

Chaplain Beale is the 4th out of 10 children. She was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, but was raised in Helm, Mississippi, where she has lived all of her life. She has 3 children: Steve, Felecia and Ashley; 4 grandchildren; and, 1 great-grandchild.

She is a 1966 graduate from Briech High School in Leland, Mississippi. After high school, she worked various jobs, but it was not until 2007, when she became a librarian assistant. As of today, she is still holding this position where she has to do clerical work, organizing, stocking, hosting events, and assisting the public with their needs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chaplain Margaret Beale for her dedication to serving others.

#### CELEBRATING DIA DE PORTUGAL

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2013*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues Mr. VALADAO of California, Mr. CICILLINE of Rhode Island, Mr. NUNES of California, Mr. HONDA of California, Mr. LANGEVIN of Rhode Island, and Ms. LOFGREN of California to recognize Dia de Portugal and to again state the importance of a strong relationship between the United States and Portugal. Dia de Portugal celebrates the heritage of the Portuguese people and their descendants and is recognized around the world on June 10th.

Vibrant Portuguese communities are scattered across the United States from Massachusetts and Rhode Island to California and Hawaii. The latest census estimates that more than 1.3 million individuals living in the United States are of Portuguese ancestry, and they have been making positive contributions to our society for decades.

The ties between the United States and Portugal are critical and date from the earliest years of the United States. Following the Revolutionary War, Portugal was among the first countries to recognize the United States. On February 21, 1791, President George Washington opened formal diplomatic relations, and the oldest continuously-operating U.S. Consulate in the world, since 1795, is in Ponta Delgada on the island of São Miguel in the Azores.

Portugal is an integral member of the European Union, a founding member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and an important strategic partner in the Mediterranean and beyond. As such, the United States-Portugal defense relationship is strong and must remain so. Central to this relationship is the U.S. Air Force's 65th Air Base Wing at Lajes Field on Terceira Island in the Azores. Having bolstered the United States' and its allies' control of the Atlantic since World War II, Lajes Field is a valuable asset that must be maintained.

Mr. Speaker, we join with the people of Portugal and our Portuguese American constitu-

ents in wishing everyone celebrating across the globe a wonderful Dia de Portugal.

#### THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SALLY K. RIDE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT OF 2013

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2013*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, 30 years ago today, Sally Ride became the first American woman to travel into space. For that, she will be forever enshrined in history. But as impressive as that feat was, she made many other contributions to our country that were just as important. In recognition of all of her achievements, today I am pleased to be an original cosponsor of the Sally K. Ride Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2013, which was introduced by my colleague Representative SCOTT PETERS.

Sally Ride was a newly minted Ph.D. physicist when she joined the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1978. During her service in the astronaut corps, she participated in two Space Shuttle missions: STS-7 in 1983 and STS-41G in 1984. While training for her third mission, the Space Shuttle *Challenger* disaster occurred, which ended her service as an astronaut. In the aftermath of the disaster, Dr. Ride was selected to serve on the Presidential commission investigating the accident. She would later go on to serve as a member of the Space Shuttle Columbia Accident Investigation Board, becoming the only person to serve on both Space Shuttle accident investigation boards.

After her service at NASA, Dr. Ride became a professor of physics at the University of California, San Diego, as well as the Director of the California Space Institute. In addition to her teaching at UC San Diego, Dr. Ride was heavily involved with programs to increase science, technology, and mathematics (STEM) educational achievement in young women. To this end, in 2001 she co-founded a company that creates entertaining science programs for elementary and middle school students. Dr. Ride was also a prolific writer of children's books.

Sadly, in July of last year, Dr. Ride passed away after a battle with cancer.

During her life, Sally Ride was honored and recognized many times. However, she was never awarded a Congressional Gold Medal. I think we can all agree that this was an unfortunate oversight on the part of Congress, and we should expeditiously move forward with this legislation to posthumously recognize Dr. Ride's achievements.

I hope that as we work to pay tribute to this extraordinary woman, we also work to honor the legacy of her achievements. We can best honor that legacy by ensuring a strong and healthy space program, by rededicating our scientific and educational agencies to the cause of improving STEM education, and by striving to ensure that all young people, re-

gardless of race or sex or creed, believe that they too can reach for the stars.

#### COMMEMORATING GARY AND JUDI SAMUEL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2013*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 50th wedding anniversary of Gary and Judi Samuel.

Gary and Judi Samuel were married on June 1, 1963. Since then, Gary has served as the president of Portable Livestock Shelters and Judi is a partner at Debco Management, Inc. Gary and Judi are also members of Second Baptist Church in Springfield.

Gary and Judi have two children, a daughter, Sherry, and a son, Greg. They are also blessed with five granddaughters.

I am proud of Gary and Judi Samuel and am honored to call them my neighbors in the 7th Congressional District of Missouri. This milestone shows what true devotion Gary and Judi have to one another. I wanted to take this opportunity to commemorate their 50th anniversary. May God bless them with many more happy and loving years together.

#### THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NA- TIONAL PATRIOTS MEMORIAL ACT

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2013*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the National Patriots Memorial Act today, the anniversary of the start of the War of 1812, a war that was fought in the streets of Washington, D.C. The bill would authorize the establishment of a memorial on federal land in the District of Columbia to honor the patriots of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, as well as our international allies that fought in support of preserving our nation's freedom during these wars. Funding for the memorial will come entirely from private funds provided by the Benjamin Harrison Society, which suggested the memorial. The National Patriots Memorial will be an important addition to the nation and the District of Columbia alike. It will preserve and help educate the nation about both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and the link to our own city. The National Patriots Memorial would remind the nation that D.C. residents fought in the Revolutionary War, the war that created the nation itself, the War of 1812, and every war since. The memorial also will serve to educate visitors to the nation's capital about the early years of our country's issues, conflicts, and growth. I urge my colleagues to support the bill.