

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO VITILIGO MONTH

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Vitiligo is an autoimmune disorder that affects over three million Americans with no known cure to combat this disorder which causes a loss of pigment cells in humans; and

Whereas, Vitiligo Bond, Inc., is an organization that continues to serve those who live with or are affected by the autoimmune disorder Vitiligo, by empowering patients, bringing attention to the disease, and leading the way to find a cure through research; and

Whereas, today millions of Americans gather to raise awareness and funds to assist individuals living with Vitiligo; and

Whereas, this unique organization has given of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to advocate for our citizens and their families who battle Vitiligo; and

Whereas, Vitiligo Bond and other organizations have vowed to serve our district, state and nation by being the sword and shield for those who live with Vitiligo, encouraging better treatments, funding research and educating people about the disease to help heal families and strengthen our resolve to find a cure; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the millions of people who are living with Vitiligo and those who are leading the fight for the cure to end Vitiligo; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim the month of June as Vitiligo Awareness Month in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 1st day of June, 2015.

HONORING THE RANCOCAS VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL NAVY JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable and distinguished group of young men and women from my district, The Rancocas Valley Regional High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC). The Rancocas Valley Regional High School NJROTC has been recognized for four consecutive years as a Distinguished Unit, and has received academic honors twice.

The Rancocas Valley Regional High School NJROTC battalion has completed almost 2,600 hours of community service and over 2,000 hours of school support. Led by 18 senior members this group has embraced and lived the Navy core values of Honor, Courage,

and Commitment. Thank you to the Rancocas Valley NJROTC for your hard work and for your dedication to your community.

A TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT TREVOR IMM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Trevor Imm of Boy Scout Troop 208 in Clive, Iowa, for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained for more than a century.

Trevor Imm, now a 14-year old freshman at Prairieview School in Waukee, has been a member of the Scouts since he was a Tiger Cub with Pack 181 at Walnut Hills Elementary School in Urbandale. His parents, Mark and Rachael Imm, were his Den Leaders for four years during Cub Scouts. After earning the Arrow of Light Award, the highest award as a Webelos Scout, Trevor crossed over to Boy Scouts with Troop 208 in Clive, Iowa, where his Dad joined him as an Assistant Scoutmaster. Trevor has served in several leadership roles for the Troop and was elected by his fellow Scouts in Troop 208 to the Order of the Arrow, where he became a Brotherhood Member with the Mitigwa Lodge.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, Trevor was required to pass specific tests that are organized by objectives and merit badges, and complete an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Trevor's Eagle Project was centered around Ashworth Road Baptist Church in West Des Moines. His plans included remodeling their "For Kid's Sake Foster Family Clothing Closet." Trevor organized the remodel so that it included a fresh coat of colorful paint, new clear bins for a more organized system of storing and displaying items, the installation of new wall shelving for donated shoes, and the construction of freestanding shelves for jeans. He even led the creation of a safe play area for young children to play while parents shop.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his family in serving their community demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Trevor and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, on May 14, 2015, I inadvertently voted "nay" on Roll Call 232. I intended to vote "aye". This amendment, offered by Chairman McCAUL of Texas, would include counterterrorism and border security activities in the list of preferred applications which the Department of Defense considers when transferring excess property to other federal agencies. This is a strong amendment, and I want the RECORD to reflect my support of it.

TRIBUTE TO MS. WINIFRED PIERCE

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, thirty-four years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve as a teacher and professional educator; and

Whereas, Ms. Winifred L. Pierce has enhanced the academic curriculum of Public Schools in North Carolina, Texas and Georgia, and has increased the goodwill of the schools in my district in Gwinnett and DeKalb Counties. Her work resonates throughout the community and she has created a legacy for students through scholarships and servitude; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a friend, a fearless leader and a servant to ensure that all students receive the best education and skills to become outstanding leaders of our communities and nation; and

Whereas, Ms. Winifred L. Pierce is a cornerstone in our community who has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of my District and our Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Winifred L. Pierce on her retirement and to wish her well in her new endeavors; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim May 23, 2015 as Ms. Winifred L. Pierce Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 23rd day of May, 2015.

RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP OF TONY FRANSETTA

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tony Fransetta for a lifetime of

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service and leadership. Tony was born in Kimball, West Virginia. He served in the U.S. Navy for four years earning the United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Ribbon.

Tony began working for Ford Motor Company in 1956, and stayed with the company until his retirement in 1990. During his employment with Ford Motor Company, Tony represented 15,000 employees in contract negotiations and chaired programs involving quality control, employee involvement, insurance benefits, drug treatment, and employee education. Tony also co-chaired a national joint mortality study on cancer and heart disease in the industrial workplace that was published in professional journals.

Since his retirement, Tony has served on several advisory councils for hospitals and health networks such as Kaiser Health Foundation, Southwest General Hospital, Wellington Regional Medical Center, and the Regional Medicare Advisory Council for Southeast Florida.

Currently, Tony serves as the President of the Florida Alliance for Retired Americans, an advocacy group for working and retired Americans with over 200,000 members. Tony is also the Chairman for the area Auto Retiree Council, U.A.W. Florida Retiree C.A.P., representing 26,000 retirees in Florida, Vice President of the Executive Board for Florida AFL-CIO, and General Policy Board Member for the National Alliance for Retired Americans.

In 2005, Tony was appointed as a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA). In 2011, Tony received the Alliance for Retired Americans President's Award. The Award read, "presented to Tony Fransetta, President, Florida Alliance for Retired Americans, for his lifetime of public service on behalf of older Americans and for guiding and growing the Alliance for Retired Americans".

Tony was happily married to his wife, Lena, for 49 years until she passed away in 2008. Together, they raised two beautiful daughters and have five grandchildren.

I am honored to recognize Tony Fransetta for his leadership and service to his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call #233 for passage of Rohrabacher Amendment #51, Roll Call #234 for passage of Lamborn Amendment #312, Roll Call #235 for passage of Blumenauer Amendment #246, Roll Call #236 for passage of Lucas Amendment #119, Roll Call #237 for passage of Nadler Amendment #272, Roll Call #238 for passage of the Democrat Motion to Recommit, and Roll Call #239 for final passage of H.R. 1735 which took place Friday, May 15, 2015, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on Roll Call #233, the Rohrabacher Amendment #51, on Roll Call #234, the Lamborn Amendment #312, on Roll Call #236, the Lucas Amendment #119, and on Roll Call #239 for final passage of H.R. 1735. I would

have voted Nay on Roll Call #235, the Blumenauer Amendment #246, on Roll Call #237, the Nadler Amendment #272, and on Roll Call #238 against the Motion to Recommit.

HONORING JARED DILELLO OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable and distinguished gentleman, Mr. Jared Dilello. Mr. Dilello has been employed by the United States Postal Service for the past two years.

On November 21, 2014 Mr. Dilello was working on his normal route in Willingboro, NJ. Mr. Dilello found that one of his customers was unconscious on the ground next to a vehicle along the route. With the assistance of the 911 operator, Mr. Dilello was able to revive the gentleman and extend his life. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Mr. Dilello for his hard work and congratulate him for his dedication to the community.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. KATRICE WALKER

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called upon to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Mrs. Katrice Stephenson Walker has answered that call by giving of herself as a secretary at Dunaire Elementary School, and as a beloved wife, daughter and friend; and

Whereas, Mrs. Walker has been chosen as the 2015 Educational Support Professional of the Year, representing Dunaire Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, unyielding support and words of encouragement; and

Whereas, Mrs. Walker is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children receive the support and education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, because she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Katrice Stephenson Walker for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as the 2015 Educational Support Professional of the Year at Dunaire Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR., do hereby proclaim May

6, 2015 as Mrs. Katrice Stephenson Walker Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 6th day of May, 2015.

JOE KECK TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Joe Keck. As the director of the Small Business Development Center in Southwest Colorado, Mr. Keck has played a vital role in enhancing the lives of the citizens in the Four Corners region.

A graduate of Fort Lewis College, Mr. Keck has been an inspiring and impactful force to the small business community of Southwest Colorado since 1975. Joe assisted the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribes in a planning and economic advisory capacity before becoming a small business owner himself in 1993. Today, he and his wife carry on that tradition as joint-owners of Susie's Hallmark in Cortez. By providing counseling, training and other program services tailored to the individual needs of small businesses, Joe has helped many businesses manage the uneasiness of the startup phase so that they may then grow and prosper.

