

Marie Silver Johnson, a lifelong resident of North Carolina and my constituent, who passed away on September 16, 2015 at the age of 94.

Mrs. Johnson was the matriarch of the Silver and Johnson families and is fondly remembered as a loving mother who was fully devoted to her family, church, and community.

Mrs. Johnson was born on June 5, 1921, in Hollister, North Carolina to Mr. Ben Silver and the former-Minnie Burgess. She attended Tabron School and Hawkins High School in Halifax and Warren Counties. At the age of 24, she married Mr. Edward Leonard Johnson, Jr. and the two raised four children, Mable, Alice, Edward, and Delores.

Mrs. Johnson worked at Eastman High School in Enfield, North Carolina for 20 years as part of the Halifax County school system's Food Services division. Mrs. Johnson also served on the Twin County Rural Health Association's board of directors and as a 30 year member of the American Legion Unit 425 Women's Auxiliary in Littleton, North Carolina.

As the years past, Mrs. Johnson remained active by working at the Littleton Senior Center in Littleton where she dedicated more than a decade of service and fellowship to seniors in Halifax and Warren Counties.

Faith was a cornerstone of Mrs. Johnson's life. She was a lifetime member of Lee's Chapel Baptist Church in Littleton where she served in many capacities including as President of the Missionary Circle for over 30 years, member of the Senior Choir, as well as a member of the Pastor's Aid Club.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me in honoring the life, work, and memory of Mrs. Eva Marie Silver Johnson.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH HUNOLT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ruth Hunolt of Griswold, Iowa. Ruth recently received a 2015 Governor's Volunteer Award. She was honored with an Individual Volunteer Award by the Office of the State Long-term Care Ombudsman for outstanding commitment and service.

Individuals selected for this honor have gone above and beyond to serve their community. Ruth sets a high standard for volunteers from all walks of life. She is a shining example of hard work and dedication. Ruth has demonstrated exceptional volunteerism and exemplary leadership, creativity and cooperation. With her service she has left a lasting impression on the State of Iowa and in her community.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Ruth for her many years of dedicated and devoted volunteer service to the Office of the State Long-term Care Ombudsman program. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Ruth and wish her and her family nothing but the best moving forward.

RECOGNIZING KATHY BAKER ON
HER PASSING

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Katheryn Baker on her sudden and tragic passing on September 22, 2015 at the age of 49.

Kathy started her career in 1984 at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Washington. She later joined the Science Applications International Corporation as business manager for energy and the environment.

In 2001, Kathy commenced a career working at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). Working tirelessly with passion and drive, she quickly worked her way up the ranks, serving as business manager for a number of departments before being named Chief Financial Officer in 2012.

She was described by those who knew and worked with her as a very special person and a great friend. Her loss is grieved by her colleagues at LLNL, including principally by her husband, Jeff Baker, also an employee at the lab.

Kathy, a Washington State University graduate, met her husband, Jeff, when they were both attending the university. He sat behind her in calculus class, where their friendship quickly turned into a lifetime commitment towards one another.

In the words of her husband, Kathy was the most wonderful, caring person anyone had ever met. In the words of her colleagues, she was seen as a member of their family.

I want to acknowledge Kathy for her accomplishments, and her commitment to country and science. I also extend my condolences to her family, friends, and the entire lab community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

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

Today, it is \$18,151,084,928,227.59. We've added \$7,524,207,879,314.51 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IN HONOR OF MR. JOSE FLORES

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jose Flores, a civics teacher at Brawley Union High School in Brawley, CA, for guiding his students to become civic-minded citizens. I would like to congratulate him on

receiving the 2015 American Civic Education Teacher Award for motivating students to learn about the Constitution, Congress and public policy.

For 23 years, Mr. Flores has been teaching students about their community by making them think critically about water, air, and soil quality issues. Jose Flores pushes his students to be active and engaged members of their communities. Mr. Flores embodies the dedication that Imperial Valley teachers possess to educate their students.

I would like to recognize Jose Flores for his outstanding work collaborating and forming partnerships with the local government for his students. On behalf of California's 51st Congressional District, I would like to thank Mr. Flores for his commitment to improving his students and the community.

