakhstan is located in the central part of Eurasia, almost equidistant from the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean.

Indeed, throughout history, Kazakhstan was an arena for brisk commercial and political relations and it now plays an important role as a link between Europe, Central Asia and the rapidly developing Asian-Pacific region.

Notwithstanding her husband's busy diplomatic schedule over the past 2 decades, Galiya worked hard to bring balance into her family life.

For example, she always found time to enjoy comedy films with her family.

She also enjoyed a variety of hobbies such as tennis, golf, practicing yoga, growing her own natural fruits and vegetables in her garden.

Today, I hope my colleagues will join me in sending prayers and condolences to Ambassador Umarov and his family.

I also ask for a moment of silence in Galiya Umarova's honor and memory.

HONORING VETERAN EDISON
THOMAS BROWN, JR.**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, Mr. Edison Thomas Brown, Jr.

U.S. Army Veteran Edison Thomas Brown, Jr. is a Mississippi native who was born and reared in the hills of Holmes County within the U.S. Second Congressional District.

Born in the very late 1950's, Mr. Brown, and other youth like him, grew up during the heat of oppression, segregation and poverty of the Holmes County 1960s civil rights movement. Yet, Mr. Brown says, he nor his family ever viewed themselves as underclass.

Although poor by economic standards and conditions, he and his siblings learned early of the importance of working hard to make a decent living by two nurturing parents, who were farmers themselves and who also worked for white farmers as well, picking cotton and such. His parents were Edison Thomas Brown, Sr. and Ednora Randle Brown (both now deceased).

His father was also a U.S. Army veteran who served in World War II. In fact, Mr. Brown says he was inspired to volunteer to serve his country in the military by his father and eldest brother James, a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran. After graduating from high school at what is formerly known as Tchula Attendance Center (TAC) in Tchula, MS, he began his military career in July, 1975 at Fort Knox, Ky.

During his tour of duty, he was trained and served as a Track Vehicle Mechanic, specializing in diesel repairs. His U.S. military career also included service in Gelnhausen, Germany.

While in the military, he earned the rank of Specialist 4th Class (SPEC 4). Proud to serve his country, Mr. Brown is grateful that his military career afforded him many travels that he would not have afforded to make and opportunities he possibly would not have had.

Mr. Brown's tour of duty concluded at Fort Stewart, GA in 1979; however, he remained in reserve status until 1981, when he received an Honorable Discharge.

After the military, Mr. Brown took advantage of the GI Bill and began to educate himself (part-time) in Electronic Service Technology coursework. Over the years, he has served in several employment capacities in the Metro Jackson area. His longest stint was with McRaes Distribution and its merging operations, 1985–2001.

Today, a Clinton, Miss. resident in the Second Congressional District, Mr. Brown spends most of his time actively serving in Holy Temple Baptist Church of West Jackson, pastored by the history-making Rev. Audrey Lynne Hall. At Holy Temple as a deacon, he is Chairman and also serves as Sunday School Superintendent and teacher. He, his wife, Gail, and son, Edison, III, have also participated in the church's ongoing Homeless Outreach Ministry in which the church gives toiletries, snacks and other needful items to the homeless once a month at Poindexter Park near Downtown Jackson.

Mr. Brown's favorite scripture of the Bible in which he tries to live by is Proverbs 3:5–6—“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a special Veteran, Mr. Edison Thomas Brown, Jr., for his dedication and support to the Holmes County Community.

PATRICIA SPENCER

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of an extraordinary leader and passionate advocate for freedom and justice, Ms. Patricia Spencer.

Growing up in Montgomery, Alabama in the 1930s, Patricia Spencer followed in her mother and grandmother's footsteps becoming a member of the NAACP at the age of seven, a group which she was still a member of 72 years later. At the age of nineteen, while serving as Secretary of the local NAACP branch, Ms. Spencer received the news that her mentor on the NAACP Youth Council, Rosa Parks, was arrested while riding the Montgomery bus. Ms. Spencer immediately started churning out fliers urging others to boycott the bus. During this time Ms. Spencer also babysat Yolanda King, the first eldest child of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ms. Spencer graduated from Alabama State University and then moved to Orlando, FL to take a position as an operator with Southern Bell, the first African American to hold this position. From there she moved to Detroit and served 13 years on the local school board. In recognition of her service to the Detroit area, the Martin Luther King, Jr. High School Auditorium and the swimming facility at Charles Kettering High School bear her name. In the mid 1990s she moved to Tampa, FL. Once settled in, she immediately started to volunteer with the Hillsborough NAACP branch, where she used her vast knowledge of the organization's rules to mentor members and secure funding for the branch. She served as Membership Chair and Area Director for the NAACP's state conference as well as Secretary of the Hillsborough County chapter. She will forever be remembered for her constant efforts to boost NAACP membership.

In addition to her work with the NAACP, Ms. Spencer also co-chaired the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technologic and Scientific Olympics. This program recruits high school students to compete in science and visual arts competitions. In 2007, Governor Charlie Crist appointed her as a member of the Hillsborough County Civil Service Board.

Ms. Spencer will be forever remembered as a leader in the Tampa Bay community for her unequivocal support of justice and fairness. On December 15th, 2015, she passed away two days after her 79th birthday. Mr. Speaker, I join the Tampa Bay community in honoring Ms. Patricia Spencer for her lifelong commitment to service.