A tireless and dedicated pillar of the community, Mr. Keck's role as a public servant spans across multiple organizations. Including a lengthy stint of eight years of service on the Cortez City Council, Joe has sat on the Colorado Aeronautical Board and Region 9 Economic Development District Board. To ensure fair representation of Western Colorado in the legislature, he has been an active member of Club 20 and worked vigorously as a member of its board of directors.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Keck's selfless work and dedication to serving his community is truly to be admired. I stand with the residents of Southwest Colorado in thanking Joe and congratulating him on a remarkable career of public service. I'm honored to know Joe and even though he is retiring from his post as the director of SBDC, he leaves with us an enriched Southwestern community situated for a successful future.

A TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT MASON JEFFRIES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mason Jeffries of Boy Scout Troop 208 in Clive, Iowa, for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained for more than a century.

Mason joined Cub Scout Pack 181 in 2007 as a first grader at Walnut Hills Elementary School in Urbandale. He became the Pack's Top Popcorn Salesman for four consecutive

years—reaching sales records above \$3,000 a year—and even earning a college scholarship. He earned Cub Scout's highest award, the Arrow of Light, as a Webelos Scout before crossing over to Boy Scout Troop 208 in Clive, where his parents, Pete and Kristin Jeffries, are active in Troop Leadership.

As a Boy Scout, Mason has volunteered in the community with the Variety Telethon, Waukeg Food Pantry, Clive Greenbelt Park, Meals for the Heartland, Vacation Bible School, and various other Eagle Scout projects. Due to his dedication to the community, he was honored by his fellow Scouts in Troop 208 who elected him to serve in the Order of the Arrow, where he became a Brotherhood Member with the Mitigwa Lodge. Mason has held a number of leadership roles in Troop 208, including Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Librarian, Scribe, and twice as Patrol Leader.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout must pass specific tests organized by requirements and merit badges, and complete an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Mason refurbished the front of the Waukeg Public Library after the construction of the facility's new addition in 2014. He led a group of Scouts and adults in pulling up all the existing shrubs, bushes and plants, adding metal edging, planting over 30 grasses, shrubs and plants, and finishing the landscaping with new mulch and decorative rocks.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his family's service to their community demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Mason and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE SHELBYVILLE-BEDFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. SCOTT DesJARLAIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. DesJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud today to recognize the grand opening of the Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library, formerly the Argie Cooper Public Library.

In any community, libraries serve an extremely important role by operating as a point of access for literary classics, promoting educational opportunities for local citizens, and fostering a love for reading in both children and adults. The Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library has done all of these things, both meeting and exceeding our community's demands for educational resources and programs.

The new library is a tremendous asset to Bedford County and is the result of decades of a lot of good people doing great things for their community. We are all very excited to see a long-awaited dream become a beautiful reality, possessing a sense of the past while embracing the future.

I wish the best and look forward to the library's many years of service to Bedford County and its residents.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. BENITA OSBEY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of Mrs. Benita Ann Robinson Osbey, she gave of herself to better our community and the causes that were near and dear to her heart; and

Whereas, Mrs. Osbey's work is present in DeKalb County, Georgia for all to see, being an advocate for the youth, education, ovarian cancer support and research; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, her time, her talent and her life; never asking for fame or fortune but only to uplift those in need; and

Whereas, Mrs. Benita Ann Robinson Osbey led by doing, behind the scenes, as well as front and center for the city of Los Angeles, California, DeKalb County, Georgia, the Georgia Ovarian Cancer Alliance, her beloved church Saint Phillip African Methodist Episcopal Church, and for her beloved Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and

Whereas, this virtuous Proverbs 31 woman was a wife, daughter, niece, sister, aunt and a friend; she was a warrior, a matriarch, and a woman of great integrity; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional recognition on Mrs. Benita Ann Robinson Osbey for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of Georgia and throughout the Nation; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR., do hereby attest to the 114th Congress that Mrs. Benita Ann Robinson Osbey of DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor."

Mrs. Benita Ann Robinson Osbey, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 3rd day of May, 2015.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SSGT FALEAGAFULU ILAOA

HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Staff Sergeant (SSGT) Faleagafulu Ilaoa, who lost his life while serving our great nation.

Ilaoa, whose parents hailed from the village of Leone, American Samoa was born on April 6, 1948, in San Francisco, CA, SSGT Ilaoa spent his youth like many of us do . . . dreaming of one day serving his country in our armed forces. Never to be deterred from his goals; following graduation from high school, Ilaoa joined the Air Force as a Military Policeman. These men not only serve as police officers to their fellow service members, but also participated in rescue operations, often in hostile territory.

On Monday, May 13, 1975, the U.S. merchant ship *Mayaguez* was seized by Khmer

Rouge forces off the coast of Cambodia. The following evening a rescue operation to save those on board the merchant vessel was launched by the Air Force's 56th Security Police Squadron (SPS).

At around 8:30 in the evening, on route to the *Mayaguez*, the Chinook helicopter carrying the 23 security police operators, including SSGT Ilaoa disappeared from radar approximately 40 miles from their base in a remote area of Northwest Thailand. To this day, the cause of the crash, whether it was mechanical malfunction, pilot error or enemy fire, is not known.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to join me recognizing the sacrifice of all who lost their lives on this mission and I personally would like to salute SSGT Ilaoa for his service to our nation and the proud legacy he left for all American Samoans.

HONORING THE BRAUN FAMILY

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a family whose commitment to service and Jewish prayer, study and music at my own synagogue, Valley Beth Shalom, spans more than six decades. The Braun family's dedication to Valley Beth Shalom has enriched the lives of our congregation and strengthened our community.

In 1960, Dick and Barbara Braun became members of Valley Beth Shalom. During the past fifty-five years, five generations of the Braun family have been involved in Valley Beth Shalom synagogue life. This includes, in addition to Dick and Barbara, Dick's mother Elisabeth, Dick and Barbara's four children and their spouses—Jon and Lynn, David and Sherri (of blessed memory) and Ellen, Robert and Sandra, Sarah and Shai, as well as their nine grandchildren and their spouses, and finally a great grandchild.

The contributions of the Braun family to Valley Beth Shalom are legend. Dick has sung in the congregational choir and served as Hazzan Sheyni since 1968. He has served on the Valley Beth Shalom Board of Directors for more than 40 years and also served on the Executive Committee. Barbara is also a long time member of the synagogue choir, and was an involved member of the Sisterhood and a member of the first class of the Valley Beth Shalom Counseling Center where she served for over 20 years. Jon and his wife Lynn have also served on the Valley Beth Shalom Board of Directors, and Lynn has chaired the Annual Gala Event and served on the Executive Committee of the synagogue. David is a member of the Valley Beth Shalom Board, the Board of the Schulweis Institute and is a Vice-President-elect of the congregation. Nate, one of the grandchildren, is secretary of the synagogue's Board, and his wife, Effie, is a Board member. In addition to all of the family's leadership contributions to the synagogue, members of the Braun family have also been generous benefactors of Valley Beth Shalom in support of all of its enriching programs.

The Braun family's contributions to the community reach farther than just our congregation: Dick is a general surgeon, who for many

years was the chief of surgery at Kaiser Permanente in Panorama City. Barbara was an elementary school teacher. Among the four children and their spouses are four physicians, a mental health therapist, an attorney, a teacher and a rabbi. Dick is also the founder and chairman of the Jewish Music Commission of Los Angeles, which brings new Jewish music into the life of the community. Lynn visits my Washington, D.C. office every year to meet with me as an advocate for the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

I am proud to be part of a synagogue that values these contributions by honoring the Braun family in their Family of the Year Celebration. They are living the legacy of our teacher and late rabbi, Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis. I thank the Braun family for their significant contributions towards bettering our synagogue and our community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. BOBBY LEE
GLEATON, JR.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals and families whose loved ones have given the "last full measure of devotion" by serving our country; and

Whereas, Mr. Bobby Lee Gleaton, Jr., an American hero, grew up and was educated in the Fourth District; and

Whereas, Bobby Lee Gleaton, Jr., who led an exemplary life, was born October 17, 1989 and received his education from Cedar Grove Elementary, Cedar Grove Middle School and Cedar Grove High School where he received a full band scholarship to Morris Brown College and ultimately became a member of the Purple Haze Drum Line; and

Whereas, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve as a Medical Logistics Specialist (E4) that was assigned to the 384th Medical Logistics Company in Fort Gillem, GA; and

Whereas, he faithfully served his Country until April 4th, 2015 when he departed this life as we know it; and

Whereas, this remarkable young man gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life as a soldier, a son, a brother, a servant of the Lord, a musician-drum major and friend to many; and

Whereas, this nation owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to him and his family who made a great sacrifice to serve this Country and;

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia recognizes Mr. Bobby Lee Gleaton, Jr., as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby attest to the 114th Congress that Mr. Bobby Lee Gleaton, Jr., is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor" by declaring Mr. Bobby Lee Gleaton, Jr., U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 9th day of April, 2015.

