CONGRATULATING CREEKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL, A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an outstanding school in my district that is being honored as a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School. It is a pleasure to congratulate Creekside Middle School in Carmel, Indiana in celebration of this special occasion.

The National Blue Ribbon designation, given by the U.S. Department of Education, is awarded to both public and private schools across our great nation. Started by President Reagan and given annually since 1982, the award celebrates great American schools that achieve very high learning standards or are making significant improvements in the academic achievements of their students. In my district and across the country, the award recognizes the great educators, students and parents who have worked so hard to ensure Indiana’s children reach their full potential and achieve academic success.

For all of these reasons and many more, I am so proud that Creekside is receiving this prestigious designation. It is a wonderful acknowledgement of the school’s commitment to providing young Hoosiers an exceptional education. While 417 schools nationwide may be nominated, only 286 are chosen as a National Blue Ribbon School, making this recognition all the more impressive.

Since opening ten years ago, Creekside has grown tremendously and now serves nearly 1,500 students. Creekside has also consistently placed as one of Indiana’s top middle schools. I applaud its administrators and teachers for their focus on rigorous and relevant curriculum that will help students succeed in their future endeavors.

As one member of the Education and the Workforce Committee, I also want to acknowledge how important it is to our nation’s future to encourage and raise a new generation of Americans who have the skills and knowledge to succeed both in and out of the classroom. Students like those at Creekside give me hope to succeed both in and out of the classroom.

With 417 schools nationwide making the National Blue Ribbon School designation, Creekside has demonstrated tremendous resolve in bringing community-oriented services to Texas, and I am proud to recognize her many accomplishments.

ESTABLISHING COMMISSION OR TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE THE BACKLOG OF DISABILITY CLAIMS

SPEECH OF
HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the passage of H.R. 2189, a bipartisan bill that among many things will finally recognize the valiant service of Merchant Mariners that operated domestically during World War II. It has been my honor for the past three Congresses to introduce legislation that would recognize these brave Americans and correct an injustice that has remained for over 70 years.

The Merchant Marine were private citizens employed by freight shipping companies. In an effort to support the American war effort during World War II, those same freight shipping companies and their employees became an auxiliary to the United States Navy. Their mission was to transport bulk war materials including food, clothing, weapons, and even troops to all areas of conflict and coastal installations here at home.

During the World War II war effort, many of these mariners were tasked with the critically important role of transporting materials along the U.S. coast using tugboats and barges. Although these mariners did not sail across the Atlantic or Pacific Oceans into areas of conflict, they still encountered the enemy while delivering cargo that kept the war effort moving forward. One tugboat, the Monomoy, operating just off the coast of Virginia on March 31st, 1942, was sunk by German U-Boat 754 tragically killing several members of the crew.

This tragic story has been the impetus for the legislation I have introduced in the past three Congresses to finally honor this small group of unsung heroes. In fact, a North Carolinian, Don Horton, whose brother William Lee Horton, Jr. was on that tugboat and lost his life aboard the ship that rescued him from the ocean, and I believe he is a driving force behind this legislative effort. William Lee Horton, Jr., was 17 at the time of his death while bravely serving his country. Many members of Don Horton’s family served on these tugboats and barges during World War II in support of the war effort. Don Horton has become the foremost expert on this forgotten segment of the World War II Merchant Marine, and has worked tirelessly to see mariners like his brother gain the recognition as veterans that they rightly deserve and earned through service to their country.

The ranks of these coastwise tugboats and barges were not solely operated by men, but also women, as in the case of the Horton family. Don Horton’s mother and sister, along with many other women, served alongside their male counterparts, but were never issued formal documentation for their service aboard these vessels because of an order by the War Shipping Administration. Many male Merchant Mariners that operated domestically were also never issued formal documentation or the documentation that was issued is extremely hard to find today because many of these documents were ordered destroyed by the U.S. Government.