HONORING BARBARA CLARK

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Barbara Clark for a job well done on the occasion of her retirement. This is a milestone for the executive director who led the Network of Victim Assistance for 25 years. NOVA, which serves Bucks County and the Philadelphia area is recognized for its high quality services for the most vulnerable in the community. Under her direction, NOVA evolved from a small victims services organization to a large, financially sound, nationally recognized organization with high standards of services available to crime victims, including—children, the elderly and people with disabilities. As executive director, Barbara Clark led the way and was widely recognized and honored for her ability to create problem-solving

groups and find solutions and funding to accomplish the work—the creation of a community free from violence and harm. Among her many accomplishments is the ability to fund the agency and its projects. Under her guidance, the budget and the capacity of NOVA rose from \$235,000 in 1991 to more than \$3.3 million today. Another initiative that defined her management ability was the NOVA comprehensive capital campaign she launched in 2008, called Voices Against Violence. The goal was set at \$1.9 million, but at the end of the campaign \$2.1 million was raised. Once again, her knowledge, dedication and her outstanding management abilities led the way. Barbara has the appreciation and gratitude of her colleagues, those she mentored, and the community she served. In so doing, she has set an example for others to follow.

JARVIS GLOVER

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the service and dedication of an extraordinary community servant, Mr. Jarvis Glover.

Born and raised in Port Tampa, Mr. Glover has been fondly known as its unofficial Mayor. Mr. Glover started his career with Hillsborough County in 1975, at a time when our nation, and our own community, was progressing and on the cusp of tremendous growth. Beginning as a groundskeeper, Jarvis served to improve the lives of the citizens of Hillsborough County, Florida in many capacities throughout the following four decades of his tenure. Mr. Jarvis recently retired from Hillsborough County, after serving with unwavering discipline and integrity and inspiring future generations of public servants.

Mr. Glover's outstanding work ethic and stalwart dedication have made an indelible mark on day-to-day County business and represents the values that this community upholds. Mr. Glover has had a big heart for public service, which has perhaps made him Hillsborough County's greatest ambassador and he is revered by everyone.

Mr. Glover's commitment and devotion begins with his family. He is quick to credit his loving wife, Clara, as a driving force in his life. His own children, La'Daishia and Jarvis Jr., have supported and followed in their father's lofty footsteps into public service.

Mr. Glover's praise and admiration by everyone he meets has not happened overnight. He has earned it by demonstrating a daily pledge to serve his colleagues and neighbors with respect and hard work. His example of genuine enthusiasm for public service should serve to motivate so many answering the call to join our public agencies, which have a profound impact on millions in almost every aspect of their lives. Hillsborough County is a better place because of Mr. Glover. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join the Hillsborough County community in thanking Jarvis Glover for his decades of exceptional service.

HONORING REV. ROBERT L. MILLER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a God-fearing and impressionistic man, Rev. Robert L. Miller. Rev. Miller has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication and a desire to serve God.

Rev. Miller has done many things throughout his life, but inside he has always been a preacher. At 89 years old, he can't see himself ever hanging it up, because it's his calling. Some of the members of the church have said their church will close its doors if he leaves.

He is currently serving five churches on a rotation schedule where he will do two services a Sunday except one Sunday a month, he only does one service.

Forty years ago in July is when he first took the pulpit at New Mount Zion M.B. Church. Eleven years later in June 1986, he began serving his fifth church, Locust Grove M.B. Church.

He also preached at Providence M.B. Church from 1971 until 1986. He has served as vice moderator of the Sharkey County Baptist Association and is currently the moderator of the Warren County Baptist Association.

He was ordained in December 1968 and started serving his first church just weeks later.

The profession is so much a part of his soul; oftentimes he slides into preacher mode mid-conversation. The only job Rev. Miller has ever had besides being a preacher was a letter carrier for 25 years.

At 18, Miller was drafted and left high school to join World War II. He spent time in France, England, Belgium and Germany as a medic. Once the war was over, he returned to Vicksburg to finish his high school degree at Bowman High School.

Rev. Miller married two years later and had eight children with his wife of almost 30 years. She passed away in 1979. He was remarried in August 2013 to Elease Fisher Miller.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Rev. Robert L. Miller for 40 years of service to New Mount Zion M.B. Church.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. ROBERT STUCKY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Robert "Bob" Stucky on his retirement after twenty seven years of dedicated service to the City of Kingsburg.

Mr. Stucky was born on January 3, 1954 in Reedy, California. Growing up in the Central Valley, Mr. Stucky attended local schools and graduated from Reedy High School in 1972. Bob and his wife Donna have two children, Tim and Lisa.

On August 15, 1988, Mr. Stucky began working as a Maintenance Worker with the City of Kingsburg Public Works Department.

Throughout his career, Mr. Stucky has worked in several capacities including Water Specialist and Water Operator.

Mr. Stucky has served the citizens of Kingsburg loyally and with dedication. His insight and efforts have kept the city's water supply clean, safe, and reliable for all those in the community.

After twenty seven years with the City of Kingsburg, Mr. Stucky retired on January 6, 2016. The City of Kingsburg has been extremely lucky to have such a diligent and hardworking individual protect their water supply.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Mr. Robert Stucky for his decades of dedicated public service and congratulating him on his recent retirement.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF CBP'S AIR
AND MARINE OPERATIONS—OR
AMO

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the merger of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) air and marine assets, which today are known as CBP's Air and Marine Operations—or AMO. This valuable component of CBP provides critical aviation and maritime capabilities that support security along the nation's land and maritime borders.