HONORING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF
GLADYS AGATHA MORTON

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Gladys Agatha Morton and the many contributions she has made as she prepares to celebrate her 90th birthday. Gladys is a consummate community leader, a kind and generous person who has been dedicated to her family and the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota throughout her life. She has made a lasting and positive impact on Saint Paul families and neighborhoods.

Born in Ramsey County, Minnesota on May 31, 1925 to Eli and Christine Preble, Gladys has always considered the East Side of Saint Paul home. In 1953 she married Russell Morton and raised a son named Philip. Like many East Siders, Gladys became a valued employee at 3M, serving as a Payroll Manager.

Soon Gladys found herself very busy outside of work and family too—volunteering and serving on behalf of her community. Her work ethic, knowledge and commitment to the city earned her appointment to numerous leadership positions. She served on the Board of Zoning Appeals for 40 years, the Saint Paul Planning Commission for 23 years, the Saint Paul Charter Commission and even as an interim Ward 7 Saint Paul City Councilmember in 1997. In 2000, Gladys earned a place in U.S. history serving as a Minnesota Elector for the 2000 Presidential Election.

Gladys had a hand in shaping every neighborhood in Saint Paul, but her passion has always been rooted in the East Side. She chaired numerous local task forces and the North East Neighborhoods Development Corporation. Her guidance helped develop Saint Paul into the beautiful and economically vibrant community that we enjoy today. Few can match her expertise and knowledge on municipal zoning, planning regulations and economic development.

Now Gladys spends much of her time with the people who give her the greatest joy in life: her granddaughter Lisette, and her husband Hugh, and great-granddaughter Elissa. It is no surprise that Gladys' enthusiasm for public service has been passed on to Lisette. I know that she is very proud of her granddaughter's own public service career, which began with my friend and predecessor, the late Congressman Bruce Vento, and continues today serving as Legislative Director for Congressman JERROLD NADLER of New York.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in rising to honor Gladys Agatha Morton on her 90th birthday. As many family and admirers prepare to gather and wish her well, we can all recognize the great inspiration her service is to all of us who strive to make our country better.

A TRIBUTE TO JERRY CLARK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jerry Clark for his

many years of service on the Guthrie County Fair Board.

Mr. Clark represented Dodge Township for more than 40 years on the fair board, just like his father had done before him. His grandson, Collin Clark, has now stepped into the role and will continue the family's hard work on the Guthrie County Fair Board that began 50 years ago with his great-grandfather.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Mr. Jerry Clark for his service to Guthrie County and wish him the best following his retirement from his duties. It is an honor to represent Iowans like him in Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO LATOYA JOWERS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, our greatest and most valuable assets are our children. Our children are the future and are educated and guided by our teachers; and

Whereas, Ms. LaToya Jowers is a teacher in DeKalb County, Georgia and an educator at Dunaire Elementary School, who has demonstrated fifteen years of leadership and service to our children and our district; and

Whereas, Ms. Jowers has been awarded the honor of Teacher of the Year 2015, representing Dunaire Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman is not only active at Dunaire Elementary School, but also in our community, her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and her church, Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia; and

Whereas, Ms. Jowers can be described as a Proverbs 31 woman. She is devoted to serving our community daily as an educator who imparts knowledge and skills for the success of our children. She is a motivator, an innovator and a model citizen who gives and asks for nothing in return; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. LaToya Jowers for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2015 Teacher of the Year at Dunaire Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR., do hereby proclaim May 6, 2015 as Ms. LaToya Jowers Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 6th day of May, 2015.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO
THE FAMILIES OF THE MARINES
THAT DIED IN THE HELICOPTER
CRASH IN NEPAL ON MAY 12, 2015

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, as the co-chair of the Congressional Nepal

Caucus and as an ardent supporter of the U.S. Military, to express my deepest condolences to the families of the six U.S. Marines and two Nepali soldiers, who died in the helicopter crash last Tuesday, May 12, 2015 in Nepal.

As we all know, Nepal suffered from the catastrophic 7.8 magnitude earthquake that hit Saturday, April 25, 2015, as well as many large aftershocks, including a 7.3 magnitude aftershock on May 12, 2015. Reports indicate that more than 8,000 people have been killed and 17,000 people have been injured in this poor and fragile country.

Among the first responders to this crisis were our dedicated men and women of the U.S. Marine Corps. America has a long and honorable history of humanitarian assistance during worldwide disasters and conflicts, and our men and women in uniform have consistently put themselves in harm's way to protect America and to protect our allies during times of need.

On this occasion, the eight were aboard a UH-1Y Huey helicopter that disappeared over northern Nepal, during a trip to fly relief materials to stricken villages.

Capt. Dustin R. Lukasiewicz of Nebraska; Capt. Christopher L. Norgren of Kansas; Sgt. Ward M. Johnson IV of Florida; Sgt. Eric M. Seaman of California; Cpl. Sara A. Medina of Illinois, and Lance Cpl. Jacob A. Hug of Arizona have paid the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of the Nepalis, and they make me proud, once again, to be an American.

I am grateful for the leadership and dedication of Ambassador Bodde, the U.S. Embassy team in Nepal, the Department of Defense, and our service men and women for their efforts and their sacrifices to aid Nepal. To the people of Nepal, the United States stands with you during this difficult time. To the families of the six Marines, we thank you for paying the ultimate sacrifice, and our prayers are with you during this time of loss and immeasurable sadness.

HONORING SENIOR CORPS WEEK AND THE SERVICE OF OLDER AMERICANS

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of national Senior Corps week.

Older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers, and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our communities.

For more than four decades Senior Corps, and its three programs—RSVP, Senior Companions, and Foster Grandparents—have proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans ages 55 and over in meeting national and community needs.

Each year Senior Corps provides opportunities for nearly 330,000 older Americans across the nation, including approximately 450 in Southern Arizona, to serve their communities. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to young Arizonans who have special needs. Senior Companions help homebound Arizona seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols for

local police departments, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 130 groups across Arizona.

Senior Corps volunteers last year provided more than 96.2 million hours of service, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system, protect our environment, provide independent living services, and contribute to our public safety.

Senior Corps volunteers build a capacity of organizations and communities by serving through more than 65,000 nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based community groups nationwide.

At a time of mounting social needs and growing interest in service by older Americans, there is an unprecedented opportunity to harness the talents of 55-plus volunteers to address community challenges.

Service by older Americans helps volunteers by keeping them active, healthy, and engaged; helps our communities by solving local problems, and helps our nation by saving taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs, and strengthening our democracy.

The sixth annual Senior Corps Week, taking place May 18–22, 2015, is a time to thank Senior Corps volunteers for their service and recognize their positive impact and value to our communities and nation.

HONORING DR. ROY GLEN BROWER

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor my constituent, Dr. Roy Glen Brower, Professor of Medicine and the Medical Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit at Johns Hopkins Hospital, on the occasion of his receipt of the American Thoracic Society's Assembly on Critical Care 7th Annual Lifetime Achievement Award.

Originally from Kingston, New York, Dr. Brower graduated from Cornell University in 1972 and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1976. He subsequently completed his Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1979.

Feeling the need for one last adventure, Dr. Brower traveled to Keams Canyon, Arizona, with his wife, Theresa Brower, in 1979. He became a Medical Officer in the Indian Health Service, working at the Keams Canyon Indian Hospital and Clinics.

After returning to Baltimore in 1981 and completing his Fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Brower began what has become a long and illustrious career at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. While his accomplishments and contributions to critical care medicine are too numerous to list here, several deserve special mention.

In 1988, Dr. Brower became the Director of the Critical Care Medicine Program in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and the Medical Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit, positions he continues to hold and excel at to this day.

In 2000, Dr. Brower and his colleagues in the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

(ARDS) Network published "Ventilation with Lower Tidal Volumes as Compared with Traditional Tidal Volumes for Acute Lung Injury and the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome" in the New England Journal of Medicine. Dr. Brower served as the Chair of the Protocol and Writing Committees for this study, which reduced fatalities of Intensive Care Unit patients with ARDS by 9 percent. Dr. Brower's study became the second most cited medical publication for a decade.

Dr. Brower is a devoted and loving husband, father, son, brother, and friend. His research has saved the lives of thousands and advanced the field of medicine all over the world. He has been called the foundation of the Johns Hopkins critical care group, a role model for his division and beyond, and an outstanding teacher. His family and colleagues have no doubt that he fights for the best in science and medicine. He is in the right war at the right time.

