

that neighborhood persons could acquire clothing and shoes. She attended school in Rio Grande City and graduated in the top ten percent of her class from the city's high school in 1939. She continued working in Galindo's grocery store until her marriage to Nicolas Silva, Jr. in 1947. The couple had two daughters and owned and operated a Texaco Service Station, where she served as the bookkeeper.

Mrs. Silva worked for Rio Grande City Independent School District as a teacher's aide in their pre-school department and continued to teach once the program was annexed by Headstart. She served on the South Texas Development Council until she retired at age 80, after 32 years of service. Throughout her career, she volunteered for her neighborhood's 4-H Youth Development Organization and frequently acted as judge in the program's float and craft competitions. Her dedication to children inspired her two daughters to emulate their mother's passion and attain masters degrees in Education.

In addition to her passion for children, Mrs. Silva was an avid arrowhead hunter—a passion her husband and children all enjoyed. The family has maintained, arguably, the largest personal collection in Texas, which was exhibited in the family's business. She is a faithful member of Immaculate Conception Church, and continues to dedicate her time to children, including her 4 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and others in her community. She is the beloved matriarch of her family and is sought for advice and guidance to her friends, family, and former students.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and privileged to have the opportunity to recognize the extraordinary commitment to education and the community exhibited by Mrs. Hortensia G. Silva, and I wish her the happiest of birthdays.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS H. DAVIS
JR.—RETIREMENT FROM COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION OF SOUTH
ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the work of Thomas Davis Jr., a respected leader in his field and an outstanding citizen of Mobile, Alabama.

Mr. Davis recently retired as President and CEO of the nonprofit Community Foundation of South Alabama, an organization which has flourished under his guidance over the past 27 years. Beginning as the program's development director in 1984, Tom quickly rose to become its executive director in 1985 and went on to become the president of the foundation in 2008.

Under his direction, the foundation's assets increased from \$3 million to over \$50 million. Even more impressive is the growth of the foundation's charitable funds and endowments. By the time he left office, this number had gone from 60 funds and endowments to over 400.

Mr. Davis' success is the product of hard work, an exceptional work ethic and an unparalleled ability to lead, which proved handy during his oversight of foundation programs that

provided assistance to earthquake and tsunami victims in Japan as well as those recently affected by the Gulf oil spill. He was also instrumental in obtaining health insurance for local underprivileged children.

It would be a hard task to designate one of his many achievements as being his greatest, for Tom accomplished so much throughout his tenure. However, the nonprofit's recognition as a "Partnership to Build Community Capital" by the Kresge Foundation is a distinct honor, placing the Community Foundation of South Alabama in an elite group of which there are only six such programs nationally.

On behalf of the people of Mobile, I want to thank Tom Davis for his service and wish him—and his family—continued success in the years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. KATHLEEN
BATEMAN

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Kentuckian, Mrs. Kathleen Bateman. After 33 years of teaching, Mrs. Bateman will retire leaving behind a legacy of dedication to her students and her community.

Mrs. Bateman graduated from Murray State University in 1977 with a Bachelor of Arts in Education and earned her Master's in Counseling from Western Kentucky University in 1986. She obtained her Rank I in Art through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in 1990.

Mrs. Bateman's most recent position was at East Hardin Middle School, but she has touched the lives of countless students throughout her career while teaching at several elementary and middle schools in the Commonwealth.

A great teacher has the power to affect students throughout their academic journey, opening new horizons and starting them on a positive path with high expectations for the future.

Mrs. Bateman did just that with the unwavering commitment she gave her students. It takes a special person and a tremendous level of perseverance to be an educator—qualities that Ms. Bateman exuded throughout her years of hard work.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Kathleen Bateman for her many great contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and for contributing to the success of many young people in our community.

INTRODUCING THE "SALMON
SOLUTIONS AND PLANNING ACT"

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, salmon are one of America's most precious but delicate resources. Since the construction of four Federal dams on the lower Snake River in Washington State, certain salmon species have become extinct. Others continue to see drastic

declines in number. Today, thirteen salmon and steelhead species in the Columbia and Snake River Basin are listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act. If we do not act now, we stand to lose this valuable resource forever, which is why I am reintroducing the Salmon Solutions Planning Act.

Salmon and steelhead populations have major economic, environmental and cultural significance to the Pacific Northwest. Generations of fishermen have relied on salmon as an integral part of their communities along the west coast. Today, even at their current depressed levels, salmon add hundreds of millions of dollars to the American economy and remain an essential part of communities around the Northwest. If we restore these populations to their original levels their economic benefits will reach well into the billions and these communities will be able to continue their rich traditions.

Already we recognize the importance of preserving this precious resource. The Federal Government and ratepayers in the Pacific Northwest have spent more than \$10 billion in salmon recovery efforts on the Columbia and Snake River Basin. These efforts, while commendable, have done little to help salmon populations recover. This legislation commissions studies to focus our efforts so that all factors are taken into account when considering removal. It is critical that our salmon recovery efforts be informed, cost effective, and successful.

Without action, scientists estimate that several of the salmon populations could be extinct in less than 20 years. The time to act is now. Salmon are the lifeblood of the Pacific Northwest, and we, as a country, cannot afford to lose this national treasure.

CONGRATULATING NORB ASCHOM
FOR EXCELLENCE IN RADIO
BROADCASTING

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Norb Aschom for 50 years of excellence in radio broadcasting. Norb has been news director of WPRE-AM and WQPC-FM radio stations since 1962. Throughout his time at the station, Norb has served a critical role by providing this tight knit town with the news each day, installing a sense of community through the airwaves.

Norb is a fixture in the Prairie du Chien community, a town in southwestern Wisconsin on the banks of the Mississippi River. At 71 years of age, Norb has worked in the same building every day for 50 years. While his broadcasting home on St. Feriole Island in Prairie du Chien was recently flooded, he was forced, along with the rest of the station staff, out of their office and into a temporary workspace in the local Police Department. After a two week hiatus, Norb was able to return to his normal office on April 23. Throughout his time working out of the police department he never veered from his commitment to bring the news to the people of Prairie du Chien.

In his 50 years, Norb has interviewed everyone from former First Ladies Johnson and Carter, to fellow radio personality Paul Harvey.