Prior to the establishment of DHS in 2003, the assets and personnel that comprise AMO were divided amongst multiple agencies, including the U.S. Customs Service and the U.S. Border Patrol. These resources were consolidated under DHS and integrated into CBP to better coordinate and align our nation's border and maritime security resources and increase the effectiveness of those resources.

Today, AMO helps secure our nation from transnational threats, including terrorism; weapons and drug smuggling; and other illicit transnational activities.

With 1,800 federal agents and specialists, a fleet of aircraft and marine vessels, and an array of advanced surveillance and domain awareness technologies, AMO conducts its mission along our land borders and coastlines, and within the nation's interior.

Based out of more than 90 locations throughout the United States, AMO performed approximately 30,000 missions, which supported 51,000 apprehensions and made 4,500 arrests ensuring the safety and security of our nation.

As one of the nation's largest and most capable aviation and maritime law enforcement organization, AMO leverages its capabilities by forging crucial partnerships with international, federal, state, local and tribal agencies in support of national security, law enforcement, disaster relief, and humanitarian operations.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I want to commend the men and women of the CBP's Air and Marine Operations for their years of service and wish them a happy 10th anniversary.

HONORING MAMIE OSBORNE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mamie Osborne, who is an assistant professor of English and has devoted herself to teaching and research since she began working at MVSU in 1999. She completed post-graduate studies at the University of Toledo, University of Louisville, and University of Mississippi in American literature, rhetoric and composition, children's and young adult literature, and received an undergraduate degree in English from MVSU.

As a professor, Osborne assisted the Department of English and Foreign Languages' English Education program successfully by drafting two NCATE self-study reports and earning the program the status of "Nationally Recognized" twice; she is a member of Valley's Quality Enhancement Plan faculty team; and she holds membership in the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and the Black Caucus of NCTE.

Osborne is a scholar and creative writer. Her scholarly and creative works have been published in national and international scholarly and literary journals including: The Southern Quarterly, Valley Voices, Black Magnolias, The Kentucky River, and Renditions (Hong Kong). Her interview with Sterling Plumpp will be published in *Conversations with Sterling Plumpp* by the University Press of Mississippi in spring, 2016. She has also made numerous presentations at professional conferences and serves as an editor for Valley Voices, a national journal for criticism and writing published at MVSU.

The assistant professor devotes herself to community service. Osborne has volunteered to help the City of Itta Bena address its community's literacy problem by volunteering during the summer and after school at the Itta Bena Public Library and for the past two years conducted workshops for the MVSU Reading Institute in children and young adult literature and writing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mamie Osborne, a professor, writer, researcher and educator, for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

MOURNING THE LOSS AND HONORING THE LIFE OF CARROLL
PATRICK OLIVER

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I have taken to this floor too many times to mourn tragic deaths caused by senseless acts of gun violence.

I rise today to remember Mr. Carroll Patrick Oliver of Houston, Texas, a well-loved and respected businessman and community leader of my 18th district.

Mr. Oliver was tragically murdered on Monday, January 11, 2016, when he was shot and killed in a robbery as he left his place of business to do a morning bank run.

A former Chicago police officer and lawful gun owner, Mr. Oliver attempted to defend himself when approached by the robbers but was ruthlessly shot by one of the thieves as they attempted to steal his briefcase.

As a McDonalds franchise owner for nearly 37 years, Mr. Oliver was well known throughout Houston as a kind-hearted and giving man, who helped open many doors for those in his community.

He often fed the homeless and neighborhood children simply in need of a warm meal.

He did not hesitate to help those he knew or those he came across in need of a helping hand.

Laudably, Mr. Oliver was most recognized for providing employment opportunities to help individuals succeed in his community, including hiring teenagers from a local high school and working with several programs to hire individuals with criminal records looking for a second chance.

Mr. Oliver also served as a volunteer Chaplain for the Fort Bend County Precinct Two Constable's office, where he led the community in prayer at school events and nursing homes.

Giving back to his community in more ways than one, Mr. Oliver had a servant's heart and a lifelong calling to help the poor and underprivileged.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jolene Oliver and their two children Cedric Oliver and Stephanie Oliver, as well as a host of relatives, friends and his McDonald's family.

The loss of this great man will run deep throughout Houston.

We will miss him and his beautiful acts of kindness and generosity.

I hope Houston can find peace and comfort in the legacy of greatness he leaves with us, and that others continue to follow in his footsteps.

I also hope that we continue to fight gun violence and find ways to prevent these awful acts of violence.

This tragic event sadly demonstrates the clear and present dangers of gun violence in our society, despite individuals being a lawful gun owner themselves.

As my colleagues and I continue to push for gun safety legislation, we must come together and acknowledge that we are all at risk, and that none of us are immune from the dangers of gun violence.

In solemn remembrance of this beloved and remarkable community leader, I ask that a moment of silence be observed in his memory.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, on January 11, 2016, I was unable to cast a vote on two measures which were before the floor of the House of Representatives due to business I was conducting in my capacity as Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee. Therefore, I would like to present this letter of intent.

The two measures that I was unable to cast a vote on were Roll Call Number 34, H.R. 598, the Taxpayer Right-To-Know Act, and

Roll Call Number 35, H.R. 3231, the Federal Intern Protection Act of 2015. On both the measures my intent was to vote “yea” had I been present on the House floor.