Currently, a certificate of shipping and discharge forms, continuous deck or engine logbooks, and shipping company records that indicate the vessel names and dates of voyages are the only documents that are considered acceptable to determine an individual’s service in the Merchant Marine. In fact, by order of the Coast Guard Commandant, captains of tugboats and seagoing barges were relieved of the responsibility of submitting reports of seamen shipped or discharged. The deck or engine logbooks were turned over to the War Shipping Administration and were destroyed because they were too “voluminous to maintain, costly to keep, and rarely used for research.” Shipping company records that indicate the vessel names and dates of voyages likely never existed because written communication relating to the movement of supplies and troops was strictly forbidden by U.S. military commanders.

After 70 long years, the passage of H.R. 2189 finally offers these mariners a chance to receive the recognition they deserve. H.R. 2189 expands the acceptable forms of documentation used to determine eligible service in the Merchant Marine. The bill allows Social Security Administrators, but were never issued formal documentation for their service aboard these vessels because of an order by the War Shipping Administration. Many male Merchant Mariners that operated domestically were also never issued formal documentation or the documentation that was issued is extremely hard to find today because many of these documents were ordered destroyed by the U.S. Government.

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RECOGNIZING DR. CATALINA GARCIA

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNECE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Catalina Garcia, an accomplished anesthesiologist from El Paso, Texas, and one of the first Mexican-Americans to graduate from the UT School of Medicine. Dr. Garcia grew up with the value of helping others embedded in her psyche. Today, Dr. Garcia blazed her own path as a prominent community leader.

In addition to her accomplishments in medicine, Dr. Garcia spearheaded a number of philanthropic endeavors. She is a founding member of the Dallas Women’s Foundation, an organization that promotes women’s issues through education, and dedicates much of her time to teach English to immigrants.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Garcia deserves great recognition for her efforts to empower members of our community. Dr. Garcia demonstrated tremendous resolve in bringing community-oriented services to Texas, and I am proud to recognize her many accomplishments.

HONORING THE REV. THOMAS E. GILMORE

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL
OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary contributions of Rev. Thomas E. Gilmore, a Civil Rights icon and Alabama
Pastor of First Baptist Church in Ensley, AL.

In 1983 and relocated to Birmingham to serve as

during his time as a civil rights activist, Gil-

came known as ''The Sheriff Without A Gun.''

He served as Sheriff of Greene County from

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local gas station to purchase milk for

his young son, he fell victim to a painful re-

minder of the racial turbulence in Greene

As he drove, Gilmore unknowingly ran into

a puddle of water and splashed a white

state trooper. Assuming that Gilmore was a
civil rights worker, the trooper retaliated by

pushing Gilmore against a gas pump and forc-

ing him to wash his car. At that moment, the

young minister was led to make a difference

and he was inspired to find ways to end police

brutality.

Gilmore became active in the local civil

rights movement and mass meetings and was

later recruited by the Rev. James Orange to

work for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the

Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Under Dr. King's leadership, Gilmore helped to

organize and lead voter registration drives.

The impetus for Gilmore's run for sheriff

stems from his efforts in attempting to file

a complaint against a local officer that assaulted

a young black woman. During his attempt, the

Greene County Sheriff savagely beat Gilmore in

the district attorney's office. Shortly after the

incident, Gilmore and other local civil rights

leaders constructed the idea that he should

run for sheriff to combat the violence that was

brewing in Greene County, Selma and sur-

rounding areas.

At the age of 24, this young warrior

launched his first campaign for sheriff in 1966.

Today, he describes his candidacy as "un-

heard of." While he was unsuccessful on his

first attempt, he was elected four years later.

He served as Sheriff of Greene County from

1971–1983. When asked what it was like to be a

black sheriff in this time period, Gilmore

said "You did a lot of emotions through the use of

non-violence. Gilmore retired as Sheriff in

1983 and relocated to Birmingham to serve as

Pastor of First Baptist Church in Ensley, AL.

Today Rev. Gilmore remains a dedicated Pas-

tor, leader, and servant.

Rev. Gilmore's many accomplishments are

an inspiration to us all. He is truly an Alabama

treasure and an American hero worthy of rec-

ognition. On behalf of the 7th Congressional

District, the State of Alabama, and this nation,

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the

life and legacy Rev. Thomas E. Gilmore.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I had to

tend to a personal matter in Plattsburgh, NY.

