MS branch, for twelve years. He served on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention for ten years, and the Community Services Association and the Hinds County Community Action Agency, Jackson, MS for eight years. Dr. Brown honorably served his community as a community voter registration coordinator, advisor, civil rights activists, social worker, and community organizer.

He was a pastor of three other churches: Orange Hill Baptist Church, Bolton, MS; Rock of Ages Baptist Church, Vicksburg, MS; and Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Lorman, MS. He was in the ministry for over 30 years. His loving and devoted wife, Mrs. Lucille Brown, supported Dr. Brown in all of his efforts. Their union was blessed with six children, four girls and two boys.

Under his leadership, the members altered the way services were conducted. Instead of posting the Order of Service on the wall, printed programs were disseminated to the congregation. The practice of roll call (where each member's name was called and one stated the amount of his tithes/offering) was eliminated and the practice of distributing envelopes was implemented. In 1987, land was purchased and donated to the church, which were forty-seven lots (North side of the church) to be used for additional parking. In 1993, two more additional corner lots were purchased. Also, the wooden steeple on the church was replaced with a fiberglass steeple. In 1996, the church van was purchased due to the increased attendance in Bible class. Ceiling fans were also purchased and installed in the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

In January 9, 1999, Pastor Casey D. Fisher was elected pastor of Greater Grove Street a M.B. Church. At the time he began this ministry, the church had a membership of approximately sixty-five souls. Soon after becoming pastor, Rev. Fisher adopted his motto, ''Making this church the best church this side of Heaven,'' and his theme, ''This is the Church where the gospel is preached, love is practiced and people are changed.'' Under his leadership, the church congregation has grown from the initial sixty-five members to over six hundred. Pastor Fisher began his ministry in September of 1998, which he was ordained under the pastorate of Reverend Willie L. Lewis of Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Greater Grove Street M. B. Church for its rich heritage and dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, on June 2, 2015 I was absent for recorded votes #268 and #269 due to the passing of my mother.

I would like to reflect how I would have voted if I were here: On Roll Call #268 I would have voted No, On Roll Call #269 I would have voted No.

IN RECOGNITION OF CYNTHIA SIMMS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Cynthia Simms who is retiring as the Superintendent of the San Mateo-Foster City School District after a remarkable career in education that spans more than four decades. She has been an educator for 43 years and a superintendent for 27 years, 14 of them in California. Dr. Simms' outstanding leadership, vision and communication skills have benefited thousands of students, parents, teachers and the community as a whole.

Dr. Simms was the Superintendent of the San Mateo-Foster City School District for four years overseeing the largest elementary-middle school district in San Mateo County with 20 schools, 12,000 students and 1,200 employees. She hired 13 of 20 current school principals and three district administrators. Her priority has been to provide the best possible education for each child to prepare her or him for a successful life as a responsible, contributing citizen. She instills a wonderful sense of community by making every staff member feel appreciated through their significant role in accomplishing this mission.

During her tenure, four schools were honored as California Distinguished Schools and eight school programs received J. Russell Kent Awards. Dr. Simms focused the school district on equity for all students by supporting and growing magnet school program choices for parents including STEM, STEAM, spearheading the transition of Horrall Elementary School to LEAD Elementary School, and expanding the Montessori program. She also adopted the Common Core State Standards that are designed to turn students into critical thinkers, effective communicators, collaborators and innovators. Always looking to the child's future, the district formed important partnerships with the San Mateo Union High School District, St. Mary's College and California State University East Bay.

Dr. Simms understands that children cannot thrive academically if they don't feel safe or are unhealthy. This is why she implemented consistent safety protocols across the district that include security fencing, cameras, intrusion alarms and Columbine lock sets. The schools work closely with local police departments on gang resistance training.

All students take music classes and healthy food is served at breakfast and lunch. There even is a growing number of vegetable gardens at the schools. Under Dr. Simms' leadership, the San Mateo-Foster City School District cares for and about the wellbeing of its students on every level.