RECOGNIZING MS. PATRICIA
SIMMONS

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Patricia Simmons, an inspiring educational leader from Pomona, New York, who passed away on December 27, 2015.

For the last 15 years, Ms. Simmons served with distinction, grace and total dedication to students as Principal of Fleetwood Elementary School in Chestnut Ridge, New York. She was an integral, respected and beloved part of the entire East Ramapo Central School District community, serving as President of the East Ramapo Building Administrators Association, a co-founder of the Rockland Association of Black School Educators and as a board member of the CEJES Institute, a local cultural, educational, and research foundation dedicated to improving educational and social conditions for all. Ms. Simmons also served on the Spring Valley NAACP Education Committee as a strong advocate for student, parent, and community engagement in local schools.

At Fleetwood, Ms. Simmons quietly and effectively instilled a sense of hope and respect in all her students and pride and confidence in the teachers and staff. During the winter, Ms. Simmons would stand at the entrance of the school to make sure every child was wearing a coat, gloves, and hat, providing for those who did not have their own. On Fridays, Ms. Simmons would pack food in students' backpacks to make sure they did not go hungry over the weekend. Ms. Simmons and her staff at Fleetwood Elementary would also supply gifts for children and deliver turkeys for Thanksgiving to families in need.

Ms. Simmons earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Black and Hispanic Studies from the State University of New York at Oneonta; a Master of Arts in Education, specializing in Infant and Toddler Educational Development and Reading Recovery at New York University; and a Master of Education in Administration and Supervision from Bank Street College. She began her career in Brooklyn as a classroom teacher and reading specialist, and later was appointed Assistant Principal at the Crispus Attucks School in Bedford Stuyvesant, until her appointment as Principal of Fleetwood Elementary. In her early years at Fleetwood Elementary, Ms. Simmons received the Excellence in Education Award in 2004 from The Parent and Student Advocacy Network in Rockland County. She was honored by the Epsilon Chi Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., as a “Bridge Builder” in 2009 for her dedication to ensuring a promising future for East Ramapo youth. She also was selected to receive the Empire State Supervisors and Administrators Award for Administrator of the Year in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the many outstanding accomplishments of my

constituent, Ms. Patricia Simmons, a true advocate for children. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring her exceptional life.

HONORING JOHN A. WICKS, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, John A. Wicks, Jr., who is a native of Jackson, Mississippi.

John A. Wicks, Jr. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wicks, Sr. of Jackson. He attended Jackson Public Schools and graduated from Murrah High School. He then matriculated at Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi where he received a B.S. degree in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics and was the valedictorian of his graduating class. While at Alcorn, Brother Wicks was active in many organizations and served as president of both Alpha Kappa Mu honor society and the Alpha Zeta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Brother Wicks went on to obtain a M.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from North Carolina A & T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina and a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia where he also served as president of the Black Graduate Student Organization. He has taught Computer Engineering at Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama and Computer Science at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi.

In October 1977, Brother Wicks accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, uniting with New Hope Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi, where he was active in the youth department. In May 1997, while working as an instructor at Tuskegee University, he acknowledged the call to preach the gospel. Subsequently, he attended the Montgomery Bible Institute in Montgomery, Alabama and served as an associate minister at Greater Peace Baptist Church in Opelika, Alabama. In August 1998, Brother Wicks began service as an associate minister at New Hope Baptist Church in Jackson. In August 2000, he accepted the call to serve as the interim pastor of Mount Nebo Baptist Church in Jackson. On January 18, 2001, Brother Wicks was elected to serve as Mount Nebo's sixth pastor and was installed on March 25th.

In addition to his pastoral duties at Mount Nebo, Brother Wicks has served on various community boards including the Mission Mississippi Resource Development Committee. He has also served as a writer for the Clarion-Ledger Faith Forum and is currently serving as the State Director of Education for the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, Inc., and the Senior Vice-Moderator of the Jackson District Missionary Baptist Association.

Brother Wicks has been the recipient of various awards and accolades including the Metro-Jackson chapter of the NAACP 2008 Medgar Evers Award winner, a Mississippi Gospel Music Awards 2011 Pastor of the Year honoree, and the 2011 Image Award Winner for Religion bestowed by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. He is married to the former Felice

L. Dowd, a native of Marks, Mississippi, and they have three children, John Arthur III, Faith Alexandria and Grace Elizabeth. Finally, Brother Wicks' motto is traditional, tried and true: “To God be the glory for the many wonderful things He has done!”

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pastor John A. Wicks, Jr. for his dedication to serving others.

CONGRATULATING THE CHARLES
COUNTY CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE ON ITS SIXTIETH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Charles County Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its sixtieth anniversary. Since its establishment in 1956, with Reed McDonagh as its first President, the Chamber has provided a boost to the local business community through educational seminars, public forums business development strategies, and a strong voice for the needs of its members. Working in partnership with the county government, the public school system, and local community leaders, the Chamber continues to contribute to the goal of ensuring that Charles County grows and remains a great place to do business.

With each passing decade, the Charles County Chamber of Commerce has taken creative steps to fulfill its mission to support its members and advance the county as a leader for economic growth and private sector job creation in Southern Maryland through its effective advocacy, high level networking and timely communications.