TRIBUTE TO CROSSROADSNEWS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, CrossRoadsNews began publishing in 1995, bringing a much-needed voice to and for the citizens of South DeKalb County; and

Whereas, Jennifer and Curtis Parker—journalists extraordinaire—published the first issue of CrossRoadsNews on their personal computer in their Decatur home with the desire and vision to touch the lives of thousands in their community by informing, educating and enlightening their neighbors on issues that affect the quality of life, county services and economic impact of businesses in South DeKalb. The first 3,000 copies were circulated among twenty eight subdivisions along Kelly Chapel and Wesley Chapel roads; and

Whereas, in 2001, CrossRoadsNews was publishing twice per month with a circulation of 15,000; In 2005, CrossRoadsNews was publishing weekly and has since been publishing in print and online reaching an audience of more than 188,000 with 28,000 copies published weekly; and

Whereas, with the power of the pen and the consensus of the community, CrossRoadsNews is keeping the community active with its award-winning reporting, community health fairs and educational panels thanks to a stellar team of editors, reporters and employees; and

Whereas, CrossRoadsNews is a great example of the American Dream writ large, a family-owned operation providing excellent service, employment opportunities and top-notch journalism that "keeps America honest" and thus contributes to the local and state economy; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia is today, officially honoring, recognizing and congratulating CrossRoadsNews, on their twenty (20th) year anniversary as a business anchor in our District; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim April 25, 2015 as CrossRoadsNews, Inc. Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of April, 2015.

HONORING WALTER ROGER JOHNSON, SR. FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, on May 8, 2015, Americans celebrated the 70th anniversary of V-E Day, the day that the United States and its allies accepted the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany—and celebrated the end of World War II (WWII) in Europe. I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring and celebrating the life of Walter Roger Johnson, Sr., an American hero, for his significant accomplishments and service to the United States during WWII. Mr. Johnson not only served his country as a “Buffalo Soldier” in both the U.S. 10th and 28th Horse Cavalry Regiments, he also served as a soldier on the “Red Ball Express” in the 3825th Quartermaster Truck Company while overseas.

Walter Roger Johnson, Sr., a native Washingtonian, was fascinated by the colored soldiers he saw riding horseback trot past his home, on D.C.’s then dirt roads. His admiration of the soldiers prompted him to run away and join the Cavalry, but at age 15 he was sent home. In February 1943, Mr. Johnson enlisted in the army at Ft. Myer, Virginia. He served in the 10th Horse Cavalry Regiment and finally in the 28th Horse Cavalry at Camp Lockett, CA, the U.S.’s final Horse Cavalry Regiment. The 28th served double duty as the southern defense for the Western Defense Command. It’s there that he earned the rankings of a rifle “sharpshooter” and an “expert” with a .45 pistol. Mr. Johnson would jokingly say, “I hit hard, shoot straight, and cut deep!”

In March 1944, the 28th was shipped to North Africa, inactivated, and converted into a Combat Service Support Troop. Mr. Johnson was assigned to the 3825th Quartermaster Truck Company, which later became a part of WWII’s most massive logistics operation, the “Red Ball Express,” an operation primarily manned by colored soldiers. Mr. Johnson served as a “Red Ball Express” truck driver—in which he, along with his unit, hauled supplies, 24/7, to the First and Third Armies so that the Army could continue their advancement across France.

A proud descendant of Native Americans and African Americans, Mr. Johnson never faltered in telling his proud story of being an American soldier, American champion, and champion of liberty, equality, and dignity. Like millions of nameless, faceless colored men, Mr. Johnson was an American war hero who helped win wars for this great country, but was unable to win the fight for freedom right here at home.

Mr. Johnson was decorated with the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the WWII Victory Medal, and the Lapel Button. He was honorably discharged in November of 1945 at Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

In the summer of 2014, coinciding with the 70th anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1944, Mr. Johnson’s story was published in the following three publications, “The Rocket,” “Dispatches,” and “Aspirations” under the title

“World War II Soldier Remembered: From Buffalo Soldier to Red Ball Express Soldier.”

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House join me in honoring Walter Roger Johnson, Sr., for his service to our Nation.

A TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPORTS SHOOTING TEAM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Southwestern Community College Sport Shooting team for winning the Iowa Collegiate Shooting Sports Conference Championship.

The SWCC Spartans won the championship by more than 90 targets, and claimed individual titles in the male division, by Brandon Dvorsky, and the female division, by Shelby Woods. Their performance in the Conference Championship capped off a great season that included being the Iowa Collegiate Shooting Sports Conference Champions and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources State Champions. They finished the season undefeated in all conference competitions, and placed sixth at the National competition.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by these students and coaches demonstrates that hard work, dedication, and perseverance deliver results. I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating the SWCC Sports Shooting team on their accomplishments this year. I wish nothing but continued success to the dedicated members of this team and Southwestern Community College moving forward.

THANKING ANDREW STRAUGHAN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Andrew Straughan from Maryland’s Fifth District who will be retiring in June after more than thirty-three years of outstanding service to this House in a number of administrative and support roles. I am proud to represent him in Congress.

Andrew began his career with the House in 1982 as a laborer, delivering furniture to Members’ offices and Committee rooms for the Office of the Clerk. By the following year, he was appointed as an inventory control clerk, conducting inventory of office furnishings, assisting in storeroom management, and helping to create a report for the General Services Administration.

When the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer was created, Mr. Straughan was named Assistant Supervisor of the Asset Management Division, requiring him to act as a liaison between the Department of Office Furnishings and the House Information Systems. His abilities caught the attention of manage-

ment, and in 1994 he was named Manager of Logistics and Central Receiving and Warehousing, where he oversaw the Office Supply Warehouse.

From 2008 to 2010, Andrew was detailed as the manager of the Logistics Department, where he developed policies and oversaw a staff of more than forty employees. He then returned to his role as Manager of Central Receiving and Warehousing, the position he currently holds.

Among his proudest accomplishments are being a member of the Source Selection Team for FAIMS, a governmental computer program, and choosing the vendors for purchasing. He was named the Contracting Office Representative for both the Warehousing Contract and the Temporary Labor Contract for temporary staff hired during Congressional transitions.

Andrew’s father, Walter Straughan, also spent his career with the House as an electrician, and his brother, Danny Straughan, currently works for the Senate’s Electrical Department.

I congratulate Andrew, and I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his distinguished service to the House and to our country. I wish him and his family all the best as Andrew begins a new chapter in his life.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JAMES HENRY JACKSON

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Megan Spindel Jackson and her husband, Kyle Jackson, on the birth of their son, James Henry Jackson.

Henry was born at 11:38 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2015. Weighing in at 7lbs, 15oz, Henry has his parents beaming with pride.

With Megan, my Legislative Director/Deputy Chief of Staff as his mother, and Kyle, Congressman JEB HENSARLING’s (TX-05) Legislative Director/Deputy Chief of Staff as his father, I trust Henry will be climbing the Capitol Hill ladder in no time at all.

Megan has been an integral part of my office’s legislative operation since I first came to Washington, and I am excited to witness her grow into her most important role yet—a Mom. I have no doubt that Megan and Kyle will be phenomenal parents, who are devoted to Henry’s well-being and bright future.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Spindel and Jackson families.

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR ULYSSES PONDER

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals

who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Pastor Ulysses Ponder has given of himself to lead Poplar Springs Baptist Church these past twenty-seven (27) years; and

Whereas, Pastor Ponder under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Poplar Springs Baptist Church as a known crowned jewel in our district for years, enriching the lives of thousands; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has shared his time and talents for the betterment of our community over the past twenty-seven (27) years by preaching the gospel, teaching the gospel and living the gospel; and

Whereas, Pastor Ponder serves as a man of the cloth in the church, community and family; he is always teaching the Word and he puts the Word into action daily; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Pastor Ulysses Ponder for his leadership and service for our District as he celebrates his 27th Pastoral anniversary; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim May 3, 2015 as Pastor Ulysses Ponder Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 3rd day of May, 2015.

CONGRATULATING THE GRAND HAVEN VFW POST ON 10 SUCCESSFUL YEARS OF RIB FEST

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Grand Haven VFW Post 2326 for their efforts to assist veterans and their families through their annual "Rib Fest" fundraiser event.

Celebrating its 10th year, the Rib Fest event brings together West Michigan restaurants to compete in an event that raises funds for veterans and their families as well as maintaining the group's individual VFW post.

The event's most significant community contribution is the Ward-Goff Scholarship Fund established by VFW members in honor of Elwin Ward and Richard Goff. The Ward-Goff Scholarship is awarded to a child, grandchild or great-grandchild of a good-standing member of the Grand Haven VFW post. Each year the award is given in remembrance of these two American patriots who gave their lives for their country during the Vietnam War.

Through their events like the annual Rib Fest, or many other areas of community involvement, the Grand Haven VFW Post 2326 continues to prove to future generations the values that make America great. I wish the 2015 Rib Fest all of the best, and look forward to sharing a meal with our veterans.