Dr. Simms is credited with developing extensive communication inside and outside of the schools. There is a weekly letter to all staff, a monthly newsletter to parents, collaboration with city councils and local legislators, and quarterly reports mailed to every resident and business in San Mateo and Foster City. Collaboration, partnership and inclusiveness are core values in Dr. Simms' philosophy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House of Representatives rise with me to honor Dr. Cynthia Simms, an extraordinary educator who is deeply committed to our community and to the future of our children. She tirelessly strived for excellence, harmony and the success of her students. Her expertise, energy and enthusiasm will be missed as she enters her well-deserved retirement.

CONGRATULATING XANDER MCPHEETERS

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Xander McPheeters of Salem, Indiana.

I want to congratulate Xander on receiving the Hobie's Hero Award. Xander received this award as a result of heroic actions he took to save his father. James McPheeters was clearing brush from his farm near Salem, Indiana when he was suddenly struck by a falling tree. James was knocked off his tractor where he lay unconscious with multiple serious injuries. His son Xander, being the only person to see the accident occur, rushed to help his injured father. Xander proceeded to turn off the key to the runaway tractor and run to his nearest neighbor's home who called 911. The emergency response team arrived and saved James McPheeters life as a result of Xander's decisive actions.

The Hobie's Heroes Award is presented to young people, 18 years or younger, who perform heroic actions in the spirit of self-sacrifice, without consideration of personal gain, for the benefit of another in significant need. Being that Xander was five years old when he performed these lifesaving actions, I know that he is the epitome of what the Hobie's Heroes Award represents.

Xander will be the sixth Hobie's Hero Award recipient and he is the youngest recipient to date. Xander is an inspiration and role model for Hoosiers across Indiana. It is an honor to rise today and highlight Xander's fearlessness, and congratulate him on receiving the Hobie's Hero Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote yesterday because of the death of a close friend. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Roll Call #270—AYE
Roll Call #271—NO
Roll Call #272—AYE
Roll Call #273—AYE

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note that I was unable to vote

on Monday's legislation due to the weather, which forced my flight to be diverted to Norfolk Virginia.

If the weather had allowed, I would have voted as follows:

On consideration of the Dingell Amendment to H.R. 1335, the Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act, I would have voted ''yea.''

On consideration of the Lowenthal Amendment to H.R. 1335, I would have voted ''no.''

On the Motion to Recommit H.R. 1335, I would have voted ''yea.''

On final passage of H.R. 1335, I would have voted ''no.''

LIEUTENANT PARKER MOSLEY—PARATROOPER

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, at 91 years of age, E. Parker Mosley is a local legend. Lieutenant Mosley has served his country, traveled the world and even rubbed elbows with one of history's fiercest generals. Lt. Mosley is a loyal patriot and a man of integrity and action. The Houston community is blessed to have him.

Lt. Mosley was born in 1924 in Macon, Georgia. From ages 12–18, he went to Gordon military school, where his father was a teacher. After graduation, in 1942, he was drafted into the Army. Being an eager and young man, he volunteered to be a paratrooper in WWII. Mosley attended Jump School at Fort Benning in Georgia.

Paratroopers are military parachutists that are used as a surprise advantage to the military because they can be inserted quickly into the battlefield from the air.

This allows the military to be positioned in areas that are not accessible by land. The first U.S. Airborne unit began a test in July 1940 and the first U.S. Army Combat Jump was near Oran, Algeria, in North Africa on November 8, 1942, which was right before Lt. Mosley started Jump School. This aspect of the military was quite new and unfamiliar, but that did not stop tenacious Lt. Mosley from volunteering to be a paratrooper.

Lt. Mosley was then sent to Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Brisbane, Australia, to learn military and leadership skills. Even more impressive and something that many people do not know, Lt. Mosley was first in his class at OCS. This is a high honor and privilege that many do not receive.

Lt. Mosley even had an opportunity to meet and befriend General MacArthur's wife at a Red Cross church service. Coincidentally, he ran into her two years later in Japan and she remembered him.

After Brisbane, Lt. Mosley moved to the Philippines and then Japan where he was assigned master in the parachute school airbase at Yamato. At one point he even held the record number of consecutive jumps; he was always willing to jump. His favorite jumping memory was his last jump at the age of 22. It was over northern Japan and he was allowed to solo jump. There was no one giving him orders; he was all by himself. He said he will never forget the pilot circling as he jumped.

And not only was Lt. Mosley good at his job, he encouraged other troops. He once convinced two soldiers to stay in parachute school who were going to quit.

