

and Dalene, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2016

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus of the 114th Congress to commemorate the sesquicentennial anniversary of Mount Zion Baptist Church, located in Arlington, Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, Mount Zion Baptist Church has been blessed to serve as the spiritual home and faith community for thousands of people over the last 150 years. Founded in 1866, a year after the U.S. Congress passed the 13th Amendment to abolish slavery; Mount Zion Baptist Church was organized under the leadership of Reverend Joseph Matthews.

In 1914, Reverend James E. Green was elected pastor after many years of service. The Church relocated twice during Reverend Green's pastorate with property being purchased at 19th and Lowell Streets in 1944. In 1956, Doctor Oswald G. Smith had the vision to establish a Deacon's Fund to assist the community in meeting emergency costs for medicine, shelter, and other necessities.

Finally, in March 1992, Bishop Leonard N. Smith was installed as Mount Zion's ninth senior minister. Today, under Bishop Smith's leadership, the Church remains a place of worship and fellowship for its community and surrounding communities.

With a mission focused on preserving the precepts of its rich heritage, Mount Zion continues to experience blessings in ways that were once thought to be unimaginable. Recent accomplishments of Mount Zion include significant growth in membership, rededication of a refurbished and modernized facility in 2012, purchase of 22 acres of land in Woodbridge, VA in order to further the mission, and wide community outreach that spans from radio to social media. I am confident that Mount Zion will continue to serve its congregants and community for generations to come.

By the grace of God, Mount Zion Baptist Church has survived the test of time and is still going strong today. While the frame of Mount Zion has undergone many renovations, its faith remains the same—firmly rooted in Christ.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the rich history and accomplishments of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Arlington, Virginia. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Bishop Smith, the congregation, and the residents of Arlington on this truly momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY AUGUSTO BORDELOIS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Augusto Bordelois, an internationally acclaimed artist who is opening a new art studio, Augusto Fine Art, in Berea, Ohio, this week.

Augusto has a deep connection to Berea, as the city has been his home since 1999. Augusto Fine Art studio will establish a dedicated art space for the entire community, building Berea, brick by brick, in the same way Augusto creates his own artwork.

At the new location Augusto will be teaching jointly with watercolorist Nancy Notarianni, who will also have a gallery in the Berea studio. His vision is to create a centralized space that will foster community and collaboration among local Cleveland-area artists who wish to teach or display their work, and by Cleveland-area residents who wish to connect with their artistic, creative side.

Augusto, who emigrated from Cuba as a young man, describes his painting style as 'magic realism' that has been largely influenced by the Renaissance, as is typical for prominent and gifted artists from Latin America and the Caribbean. He graduated from the University of Havana in Cuba, and has an inestimable and broad knowledge base that he is more than willing to share with others.

Augusto is a natural and enthusiastic leader and an active member of the arts community in Northern Ohio, where he is a teaching artist and member of the Center for Arts-Inspired Learning, the Ohio Arts Council, and most recently The Art House. He has been awarded 'Best in Show' and an Ohio Arts Council Special award at the Ohio State Fair Fine Arts exhibition.

Through his leadership in judging Ohio's 9th Congressional District's annual Art Caucus competition for promising high school artists, I have been fortunate to witness firsthand his influence across Northern Ohio, and his passion for helping others reach their full potential. I greatly appreciate his efforts to continue fostering and promoting a growing art community. Augusto's passion has inspired resurgence in community art and, through the new Augusto Fine Art Studio, a dedication to increased access to community art spaces.

Northern Ohio should have a minimum of 1,000 art studios across our lush region, which has a natural beauty and rich culture, and Augusto is a leader in reaching that goal.

The arts have long been celebrated throughout northern Ohio, with each region hosting multiple arts festivals, in addition to the many small, locally owned shops that populate the region. From the Black Swamp Arts Festival in Bowling Green to the FireFish Arts Festival in Lorain, there are many opportunities to be immersed in the local northern Ohio art scene.

I greatly admire Augusto Bordelois and celebrate his vision and legacy in northern Ohio. His unwavering dedication to teaching and promoting the arts has made a lasting mark.

Please join me to congratulate and celebrate Augusto Bordelois on this exciting next phase.

COMMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA JUSTICE CENTER'S 2016 CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE

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Friday, September 9, 2016

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize five individuals from my home state of North Carolina who are being honored as Champions of Justice by the North Carolina Justice Center: Former North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt, President of the NC State AFL-CIO James Andrews, North Carolina State Representative Henry "Mickey" Michaux Jr., former University of North Carolina System President Tom Ross, and former North Carolina State Senator Leslie Winner. I also applaud Former Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake, Jr. on being presented with the Center's Executive Director Award for Service.

Mr. Speaker, these individuals will be honored by the North Carolina Justice Center at its 20th Annual Champion of Justice Gala on September 10, 2016 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Since its founding in 1996, the North Carolina Justice Center has been a leader in progressive research and advocacy for economic and social justice in North Carolina. The Center focuses on issues of concern to low- and middle-income North Carolinians by ensuring access to resources, services, and fair treatment for all.

Former North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt is a native of my hometown, Wilson, North Carolina. He will be presented with the Champion of Justice Award for his work on behalf of North Carolina's students, families, and communities in the areas of education and equal rights during his record four terms as governor.

Mr. James Andrews is the current President of the North Carolina state AFL-CIO, and the first full-time elected African-American state federation president in the country's history. A Vietnam Veteran and recipient of the Purple Heart, Mr. Andrews has been a lifelong and passionate activist for civil rights and social justice in North Carolina and has also served on the AFL-CIO's Executive Council.

The Honorable Henry "Mickey" Michaux, Jr. is the longest-serving member of the North Carolina General Assembly. A lifelong resident of Durham, North Carolina, Representative Michaux has dedicated his life and career to voting rights advocacy in North Carolina. He is a founding member and was the first chairman of the North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus.

Mr. Thomas W. Ross, Sr. is the former president of the 17-campus University of North Carolina System. Prior to becoming President of the UNC System, Mr. Ross had a long career in education, where he served as President of Davidson College, executive director of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, and as a Superior Court judge.

Ms. Leslie Winner is a three-term State Senator and a former Senate majority whip. She currently serves as the executive director of the Winston-Salem based Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, where she has led the foundation's statewide influence in civic, educational, and philanthropic initiatives through grants to small nonprofits, and by supporting the creation of BEST NC, a group of business