

and parents with large medical insurance bills for their children. Due to the foundation's affiliation with the Staten Island Children's Campaign, he also works on their events including Breakfast with Santa. Additionally, Francis managed and coached in the South Shore Little League and the Babe Ruth League.

Mr. Speaker, Francis Harty's dedication to providing a role model for youth and positively impacting his community is remarkable. I thank him for all of his hard work and I am proud to honor this great man who has been such a strong influence on the residents of Staten Island.

HONORING STEVE CASTRO

HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robstown baseball coach Steve Castro, who passed away in October of last year.

Steve Castro was a pillar of the community who taught baseball to hundreds of kids from 1975 to 2010 at Robstown High School. Castro taught more than the game of baseball; he taught his team the meaning of hard work and the meaning of teamwork.

Under Castro's coaching, the Robstown baseball team drew crowds of more than 3,000 people. He brought families and friends together every time there was a game.

In 2014, Castro was entered into the Texas High School Baseball Association Hall of Fame, the fifth Hispanic coach to receive the honor.

This year's Cotton Picker Baseball season will be officially dedicated to the man who brought fans and players together for 35 years.

Steve Castro will be remembered as a legend by the students he taught and the families he brought together every night for a game.

HONORING SARAH HUSBY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Representative GARAMENDI and Representative HUFFMAN, rise to recognize and honor Ms. Husby for her great contribution to the designation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument by President Barack Obama on July 10, 2015.

This outstanding accomplishment was made possible by the tireless work of countless advocates like Ms. Husby. Their commitment to engaging friends, colleagues, local residents, businesses, stakeholders across the country, and policymakers in a coordinated effort to achieve permanent protection was critical to the establishment of the Monument.

Now, the Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument may be counted among the hundreds pristine parks across the country that represent America's most treasured public resources. The region's unique geological formations will play host for the world's scientists

for years to come. Centuries-old archeological sites will draw curious historians and researchers as they piece together the stories of generations past. And avid bikers, hikers, campers, horsemen, and sportsmen will be able to enjoy this landmark that is now forever open and accessible to outdoor enthusiasts from Northern California and beyond.

The Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument serves as proof of the value of the Antiquities Act and the power of the Executive to protect these lands in the face of inaction by Congress. After extensive input from interested parties and substantial evidence of this region's value, the Obama Administration honored the support of stakeholders, and the gravity of conservation.

The legacy of public lands is one of the most important we can leave for future generations. The Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument is a critical piece of a preservation system that stretches from the Hawaiian Islands to the Maine Coast. It has been a privilege working with Ms. Husby to further our mutual goal of preserving our nation's great open spaces, and we look forward to collaborating in the future.

HONORING MILTON GASTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable civil servant, Mr. Milton Gaston.

Born in Hollandale, Mississippi, Milton Gaston was nurtured and reared by his parents, the late James and Luella Gaston, in Glen Allen, Mississippi. He is the seventh born of eleven children to his parents. Gaston proudly admits that his parents reared them to be a close-knit family and his siblings and he remain so today.

Milton Gaston was educated in the Glen Allen Public Schools.

Understanding the meaning of family as so taught by his parents, Mr. Gaston met and married Ms. Alice Watts. To their union, six (6) children and ten (10) grandchildren are being shaped for this most extraordinary world.

To support his family, Mr. Gaston began work with the Washington County Sheriff's Department on January 20, 1986 under the leadership of the late Sheriff Harvey Tackett, Sr. In July of that same year, Milton Gaston, Sr., became the only civilian sent to the Jackson Police Academy in Jackson, Mississippi to be certified and deputized under Sheriff Tackett's administration. Because of his work ethics, Greenville Optimist Club named him as Deputy Sheriff of the year in 1989.

