

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.