The Chamber has always dedicated itself to the mission of making Charles County a great place to invest, work, and grow a business. In its first years the Chamber gave rise to the Committee of 100, which later became the county's Economic Development Commission. In the 1970's, it established the Annual Trade Show to introduce local businesses, large and small, to county residents and to promote available services. In the decade that followed, it launched a scholarship program in memory of U.S. Navy Seabee diver, Robert D. Stethem, a Charles County resident and an early victim of the War on Terrorism, an example of the many ways it has worked to strengthen the local community over the years.

The Chamber created a memorial “Business of the Year” Award honoring Reed McDonagh in the 1990's to recognize a business that provides exceptional leadership in advancing the mission of the Chamber and its core principles. Around that time as well, the Chamber played a vital role in advocating for the importance of the Naval Surface Warfare Center. Indian Head Division, during the BRAC Commission process, in which I was proud to help lead the fight to keep these installations open and an integral part of Southern Maryland's culture and economy.

In recent years, the Chamber has played a critical role in working with federal, state, and local officials to help businesses and families get back on their feet after a devastating tornado, bringing a minor league team to the

county, and forging a new international partnership through the Sister City program. The Chamber has also been an active member of the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland. Now located in La Plata, its services are easily accessible to residents and businesses across Charles County, and it has broadened its efforts to take advantage of new developments in the region through its Young Professionals Group and Military Alliance Council.

Throughout its history, the Chamber has sought to provide resources, gain insight, and develop and advocate for solutions which continue making our local economy stronger and more vibrant. The Chamber prides itself on its commitment to helping members grow and prosper, and I hope my colleagues will join me in saluting the great work it has done over the past six decades. I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the Chamber as it continues to help make Charles County a great place live and do business.

IN TRIBUTE TO DAVID BOWIE,
LEGENDARY PERFORMING AND
RECORDING ARTIST WHO NEVER
LACKED THE COURAGE OR CON-
FIDENCE TO CHANGE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sadness and a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to David Bowie, a true trailblazer of the music and film industry.

David Bowie died on January 10, 2016 in New York City, from cancer; he was only 69 years old.

David Bowie was born David Robert Jones in Brixton, South London, England, on January 8, 1947.

David showed a strong interest in music from an early age and began playing the saxophone at the age of 13.

After graduating from Bromley Technical High School at the age of 16, David started working as a commercial artist.

David Bowie was also a stand-in with a number of bands and the leader of his own group, Davy Jones and the Lower Third.

David Bowie changed his last name to Bowie to avoid confusion with Davy Jones of The Monkees, a name which was inspired by the knife developed by Jim Bowie, the 19th century American frontiersman.

The first solo album David Bowie recorded was unsuccessful and soon thereafter he decided to take a hiatus from the music world.

But by early 1969, David Bowie had returned full time to the music industry, releasing the hit single "Space Oddity."

The song resonated with the public, sparked in large part by the BBC's use of the single during its coverage of the *Apollo 11* moon landing.

His next work, 1971's *Hunky Dory*, featured two blockbuster hits: the title track that was a tribute to Andy Warhol, the Velvet Underground and Bob Dylan; and "Changes," which came to embody Bowie himself.

As David Bowie's celebrity profile increased, so did his desire to keep fans and critics guessing, first by claiming he was gay, and then introducing Ziggy Stardust, Bowie's imagining of a doomed rock star.

His 1972 album, *The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars*, made him a bona fide superstar.

By the mid-1970s David Bowie had continued his chameleon style by jettisoning the outrageous costumes and garish sets.

Then in two short years released the albums *David Live* in 1974 and *Young Americans* in 1975.

In 1980 David Bowie, while living in New York, released *Scary Monsters*, a much-lauded album that featured the single "Ashes to Ashes," an updated version of his earlier "Space Oddity."

David Bowie's creative interests were not limited to music.

In 1980, David Bowie performed on Broadway in *The Elephant Man* and his passion for film helped land him the title role in *The Man Who Fell to Earth* in 1976 and a starring role in the film *Labyrinth* in 1986.

Over the next decade, David Bowie bounced back and forth between acting and music.

The most popular of David Bowie creations of late has been *Bowie Bonds*, financial securities the artist himself backed with royalties from his pre-1990 work.

David Bowie was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1996, and was a 2006 recipient of the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

He kept a low profile for several years until the release of his 2013 album, *The Next Day*, which skyrocketed to #2 on the Billboard charts.

He released *Blackstar*, his final album, on his 69th birthday, January 8, 2016.

New York Times critic Jon Pareles noted that it was a "strange, daring and ultimately rewarding" work "with a mood darkened by bitter awareness of mortality."

The world would soon learn that the album had been produced under truly difficult circumstances when the music icon died on January 10, 2016, in New York City, two days after its release.

Mr. Speaker, David Bowie famously said of himself, "I'm not a prophet or a stone aged man, just a mortal with potential of a superman. I'm living on."

Yes, David Bowie truly possessed the ability of an artistic superhuman and will live on in the hearts of his dedicated fans, admirers, and the present and future artists he has inspired around the world.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of David Bowie, the *Man Who Fell to Earth* and gave the world Ziggy Stardust and who never lacked the courage or confidence to change.

HONORING CLEVELAND PEPPER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a multi-talented gentleman, Mr. Cleveland Pepper, owner of Pepper's Upholstery and More.

