

TRIBUTE TO ANDREA JANSA

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Andrea Jansa of the Iowa House Democratic Research Staff for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, *Business Record*.

Since 2000, *Business Record* has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of nearly 600 business leaders and growing.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Andrea in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Ms. Jansa for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Andrea on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at *Business Record* for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

HONORING WILEY COLLEGE DEBATE TEAM ON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honor to recognize an incredible, charming, superlative institution of higher learning located within the First Congressional District of Texas. The historically significant Wiley College was founded in 1873 and is located in Marshall, Texas.

Wiley College first received national acclaim in 1935 when its debate team defeated the then reigning national forensics champion, the University of Southern California. The dramatic face off between these two universities was depicted in the movie "The Great Debaters" which helped reinvigorate the debate program at the college and began to erode the racial barrier that once plagued academia.

It is with tremendous pride that I can say "The Great Debaters" have done it again by bringing home first place honors in the National Pi Kappa Delta Comprehensive National Tournament which was held in Indianapolis, Indiana. After an outstanding period of 373 successful debates and 60 awards, this victory marks the pinnacle of the team's superb season.

The debate team which once again captured the enthusiasm and commitment of that 1935 team was comprised of only first and second year collegiate competitors: Austin Ashford, Dominick Taylor, Drake Pough, Eric

Robinson, Farah Habad, Jhamiah Dixon, LaQuanda Streeter, Rachel Garnett, Autumn Locke, Autumnwind Spear, Mary Mitchell, Kayla Hall, Cameron Smith, Jesus Cardenas, Katori Mobley, Benjamin Turner, Marcus Rembert, Ernest Mack, Ki-Jana Hernandez, Aaron Tumbaga, Robert Hollar, Nathan Leal, and Lyle Kleinman.

The students of the Melvin B. Tolson/Denzel Washington Forensics Society's debate team would not have been able to accomplish this meaningful achievement without the excellent instruction given by Coach Christopher Medina, Director of Forensics; Coach Sarah Spiker Rainey, Assistant Director of Forensics; and Interpretation Coach Sean Allen—along with Forensics Specialists Coach Kris Stroup, Coach Jane Munksgaard, and Coach Todd Rainey.

Special recognition must also be given to the President and CEO of Wiley College, Dr. Haywood Strickland; Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Glenda Carter; and Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services, Dr. Joseph Morale.

Heartfelt congratulations are extended to all faculty, staff, students and alumni of Wiley College as well as the entire east Texas community of Marshall, Texas, as their legacy of distinction is now recorded in the Congressional Record that will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE 2013 HONOREES OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations and the honorees of its 64th Annual Awards Banquet. The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations is a coalition of civic and homeowners associations from across Fairfax County. Each year, the Federation honors a few select individuals for their extraordinary contributions to our community. As a former two-term President of the Federation, I understand that those who volunteer their time, energies, and talents to civic activities play a role in making Fairfax County one of the best places in the nation in which to live, work and raise a family. I am honored to recognize the following individuals for their service to the community:

2013 Citizen of the Year: Janyce Hedetniemi. Ms. Hedetniemi's service to Fairfax County has included positions on a wide variety of important boards and commissions. Since January 2013, she has served as a Member At-Large of the Fairfax County Planning Commission. Before that, she served as a Member At-Large of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board. She is a member of the Fairfax County Community Revitalization and Redevelopment Advisory Group. Ms. Hedetniemi was the Braddock District representative to the Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission for nine years and chaired the Commission from 2008 to 2010. She was a member of the Tysons Land Use Task Force and Vice-Chair of the Task Force Steering Com-

mittee, which helped formulate new comprehensive plan language for Tysons. She chaired two Fairfax County Bond Referendum Committees, has been President of the Oak Hill Citizens Association since 1997, and served as President of the Braddock District Council for two years. Professionally, she is an expert in community relations and enjoyed a distinguished career at the National Institutes of Health.

2013 Citation of Merit: Tena Bluhm. Ms. Bluhm was appointed to the Fairfax County Commission on Aging in 2004 and has chaired the Commission since 2007. Tena has been instrumental in increasing the Commission's presence and influence in Fairfax County through speaking on behalf of older adults and the issues of aging before elected officials of both Fairfax County and the Commonwealth of Virginia. She has educated older adults about services provided by Fairfax County and sought ways to make the county aging-friendly. Ms. Bluhm was elected to her homeowners association's board in 2000 and in 2005 became its president.

She is a member of the Braddock District Council, where she raised attention to aging issues by organizing a seminar about services available to older adults in Fairfax County. Ms. Bluhm worked for 45 years as a Home Care nurse and in 2008 was named Lady Fairfax for the Braddock District. She is now retired and resides with her husband, Ray, in Fairfax.

2013 Citation of Merit: Kathy Kaplan. Kathy Kaplan is an author, publisher, artist, naturalist, and activist who has lived in Reston for 31 years. Her novel, *The Dog of Knots*, was recognized by the Association of Jewish Libraries and the Anti-Defamation League. Ms. Kaplan has worked as an interpretive naturalist, conducted workshops in art and book-making for youth camps and schools, and sculpted a bronze relief for the September 11 Memorial at Freedom Grove at Brown's Chapel in Reston. As co-chair of the Residential, Urban Design, and Livability workgroup for RCA Reston 2020, she wrote the Vision for Herndon Monroe Station area and worked on several alternate park designs for Reston Town Center North. Ms. Kaplan was appointed Chair of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations' Library Committee in August 2013 to review proposed changes to the county library system and was named 2013 Citizen of the Year by the Reston Citizens Association for her work in library advocacy.