RECOGNIZING NOAH MASI, WINNER OF NATIONAL NUMBER KNOCKOUT

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Noah Masih, a 6th grader from Clearwater, Minnesota. Noah is a national champion, having recently won the National Number Knockout.

The National Number Knockout is a math competition for students ages 9–14, and competitors play to improve their calculating speed. The competition involves a board of 36 numbers and use of dice to create an additional variable. Noah beat out 15 other finalists to claim the title.

I am always awestruck by those who find their passion in numbers. Noah's feat is nothing short of impressive, and is a testament to a fantastic homeschooling program.

I know I speak for the 6th District when I say we are so proud of Noah and his accomplishments, and I look forward with eager anticipation to seeing what the future holds for this bright young scholar.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this body join me in congratulating Noah Masih on his success in mathematics.

A TRIBUTE TO ELLEN LEMKE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ellen Lemke of Bedford, Iowa on the celebration of her 100th birthday today, on May 18, 2015.

Ellen is a pillar of her community and has a legacy of service to others that we should all aspire to. She is still an active member in her community who volunteers her time at the local nursing home where, as she says, she likes to "read to the old folks." She also stays involved in her church and other community organizations like the Community Singers, a group that travels to nine surrounding communities to perform to nursing homes. She was awarded the 2013 Iowan of the Day award, an honor that is bestowed to Iowans who have truly made a difference in their communities. She continues to write a weekly news column for the local paper, the Bedford Times Press.

She has exhibited the integrity, Iowa pride, hard work and dedication that make all of us proud. She has left an incredible legacy to her family that includes her children Rita and Henry, and her community as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Ellen in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Ms. Lemke on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her continued health and happiness in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I will be absent from the House May 18th through May 21st to attend my daughter's wedding.

TRIBUTE TO REV. NIOLENE A. DURHAM

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, twenty years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to preach and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ at Amanda Flipper African Methodist Episcopal Church in Decatur, Georgia; and

Whereas, the Reverend Niolenne A. Durham under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Amanda Flipper African Methodist Episcopal Church as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman of God has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her inspiration, words of encouragement, tireless works, and outreach ministries, that have been and continue to be a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Pastor Durham is a spiritual warrior, a woman of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all she is a visionary who impacted and transformed our society as a whole by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with not only her Church, but with also our District and the world; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Pastor Niolenne A. Durham for her outstanding leadership and service to our District; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim April 25, 2015 as Reverend Niolenne A. Durham Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of April, 2015.

HONORING JOSHUE LEYVA FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO SERVING HIS COMMUNITY AND THE COACHELLA VALLEY

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Mr. Joshue Leyva, a mature young pre-medical student. Joshue's talent, integrity, dedication and passion for community service are indications that he unquestionably will fulfill his goal of becoming a doctor and serve the underserved communities of the Coachella Valley.

Joshue, a second generation immigrant, is a shining example of how migrant families contribute to and make our great nation stronger.

When Joshue's family arrived in the U.S. in 1980, they came with nothing, searching for a new beginning and a better life for their children. Overcoming hardship through hard work, their son Joshue became the first in his family to graduate from a university, my own alma mater, the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

Despite his young age, Joshue has an extensive list of accomplishments. He was one of the first student participants in the Future Physician Leaders (FPL) mentorship program, created to address the physician shortage crisis in our communities. In 2011 Joshue showcased his leadership, becoming the founder of "A Healthier Future," a community outreach program to provide health education and medical screenings to the most vulnerable populations in the Coachella Valley. He was also a lead research and volunteer coordinator for the Coachella Valley Healthcare Initiative. Joshue's dedication to community service also crossed national borders when he became a volunteer for the Ministerio de Salud, a program that every year gives free medical care to vulnerable populations in the city of Guadalajara, Mexico.

Joshue Leyva has been an integral and essential part of my District staff, committed to excellence in public service for the betterment of our communities. As he leaves my office to pursue his dreams—an American Dream—I wish him well and look forward to reading about his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALEXANDER H. ISAAC, JR. FOR HIS OUTSTANDING MILITARY SERVICE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives join me in recognizing Lieutenant Colonel Alexander H. Isaac, Jr., for his 22 years of distinguished military service and to congratulate him on his retirement from the United States Armed Forces.

Lieutenant Colonel Alexander H. Isaac, Jr. has been decorated with numerous medals, awards and service distinctions. It is my honor to recognize such a distinguished citizen.

LTC Isaac began serving his nation in the United States Army in 1993 with the 3rd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry). Here he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Assistant Operations Officer, and as a Rifle Company Executive Officer. During his time with the "Golden Dragons," LTC Isaac had multiple deployments throughout the United States, Central America, and a deployment to Haiti as part of Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY. In 1999, LTC Isaac assumed command of A Company, 2-2 Infantry, and his company was deployed to Kosovo in support of Operation JOINT GUARDIAN.

In 2001, LTC Isaac was assigned to Military District of Washington as a project officer where he designed the command's centralized Cyber Operations Center. In 2003, LTC Isaac was selected to support the Coalition Provi-

sional Authorities' staff as Special Projects Liaison between the Iraqi Ministry of Communications and U.S. Embassy in Iraq.

In 2010, LTC Isaac was selected as the Task Force liaison to the National Counterterrorism Center in McLean, Virginia. In 2011, LTC Isaac was one of three officers responsible for the establishment of a robust data analytics program within Special Operations Command as well as implementing a next-generation visualization system for the Joint Interagency Task Force—National Capital Region, a subordinate unit within Joint Special Operations Command.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Lieutenant Colonel Alexander H. Isaac, Jr. and extend my heartfelt appreciation to him for his years of service to our great country.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HEAD START PROGRAMS

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Head Start program. Since its enactment, Head Start has helped more than 30 million families prepare for a lifetime of learning. Last year, nearly 36 thousand children in my district were a part of this program.

Head Start's fundamental purpose is to ensure that every child starts life on an equal playing field, regardless of their parents' income, country of origin, or zip code. It provides hard-working families access to comprehensive preschool programs that include nutritional, social and other services critical to early childhood development. Education is our nation's great equalizer—and few investments are more meaningful and have a larger return to society than programs like Head Start.

It's simple: when children receive quality, early childhood education, we give them the best chance to succeed. Studies have shown that kids who have been through Head Start are healthier, more academically accomplished, and more likely to make positive contributions to society.

My family understands first-hand just how life changing this program is. Head Start gave my family the tools we needed to succeed; tools that stretched well beyond the classroom. I would not be here today if it were not for the life changing resources and quality education that Head Start provided. On this 50th anniversary of Head Start, I renew my commitment to strengthening and extending this vital program, so that every child—regardless of their circumstance—has the best opportunity and chance to succeed in life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, Friday, May 15, 2015 I was away from the Capitol to attend my daughter's graduation from the University of Missouri Medical School. Due to this event,

I was unable to vote on any legislative measures on this date.

On the amendment of Mr. ROHRBACHER of California, Amendment No. 20 to H.R. 1735, Rollcall Vote No. 233, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On the amendment of Mr. LAMBORN of Colorado, Amendment No. 27 to H.R. 1735, Rollcall Vote No. 234, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On the amendment of Mr. BLUMENAUER of Oregon, Amendment No. 32 to H.R. 1735, Rollcall Vote No. 235 to H.R. 1735, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Amendment No. 38 to H.R. 1735, Rollcall Vote No. 236, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On the amendment of Mr. NADLER of New York, Amendment No. 41 to H.R. 1735, Rollcall Vote No. 237 to H.R. 1735, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 1735, Rollcall Vote No. 238, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On Passage of H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, Rollcall Vote No. 239, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

RECOGNIZING FOSTER CARE MONTH

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Foster Care Month and acknowledge the foster parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, policymakers, child welfare professionals, and other community members who ensure that every child has an opportunity for a brighter future.

I am honored to be a founding member of the Congressional Caucus for Foster Youth, a caucus that allows Members to gain a better understanding of the current state of foster care throughout the nation and identify potential federal policy modifications that could improve outcomes for the children in our country's foster care systems.

In my home state of Texas there are more than 69,000 children in foster care, which is nearly 14.9 percent of the 463,000 children and youth in foster care nationally.

Nearly two of every three (65%) of children who are not placed in a permanent home emancipate themselves from the system and are often left unemployed, without a place to live and resort to homeless shelters.

2015 marks the 103rd anniversary of the Children's Bureau which works to support, assist, and improve the lives of children in foster care.

Throughout its history, the Children's Bureau has published the Minimum Standards of Child Welfare, which acknowledges the importance of keeping children in their own homes or providing a "home-life" experience with foster families as well as overseeing the temporary placement of 8,000 European children in WWII.

Before the creation of the Children's Bureau, children in foster care would often be

placed in the hands of private religious organizations.

