

communities. Through my ongoing interaction with Robins Air Force Base personnel, one of the things I have come to admire most is their remarkable interaction with the people of Middle Georgia.

Furthermore, Robins Air Force Base, along with the United States Air Force, is a strong advocate of diversity and hence is able to recruit and train the most talented men and women to become the most distinguished officers and personnel in the United States Armed Forces.

The vast success and numerous achievements and victories of the Air Force would not be possible without the talented manpower that drives, or rather, flies, it. The ideas that manifest into state-of-the-art technology, the hands that build and operate it, and the minds that make the decisions that impact one life or millions of lives are all due to the diligence, creativity, and dedication of a people united in sharing and protecting the ideals of America.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to the men and women who, over the last 65 years, have served or currently serve in the United States Air Force. Their outstanding valor and patriotic service have made the United States Air Force the best in the world.

HONORING JACQUELINE C. ALLEN

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

Whereas, Jacqueline C. Allen, the reigning matriarch of our family was born seventy-five years ago on June 26, 1937, in St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the early 50's "Jackie" and her family made the decision to move from Missouri to Wisconsin. "Jackie" and her family resided in what I call the "center of the universe" Racine, Wisconsin for approximately three years before moving to what is now the 4th Congressional District of Wisconsin, which includes the City of Milwaukee; and

Whereas, Jackie continued her education in Milwaukee receiving certification in Early Childhood Development from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; and

Whereas, not only did Jackie work creatively and lovingly with children from infancy to K-5, but Jackie also distinguished herself in the following careers: as a Housing Counselor for the City of Milwaukee where she assisted hundreds of residents in peril of foreclosure; Jackie was also a compassionate and competent Special Liaison with the Milwaukee District Attorney's office in outreach and support of battered women; and

Whereas, Jackie was honored by being selected as "Queen of Protocol" for the opening ceremonies of Milwaukee's historic African World Festival; and

Whereas, in the early 70's Jackie was one of the original organizers of the Welfare Warriors, a group that empowers predominantly women of every race, creed and color and continues to impact our country and community to this present day; and

Whereas, a portrait of Jackie has been on display in the Milwaukee Public Library system

for several decades as a tribute to Jacqueline C. Allen as one of Milwaukee, Wisconsin's most "positive people"; and

Whereas, as a family we are well aware that not only is Jackie positive but she is also persistent and powerful. Jackie has positively impacted her family decade after decade and generation after generation.

Therefore, it is with the utmost pride that I will stand on the floor of the House of Representatives in Washington, DC and convey to my colleagues and residents across the country the love and joy that I shared on July 22, 2012 on the occasion of the 75th Platinum Birthday Jubilee of my loyal constituent and my loving sister, Ms. Jacqueline C. Allen.

To God be the Glory!

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, this Continuing Resolution will fund the government through March 27, 2013, avoid a government shutdown and maintain critical programs and services for the American people. It is not in every respect the bill I would have written, but it is consistent with the Budget Control Act of 2011 and reflects the bipartisan and bicameral agreement that is possible at this time.

H.J. Res. 117 funds the government at an annualized rate of \$1.047 trillion, meets the President's request for Overseas Contingency Operations and includes modest increases for activities including cybersecurity, wildfire suppression and processing disability claims at the Veterans Administration.

While I am gratified that today's legislation also includes a clean, six-month extension of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, I regret that H.J. Res 117 continues to block common sense light bulb efficiency standards that would benefit consumers and the environment. Additionally, after two years of frozen pay, I believe federal workers should receive President Obama's recommended .5% cost-of-living adjustment at the beginning of the fiscal year.

HONORING DEACON ELI MCKENZIE

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following US. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, we are saddened by the death of Deacon Eli McKenzie, Jr., Ph.D., because our lives have been touched by the life of this one man; and

Whereas, Deacon Eli McKenzie's work is present in our district and his church, Fairfield Baptist Church in Lithonia, Georgia; also through the work of his beloved fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

Whereas, this highly effective motivator utilized his skills to aid in the growth and development of his church and community; and

Whereas, he gave of himself, his time and talent as he served his family, friends and community; and

Whereas, Deacon Eli McKenzie, Jr., Ph.D., was a husband, a son, a father, a brother and a friend; a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a special recognition on Deacon Eli McKenzie, Jr., Ph.D., for his leadership, friendship and service to all as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby attest to the 112th Congress of the United States that Deacon Eli McKenzie, Jr., Ph.D., of Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition" by declaring Deacon Eli McKenzie, Jr., Ph.D. U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of August, 2012.

NEIL ARMSTRONG TRIBUTE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my gratitude to the great American and Astronaut, Neil Armstrong.

Neil Armstrong is a name that will forever be a testament to our nation's will to prevail in the challenge for successful space exploration and push the boundaries—going where no man has gone before.

Neil Armstrong was truly an American hero and icon. He represented the ingenuity and the passion for exploration and discovery that is the hallmark of our nation.

It may have been a "small step," but when he became the first person to set foot on the moon, it changed the course of history, making the impossible possible. His legacy will live on each time we dare to dream beyond what seems possible.

I am sure that everyone in this House and around this great nation has some memory of where they were and what they were doing when they saw Neil Armstrong become the first human being to walk on the Moon as commander of the *Apollo 11* mission.

Neil Armstrong was born in Wapakoneta, Ohio on August 5, 1930. He joined the Navy and flew as a naval aviator from 1949 until 1952. In 1955 he made the decision to join the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics' Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory and later transferred to the high speed flight station at Edwards Air Force Base, California to become a civilian aeronautical test research pilot for NASA.

Mr. Armstrong, along with his fellow astronauts, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collin, shared the most significant accomplishment of modern man—they were the first people to successfully complete a voyage to and walk on the Moon.

On July 11, 1969, Armstrong, boarded the *Apollo 11* spacecraft and departed for the Moon. Four days later he arrived landed our lunar module in the Moon's sea of tranquility.

While Astronaut Collins remained with the orbiting Mother Ship, Neil Armstrong, said