

The Honorable Lisa Gorcyca is Presiding Judge of the Family Division of the Oakland County Circuit Court. Before her election to the bench in 2008, she spent fifteen years working at the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office as Chief of the Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse Unit. She chairs the Oakland County Coordinating Council Against Domestic Violence and is founder and member of the Oakland County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team. She was recently recognized as a Top Circuit Court Judge for 2014.

The Honorable Mattie McKinney Hatchett was first elected to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in 2002 and made history in 2011, when she became the first African-American woman to serve as President of the Michigan Association of Counties. Known as "The Mother of Pontiac," Mattie served as Deputy Mayor and has spent more than fifty years advocating for her community. Since 1963, she has been actively involved with the Pontiac School District as an employee and volunteer. Presently, she is a Trustee on the Pontiac Board of Education.

Ruth Elliott Holmes is President of the International Women's Forum—Michigan which brings together a global membership of women to exchange ideas, to learn, to inspire and to promote better leadership for a changing world. In eleven years overseas, she worked for the African-American Institute in Abidjan in the Ivory Coast and was active in the international community in Brussels, Belgium. She serves on many professional boards and is a Trustee for the National Association of Document Examiners. A handwriting examiner and personnel consultant, Ruth owns her own business and was named 2010 Innovator of the Year, one of Michigan's Top 10 Women Business Owners and, in 2002, Corp! magazine listed her among Michigan's 95 Most Powerful Women.

The Honorable Cynthia Thomas Walker currently serves as Chief Judge of the 50th District Court in Pontiac and has been a district judge since 2003. Before taking the bench, she worked as Court Administrator of that court, as Pontiac City Attorney, and as a staff attorney for UAW Legal Services and for Legal Services of Eastern Michigan. She serves on the board of the Oakland County Bar Association and is active in judicial, professional and civic organizations. She supports the Teen Court program at her court and volunteers her time at local schools, churches, and non-profit organizations.

All WONder Women demonstrate achievement in each of the following areas: contribute to the community beyond that which is required in their employment; demonstrate character, commitment and leadership; and assist women/girls in reaching full leadership potential through civic engagement, personal and professional contacts, or resources.

The WON Foundation advances the vision and mission of the Women Officials Network: empowering leaders of today and mentoring women leaders of tomorrow. The Women Officials Network envisions more women in Leadership positions at all levels of government.

TALLGRASS ENERGY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Tallgrass Energy for being honored with the Business Recognition Award given by the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation.

The Business Recognition Award is given to a Jefferson County company which shows growth in employment, sales and capital investment in the last year.

Tallgrass Energy provides natural gas transportation and storage services for customers in the Rocky Mountain region through its pipelines and natural gas processing assets. Tallgrass Energy is committed to public safety, monitoring their pipeline operation 24 hours a day every day. The company recently added 58 high paying jobs in 2013.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Tallgrass Energy for receiving the Business Recognition Award from the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation. I thank you for your commitment to innovation high standards and delivering quality products.

RECOGNITION OF SHEN YUN PERFORMANCE AT PROCTORS THEATRE IN SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the upcoming Shen Yun Performing Arts presentation at Proctors Theatre in Schenectady, New York on April 27, 2014.

Shen Yun Performing Arts troupe performances incorporate Chinese dance, ethnic folk dance, and story-based dance, accompanied by an orchestra mixing modern and traditional Chinese instruments. These performances incorporate large groups of dancers presenting traditional vignettes spanning several millennia of Chinese history. Dancers wear ornate costumes and make use of a variety of props, while performing in front of a projected backdrop.

As the largest Chinese music and dance ensemble in the world, Shen Yun offers an opportunity for cultural and artistic enrichment this month at historic Proctors Theatre in Schenectady, New York.

COMMENDING THE ALL INDIA SHRI SHIVAJI MEMORIAL SOCIETY (AISSMS)

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the All India Shri Shivaji Memorial Society (AISSMS) established in 1917 by the late His Highness Shrimant Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj of Kolhapur and

His Highness Alija Bahadur Madhavrao Scindia Maharaj of Gwalior, with the foundation stone laid by the Prince of Wales on November 19, 1921 in Pune, India.

