

momentous occasion of its centennial anniversary.

IN HONOR OF SHILOH BAPTIST  
CHURCH'S 145TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DAVID SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2015*

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 145th anniversary of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Jonesboro, GA. Since the end of the Civil War, this church has stood as a beacon of worship and its congregation is a testament to how faith brings a community together.

In 1870, Reverend Frank Q. Graham, Reverend A.D. Delmarta and Reverend G.B. Austin, searching for a place to worship, organized Shiloh Baptist Church under a Brush Arbor. Meetings were held in the Arbor until the group was able to build a church across the street, near the church's present location. After the first building was burned down by a fire, the worshippers met in an old school until the church was rebuilt. In 1962, the church was struck by lightning and completely destroyed. Held together by their faith, the congregation met in an elementary school cafeteria until Shiloh Baptist was rebuilt.

Shiloh Baptist Church has also played its part in American history. When the NAACP chartered their membership in Clayton County, Georgia, Shiloh Baptist church was one of the first to purchase membership. When Atlanta, Georgia hosted the 1996 summer Olympics, the church was a reception for the Olympic torch.

The Shiloh Baptist Church of Jonesboro is an example to all of how worship and faith can bring a group of people together. Despite numerous damages and subsequent reconstruction and renovations to the physical structure, the Shiloh Baptist community is celebrating 145 years of worship. The strength or their congregation's faith has been demonstrated time and time again. The church has won awards for their wide attendance and continues to attract church-goers from the Jonesboro area. The congregation has not let their spirit falter and for this I congratulate them on 145 years of worship.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Shiloh Baptist congregation for 145 years of worship. I would like to commend them for being a cornerstone in the Jonesboro community as well as within the great State of Georgia. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the anniversary of Jonesboro's Shiloh Baptist Church. Thank you and God bless.

CELEBRATING ST. BEN'S NA-  
TIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
AWARD

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2015*

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the College of Saint Benedict in Collegeville, Minnesota. This college has a stellar reputation throughout the state of Minnesota, and for good reason.

It was recently announced that the College of Saint Benedict is a recipient of a National Science Foundation award for their collaboration in a project entitled "Collaborative Research: Developing and Assessing Effective Cyberlearning within the STEM Wiki Hyperlibrary." As a result of receiving this prestigious award, the college will receive \$25,484 dollars.

While many things remain uncertain in this world, one does not. Science, mathematics and technology are keys to the future. It is so critical that colleges and universities throughout the United States place a strong emphasis on these fields so that our country can continue to evolve, succeed and remain competitive in this constantly developing world.

That is why I want to commend the College of Saint Benedict here, today. The emphasis put on science, mathematics and technology is evident by receipt of this award.

I thank the College of Saint Benedict for motivating students to look towards the future and do what is best for Minnesota, and the United States as a whole.

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**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2015*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of HABCO Manufacturing, the Habilitation Center for the Handicapped, and the upcoming celebration of National Manufacturing Day.

HABCO Manufacturing's unique business partners a non-profit organization with the business community. HABCO Manufacturing has been named South Florida's "Manufacturer of the Year" and has received numerous accreditations in aviation and aerospace. It is also an integral part of the Habilitation Center for the Handicapped, Inc. Founded in 1978, the Center provides vocational training to adults with developmental disabilities and other special needs. The Center's mission is to equip these men and women with the knowledge, skills, and behaviors needed to lead useful and productive lives with dignity, respect, and independence.

For this National Manufacturing Day 2015, I recognize the achievements of the Habilitation Center and HABCO Manufacturing and its men and women with special needs. Their expertise in manufacturing, quality, education, and training is truly extraordinary. I am proud to honor them in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and express appreciation for the community engagement.

JESSE H. JONES PARK—A  
CHAMPION OF LOCAL HISTORY

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2015*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in this digital age it is becoming more challenging to ensure our children have a strong connection to

history, community and the great outdoors. Well, the Jesse H. Jones Park and Nature Center right in the heart of Harris County provides the kids and families of my district exactly that.

For the past three decades the park has been a place where the local community can gather and form important bonds of citizenship. But the space also serves an educational purpose. Home to the Akokisa Indian Village and Redbud Hill Homestead, the park preserves elements of life in Native American and pioneer communities, including demonstrations of traditional customs and crafts.

It also provides an important green space, with a wide range of local flora and fauna including ancient bogs, white sand beaches and wildflower meadows, in addition to play equipment, hiking trails, and sports and recreation amenities, giving local residents an opportunity to escape the trappings of modernity, engage with their local heritage, and developing greater physical well-being.

In the month of October alone, the park will host boat tours on Spring Creek, a workshop for local science teachers, an astronomy class, a tree-planting session, Halloween events and a settlers' soap-making demonstration.

The Jesse H. Jones Park and Nature Center brings out the best in one of America's best communities. The park has a dedicated team of staff and volunteers that exemplify the charitable and community-minded spirit Texas is famous for.

Harris County Commissioner Jack Cagle and his staff should be commended for their leadership in the community. The nature center will be long valued and maintained as a resource of cultural and environmental heritage.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2015*

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the Anti-Defamation League and the tireless work of the ADL's Connecticut Regional Office. Now more than ever, the world needs the bravery of League members and allies to confront anti-Semitism and defend the civil rights and humanity of all people.

Tonight I will have the privilege of joining friends and neighbors from across Connecticut at the Greater Hartford Torch of Liberty Award Reception. Created to recognize those who epitomize the Anti-Defamation League's values and commitment to community and public service, this year's Torch of Liberty Award honorees include our esteemed Lieutenant Governor, the Honorable Nancy Wyman, Mr. John J. Patrick, Jr., and Ms. JoAnn H. Price.

The timing could not be more appropriate. Their examples of selfless service are welcome reminders of the need for this House to eschew the dysfunction of rigid ideologies and selfish partisanship. The occasion is also a timely reminder of the broader importance of the values which this year's award winners embody.

Founded in 1913, the Anti-Defamation League's stated mission was "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all." From that admirable spirit its members have fashioned a