HONORING JOANNE ELLIS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Joanne Ellis, a community leader, and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Joanne Ellis was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Joanne Ellis is the Executive Director of the Yuba Sutter Gleaners Food Bank and Thrift Store. The Yuba Sutter Gleaners Food Bank is the only all-volunteer Food Bank in California. In addition to coordinating food distributions at 22 sites, scheduling volunteers and arranging for deliveries, Joanne manages the Emergency Drought Box program authorized by Governor Jerry Brown to distribute among individuals most affected by the drought such as agricultural workers.

Whereas, Joanne took the initiative to implement a successful pilot program called 'Food for Thought' at Park Avenue School in Yuba City. The program aims to minimize child hunger over the weekends when children and families do not have access to the National School Lunch program. It offers students the opportunity to take fresh local fruits and vegetables and whole grain breads home to prepare and eat over the weekend. With Park Avenue Elementary School containing the highest poverty levels in the district, the program has been very well-received.

Whereas, Joanne is a member of the Lions Club and Yuba-Sutter United Way. Joanne is dedicated to helping the neediest in her community through broad collaborative efforts with supporting agencies who conduct cooking demonstrations and taste testing for her food bank families on a regular basis. Joanne's work is truly a labor of love.

Resolved, that I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Joanne Ellis.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OPENING OF CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the opening of the California Northstate University College of Medicine (CNUCOM). CNUCOM was created by a group of doctors, academics and medical professionals in order to train a new generation of doctors. CNUCOM welcomed their first full class of 60 medical students on September 8, 2015 and this weekend the school is celebrating their opening.

CNUCOM is meeting a great need of both the Sacramento region and the State of California by increasing the number of medical students trained in the state. By training at least sixty new medical students each year, CNUCOM is helping address the drastic shortage of physicians that our nation is facing. According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, our nation faces a shortfall of over 130,000 physicians by 2025. Almost half of Californians live in an area where primary care doctors are in short supply and far too many California counties have less than the recommended ratio of 60 to 80 primary care physicians per 100,000 residents.

CNUCOM will be training the next generation of medical students by utilizing an integrated approach that focuses on basic science and an understanding of how the human body's systems work, what goes wrong and what patients need to do to stay healthy. Their rigorous curriculum will include two years of classroom study, which will then be followed by clinical rotations at local hospitals, doctors' offices and clinics. It is clear that CNUCOM is providing a cost effective, quality education while also building community partnerships to address clinical training needs and increasing access to high quality medical care in the Sacramento region.

Mr. Speaker, as the California Northstate University College of Medicine opens their doors and welcomes their first class, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their excellent work in the Sacramento region. I am confident that the CNUCOM will be producing the next generation of doctors and acting as a model for a quality medical education for many years to come.

UNCLE SAM

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I am going to leave research to the researchers, and history to the historians and address myself to another, and even more basic aspect, of the issue before you. I am satisfied that when you review the historical data that is being presented here today, you will agree that there is no room for doubt where Uncle Sam Wilson lived and where he died and where he lies buried—in an all but forgotten grave. Troy's claim to Uncle Sam is beyond dispute.

But there is another and, as I said, an even more fundamental aspect to this issue. It might be expressed in the unspoken question which, I am sure, has suggested itself to some, if not all, of the members of this committee. You may well ask: With Congress laboring to resolve the most complex issues, which reflect the crises which face our nation at home and abroad, why all this fuss about Uncle Sam? I should like to try to answer that question.

There was a time when our country passed immeasurable advantages over the rising tide of world Communism. We had technology, we had the production know-how, we had the most advantageous tools of peace—yes, and the most advanced tools of war, including the atomic and hydrogen bombs. But our ascendancy in all these fields has, little by little, been erased or at best reduced.

And, as we pause from time to time, to assess the progress of the never-ending struggle for survival which we call the "Cold War", we would do well to ask ourselves, bluntly and realistically: What do we have today that Communism does not have?

It may be difficult to find a satisfying answer to this question in the areas of purely material progress. Nor is it surprising that Communism, the expression of materialistic philosophy, should be strong in material advantages. But there is a heartening answer to our question when we go a step beyond the purely material aspects of the struggle, into the spiritual aspects which, after all, in the long run, will resolve and decide the issue.