2013 Special Gratitude Award Honorees: U.S. Representative JAMES MORAN, U.S. Representative FRANK WOLF, Virginia Delegate James Scott. The Federation also will honor three Northern Virginia legislators, who are retiring this year after distinguished careers in public service. Representatives MORAN and WOLF have served the residents of our region for more than 30 years, and I have been pleased to partner with them, first as Chairman of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors and then as a Member of Congress, to champion the interests of Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth. Delegate Scott served the residents of our community for more than 40 years, including 14 years representing the Providence District on the Board of Supervisors prior to his service in the General Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these incredible individuals and in

congratulating them on being honored by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations. Civic engagement is the root of a community and Fairfax County residents enjoy an excellent quality of life due in part to the efforts of these individuals. The contributions and leadership of these honorees have been a great benefit to our community and truly merit our highest praise.

A TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the First African Baptist Church of Philadelphia, the oldest African American founded Baptist congregation in Pennsylvania.

The First African Baptist Church of Philadelphia was established in 1809. Since then, it has helped establish many other churches and institutions, including the Downingtown Industrial School. The First African Baptist Church of Philadelphia has also played an integral role in helping to promote equality in Pennsylvania by establishing the first African American savings and loans bank and the first mortgage company for African Americans.

Throughout its rich history, thirteen pastors have held the honor of leading its distinguished congregation. Currently, The Reverend Terrence D. Griffith serves as the church's pastor. At its centennial celebration in 1909, the church welcomed Booker T. Washington as its keynote speaker. In 2009, both Ed Rendell and Arlen Specter joined the church to celebrate its bicentennial anniversary. This year, the church will be celebrating its 205th anniversary, which I am personally attending.

I invite you and all of my colleagues to join me in commemorating The First African Baptist Church of Philadelphia's 205th anniversary. May its success and commitment to helping the City of Philadelphia be an inspiration to all of us in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 194, H.R. 4292—"To amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 195, H.R. 3584—"To amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to authorize privately insured credit unions to become members of a Federal home loan bank, and for other purposes." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 196, Journal—On Approving the Journal. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,473,168,572,574.12. We've added \$6,846,291,523,661.04 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT PITTENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote Nos. 194–196, I am not recorded because I was absent from the House of Representatives. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner.

On rollcall No. 194. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 195. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 196. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

RECOGNIZING THE BROOK HILL LADY GUARD 2014 STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONS

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is with enormous pride that I recognize and congratulate the Brook Hill Lady Guard on a stellar 2013–2014 soccer season in which they once again captured the TAPPS Division III state championship.

The Brook Hill Lady Guard triumphed over the Austin Veritas Lady Defenders with a final score of 1–0, and finished a magnificent season with a perfect 19–0 record.

The defending champion Lady Guard boasted 17 consecutive shutouts, and the entire season only saw them giving up two goals.

The Brook Hill Lady Guard's championship success is a tribute to the coach who brought his team back for another chance at victory, as well as a tribute to the players and all who assisted them along the way.

This recognition of their accomplishment is extended to all of the athletic staff including the outstanding Head Coach David Collins, Assistant Coaches Jordan Roquemore and Neal McGowan, and Trainer Tristan Trevino, all under the outstanding leadership of Athletic Director Wally Dawkins, as well as the stellar school administration headed by Rod Fletcher.

The team members responsible for bringing the second championship title home to east Texas include Hayden Langemeier, Kennedy

Rose, Lily Cool, Katherine Stair, Tito Babatunde, Maria Moore, Ari Assad, Elise Hawkins, Danielle Adams, Janet Nwachukwu, Hope Cooper, Kendall Wells, Hayley Dumesnil, Li Ming, Morgan Moss, Penny End, Katie Smith, and Julia Troxell.

The Brook Hill staff and the entire community of Bullard have devoted countless hours to support and encourage these young ladies in the pursuit of their dream.

It is my most esteemed honor to congratulate everyone involved with this endeavor. May God continue to bless these young women, their families and friends, and all those individuals who call Bullard, Texas their home.

Congratulations to the 2014 TAPPS Division III State Soccer Champions, the Brook Hill Lady Guard, as their back to back championship legacy is now recorded in the Congressional Record that will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

RECOGNIZING 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF FAIRBURN, GEORGIA

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 160th anniversary of the City of Fairburn, Georgia, situated within Georgia's Thirteenth District. Since its early beginnings in 1830, Fairburn has continued to grow, evolving into a thriving community of historic homes, businesses, and places of worship. Originally named Cartersville, Fairburn's first charter was issued in 1854 which established the city's jurisdiction as a mere 600-yard radius from the central railroad depot. As time progressed, Fairburn steadily expanded, ultimately achieving "city" status in 1925. Throughout these years of development, the city gradually cultivated a bustling downtown area comprised of railroad infrastructure, public schools, and vibrant businesses which is now recognized in the National Register of Historic Places. With a population of nearly 14,000 residents, Fairburn still maintains the small town atmosphere that has remained a hallmark of the city's charm.

While remembering its past, Fairburn embraces the opportunities and challenges facing its citizens in the 21st century. In recent years, local voters approved a referendum to fund improvements for Duncan Park, downtown areas damaged by fire, infrastructure projects, and a new fire station. Further, Fairburn's Education Campus continues to expand, housing satellite locations of the Georgia Military College and Brenau University. This award-winning four acre campus, now boasting two 18,400 square-foot class room buildings and an 11,400 square-foot administrative building, is the result of a \$10 million project funded through the Development Authority of Fairburn. Continuing with the spirit of growth, Fairburn recently received a \$3.1 million grant for an innovative transportation project which is slotted to make the historic downtown area more pedestrian friendly. It is the city's hope that with an increased aim on a pedestrian-focused community, citizens will enjoy an improved connectivity between homes, shops, offices, and the campus.