

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BONITA "BONNIE" SHEPHERD—AN EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC SERVANT WHO SERVED THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH DISTINCTION FOR 48 YEARS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 11, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to present a Certificate of Congressional Recognition to Bonita "Bonnie" Shepherd on the occasion of 48 Years of public service at the U.S. House of Representatives.

Bonita L. Shepherd, "Bonnie" commenced her career as a public servant on Capitol Hill on June 18, 1967 and met everyone who crossed her path with her signature "Good Morning. How are you?"

Bonnie worked for the U.S. House of Representatives, with a starting per hour salary of \$1.51, providing service to Members of Congress, staff, citizens and visitors who traversed our nation's Rayburn Cafeteria.

On January 28, 1988, having served 21 years in the House, Bonnie continued her public service for another 27 years in the House of Representatives with the Architect of the U.S. Capitol as an Elevator Operator, playing an instrumental role in facilitating the safe and flawless movement of Members as they worked to make and pass federal laws affecting our nation.

Every year for 48 years, Bonnie served 435 Members who served the 50 states of our nation, serving the interest of the United States' population when the House was in session.

When the House was out of session, Bonnie also served at the House Flag office where on average more than 100,000 American flags fly over the U.S. Capitol every year, commemorating birthdays, retirements, anniversaries and other special occasions of everyday heroic Americans.

For almost half a century Bonnie has served our nation through wars, recessions, seminal national occurrences and celebrations.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the constituents of the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas, I take great pride in congratulating Bonita L. Shepherd, "Bonnie" for her work as an American public servant and keeping a smile on her face while serving Members working to serve the interests of the United States.

I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Bonnie for her public service.

TRIBUTE TO DORIS DOZIER CRENSHAW

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 11, 2015

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary contributions of lifelong civil rights activist and public servant Doris Dozier Crenshaw. For more than 60 years, she has been on the frontlines in the fight for equality and human rights for all. Today, we salute this Alabama native for her commitment to serving this nation.

Her journey began in 1955 when at just 12 years old, Doris served as Vice President of the NAACP Youth Council when Rosa Parks served as the organization's advisor. After completing her degree at Clark College, she continued her community outreach in Chicago with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the Open Housing Campaign.

Doris began her professional career as a Southern Field Representative for the National Council of Negro Women by organizing chapters, designing rural economic programs, and health and housing programs. In 1977, Doris joined the Carter White House Democratic Policy Staff for the Small and Minority Business Issue Division. In 1980, she went on to serve as Deputy Director for the South East Region for the Carter Presidential Campaign.

In the early 1980s, Doris also served as Special Assistant and Mobilization Director for Special Projects to the Rev. Jesse Jackson. In this capacity, she worked extensively in Washington, D.C. and nationwide with black businesses for the PUSH Trade Bureau. Doris then served as a consultant to Vice President Walter Mondale and was later named National Political Director for "Mondale for President in 1983."

In 1985, Doris was tapped by Coretta Scott King to serve as Director of Mobilization for the first national holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She was also charged by Dorothy Height to serve as Director of Mobilization for the First National Black Family Reunion and the National Black Family Reunions in Atlanta, Los Angeles, and Detroit. This community icon also organized the nationally recognized 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 57th anniversary and now the 60th celebrations of the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott.

In addition to her various leadership roles, Doris is committed to passing the torch to future generations. In 2008, she founded the Southern Youth Leadership Development Institute. The organization was created to address educational policy issues while engaging youth leaders in inspirational training programs through the "train-the-trainer" approach.

Over the years, Doris has been recognized and awarded numerous accolades from organizations around the country and she is a lifetime member of the NAACP and the National Council of Negro Women. Doris is also a member of the Southern Christian Leadership

Conference as well as the First United Church of Christ. Her proudest accomplishment is her daughter, Dr. Kwanza (Mikki) Crenshaw.

On a personal note, Doris has served as dedicated mentor and friend. I know that my journey as the first black woman elected to Congress from the State of Alabama would not be possible without her wise counsel, support and mentorship.

On this the 60th anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to an Alabama treasure whose extraordinary contributions to this nation will continue to shape future generations of public servants.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S HUNTER WALKER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATOR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 11, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Hunter Walker on the occasion of his retirement as Santa Rosa County Administrator, a position in which he has faithfully served for the last twenty years.

A native of Atmore, Alabama and an avid Crimson Tide fan, Mr. Walker attended the University of Alabama where he received both his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and his Masters of Public Administration. Upon graduation, he served as Assistant to the Homewood, Alabama Mayor for five years. He later moved to Yemassee, South Carolina, where he worked as both City Planner and Management Specialist, and in 1985, he became City Planner and Administrator of Beaufort, South Carolina. In 1986, he became Grady County, Georgia County Administrator in 1986, and from there, he moved to Tifton, Georgia, where he served as City and County Manager for seven years.

In 1995, Mr. Walker moved to Santa Rosa County, located in Florida's First Congressional District where he has since served as County Administrator. For the last two decades, Mr. Walker has been responsible for ensuring the efficient daily operation of county services. In addition, he has been responsible for drafting an annual operating budget for the county, preparing policy recommendations and advising County Commissioners on short and long term policy goals, working with state and federal officials and local stakeholders on joint policy efforts, and ensuring that policies enacted by the County Commission are carried out in the most thorough and efficient manner possible.

Aside from his public service, Mr. Walker is an active member and vestryman at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Pensacola and enjoys spending time with his family and playing golf.

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