Mr. Cleveland Pepper is a resident of Cary, Mississippi. He graduated in 1959 from N. D. Taylor High School located in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

He started upholstery in October of 1986 under the leadership of Mr. Fritz Johnson of Hamilton, Michigan. He worked as a trainer for two years and was able to pass all requirements receiving a Certificate in Upholstery in 1987.

Mr. Pepper is a good steward of the community and enjoys learning new information and techniques. He attended a government program at Mississippi Christian Family Center.

He taught upholstery classes through the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) to assist the unemployed to seek employment and become employable through training and assistance. In 2003 he decided to open Pepper's Upholstery and More in Rolling Fork, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Cleveland Pepper for his hard work, dedication and a strong desire to achieve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, January 7 and Friday, January 8, 2016, I was unavoidably absent. Had I been present on the House floor on January 7, 2016, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Call 13, Rep. Johnson Amendment No. 4; "aye" on Roll Call 14, Rep. Cummings Amendment No. 6; "aye" on Roll Call 15, Rep. Cicilline Amendment No. 7; "aye" on Roll Call 16, Rep. DelBene Amendment No. 8; "aye" on Roll Call 17, Rep. Cicilline Amendment No. 9; "aye" on Roll Call 18, Rep. Pocan Amendment No. 10; "aye" on Roll Call 19, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions; "no" on Roll Call 20, On Passage of H.R. 1155, "Searching for and Cutting Regulations That Are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act of 2015 or the SCRUB Act of 2015; "no" on Roll Call 21, On Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 581, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1927) to amend title 28, United States Code, to improve fairness in class action litigation; "no" on Roll Call 22, on Passage of H. Res. 581, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1927) to amend title 28, United States Code, to improve fairness in class action litigation.

Had I been present on the House floor on Friday, January 8, 2016, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Call 23, Rep. Cohen Amendment No. 1; "aye" on Roll Call 24, Rep. Conyers Amendment No. 3; "aye" on Roll Call 25, Rep. Deutch Amendment No. 4; "aye" on Roll Call 26, Rep. Moore Amendment No. 5; "aye" on Roll Call 27, Rep. Moore Amendment No. 6; "aye" on Roll Call 28, Rep. Waters Amendment No. 7; "aye" on Roll Call 29, Rep. Johnson Amendment No. 8; "aye" on Roll Call 30, Rep. Jackson Lee Amendment No. 9; "aye" on Roll Call 31, Rep. Nadler Amendment No. 10; "aye" on Roll Call 32, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions; and "no" on Roll Call 33, On Passage of H.R. 1927 to amend title 28, United States Code, to improve fairness in class action litigation or Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act of 2015.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF WILKES BASHFORD

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is with great personal sadness that I rise to pay tribute to a legendary, beloved San Francisco figure, Wilkes Bashford, who died on January 16. His world-renowned establishment—the eponymous ‘Wilkes Bashford’—delighted San Franciscans and visitors alike for half a century.

Wilkes Bashford was long celebrated as the man who gave San Francisco its elegance. His life’s greatest pleasure was educating generations of customers about style and about giving back to the community.

Wilkes Bashford paired his fashion success with civic leadership, serving as Board President of the San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center, home to San Francisco’s Symphony, Opera, Ballet and Veterans Building. He guided the renovation of the spectacular Veterans Building and co-chaired the committee to create the new, permanent memorial to our nation’s veterans in the courtyard.

His philanthropic works included support for Partners Ending Domestic Abuse, the Museum of the African Diaspora and Muttville Senior Dog Rescue. Wilkes had a special love for dachshunds and always had one as his faithful companion.

Wilkes arrived in San Francisco in 1959 and opened his original store in 1966. ‘Wilkes Bashford’ became the focus of the San Francisco fashion world. His exquisite taste, vast knowledge of the retail industry and foresight in predicting emerging fashion trends gave his store an international reputation. He introduced designer labels long before others and helped launch fashion careers.

His legendary Friday lunches at Le Central restaurant spanned forty years. Here Wilkes dined and conversed about politics and local goings-on with good friends, Mayor Willie Brown, San Francisco Chronicle columnist Herb Caen, Matthew Kelly, Sandy Walker and Harry de Wildt. This long-time group of friends epitomized elegance, sophistication and charm. They enjoyed a special camaraderie and shared not only a love of the good life but a great passion for their city of San Francisco.

Mayor Willie Brown called Wilkes Bashford part of the heart of the city. As we mourn Wilkes’ passing, we remember his committed civic leadership, his career as a luxury clothier, and his life as a very well respected and gentle man. May it bring comfort to all who loved Wilkes that so many cherish his memory as a warm, loving, kind friend and employer—a quintessential gentleman.

HONORING SHERIFF WILLIE
MARCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable law enforcer, Sheriff Willie March.

Sheriff Willie March is a native of Holmes County, MS, where he also received his early, elementary and secondary education. He has served the county in law enforcement since the early 1980’s. In his capacity as sheriff, he also serves as the chief officer of the Chancery and Circuit Courts with responsibilities such as, maintaining the county law library, the county courthouse, jail and protection of prisoners.

Sheriff March has served as President of the Mississippi Sheriffs’ Association in 2009, which includes Sheriffs from 82 counties across the State of Mississippi. His active membership in the association includes serving on the following committees: Mississippi Leadership Council on Aging (TRIAD) Committee; Mental Health Study Advisory Council Committee; Jail Detention and Correctional Committee and he is member of the Black Sheriffs Association, where he and the members were highlighted in the Jackson Advocate newspaper.