AISSMS was established for the purpose of "throwing open to all alike the doors of knowledge through liberal education." It was established to memorialize the great Shivaji, a statesman and warrior, a bold reformer who not only founded an Empire, but created a Nation, based on a vision of ideals and dreams which AISSMS is realizing.

From a renowned military school to Day schools to Junior Colleges to a foray into higher and technical education, AISSMS now runs world class institutions in various disciplines. AISSMS institutions have obtained accreditation from the National Board of Accreditation and have signed MOU's with Universities from the UK, the USA and Germany to run joint programs of global standards.

I am proud of AISSMS and recognize the importance of its history and impact on past, present and future generations. I especially commend its Office Bearers—H.H. Shrimant Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj who serves as President; Vice President Shrimant Yuvraj Sambhajiraje Chhatrapati; Honorary Secretary Shri Malojiraje Chhatrapati; Treasurer Shri Ajay Uttamrao Patil; Chairman of the Governing Council Shri Vishwas Bajirao Patil; Honorary Joint Secretary Shri Ratnakar K. Jitkar Shri Ajay Uttamrao; Chairman of the Managing Committee Shri Sahebrao R. Jadhav, the Governing Council, the Managing Committee and other notables.

I also pay tribute to Captain Shivaji Mahadkar, Managing Trustee of the Takshashila Education Trust, who visited my office in Washington, DC and personally extended an invite for me to speak to members of the esteemed All India Shri Shivaji Memorial Society and to a gathering of faculty, staff and students. In my absence, I have entered this Statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for historical purposes as a matter of appreciation for the invitation which was extended to me but moreover to recognize and commend AISSMS for the critical role it has played in shaping and defining India, and for bringing hope to all who are, have been, or will be associated with its noble cause.

As the former Chairman and current Ranking Member of the U.S. House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs' Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, which has broad jurisdiction for U.S. policy affecting the region, including India, I am proud to be associated with AISSMS. The U.S. and India are on a path to expanding higher education partnerships with a focus to build more purposeful connections. In doing so, it is my sincere hope that AISSMS and my alma mater, Brigham Young University, and other institutions of learning, will connect in ways that bring new hope and new ideas to both countries.

I thank Mr. Sanjay Puri, founder and Chairman of the Alliance for U.S.-India Business (AUSIB) for introducing me to AISSMS, and for the good work he continues to do for and on behalf of India and Indian Americans. In 2011 and 2013, AUSIB hosted two of the largest U.S.-India education conclaves and, on March 13, 2013, Mr. Puri testified as an expert witness before the House Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, calling for enhanced education collaboration as a means to strengthen U.S.-India relations.

Now more than ever, the U.S. and India must be about academic collaboration and exchange, and I commend those with the foresight to march ahead, echoing the vision of the founders of AISSMS.

CONGRATULATING IRAM ALI

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend congratulations to my constituent, Iram Ali, on her appointment to the Senior Executive Service at the Department of Defense as the White House liaison. Iram served in this body as a distinguished professional staff member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence under Chairman Reyes. After briefly working in the Senate, Iram was recruited by the Obama Administration to serve in the Department of Defense as the legislative lead for the Under Secretary for Policy.

She now returns to the Department with the duty of ensuring the President has the right personnel in place to implement his policies, a position of great responsibility and distinction. As one of the few Muslim-Americans serving in such senior positions, Iram represents the finest qualities of a public servant and is an asset to her nation. I am honored to have her as a constituent, and I wish her all of the best in her new position.

OUTLAST TECHNOLOGIES LLC

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Outlast Technologies LLC for being honored with the Business Recognition Award given by the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation.

The Business Recognition Award is given to a Jefferson County company which shows growth in employment, sales and capital investment in the last year.