On November 3, 2003, Washington County elected Milton Gaston, Sr. as Sheriff of Washington County, Mississippi. At the age of 42, he was the first African American in this county to hold this distinguished position. County Court Chancellor Vernita King-Johnson swore him in on January 5, 2004 to uphold this position to serve and protect the citizens of Washington County, Mississippi. Currently, Sheriff Gaston is in his third term, serving more than twenty-nine (29) years in law enforcement with a plethora of training on the state and federal level. Additionally, he has initiated and over-

seen a Juvenile Justice Intervention/Prevention Program that was developed to rebuild at risk youth between the ages of 12–15. The program was called "Biggest S.U.C.C.E.S.S.," which is an acronym for Students Unanimously Conceiving Confidence & Excellence in Skills and Success. The program was grant funded for one year. Currently, under his leadership, the TRIAD of Washington County was established in 2012. This organization is comprised of senior citizens working with law enforcement to address their safety needs in the community. It is also state funded and has been approved for the current year's funding.

Sheriff Gaston's staff is comprised of approximately 120 people between Washington County Sheriff's Department and Washington County Regional Correctional Facility—all of whom he requires to help make Washington County, Mississippi a safe place for all of its citizens.

As if he is not constantly busy enough, Sheriff Gaston devotes his time and servitude as a member of New Hope First Baptist Church, Vice-President of the Usher Board, a member of the male choir, a member of the 100 Black Men of the Mississippi Delta, a member of the Lake Vista Masonic Lodge Number 46, a member of the Serene Lodge Number 567, a member of the NAACP, and a board member of the Boy's and Girl's Club.

Yet, after committing himself to all of this, his Lord, his family, his career, and his affiliations, he still manages to conceive other ingenious ideas to help citizens in our area. He is indeed, "The Peoples' Sheriff," and he considers it a pleasure to serve the citizens of Washington County, Mississippi by striving to make it a safer place in which to live.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sheriff Milton Gaston for his dedication to serving others and giving back to his community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROOSTERTAIL AND MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS OF CREATING MEMORIES AND STORIES

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Tom and Diane Schoenith who today are observing fifty years of memories, entertainment and stories at their beloved Roostertail, a well-known institution in Southeast Michigan for gathering people of all walks of life for performances, concerts, celebrations, remembrances, rituals and traditions. Unique, colorful and with a special style carrying this couple through the decades, Tom and Diane have distinctive personas combined with big hearts and caring souls that have made them a memorable part of Detroit's and Michigan's history.

Since its opening in 1958, the Roostertail became a gathering place for people to celebrate important occasions; events of all kinds that created incredible memories as people gathered for concerts, boat races, premieres, charity events, nightclub evenings, weddings, anniversaries, galas, jubilees, birthdays, elections, solemn moments . . . special occasions of all kinds. People from the region and the

country gathered at this beautiful venue located on the Detroit River off of Jefferson Avenue in the City of Detroit. Governors, mayors, local officials, celebrities, business leaders and community members looked forward to the occasions being feted or the evening out. When first founded, it was a happening place, and its path would follow the peaks and valleys that the region itself has experienced over the years.

The Roostertail has witnessed the history of the region and has been the scene of many firsts, including the opening night for the Supremes and Bobby Darin. The venue has also hosted many of the greats over the years such as Tony Bennett, Eric Clapton, The Rolling Stones, and Aretha Franklin. From the beginning, everyone was welcome through their doors, and they gave a helping hand to many who just needed someone to care or believe. In the 60's, when the Motown sound was just beginning, they created Motown Mondays which starred the Temptations, Marvalettes, Stevie Wonder, Diana Ross, Martha Reeves, Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson and the Spinners among many others. Tom and Diane helped to break down barriers during the civil rights era, making it clear there was always a place there for those who needed it and providing the platform for those who needed a simple break.

Tom and Diane Schoenith, the owners of the Roostertail, have lived through the ups and downs of Detroit and Southeast Michigan and never doubted, gave up or quit. Whether it was the riots, recession, or bankruptcy, or the rise of Motown, Motor City, and the ebbs and flows of the American middle class, they have witnessed it all. After the Detroit Riots in 1968, people were afraid to come into downtown Detroit. Tom and Diane knew they had to help bring them back and bring their customer base back as well. They organized parties with performers everyone knew and drew people back. The young people came—and others followed.