In addition to his efforts in fighting crime and trying to keep the county safe, Sheriff March and the Holmes County Sheriffs Department are dedicated to community service including, beautification. In 2005, he was featured in the Holmes County Herald newspaper for his recognition from the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Keep Mississippi Beautiful (KMB). The agency and organization honored him with a 2005 Award of Excellence for his participation in the Inmate Litter Removal Program Partnership. His department’s participation in the MDOT Inmate Litter Removal Program Partnership, helped to remove more than 435,000 bags of litter from state highways.

He also collaborates with schools, churches and non-profit organizations in conducting crime prevention and drug-free workshops and seminars for youth, as well as domestic violence intervention. He, along with local law enforcement and legal leaders coordinated the Just Acting Difference (JAD) program in the county for youth.

Sheriff March was also instrumental in fighting for the successful restoration of federal funds that were cut from the state’s narcotics units.

Sheriff March also served three years in the United States Marine Corps. His awards and accolades are numerous and he established the Crime Stoppers chapter in Holmes County.

Sheriff March and his wife, Peggy, are members of Trinity Missionary Baptist Church of rural Lexington, Mississippi, where he serves as a deacon. He and his wife have mentored many young people throughout the county.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sheriff Willie March for his dedication and support to the Holmes County Community.

CONGRATULATING MARY ROSE
MCCAFFREY ON HER RETIREMENT AS THE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mary Rose McCaffrey on her re-

tirement as the Director of Security for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). For the past thirty-one years, Ms. McCaffrey has held numerous security and managerial assignments throughout the CIA as well as rotational assignments to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), Department of the Navy, Department of Defense, and National Reconnaissance Office.

Prior to her appointment as Director of Security in 2011, Ms. McCaffrey served as Deputy Director of Security from 2008 to 2011 and was responsible for personnel security, facilities security, information security, policy, operations, and anti-terrorism/force protection. In addition, Ms. McCaffrey served in the ODNI at its inception as Director of the Special Security Center responsible for security policy, tools, and training collaboration among the Intelligence Community.

Mr Speaker, on behalf of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I would like to wish Ms. McCaffrey happiness, success, and good health as she begins her retirement and to thank her for her service to both the CIA and the Intelligence Community. Mary Rose, best wishes on your retirement.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHARLES
RAMM HOLM, JR.

HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Charles Ramm Holm, Jr. who passed away on Monday, January 11, 2016.

Charlie was born in Savannah, Georgia, to Charles Ramm Holm, Sr. and Ruth Carr Holm. In 1961, Charlie moved away from South Georgia to Washington, D.C. to begin his distinguished 18 year career in the public service. His desire to assist the American people and the U.S. Congress led him to work for Congressman G. Elliot Hagan as well as the Congressional Liaison for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Congressional Liaison for the Executive Office of the President. His commitment to public service continued until his retirement in 1979 while working for the Select Committee on Outer Continental Shelf/ Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Charlie was a long time member of the Board of Directors for the Congressional Staff Club, Vice President of the Administrative Assistants Association for the U.S. House of Representatives, and President of the Administrative Assistants Association.

Charlie’s efforts still did not end there as he became a mentor to young children and a committed father by coaching his son’s Little League baseball teams.

Charlie is survived by his two sons, Charles R. Holm, III and James Douglas Holm, Sr. and his wife, Janet; his two grandsons, Christian Clarke Holm and James Douglas “Jimmy” Holm, Jr.; and one great-grandson, Ashton Cross Holm, and many nieces and nephews.

HONORING FRED JONES, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Fred Jones, Jr.

From a little boy, Mr. Jones wanted to serve his country. At the age of 18, after graduating from school, Mr. Jones enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served in the 2nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron in several capacities, retiring at the rank of MSgt after 21 years. Mr. Jones continued serving his country for an additional 30 years, in the Federal Government with the Internal Revenue Service.

Mr. Jones worked tirelessly in his community as a barber, donating haircuts to neighborhood kids in need.

A native of Sharkey County, Mr. Jones is an active member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, where he served as Deacon. Mr. Jones and his wife of 59 years, Clementine Jones, are the proud parents of 4 children, 16 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Fred Jones, Jr. for his tireless dedication.

COMMEMORATING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, this year, the nation observes for the 30th time the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Each year this day is set aside for Americans to celebrate the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America.

The Martin Luther King Holiday reminds us that nothing is impossible when we are guided by the better angels of our nature.

Dr. King's inspiring words filled a great void in our nation, and answered our collective longing to become a country that truly lived by its noblest principles.

Yet, Dr. King knew that it was not enough just to talk the talk, that he had to walk the walk for his words to be credible.

And so we commemorate on this holiday the man of action, who put his life on the line for freedom and justice every day.

We honor the courage of a man who endured harassment, threats and beatings, and even bombings.

We commemorate the man who went to jail 29 times to achieve freedom for others, and who knew he would pay the ultimate price for his leadership, but kept on marching and protesting and organizing anyway.

Dr. King once said that we all have to decide whether we "will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness."

"Life's most persistent and nagging question," he said, is "what are you doing for others?"

And when Dr. King talked about the end of his mortal life in one of his last sermons, on

February 4, 1968 in the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist Church, even then he lifted up the value of service as the hallmark of a full life:

"I'd like somebody to mention on that day Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to give his life serving others," he said. "I want you to say on that day, that I did try in my life . . . to love and serve humanity."