Mr. Speaker, it is vital that we continue to create more programs, and hold more events and activities to educate and inform Americans about children successfully placed in permanent homes, debunk myths about the process, and acknowledge the thousands of children who could potentially become a part of these statistics.

Through these efforts we can increase the rate of adoption, decrease the rate of homelessness among the youths in this group, and help develop future leaders and innovative thinkers of tomorrow.

I would like to take a moment to recognize the families who have opened their hearts and homes to foster children.

Foster parents play a critical role in the lives of some of the most vulnerable youth in Texas and across the country.

They help hold our nation's social fabric together by ensuring that thousands of young people in this country stay on track towards successful futures.

This month, we celebrate them and their efforts to change the lives of these children.

National Foster Care Month is an appropriate time to recognize and commend all those who are helping to improve the lives of children in foster care.

But it also serves as a reminder that more must be done.

These children deserve to grow up in a loving home that is safe, happy, and most importantly one they can call their own.

HONORING DANIEL J. FELIX ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor District Chief Daniel J. Felix as he retires after more than 30 years of firefighting service to our nation, the majority of those years dedicated to protecting the beautiful mountains of San Bernardino and San Jacinto, located in California's 36th District.

In 1983, Mr. Felix started his firefighting career as an intern on the Superior National Forest Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota. After obtaining his Masters of Science in Resource Management from the University of Wisconsin—Madison, Mr. Felix volunteered for the Superior National Forest.

Mr. Felix was later hired on by the Superior National Forest in Minnesota and the Olympic National Forest in Washington State. Two years later, Mr. Felix came to the San Bernardino National Forest Heart Bar Station, where he spent his first year fighting fire with the Forest Service.

In 1997 Mr. Felix was promoted to Captain at the Kenworthy Station of the San Jacinto Ranger District. He went on to be promoted to Battalion Chief of San Jacinto Ranger District in 2001, promoted to Forest Fuels Officer on San Bernardino National Forest in 2007, and in 2010 promoted to District Fire Management Officer in the San Jacinto Ranger District.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Felix's dedication to the protection of our forests and the safety of our

residents deserves acknowledgment. On behalf of all the mountain communities and the residents of California's 36th Congressional District, I would like to thank and congratulate Mr. Felix for his service and wish him well in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I unfortunately was unable to be present for several votes taken on the House floor on April 30 and May 1, 2015, missing Roll Call Votes #192 through #215. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Roll Call #192: YEA.
Roll Call #193: NAY.
Roll Call #194: NAY.
Roll Call #195: NAY.
Roll Call #196: YEA.
Roll Call #197: NAY.
Roll Call #198: YEA.
Roll Call #199: NAY.
Roll Call #200: NAY.
Roll Call #201: YEA.
Roll Call #202: YEA.
Roll Call #203: YEA.
Roll Call #204: YEA.
Roll Call #205: NAY.
Roll Call #206: NAY.
Roll Call #207: NAY.
Roll Call #208: NAY.
Roll Call #209: NAY.
Roll Call #210: NAY.
Roll Call #211: NAY.
Roll Call #212: NAY.
Roll Call #213: NAY.
Roll Call #214: YEA.
Roll Call #215: NAY.

TRIBUTE TO RACHEL JACOBS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, today, I attended the funeral of Rachel Jacobs, a wife, mother, daughter and a native Michigander, who was taken far too soon. Rachel's parents are friends of many of us in the Michigan Congressional Delegation and we watched her mature into an incredible young woman.

Last week, Rachel was on her way home to New York to her husband and two-year-old son when her Amtrak train derailed in Philadelphia, killing Rachel and seven other passengers.

This was a senseless tragedy.

Rachel's life was cut short when she was just making her mark on this world. She had recently started a job as CEO of an education software startup and was enjoying the success of running her own company.

Rachel was an incredible businesswoman, but more than that, she was kind, generous, compassionate, caring and a true advocate for priorities she cared about. She touched countless lives from Michigan to New York.

This weekend at a Memorial Service in New York City, her friends called her a "beacon of

light." Those sentiments were echoed today at her funeral in Southfield, Michigan.

Her friends spoke of her zest for life and her infectious energy and enthusiasm.

Rachel used that energy and enthusiasm to give back to the hometown she loved. She founded the non-profit, Detroit Nation, to bring together former Detroit residents in support of the economic development and cultural innovation of the region.

Rachel lived a life worth celebrating. No words can make this better for her family or loved ones, and no action can bring her back. Her parents today were torn by grief and looking for answers they could not find.

All of us in this chamber have a moral responsibility to do what we can to understand what happened to cause that accident on the railways and ensure a tragedy like this never happens again.

We must hold ourselves accountable for fixing this—for ensuring the transportation systems America depends on are safe and secure and no more families or friends are robbed of the people they love and no more communities are left with a hole of losing someone who was the glue for so many.

We owe it to Rachel and her family, and to all those who lost loved ones in this senseless tragedy, to understand the problem and pledge to never let this happen again.

TRIBUTE TO SAMI ANDERSON

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sami Anderson of Champaign, Illinois on being selected as a 2015 Elizabeth Dole Foundation Fellow. This program recognizes military and veteran caregivers who go above and beyond to advocate on behalf of our nation's 5.5 million parents, spouses, children and other loved ones caring for our nation's wounded warriors.

Sami has exemplified extraordinary commitment to veterans throughout her personal and professional life. In 2005 her husband, U.S. Army Sergeant Garrett Anderson, lost his arm and suffered a traumatic brain injury when an improvised explosive device detonated under his Humvee during a patrol mission in Iraq. Demonstrating great perseverance, together they were able to overcome many challenges on the way to Garrett's successful recovery.

After leaving the Army, Garrett continued to serve his country as a part of my staff where he was responsible for outreach and constituent service to his fellow veterans. During his tenure with my office I also had the privilege of seeing Sami's efforts first hand.

As part of her fellowship, she will have the opportunity to talk with leaders in Washington, D.C. to address the challenges faced by our veterans and their caregivers. I have no doubt that she will be an effective advocate.

It is my goal to ensure we provide our veterans with the benefits and care that they deserve. I thank Sami and the Elizabeth Dole Foundation for their part in fulfilling that goal.

COMMENDING VALERIE S. VELEZ FOR COORDINATING THE PEER LEADERS UNITING STUDENTS PROGRAM (PLUS) TO ADVOCATE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREVENTION POLICIES AND TO REDUCE TOBACCO USE AMONG YOUTH

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize Health Education Program Specialist, Valerie S. Velez for her tireless efforts to preserve the Peer Leaders Uniting Students (PLUS) program that engages student leaders to address the social issues in their community. This year they have chosen to focus on eliminating social disparities in tobacco use in the local community of Hemet, California.

Ms. Velez has been working as a Health Education Program Specialist at the Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) since 1992. She earned a Master's degree in Public Health from U.C. Berkeley and B.S. from U.C. Davis in Applied Behavioral Sciences. In addition, Ms. Velez has been responsible for coordinating a wide variety of programs, including health education and safe school climate programs for HUSD; federal initiatives from the U.S. Department of Education, and the State Tobacco Use Prevention Education grant.

The PLUS program engages middle and high school students as peer leaders promoting mutual understanding and respect on their campuses, working toward innovating solutions that create more welcoming, positive and connected school environments in which students can thrive socially and academically.

In 2014, almost 100 students from the HUSD began collaborating with the Hemet Community Action Network and the California Department of Public Health to improve social disparities in tobacco use in the local community through youth advocacy. Students also made a presentation to the City Council to demonstrate the detrimental health effects of second hand smoke and tobacco waste. Soon after, the City Council adopted a landmark ordinance for the City of Hemet that bans tobacco use in parks.

I am pleased to recognize Ms. Velez for her service and for being a champion for the PLUS program, in the face of budget obstacles.

For her work and on behalf of the HUSD students, I applaud Ms. Velez on her dedication to make our community better and look forward to even more accomplishments in the future.

200 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE FROM MOBILE DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, on May 4, 1815, the Chief of Engineers issued orders to Lieutenant Hipolite Dumas, which began the long and proud history of engineering service to the Gulf Coast and Mobile.

Mobile District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is celebrating 200 years of exemplary service to the Southeast region, the U.S. military and the Nation.

For its first 70 years in Mobile and along the Gulf Coast, these engineers surveyed and fortified the southern coast from St. Marks River in Florida to Lake Pontchartrain to the west. Forts were the key elements of the coastal defense system, but complementary structures such as lighthouses and towers were also constructed. In addition to the coastal fortifications, Gulf Coast engineers also began surveys to look at connecting the inland waterways with the Tennessee-Coosa River canal study.