Beyond the memories and moments of the Roostertail itself, Tom and Diane have also planned and led many events and parties over the years. Many were colorful, vibrant and flashy—unique and one of a kind. Tom and Diane have been the first call for many of the most prominent non-profits and cultural institutions in Metro Detroit, helping the DIA, WTVS, the Children's Hospital of Michigan, the Detroit Symphony Opera, Gleaners, the Salvation Army, and the NAACP. These groups and more owe a thank you to Tom and Diane for their creativity, memory creating events and dedication to our community over the years.

Tom is a member of Detroit's Schoenith family, well known for decades for being successful, interesting and sometimes controversial. His twin Jerry is well known for American boat racing with hydroplanes. Together—they are a part of Michigan's unique history.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Tom and Diane Schoenith and the Roostertail as they celebrate this evening. It is my sincere hope that they will continue to bring smiles for many years to come.

CELEBRATING GENENTECH'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Genentech in South San Francisco—also known as the birthplace of biotechnology. Forty years ago, on April 7, 1976, Herb Boyer and Bob Swanson decided to start the first biotech company, Genentech, and sparked an industry that continues to push the boundaries of science today.

What began as a conversation over a couple of beers at a Union Street watering hole has evolved into an industry that has helped billions of people, and has ushered in new frontiers of research—such as personalized healthcare and cancer immunotherapy—that have fundamentally changed the way certain serious diseases are treated.

During the past six years alone, Genentech has brought to market nine new treatments for patients who needed them. These include the first FDA-approved medicine for people with advanced forms of B-Cell Carcinoma, the most common skin cancer, the first biologic for cystic fibrosis, the first personalized medicine that treats women with HER2+ breast cancer, and the first drug to be approved using FDA's breakthrough therapy designation—a treatment for Chronic Lymphocytic Lymphoma (CLL).

And like all of biotech, Genentech has continued to evolve over the past 4 decades. They have invested in uncharted areas of science, expanded their manufacturing capabilities, grown into a global organization, and partnered with other companies and research institutions to find breakthrough treatments for people with serious diseases who need new and improved options.

Today, Genentech's founders' spirit of taking bold risks and celebrating both successes and failures continues to drive their daily work. This year, the company will celebrate its 40th anniversary with initiatives such as 40 Defining Moments—a storytelling project to reflect on the history of Genentech through articles, pictures, and videos. And in order to recognize the role nearby communities and science education have had in its success, Genentech will also commit \$1 million to STEM-focused non-profits that provide hands-on science education to underserved students in local communities.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the hard work and dedication of Genentech and its employees. Genentech has always been a cutting edge company from research to workplace accommodations to creating one of the first on-site child care centers. I'm proud to represent a company that has so positively contributed to the health and wellness of our society, and to the world. I look forward to seeing what new breakthroughs the next 40 years will bring.

HONORING MADELEINE MORLINO

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Madeleine Morlino, of the Third Congressional District, on her recent acceptance into all four United States Service Academies, and to commend her for her community service and accomplishments.

Madeleine, who is a resident of Moorestown, has worked diligently to succeed academically while simultaneously engaging with her community. Madeleine maintains a 4.23 weighted grade-point average at Moorestown High School. She is an accomplished violinist, and plays for the Moorestown High School orchestra and for a local church ensemble. Additionally, she was honored with the Good Citizenship Award from the Union League of Philadelphia and volunteers for many different charitable causes and organizations.

Madeleine has a profound level of respect for our armed service men and women, and has become very involved in the veteran community. In the fall, she organized the Veterans Benefits and Job Expo at the Moorestown Community House, where national and local businesses met with veterans about meaningful employment. She also volunteers at the Disabled Veterans Physiotherapy Clinic in Philadelphia. Madeleine has worked extremely hard to follow her goal of serving the military in whatever capacity possible. She will be attending the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado after graduation.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously honored to have Madeleine Morlino as a member of their community. Ms. Morlino has shown a desire to serve her nation and to give back to her community, and has worked continuously to do so at the best of her ability. I am honored to recognize her acceptance into all four United States Service Academies and to commend her for her outstanding service to her community and our veterans, before the United State House of Representatives.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

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 \$19,223,197,501,336.14. We've added \$8,596,320,452,423.06 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.