

His Army and National Guard experience were important to him and he shared his admiration and respect for Korea, education, religion and civil rights with his son, James E. Patterson, an Auburn University graduate, an Associate Member of the Korean War Veterans Association and a life member of the America Foreign Service Association.

Mr. Patterson's son honored his father, who passed away in 2003, by appearing as a reporter in the 2015 film "Selma." His son had his late father's military photo in his pocket as his scenes were filmed in Atlanta the week of Father's Day in 2014. James also wrote an article in the April 2015 issue of the National Guard Magazine titled, "Proud of My Father."

On August 22, the Patterson family remembers and celebrates the life of James G. Patterson by volunteering at libraries, churches and schools.

#### A TRIBUTE TO MONICA FRIEDMAN

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, Inc. Vice President of Human Resources Monica Friedman for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Friedman has devoted her life to doing so many challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or nonprofit organization and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Monica Friedman has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does, and her exemplary work with Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, Inc. is a testament to that. She is an integral component of one of America's most successful companies, building a long and illustrious career with Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, Inc. In all aspects of her life Monica Friedman is an example of hard work and service who makes Iowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Monica Friedman in the

United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Monica Friedman on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Friedman a long and successful career.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

#### HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize Historic Grace Lutheran Church in Springfield, IL. This month marks their 175th anniversary of spreading God's Word, serving the community, and worship.

Grace Lutheran is both spiritually and historically significant. The Church's entirely stone steeple is one of only two of its kind in the country. Further, recognized as part of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Grace Lutheran's founder, Reverend Francis Springer, was a neighbor of Abraham Lincoln, in Springfield.

Historic Grace Lutheran Church not only has a rich history, but it continues to serve the Greater Springfield Area with the utmost dedication. Its congregation remains committed to service through charitable endeavors including regular contributions to local food pantries. Their ongoing efforts to support the students, teachers, and staff of McClelland Elementary School and other schools in the area are commendable. Their commitment to helping the lives of the poor, uneducated, and the hungry embodies the virtues of true servants of God.

On September 18, 2016, the Historic Grace Lutheran Church will celebrate 175 years of encompassing in the spirit of charity, religion, and community. As this momentous occasion is celebrated, I extend my sincerest congratulations and gratitude to the parish of Historic Grace Lutheran Church for all that they have done and continue to do.

IN HONOR OF DR. MILDRED LEE KELLEY DIXON'S SERVICE TO THE VA

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Dr. Mildred Lee Kelley Dixon's years of service to the VA.

Dr. Dixon was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 7, 1916 to Spencer and Annie Kelley. She graduated from East Orange High School in New Jersey and later from Dental Nursing School. In 1944, she graduated from the Ohio College of Chiropractic (Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine).

She moved to Tuskegee, Alabama, and married James O. Dixon (deceased) and was blessed with two children: James and Denise.

Prior to working at the Tuskegee VA Hospital, known today as Central Alabama Health Care System, she was employed as Dean of Women at Tuskegee Institute. She also worked as a Dental Assistant for Dr. Clark, D.D.S. in Opelika and was a private practitioner and shoe sales representative at Child Life Shoes.

Dr. Dixon was the first female Podiatrist employed by the VA Hospital and the first Black Podiatrist. She received an Honorary Doctorate of Medicine, International University of Health Sciences, School of Medicine, St. Kitts and established the first Podiatric Residency Program in Alabama.

In addition to providing podiatric care to Veterans at the VA Hospital, Dr. Dixon traveled to VA Hospitals in Montgomery (1977–1984) and Tuscaloosa (1982–1984) to provide podiatric care. She was a regular contributor to the Chiropractic Journal and other professional medical journals, in the U.S. and abroad.

Dr. Dixon is Past President of AARP, Chapter #3428, a volunteer with Macon County RSVP, a volunteer for the National Park Services, a member of AAUW, NAACP, APHA, National Academy Practice, and AWP, the past-President of the Association of Podiatrists in Federal Services, a Life Member of APMA and past-President of the National Podiatric Medical Association. Dr. Dixon is a member of Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church in Tuskegee, still active in the community and continues to serve as a volunteer.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Dr. Dixon for her service to others and help me wish her a happy 100th birthday on September 7th.