Outlast Technologies LLC, located in Golden, Colorado, was founded on technology developed by a group of NASA researchers. The company develops temperature controlling technology that can absorb heat and reduce moisture in products such as ski jackets, socks, blankets and mattress pads. Outlast Technologies LLC owns over 96 issued patents and 59 pending patents related to thermally adaptive materials. They continue to explore medical, military, furnishings and other markets.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Outlast Technologies LLC for receiving the Business Recognition Award from the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation. I thank you for your commitment to innovation, high standards and quality products.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 1, I missed 3 rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on Nos. 149 and 151, and "yea" on No. 150.

HONORING THE REV. FRANCE DAVIS

HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rev. France Davis for a remarkable 40-year career building bridges, fighting racial discrimination and living the principles he teaches his flock at the historic Calvary Baptist Church in Salt Lake City, Utah.

With his wife Willene by his side, Rev. Davis has both lived and taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ, advocating for the impoverished, inspiring the young and invigorating the fight against racism. He has been a powerful mentor to young people, sponsoring scholarships as well as educational programs. His belief that everybody has worth and value, nobody is nobody and everybody is somebody has influenced a generation of youth.

Born in 1946 in Gough, Georgia, Rev. Davis graduated from the segregated Waynesboro High and Industrial School. He went on to serve as an aircraft mechanic in the U.S. Air Force. He has earned five college degrees, including a B.A. in rhetoric from Berkeley, a B.S. in religion from Westminster College and an M.A. in mass communication from University of Utah. Rev. Davis came to Salt Lake City for a one-year teaching fellowship at the University of Utah, but became an integral part of the city's religious and cultural fabric over the next four decades.

Rev. Davis was a pioneer in his own right before coming to Utah in 1972. He participated in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, meeting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in person and marching from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama to promote voting rights. He has been a tireless advocate for minorities in Utah. His own experiences with racial discrimination only inspired him to fight harder for equality. An NAACP board member for many years, Rev. Davis was instrumental in making Martin Luther King, Jr. Day an official state-recognized holiday. It goes without saying that he has been an integral part of Utah's cultural evolution on civil rights.

In addition to his ministry, Rev. Davis is the author of several books, has taught at the University of Utah and served as a member of the Utah Higher Education Board of Regents. He is also the benefactor of a scholarship for minority students. Professionally, he has served as the secretary of the Salt Lake Ministerial Association, a member of the South Africa Preaching Team for the National Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission and as an advisor, vice-president and assistant to the Dean of the Intermountain General Baptist Convention.

Mr. Speaker, Utah is a better place because of the efforts of Rev. Davis. We honor his sig-

nificant contributions, his willingness to be a voice for the voiceless, and his personal history of overcoming adversity. But most of all, we recognize his example as a teacher and follower of the teachings of Jesus Christ.

HONORING JOAN PRICE

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Joan Price, a leader in San Antonio whose life and work was a testament that neighborhood associations are vital to a democracy and in exercising civic responsibility and power.

Mrs. Price was born in Philadelphia, PA in 1932 but it was in San Antonio, TX where, as one of the founders of the Ingram Hills Neighborhood Association, she made an enduring mark. For 14 remarkable and trail-blazing years, she served as the association's president.

Earlier than most, Mrs. Price saw the democratic and communitarian potential of neighborhoods. She understood and demonstrated that neighborhood associations are ideal for building relationships, creating community, developing leadership, raising voices and keeping officials accountable. She knew that the advocacy of good neighborhood associations led to quality services such as public safety, parks, community centers and zoning laws that did not violate the character of a neighborhood.

Mrs. Price worked closely with all of her elected officials in thinking about and carrying out projects that would benefit not just the neighborhood she deeply loved but also the city she equally cherished. For many years, Mrs. Price successfully fought hard for a neighborhood park. In 2011, that park was renamed in her honor.

Mrs. Price wrote the award-winning Ingram Hills Neighborhood Association newsletter, "The Neighbor Connection." That title also speaks to her life and work. Not only was she the distinctive voice of a neighborhood but in the true spirit of neighborliness, she connected people with each other, connected them with their elected officials and connected them with their civic ideals and responsibilities.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have been blessed to have Joan Price as a friend and I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize this magnificent woman, great San Antonian and true neighbor to all she knew.

SPOTXCHANGE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud SpotXchange for being honored with the Business Recognition Award given by the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation.

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