Following the Civil War, in 1870, an engineer office was opened in Mobile, Alabama. Eighteen years later the Mobile District was officially established in a formal reorganization of operations at the national level.

The nation turned toward rebuilding the economy after the Civil War and developing the nation's transportation system became a positive, tangible means of measuring progress. Major navigation surveys were conducted on Southeastern rivers such as the Coosa River, the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee Flint, the Black Warrior, Tennessee-Tombigbee, and the Alabama River between 1870 and 1879.

When Mobile District was established in 1888, the District's boundaries were from the Escambia River westward to the East Pearl River. Montgomery District had responsibilities from the Escambia River eastward to St. Marks River in Florida. In 1933 the two districts merged into one, the Mobile District. The District also was also given responsibilities for all military construction for the Army and Army Air Corps in Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama.

The 1930's were a busy time for the Mobile District. Modernization of the Black Warrior River system began, taking the number of locks required to transit the waterway from 17 to 5. Construction of Brookley Field, the Southeast Army Air Depot and the Mobile Air Service Command during World War II began. The Flood Control Act of 1936 set into motion a national flood protection plan and gave the Corps jurisdiction over federal flood control protection investigation and river improvements.

As busy as the 1930's were, World War II resulted in the largest wartime mobilization effort ever for the United States. The magnitude of Mobile District's work can be judged by expenditure for construction. Between December 1941 and December 1943, nearly \$1 billion was expended in the District on facilities that included 32 Army airfields, an ordnance training center, two arsenals, three Army ground force depots, five harbor defense installations, nine Civil Aviation Administration airfields, two Army Air Force supply depots, one Army Air Force cantonment, six Ordnance manufacturing plants, nine Army ground force cantonments and six special installations.

In the 1950's construction of Buford Dam in Georgia was initiated, Jim Woodruff Lock and Dam was completed, Walter F. George Lock and Dam construction began and the Army Ballistic Missile Agency was established at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama in 1956.

In 1959 NASA was established at Redstone Arsenal for the Saturn Project. The construc-

tion of facilities for the Saturn project, a rocket program that was the work of the von Braun team at Redstone, was one of Mobile District's biggest projects. The District was responsible for the testing facilities at Redstone Arsenal associated with the Saturn booster, and eventually one of the major construction projects of the post Korean War period, the Mississippi Test Facility.

In the 1960's, the District continued the legacy of improving and developing the Nation's inland waterway transportation system. West Point Dam was authorized, Carters Dam on the Coosawatee River and Millers Ferry Lock and Dam on the Alabama River began. Construction of the Claiborne Lock and Dam and Robert F. Henry Lock and Dam also began in the 60's.

In the 1970's Mobile again took on new responsibilities. Construction responsibility for Cape Canaveral District was shifted to Mobile. Military construction in Florida, the Panama Canal activities and Central/South America programs were also shifted to Mobile. The 1970's also saw construction begin on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, at the time the largest Civil Works project in Corps history.

The 70's ended with Hurricane Fredric hitting Mobile on September 12, 1979. Under Public Law 84-99 the Corps was authorized to provide emergency assistance during disasters. The States of Alabama, Florida and Mississippi were all declared Federal disaster areas. Mobile District has been a national leader in emergency response actions for the Corps. Through the District's innovation the Corps developed a national-level Detachable Tactical Operations System to provide immediate support to disaster stricken areas. This was never more evident than after 9/11 when the District supported the New York City police and fire departments with these units.

The 80's saw innovation within the Corps, with Mobile District once again leading the way. Life Cycle/Project Management was first tested and then established in Mobile District. It has now become the standard for Corps management. This decade also saw the opening of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway to navigation, creating the transportation artery from the Gulf Coast to the Nation's mid-section first envisioned in the mid 1800's. Base Realignment and Closure also began in the 80's. Mobile District has been involved in all the BRAC National Environmental Policy Act requirements for BRAC from 1988 until the present.

The closing decade of the 1900's once again revealed Mobile's innovation. In 1994 the Scanning Hydrographic Operational Airborne Lidar Survey, or SHOALS, was first tested. This innovative 3-D technology was adapted for underwater mapping. When later combined with the U.S. Navy's CHARTS system, the team became a world leader in underwater mapping. The 1990s also saw the completion of the J-6 Large Rocket Test Facility, the completion of the John J. Sparkman Center located at the U.S. Army Arsenal at Redstone, Alabama. The Sparkman Center and follow on phases, encompasses more than 1 million square feet and is one of the most modern military facilities in the world.

As the Nation entered the new century Mobile District continued its record of excellence. The Von Braun Center at Redstone Arsenal was completed in 2014 and is home to the

Space and Missile Defense Command and the Missile Defense Agency. The District responded to and assisted in recovery operations when four hurricanes struck the State of Florida in 2004. In 2005, Mobile District began a comprehensive analysis and design for the Mississippi coastal counties to make them more resilient and less susceptible to risk from hurricane and storm damage following the devastating landfall of Hurricane Katrina along the Mississippi coast. From this analysis came the Mississippi Coastal Improvement Program, an innovative approach to achieving the goal of a more resilient coast.

Since 2000, Mobile has also completed four Headquarters complexes for major key commands, U.S. Central Command, U.S. Southern Command, U.S. Army Material Command and the U.S. Special Operations Command. They also were the design and construction agent for the new cantonment area and training ranges for the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) which relocated from Fort Bragg, North Carolina to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. They are also responsible for the construction of various facilities at Eglin Air Force Base to support the Joint Strike Fighter program.

Mobile District continues to serve a variety of programs and missions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee and Central and South America. While I know my colleagues from these States are as appreciative as I am for their work, I am especially proud to have the District Headquarters in my District and in Mobile.

It is with pride that I say, Happy Birthday to Mobile District on your two hundred years of exemplary, innovative and dedicated service. On behalf of a grateful Nation, thank you to all the civilian and military members of the Mobile District for all you have done.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Head Start, which provides children from low-income families access to comprehensive preschool programs and prepares children for success in kindergarten and beyond.

On May 18, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson launched Project Head Start as an eight-week summer demonstration project to teach low-income students needed skills before they started kindergarten. Over the past 50 years, Head Start has served 30 million children and families across the country who earn less than 100 percent of the federal poverty line or who have a disability.

Head Start is administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and directly supports local agencies delivering services. The services Head Start children and their families receive include education, nutrition, dental, health, mental health transition, parental involvement and complete social service support. This strong support network provides the tools families need for their children to succeed upon entering primary school.

Continued access to the Early Head Start and Head Start programs helps ensure that

children develop the academic and life skills they need to succeed in their academic careers. Head Start alumni are more likely to finish high school, go to college, and be in good health, and are less likely to commit a crime. In 2012, HHS conducted a study that by the end of the 3rd grade, children who participated in the program were more likely to have favorable social emotional developmental outcomes and favorable cognitive impacts.

For 50 years, this program has given children the tools to succeed by ensuring a high quality education and access to healthcare and social services. The Head Start program represents a critical investment in the education of our nation's children.

In 2014, local affiliates like Neighbors in Need of Services Inc. (NINOS) and Community Action Corporation of South Texas (CACOST) served over 8,000 children in the 34th District of Texas. These organizations help improve the lives of children and their families in South Texas. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Head Start on its 50th Anniversary today, and I wish continued success to all the Head Start staff and volunteers who are helping people, changing lives, and building communities.

RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNI- VERSARY OF THE HEAD START PROGRAM

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of Head Start. "Project Head Start" was launched by President Lyndon B. Johnson on May 18, 1965. Originally designed as an eight week summer demonstration project, Head Start has expanded into an array of pre-school programs that provides children from low-income families with a comprehensive array of services to prepare them for successful entry into kindergarten and illuminates the pathway for a brighter future.

In the State of Texas, 71,465 children and pregnant women were benefitted by Head Start last year. 4,068 of those served were from the 30th Congressional District of Texas—the district that I serve. Head Start is instrumental in uplifting families in my home state by providing resources to families who, just like you and me, want to see their children reach their full potential.

In its 50 year history, Head Start has served more than 30 million children and their families. Head Start alumni are more likely to finish high school, continue on to college and become self-reliant wage earners. This is only possible because of the access to services Head Start provides to disadvantaged children. It is important that, at this critical juncture in our nation's history, we increase our support of all Head Start programs. Every child in America should be afforded an equal opportunity to succeed, regardless of their socio-economic background.

President Obama recently called upon all Americans, including leaders of private and philanthropic organizations, communities and governments at every level, to make investments in our next generation of thinkers,

dreamers and doers. Investing in early childhood education is one of the best investments we can make as a nation. There is no better way to strengthen our economy and bolster our communities.