Consequently, I was not able to return to

Washington, D.C. in time to vote on H.R. 2189,

a Bill to Improve the Processing of Dis-

ability Claims by the Department of Veterans

Affairs (rolcall No. 561) and H.R. 2011, the

Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education

Improvement Act (rolcall No. 562). As a vet-

eran and representative of thousands of other
)veterans, making sure the men and women

who served our Nation have access to the

care they deserve is one of my top priorities.

Had I been present to vote, I would have

voted "yea" for both bills.

HONORING PROFESSOR TERENCE

J. ANDERSON ON THE OCCASION

OF HIS RETIREMENT AS PROF-

ESSOR OF LAW EMERITUS AT

THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

SCHOOL OF LAW

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise
today to honor my good friend, Professor Terence J. Anderson on the occasion of his
retirement as Professor of Law Emeritus at the University of Miami School of Law. Professor
Anderson is not only one of the most revered and respected law professors in the United
States, but his legal jurisprudence far exceeds the boundaries of this nation, as his students and
his influence span the globe.

Professor Anderson is an intellectual giant in
the law and over the course of his career has
demonstrated acute success as a prac-
ticing lawyer, an international courts commis-
sioner, and an educator. His knowledge of
constitutional law is renown, and he has be-
come not only a trusted advisor to me
throughout my legal career, but a good friend,
too.

Since he joined the Law School faculty at
the University of Miami in 1976 as a pro-
fessorial recruit of the late Soia Mentschikoff,
then-Dean of the Law School, Professor
Anderson has been an indelible in-
fluence on virtually every aspect of law stu-
dent and faculty life. Upon graduating from
the University of Chicago Law School in 1964,
he served as a professorial courts com-
missioner in Malawi, Africa as a member of
the Peace Corps, practiced commercial and
Corporate transactional law for seven years in

Chicago, and taught law and served as aca-
demic dean at the cutting-edge Antioch School
of Law in Washington, DC.

As a law professor, he has been instru-
mental in helping students develop the analyt-
cal and critical thinking skills needed to suc-
cessfully provide valued legal representation.

Known for his demanding pursuit of perfection,
Professor Anderson's first-year elements course
and upper-class evidence class were leg-
endary for their reputation as both impossible
to master yet required for those desiring to be-
come formidable advocates. Having perfected
Henry Wigmore's chart method of constructing
arguments about questions of fact in complex
cases, using boxes, circles and arrows, Prof.
Anderson mystified the uninstructed but brought
enlightenment and depth to the truly dedi-
cated.

Professor Anderson's long-time collabora-
tion with Professor William Twining in Great
Britain and the United States redefined the law
of evidence, culminating in a 27-year adven-
ture with the publication of the critically ac-
claimed Analysis of Evidence. The analytical
structure that Prof Anderson developed is not
only a legal judgment; it is a tool and
Prof. Twining are now applying their principles
to such varied domains as archeology and the
applied sciences.

His meticulous attention to detail and per-
fection has produced a body of work that
stands the test of time. His quick-thinking,
crisp and clear arguments, and quick-fire rep-
arte has been known to both amaze and
appall all for the precision at the core of even the most intractable problems. His students remain passionate, as he is,
about evidence, argumentation, and advocacy.

Professor Anderson knows no distinction
between legal theory and practice, following in
the footsteps of the great legal thinker Karl
Llewellyn and his mentor Soia Mentschikoff,
both of whom rejected any sharp divide be-
tween the two. His skills were much in de-
mand when, during his 1994–1995 fellowship
at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced
Studies in Wassenaar, he lectured extensively
on the American criminal process as the world
focused on the unfolding O.J. Simpson trial.

During that period, Professor Anderson devel-
oped an "audit model" that critically analyzed
and explained how the Dutch system of crim-
inal procedure was different from but no less
as effective as the American adversarial sys-
tem.

Through nearly 50 years as a gifted lawyer,
advocate, professor, public servant, commu-
nity conscience, international observer, family
man, and legend, Terry Anderson has been a


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