We should also remember that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was, above all, a person who was always willing to speak truth to power. There is perhaps no better example of Dr. King's moral integrity and consistency than his criticism of the Vietnam War being waged by the Johnson Administration, an administration that was otherwise a friend and champion of civil and human rights.

THE LIFE OF THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929.

Martin's youth was spent in our country's Deep South, then run by Jim Crow and the Ku Klux Klan.

For young African-Americans, it was an environment even more dangerous than the one they face today.

A young Martin managed to find a dream, one that he pieced together from his readings—in the Bible, and literature, and just about any other book he could get his hands on.

And not only did those books help him educate himself, but they also allowed him to work through the destructive and traumatic experiences of blatant discrimination, and the discriminatory abuse inflicted on himself, his family, and his people.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that we celebrate here today could have turned out to be just another African-American who would have had to learn to be happy with what he had, and what he was allowed.

But he learned to use his imagination and his dreams to see right through those "White Only" signs—to see the reality that all men, and women, regardless of their place of origin, their gender, or their creed, are created equal.

Through his studies, Dr. King learned that training his mind and broadening his intellect effectively shielded him from the demoralizing effects of segregation and discrimination.

Dr. Martin Luther King was a dreamer. His dreams were a tool through which he was able to lift his mind beyond the reality of his segregated society, and into a realm where it was possible that white and black, red and brown, and all others live and work alongside each other and prosper.

But Martin Luther King, Jr. was not just an idle daydreamer. He shared his visions through speeches that motivated others to join in his nonviolent effort to lift themselves from poverty and isolation by creating a new America where equal justice and institutions were facts of life.

In the Declaration of Independence in 1776, Thomas Jefferson wrote, "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all Men are Created Equal."

At that time and for centuries to come, African-Americans were historically, culturally, and legally excluded from inclusion in that declaration.

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" Speech, delivered 50 years ago, on August 28, 1963, was a clarion call to each citizen of this great nation that we still hear today.

His request was simply and eloquently conveyed—he asked America to allow of its citizens to live out the words written in its Declaration of Independence and to have a place in this nation's Bill of Rights.

The sixties were a time of great crisis and conflict. The dreams of the people of this country were filled with troubling images that arose like lava from the nightmares of violence and the crises they had to face, both domestically and internationally.

It was the decade of the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War, and the assassinations of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Malcolm X, Presidential Candidate Robert Kennedy, and the man we honor here today.

Dr. Martin Luther King's dream helped us turn the corner on civil rights.

It started with a peaceful march for suffrage that started in Selma, Alabama on March 7, 1965—a march that ended with violence at the hands of law enforcement officers as the marchers crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

But the dream did not die there.

Dr. King led the Montgomery Bus Boycott, often with Rosa Parks. The boycott lasted for 381 days, as an end result, the United States Supreme Court outlawed racial segregation on all public transportation.

Dr. King used several nonviolent tactics to protest against Jim Crow Laws in the South and he organized and led demonstrations for desegregation, labor and voting rights.

On April 4, 1967, at Riverside Church in New York City, he spoke out against the Vietnam War, when he saw the devastation that his nation was causing abroad and the effect that it had on the American men and women sent overseas.

He said, and I quote:

Somehow this madness must cease. We must stop now. I speak as a child of God and brother to the suffering poor of Vietnam. I speak for those whose land is being laid waste, whose homes are being destroyed, whose culture is being subverted. I speak for the poor of America who are paying the double price of smashed hopes at home, and death and corruption in Vietnam. I speak as a citizen of the world, for the world as it stands aghast at the path we have taken. I speak as one who loves America, to the leaders of our own nation: The great initiative in this war is ours; the initiative to stop it must be ours.

When the life of Dr. Martin Luther King was stolen from us, he was a very young 39 years old.

People remember that Dr. King died in Memphis, but few can remember why he was there.

On that fateful day in 1968 Dr. King came to Memphis to support a strike by the city's sanitation workers.

The garbage men there had recently formed a chapter of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees to demand better wages and working conditions.

But the city refused to recognize their union, and when the 1,300 employees walked off their jobs the police broke up the rally with mace and billy clubs.

It was then that union leaders invited Dr. King to Memphis.

Despite the danger he might face entering such a volatile situation, it was an invitation he could not refuse.

Not because he longed for danger, but because the labor movement was intertwined

with the civil rights movement for which he had given up so many years of his life.

The death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will never overshadow his life. That is his legacy as a dreamer and a man of action.

It is a legacy of hope, tempered with peace. It is a legacy not quite yet fulfilled.

I hope that Dr. King's vision of equality under the law is never lost to us, who in the present, toil in times of unevenness in our equality.

For without that vision—without that dream—we can never continue to improve on the human condition.

For those who have already forgotten, or whose vision is already clouded with the fog of complacency, I would like to recite the immortal words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

“I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former shareholders will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the State of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but for the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama with its vicious racists, with its Governor having his lips dripping with words of interposition and nullification—one day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough place will be made plain and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.”

Dr. King's dream did not stop at racial equality, his ultimate dream was one of human equality and dignity.

There is no doubt that Dr. King supported freedom and justice for every individual in America.

He was in midst of planning the 1968 Poor People's Campaign for Jobs and Justice when he struck down by the dark deed of an assassin on April 4, 1968.

It is for us, the living, to continue that fight today and forever, in the great spirit that inspired the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.