As a body of legislators, we have an opportunity and a responsibility to lead by example. We can help hardworking, low-income families build pathways out of poverty. We owe it to our future and the future of our great nation to ensure that all of our children have all equal opportunity to succeed. If, as a society, we are serious about giving children a bright and promising future, we must increase our investment and expand the vital programs Head Start offers.

Mr. Speaker, today, as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Head Start, I ask, that as a body, we reaffirm our investment in the children of America. Now is the time to expand upon the vision of President Lyndon Baines Johnson and his "Great Society" programs that resulted in the creation of Head Start. I urge my colleagues to support bipartisan efforts to give all of America's children a head start in life and close the educational opportunity gap.

HONORING DR. TOMÁS MORALES ON THE OCCASION OF HIS AP- POINTMENT AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE HISPANIC AS- SOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) President, Dr. Tomás Morales on his appointment to serve as National Chairman of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU).

Dr. Morales has led a life of distinguished service as an Educator and University President, and has held senior positions at three of the largest public universities in the nation, including California State University (CSU), The State University of New York (SUNY) and the City University of New York (CUNY). Among his many contributions to higher education, Dr. Morales has also served as Co-Chair of the National Task Force on College Readiness for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, creating a roadmap for K-12 school systems to prepare students for college upon graduation.

Born in Puerto Rico and raised in New York, Dr. Morales knows firsthand the struggles our youth face as they strive to achieve the American Dream through higher education. Growing up, Dr. Morales worked hard by delivering newspapers and cleaning apartment floors before realizing his own dreams through education.

Overcoming adversity, Dr. Morales went on to earn a bachelor's degree in history from SUNY New Paltz and a master's degree and doctorate in educational administration and policy studies from SUNY Albany.

I am proud to recognize Dr. Morales' nearly four decades of service and look forward to seeing the vision and leadership he will bring to the National Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities and their mission to

promote the development of member colleges and universities to improve the access to and the quality of post-secondary educational opportunities for Hispanic students.

For his work on behalf of aspiring students, I congratulate Dr. Morales on his appointment to serve as the President of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities and look forward to his future success.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the *Extensions of Remarks* section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 19

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on air traffic control modernization and reform.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 562, to promote exploration for geothermal resources, S. 822, to expand geothermal production, S. 1026, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to repeal a provision prohibiting Federal agencies from procuring alternative fuels, S. 1057, to promote geothermal energy, S. 1058, to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, S. 1103, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam, S. 1104, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam, S. 1199, to authorize Federal agencies to provide alternative fuel to Federal employees on a reimbursable basis, S. 1215, to amend the Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 2000 to provide for the development of methane hydrate as a commercially viable source of energy, S. 1222, to amend the Federal Power Act to provide for reports relating to electric capacity resources of transmission organizations and the amendment of certain tariffs to address the procurement of electric capacity resources, S. 1224, to reconcile differing

Federal approaches to condensate, S. 1226, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act and the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands to promote a greater domestic helium supply, to establish a Federal helium leasing program for public land, and to secure a helium supply for national defense and Federal researchers, S. 1236, to amend the Federal Power Act to modify certain requirements relating to trial-type hearings with respect to certain license applications before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, S. 1264, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a renewable electricity standard, S. 1270, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives, S. 1271, to require the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations to prevent or minimize the venting and flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations in the United States, S. 1272, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effects of forward capacity auctions and other capacity mechanisms, S. 1276, to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to increase energy exploration and production on the outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico, S. 1278, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the conduct of certain lease sales in the Alaska outer Continental Shelf region, to make certain modifications to the North Slope Science Initiative, S. 1279, to provide for revenue sharing of qualified revenues from leases in the South Atlantic planning area, S. 1280, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish an annual production incentive fee with respect to Federal onshore and offshore land that is subject to a lease for production of oil or natural gas under which production is not occurring, S. 1282, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to consider the objective of improving the conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs under that Act, S. 1283, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to repeal certain programs, to establish a coal technology program, S. 1285, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to enter into contracts to provide certain price stabilization support relating to electric generation units that use coal-based generation technology, S. 1294, to require the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Agriculture to collaborate in promoting the development of efficient, economical, and environmentally sustainable thermally led wood energy systems, and S. 1304, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot competitive grant program for the development of a skilled energy workforce.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife

To hold hearings to examine S. 1140, to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States".

SD-406

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine how to safely reduce reliance on foster care group homes.

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, focusing on examining EEOC's enforcement and litigation programs.

SD-430

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016".

SD-124

Committee on the Budget

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office.

SD-608

2 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine proposed environmental regulation's impacts on America's small businesses.

SR-428A

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2016".

SD-138

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism

To hold hearings to examine body cameras, focusing on whether technology can increase protection for law enforcement officers and the public.

SD-226

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:45 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mileydi Guilarte, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, Jennifer Ann Haverkamp, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and Brian James Egan, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser, both of the Department of State, Marcia Denise Occomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years, and Sunil Sabharwal, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

SD-419

MAY 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight

To hold an oversight hearing to examine scientific advisory panels and processes at the Environmental Protection Agency, including S. 543, to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and

Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Cuban relations, focusing on the way forward.

SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on exploring institutional risk-sharing.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management

To hold hearings to examine 21st century ideas for the 20th century Federal civil service.

SD-342

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations.

SH-216

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 1331, to help enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts, S. 1297, to update the Commercial Space Launch Act by amending title 51, United States Code, to promote competitiveness of the U.S. commercial space sector, S. 1326, to amend certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, S. 1040, to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, S. 1359, to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites, S. 806, to amend section 31306 of title 49, United States Code, to recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers and for other purposes, S. 1315, to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions, S. 1334, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, S. 1335, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, S. 1251, to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted by Lisbon, Portugal on September 28, 2007, S. 1336, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, H.R. 1020, to define STEM education to include computer science,

and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation, H.R. 710, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, and the nominations of Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2018, Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2019, and a routine list in the Coast Guard.

SR-253

11 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To receive a closed briefing on Syria.

SVC-217

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine addressing the needs of Native communities through Indian Water Rights Settlements.

SD-628

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine solutions to the hospital observation stay crisis.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

To hold hearings to examine improvements and innovations in fishery management and data collection.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory T. Delawie, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Ian C. Kelly, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Nancy Bikoff Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, and Azita Raji, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution

To hold hearings to examine taking sexual assault seriously, focusing on the rape kit backlog and human rights.

SD-226

MAY 21

9:15 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 802, to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, S. 868, to establish a fund to make payment to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:00-CV-03110 (ESG) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, S. Res. 87, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and to encourage greater cooperation with the European governments, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in preventing and responding to anti-Semitism, the nominations of Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fin-

land, Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Paul A. Folmsbee, of Oklahoma, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, and Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, all of the Department of State, Matthew T. McGuire, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

SD-419

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine understanding America's long-term fiscal picture.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Business meeting to consider pending legislation, and the nomination of Jeffrey Michael Prieto, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

SR-328A

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "The Financial Regulatory Improvement Act of 2015".

SD-538

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Business meeting to consider the fiscal year 2016 302(b) allocations, an original bill entitled, "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2016", and an original bill entitled, "Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016".

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine S. 160, and H.R. 373, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, S. 365, to improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah, S. 472, to promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development in Douglas County, Nevada, S. 583, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, S. 814, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, S. 815, to provide for

the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, and S. 1240, to designate the Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas in the State of New Mexico.

SD-366

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JUNE 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 454, to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, S. 784, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish microlabs to improve regional engagement with national laboratories, S. 1033, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to replace the current requirement for a biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review, S. 1054, to improve the productivity and energy efficiency of the manufacturing sector by directing the Secretary of Energy, in

coordination with the National Academies and other appropriate Federal agencies, to develop a national smart manufacturing plan and to provide assistance to small-and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs, S. 1068, to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats, S. 1181, to expand the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Program to include commercial trucks and United States flagged vessels, to return unspent funds and loan proceeds to the United States Treasury to reduce the national debt, S. 1187, to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, S. 1216, to amend the Natural Gas Act to modify a provision relating to civil penalties, S. 1218, to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, S. 1221, to amend the Federal Power Act to require periodic reports on electricity reliability and reliability impact statements for rules affecting the reliable operation of the

bulk-power system, S. 1223, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve the loan guarantee program for innovative technologies, S. 1229, to require the Secretary of Energy to submit a plan to implement recommendations to improve interactions between the Department of Energy and National Laboratories, S. 1230, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program under which the Director of the Bureau of Land Management shall enter into memoranda of understanding with States providing for State oversight of oil and gas productions activities, and S. 1241, to provide for the modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector.

SD-366

POSTPONEMENTS

MAY 19

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the rising tide of extremism in the Middle East.

SD-419