He asked them if they had told their girlfriends about parachute school yet, and if they had, now they'd have to write their girlfriends back and tell them they quit. The approach worked and they each thanked him the next day.

Lt. Mosley was discharged from the army in 1947. He then went on to Oklahoma University in Norman, Oklahoma, to study geology where he met his future wife, Lorraine.

Lt. Mosley described their first date like this: ''I had an airplane at the time, but no car. I called her and asked her if she wanted to go flying, and I don't think she believed me that I had a plane but no car. We went out for six nights straight then got engaged, just like that.''

Lorraine and Lt. Mosley were married for 63 years before she passed away a couple of years ago.

After college at Oklahoma University, Mosley was hired by Exxon where he worked for 35 years. His work with Exxon eventually brought him to Texas, where he lives today.

He remained in the Reserves after Active Duty and even reached the rank of captain.

Mosley is admired and respected by his peers for his patriotism and wit. One of his friends, Mr. Warnack, said that Mosley has ''one of the quickest minds I've ever ran across.''

Recently, Creekwood Middle School in Kingwood—which has a tradition of honoring our military—honored Lt. Mosley by dedicating a brick to him in their Veterans Honor Garden. The Honor Garden contains more than 200 bricks which all honor local veterans and serve as a place of remembrance for past and present loved ones. It is my hope that all the students learn Lt. Mosley's story. He is one of Texas' finest.

Lt. Mosley represents the best of the Greatest Generation. He's truly a remarkable patriot—always ready and willing to jump out of a plane for his country.

Thank you, Lt. Parker Mosley, for your devotion and service to our American nation.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Concord, New Hampshire in celebration of the city's 250th anniversary. With each passing year, Concord continues to grow and prosper as the capital city of the Granite State. Having grown up and attended school in Concord, I know this historic city has so much to share with us all.

Concord, New Hampshire has a proud and storied history. Prior to its incorporation, the land that today makes up the city's limits was presided over by the Pennacook, a tribe of Abenaki Native Americans. Situated in the Merrimack River valley, the fertile soil proved ideal for growing a wide variety of crops along the river's banks.

Following Concord's incorporation and naming in 1765, the city continued as a popular area to visit and also to establish roots and start a family. The beautiful Merrimack River that winds its way from the rural northern border and through to the southern limits of the city continues to provide an idyllic backdrop and playground for all generations.

Concord's location at the geographic center of the state has enabled the city to serve as a meeting place for lawmakers, dignitaries, and citizens. Our beloved State House is distinguished as the oldest capitol in the country in which both houses of the legislature continue to meet in their original chambers.

One cannot discuss Concord without also mentioning its proud history of craftsmanship, entrepreneurs, and leaders. The fourteenth President of the United States, Franklin Pierce, chose to raise his family in Concord during his time as an elected official, leaving the city with his beautiful historic homestead that continues to bring history to life today for school groups and visitors. The Capital City also became the namesake for the most famous of the prestigious Abbot-Downing Coaches, with the Concord Coach smoothly transporting passengers for decades before the advent of the automobile.

Concord has been called home by numerous notable figures over the years, including Crista McAuliffe, who has inspired generations of students both in the classroom as a teacher and through her legacy as a member of the *Challenger* Space Shuttle crew. Basketball player Matt Bonner honed his athletic skills at Concord High School before launching his professional career in the NBA. And we cannot forget Tara Mounsey, who helped lead the United States Women's Hockey Team to a gold medal in the 1998 Winter Olympics. The successes and achievements of Concord's citizens are a testament to the wonderful community that so many are lucky to call home.

Concord is now in the midst of a 21st century transformation made possible in part through the competitive TIGER grants, as its Main Street is revitalized to improve safety and increase greenspace along this vital economic corridor.

As a native of Concord and a lifelong resident of the Granite State, I am immensely proud of all that Concord, New Hampshire has accomplished over the past 250 years, and I am confident that the city will continue to thrive in the centuries ahead.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CULVER-UNION TOWNSHIP CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Culver-Union Township Carnegie Public Library, located in Culver, Indiana as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary on June 6, 2015.

In the early 1900's, local communities around the country were awarded funds to build libraries using money from the businessman and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. In 1915, the Carnegie Corporation granted