

years in the Air Force after college and then moved with his wife to Sylacauga to join his father-in-law in the fertilizer business at Parker Fertilizer.

In 1964, Jimmy and Chris took over the business and focused mainly on fertilizer. In 1997, the consumer division of the company was sold and the remaining portion became Pursell Technologies.

In 2001, the family established Pursell Farms, a 3,500 acre site in Fayetteville, Alabama and FarmLinks, an 18-hole golf course and nursery. FarmLinks has been the number one public course in Alabama and attracts visitors from all over.

The Pursells have three children—Taylor, Chris and David—who have all worked for their company at some point. The Pursells have created over 250 local jobs and run their company with Christian values. The Pursells also have supported local schools and their community and created three student programs at Auburn University.

On December 3rd, the Pursell family will travel to a special event held at the United Nations in New York City to be awarded this prestigious honor by Sylacauga native Jim Nabors.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my congratulations to the Pursell family and thank Auburn University for educating outstanding students and citizens such as the Pursells.

RECOGNIZING WINSTON “STRICK”
STRICKLAND

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a man whose commitment and contributions to our community were second to none, and whose legacy will long be remembered.

Winston “Strick” Strickland devoted his life to mentoring children and caring for senior citizens in Marietta, Cartersville, and surrounding communities. His service was, and remains, inspiration to us all. He was deeply loved and will be forever missed.

Mr. Strickland was the embodiment of the American Dream and served as an inspiration to many. The son of sharecroppers, his family instilled the value of hard work and integrity at a young age. These principles guided him throughout his successful business career. Strickland became the owner of S&M Enterprises, the umbrella company of three local “staples”: Strick’s Barber Shop, Strick’s Grill and S&M Laundromat.

In a 2009 interview with the Marietta Daily Journal Mr. Strickland said, “My mother taught me that you work hard, treat people right and when you find something’s wrong, you straighten it out. Do good in anything that you put your hand into, and in the meantime you’ve got to give back to the community.”

Inspired by politics and social work, Mr. Strickland wanted to make a difference in peoples’ lives and in 1990, he founded the Blacks United for Youth-Cobb. BUY-Cobb, a foundation created to mentor our community’s youth, has assisted more than 2,000 students through its mentor programs and scholarship fund. To date, the foundation has contributed

more than \$300,000 dollars in scholarships to youths in our community.

Mr. Strickland was the consummate family man and is survived by a loving family: his wife of 47 years, Rosetta Strickland; two children Monique Strickland Hall and Michele Strickland, and his two grandchildren of whom he was extremely proud: Jaden MacArthur Hall and Janai Hall.

Mr. Speaker, we mourn the loss of a community leader and role model. His unwavering service and memory will forever live on in Bartow and Cobb County and the great state of Georgia.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on November 29, 2012, I was unable to vote on roll-call vote 611. Had I been present I would have voted “yea” on H. Res. 821, providing for consideration of H.R. 6429.

HONORING J. MATTHEW MULLAN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize J. Matthew Mullan who is retiring after 23 years of public service with the Town of Windsor, California.

Mr. Mullan began his career in Windsor in 1989 as Assistant General Manager of the Windsor Water District. He was named Assistant Town Manager upon the town’s incorporation in 1992.

As Assistant Town Manager, he served as a supervisor of community development activities, including planning and building inspection, engineering, street maintenance, and water reclamation. Mr. Mullan was also responsible for the franchise of solid waste and cable television. As head of Windsor’s 5-year Capital Improvement Program, he various managed special projects including the design and construction of the corporation yard.

Mr. Mullan was appointed Town Manager in 2005. In this position, he oversaw development of the new LEED certified fire station, construction of the SMART train station, and preparation of the Town’s Economic Development Strategic Plan. He also managed the connection of the Town’s recycled water system to the Geysers Recharge Project, facilitating the transport of treated waste water from Sonoma County to the Geysers steamfields in the Mayacmas Mountains that straddle Lake and Sonoma Counties. All of these projects have been tremendously beneficial to the Town of Windsor.

As Town Manager, Mr. Mullan serves as Chair of the Sonoma Mendocino Area City Managers/County Administrators Association and is a member of the International City Management Association.

Mr. Mullan plans to spend his retirement with his wife Rosanne and their three children, and is looking forward to expanding his role as

doting grandfather and avid San Francisco Giants fan.

Mr. Speaker, Matt Mullan has a long and distinguished record of public service. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him today and wish him well in his retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO ALTADENA’S 125TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I, along with my colleague Representative JUDY CHU, rise today to honor the community of Altadena, California upon its 125th anniversary.

For over a century, this extraordinary community has grown and thrived while maintaining a fierce and admirable independence.

In 1881, the land that would become Altadena was sold to John and Fred Woodbury. The two brothers would later open Altadena as a subdivision of the Pasadena Improvement Company in 1887 with the hopes of developing a residential neighborhood and attracting wealthy millionaires. They were initially successful, bringing in wealthy names such as Col. Charles Greene and Andrew McNally, but soon found the region was thrown into an economic depression as part of a larger national depression that lasted through much of the 1890’s. Despite the national depression, ranchers and farmers continued to buy land in Altadena and expanded the crops that were farmed from grapes and oranges to include foods such as olives, walnuts, dates, and avocados. Many business magnates also came from the mid-west and built grand winter and retirement homes in Altadena.

By the 1940’s and 1950’s, Altadena was a well-established community that continued to develop and flourish through housing development, modernization, and business growth. In the 1960’s and 1970’s, Altadena became more ethnically diverse, eventually making it one of the most integrated communities in Southern California. Today, Altadena has a diverse population of 43,000 nestled in the beautiful San Gabriel mountains.

Altadena is a wonderful community that has fostered a number of remarkable, world-famous individuals. Notable Altadeneans include Thaddeus S.C. Lowe, scientist and inventor, Richard Feynman, physicist, Zane Grey, western novelist and Marni Nixon, renowned soprano and actress.

We are honored to recognize Altadena, with its rich cultural heritage and ask all Members to join us in congratulating Altadena upon its 125th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of November 26th and missed Rollcall Votes 611, 612 and 613. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on Rollcall Votes 611 and 613, and “no” on Rollcall Vote 612.