

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, each year, March is designated as National Women's History Month to ensure the contributions of American women will be recognized and celebrated in schools, workplaces, and communities throughout the country.

Uplifting women of character, courage and those who have made a lifelong commitment to serve should be acknowledged and honored. Throughout history, women are found on the forefront of leadership when dealing with troubling issues inflicting our great country. Currently, women face a pay gap in almost every occupation. Women are often paid less than men in female-dominated and gender-balanced professions. This is awful and we must work to make a change! We shouldn't have to explain this disparity to our daughters or nieces, should they have their true worth and value diminished. We must stand together and fight against the inequality; no one should be valued as superior over another. We must continue to work and end the injustice now.

As we embark on the journey of equal rights for all women, let us acknowledge and be conscious of those remarkable and unforgettable leaders who struggled for equality before us—Susan B. Anthony, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and many more. As we champion this year's theme, "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage and Commitment," we reflect on those women, and how they can be an inspiration to us as we continue to push forward for equality. It would be my pleasure to recognize these women from my district who has done outstanding work, your efforts does not go unnoticed and continue to be great. When Women Succeed, America Succeeds.

OUR SALUTE TO WOMEN OF THE 5TH DISTRICT
OF FLORIDA

Thank you for your service and contributions to our community.

The Hon. Mabel Butler: Orange County Commissioner, 1st African American to serve; elected in 1984 for 8 years.

The Hon. Daisy Lynum: City of Orlando Commissioner of District 5 elected in 1998 retiring in 2014.

The Hon. Mildred Dixon (Deceased): City of Winter Garden Commissioner, 1st African American and woman to serve on the city commission elected in 1985 and serving 7 terms, three of which she was unopposed.

The Hon. Yvonne Scarlett-Golden (Deceased): First African American Mayor of Daytona Beach, FL (elected in 2003 and 2005).

The Hon. Linda Chapin: Orange County Chairperson (now known as Mayor) of County Commissioners from 1990–1998.

Dr. Barbara Jenkins: Superintendent of Orange County Public Schools named in 2012. Was former Deputy Superintendent, Chief of Staff and Senior Director for Elementary Education for Orange County Public Schools

The Hon. Kat Gordon: School Board Member of Orange County Public Schools elected in 2000, served as Vice-Chair in 2013. Has been a librarian and counselor for 25 years in Orange County.

Thelma Dudley (Deceased): Retired as an Adjunct Professor at UCF and working with Teacher Education for America's Minorities

program recruiting and helping black students become teachers. However, she began her career as a teacher at a then all-black high school, Jones High School, teaching there for 25 years.

Susie Boatman Forehand, RN: Former Nursing Professor at Valencia College who retired after 35 years.

Dr. Felicia Williams: President of West Campus of Valencia College. She was former Assistant Vice President of Workforce Development at Valencia and has worked for 13 years as an adjunct professor that led a team to create the college's first bachelor degrees.

Val Demings: Former Police Chief of the Orlando Police Department from 2007 to 2011 until her retirement. She was the first female to hold the position.

Natalie Jackson, Esq.: Founder of Women's Trial Group, and lawyer for the Family of Trayvon Martin.

Kelda Senior: Public Communications Officer for City of Mount Dora since 2012 and former Staff Assistant for United States Senate.

Jean Butler: Founder of JCB Construction established in 1987. A leading minority firm in Central FL for site development and construction management services.

Lynn Mims: Founder of Mims Construction established in 1989 and ranked as one of the top ten concrete and masonry service providers in central Florida. Minority owned and operated

Carolyn Fennell: Director of Public Affairs for the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority that oversees the airport and general aviation Orlando Executive Airport. She is the 1st female director and 1st female to hold the position of Director of Community Relations, Marketing and Public Affairs

Jennie Joseph: Owner and Clinical Director of The Birth Place Birthing Center, a full-service midwifery clinic. Designed and developed unique model of care to address inequities in health care service and delivery for minorities.

Mercedes Clark (Deceased): Nurse at Orange Memorial Hospital and Winter Park Memorial Hospital. The 1st African American female to be the Director of Orange County Health Department in Orlando, Florida. At the time of her retirement, she worked as a Nursing Care Coordinator at Orlando Veteran Administration Outpatient Clinic.

Ericka Dunlap: American Beauty Pageant titleholder who earned title of Miss Florida 2003 (the 1st African American) and subsequently crowned Miss America 2004.

Stephanie Henry: Founder and CEO Step by Step Expressions, Married to Mayor of Daytona Beach, FL., Derrick Henry

Tameka Gaines Holly, MPH: Community Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

HONORING BILL CRONK

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Henry County Commissioner Bill Cronk, who is retiring after three decades of public service.

After first being elected as County Commissioner in 1987, Bill Cronk went on to serve five nonconsecutive terms in that position. Bill became a community leader in Henry County, working tirelessly to address the concerns of those he served. He also mentored and befriended countless public officials and commu-

nity members. Even during a brief hiatus from his work as commissioner, Bill continued serving Henry County as the head crew chief for the Henry County surveyor.

During his time as commissioner, Bill was a key figure in the forming of the solid waste district that continues to serve the county, and in the opening of the Henry County Youth Center. He was also instrumental in bringing Ivy Tech to New Castle. Bill's commitment to his community and to improving the lives of his constituents is an example of public service to which we can all aspire.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in honoring Bill Cronk for a long and distinguished career dedicated to serving the people of Henry County. I have no doubt that Bill will bring the same dedication and enthusiasm to the next chapter of his life as he did in the previous one.

HONORING ROBERT GABLE

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Frankfort resident Robert Gable, who celebrated his 80th birthday on February 20.

Bob Gable is an important part of the foundation of the modern Republican Party in Kentucky. The one-time Kentucky Commissioner of Parks became the Republican nominee for Governor of Kentucky in 1975 and ran on a platform that largely continues to be relevant today—competitive rates of taxation, repeal of the death tax, protecting Kentucky's natural beauty and the Red River Gorge, and even advocating zero-based budgeting.

Bob did not win that race, but he continued to be a leader of the Republican Party in Kentucky serving as chairman and continuing to be sought out for advice and council by candidates. I was very fortunate and honored that Bob was one of the first to endorse my original candidacy in 2009. On behalf of Kentucky Sixth Congressional District, I would like to wish Mr. Gable a very happy 80th birthday and many more years to come.

PARK CENTER GIRLS' BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Park Center Girls' Basketball team for winning the Minnesota State High School Championship, the first title for any sport in their school's history. While any championship season is going to have its trials and tribulations along the way, many do not include the obstacles that Park Center had to overcome in their championship game.

The triple overtime victory for the Pirates did not come easy. Park Center came back from a nine point deficit and relied on a Danielle Schaub buzzer-beater to tie the game up at the end of regulation. At the end of the game, because of foul trouble, Park Center did not have a player older than a sophomore on the floor.