What do we have that Communism does not have? We have our American heritage—a heritage that is reflected in our history, in our tradition, in every detail of the great success story that is the story of America. When Mr. Khrushchev shakes his fist and points to his rockets and his space ships and his legions parading in Red Square, we can stand before the world and point to our American heritage—to our history and our institutions and our principles. And it seems to me, that the nations of the world and the people of the world, faced with a choice, will know which way to go.

When Mr. Khrushchev shouts, "Look what we got," we can reply, "Look what we ARE." And since the Cold War is, in great measure, a struggle for men's minds—a war of propaganda, if you will—one of the most important responsibilities we have is to project the American image in every corner of the world. Gentleman, we have that image ready-made. It's Uncle Sam—that kindly, serious, honest old gentleman in his striped suit and tall hat. In the minds of millions here and abroad, he stands for all the virtues and qualities that are wrapped up in the American dream—honor, initiative, industry, opportunity, freedom, respect for the rights of others, and, above all, regard for the dignity of the individual. It's all there in that picture. And it's worth more in the world struggle than all Mr. Khrushchev's space ships and rockets and nuclear bombs.

But here is the point we must not overlook. What makes the image of Uncle Sam important and vital and compelling, is that Uncle Sam is real. And the world needs to know he is real. The world must be told that he is not a fictitious, shoddy trademark after the manner of an American advertising campaign. He is no cartoonist's whimsy. He is no Madison Avenue gimmick.

Uncle Sam really lived. And from what we know of him, he embodied many, if not all of the qualities and virtues, that make us proud of our American heritage. Not only is Uncle Sam a real, flesh-and-blood American, he is particularly representative of the things that have made America great—initiative, industry, business acumen, Yankee resourcefulness. Going even a step further, when you consider how the term "Uncle Sam" was coined, you find an eloquent representation of the partnership between private enterprise and military effort in one of the most critical moments of our history—the same sort of partnership that made America mighty and respected—yes, and in the councils of the ungodly, feared.

We, in America today, know something about how advertising and propaganda works. We know how difficult it is to sell an idea; any intangible idea or concept, until we clothe it in some image people can see and touch. Well, the people of the world know Uncle Sam. And the better they know him, the more they will respect and love him. And in accepting him, they will be embracing all the principles that go to make up the good life.

Our own people too, need to know Uncle Sam better. Every nation needs its heroes, needs the inspiration and pride that come from a healthy respect for its historical figures. From Uncle Sam, we all can get a deeper appreciation of the American way.

I have just one more point to make and it goes to the heart of all that is being said here today. Never—I say it again, gentlemen—never forget that Uncle Sam is real. Let us not go off waving the picture and leaving the substance behind. Let us never forget that Uncle Sam had a last name too—and that name was Wilson. Let us never forget that Uncle Sam lived among us and worked among us and, when his time came, died among us.

And need I suggest, gentlemen, that his resting place should command the attention and respect of the nation he has come to symbolize. Too long has Uncle Sam Wilson slept, almost unknown and unnoticed, on that grassy hillside overlooking the Hudson River.

Of course we in Troy—whose forebears knew and worked with Samuel Wilson—we in Troy are proud of Uncle Sam. We have marked his grave modestly and have done what we could to make him better known. We feel that, in this effort, we have been doing what the American people would want to do, would insist upon doing, if they knew the story as we know it.

And now we come, gentlemen, to the halls of Congress to ask you as the representatives of the American people to discharge a debt that is long overdue.

Across the nation, we have federal installations of all kinds—among them, navy yards and arsenals and forts and missile bases and atomic testing sites—so many of them grim monuments to the unhappy aspects of our national existence. We have too few monuments to the more inspiring side.

We ask you to add another to the roll. We ask that you create, if you will, a Shrine of Americanism at the grave of the man who has become—after the Stars and Stripes—America's greatest symbol. The military installations are necessary indeed, if only to help us stay alive. But the final, inevitable victory in the great world struggle will be won by the ideals and principles—ideals and principles that are loftier than the highest space shot and more powerful than the most destructive bomb.