

to work with the Town and Caroline County extensively, leading to a seamless transition into the Town Manager position.

Stephen holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from Pennsylvania State University and a Degree of Master of City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University. He has also completed extensive graduate work in the Master of Public Administration program at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Mr. Manster's commitment to public service demonstrates a rare sense of dedication to duty, and I am pleased to recognize this special occasion. Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the career of Mr. Stephen Manster.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAMERON D. CLARKE, 2017 RHODES SCHOLAR

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2016

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride to recognize Cameron D. Clarke, a Howard University senior majoring in biology and community health, who was awarded a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship for 2017. Mr. Clarke lives in Richmond, Virginia and is the fourth student from Howard University to have received this honor.

While attending Howard University, Mr. Clarke engaged in research at the University's W. Montague Cobb Research Laboratory, which maintains a national repository for African-American skeletal remains. Mr. Clarke also participated in research at Bahir Dar University in Ethiopia through a Howard University-National Science Foundation grant. As an Amgen Scholar, he conducted research at the National Institutes of Health's Center for Cancer Research. Mr. Clarke is a certified emergency medical technician (EMT) and is the lead author on five out of six publications. He is co-president of Howard University's chapter of the Peer Health Exchange and a news editor of The Hilltop, the Howard University student newspaper. Currently, Mr. Clarke is among our own here on Capitol Hill as he is an intern for the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Mr. Clarke is one of 32 men and women selected from U.S. postsecondary institutions who competed with over 800 applicants to receive this award to study at the University of Oxford in England. With his Rhodes scholarship, Mr. Clarke intends to further his studies by pursuing a Master of Science degree with an emphasis in primary health care. Ultimately, Mr. Clarke wants to attend medical school and work in public health policy and clinical research.

"We are extremely proud of Mr. Clarke's accomplishments," said Dr. Wayne Frederick, President of Howard University. "Mr. Clarke's academic pursuits will lead to solutions in the broader society that are needed ever more so today. Cameron is the epitome of Howard University's gift of solutions to the world." His achievements demonstrate what a person committed to excellence in truth and service can obtain when provided the opportunity. He exemplifies the best of Howard University and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating

Mr. Cameron D. Clarke for his impressive academic achievements and being selected as one of America's Rhodes Scholarship winners. It is with honor that I call attention to this outstanding young man's achievements. May he continue to obtain the success for which he works hard and may he always find purpose and fulfillment in his efforts.

HONORING ESTHER LOUISE HILL
ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Esther Louise Hill. She celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday, December 4th, 2016.

Esther Louise Hill was born in Montgomery City, Missouri on December 4, 1916 to Roy and Emma Patterson. She has lived in Jonesburg, Missouri most of her life. Esther married Richard Hill, who is now deceased. She graduated from a three-year program in 1938 from Missouri Baptist Hospital School of Nursing as a registered nurse.

Her work experiences were in various divisions of healthcare: hospitals, industry, and public health. Esther started her career as a private duty nurse and after a year decided to join the Barnes Hospital Nursing Staff. Before World War II started, Esther moved to Dallas, Texas. She utilized her nursing degree by working at a substation with North American Aviation during the war. After the end of the war, Esther moved back to Missouri and joined the staff at a local nursing home, Katy Jane, located in Warrenton, Missouri. Unfortunately, during her time at Katy Jane, there was a devastating fire which had a profound effect on Esther. Esther started working as a public health nurse through the state of Missouri, first in Warren County and then moving to Montgomery County. She was moved by the loss of life at Katy Jane and realized commonsense steps could have prevented that tragedy.

Eventually, Esther obtained the position of Institutional Advisory Nurse, covering fifteen counties along the Missouri River. In this position, Esther taught nursing home caregivers the details of Missouri state law and procedures that should be part of nursing home care. The Institutional Advisory Nurse position led to a role with the Missouri Department of Health Licensure Program for Nursing Homes. With this position, she taught, investigated and inspected nursing home facilities, and enforced licensure laws. Esther worked for the Visiting Nurse Association for a few years but eventually returned to the Missouri Department of Health. She ended her nursing career with the Missouri Department of Health. Esther appreciates the opportunity she was given to have a career that came full circle; from her days at the Katy Jane Nursing Home where lack of structure allowed for a tragedy, to being involved with the adoption of solutions to protect the most vulnerable. In addition to her successful career in nursing, Esther also taught at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Esther has been a lifelong member of the Jonesburg United Methodist Church and

during her time there has enjoyed participating in the Methodist Women organization. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, collecting antiques, cooking, and canning produce from her garden. She also has a passion for hybridized lilies and has even won prizes for them. Esther enjoys a good card game and has been a member of the Canasta Card Club for 50 years.

Please join me in recognizing Esther Louise Hill on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

IN HONOR OF BULLOCK COUNTY,
ALABAMA UPON THE 150TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2016

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bullock County, Alabama which today is celebrating 150 years as a county.

What is now Bullock County was first inhabited by Creek Indians who moved westward from Georgia and began cultivating the rich, spring-filled land. After the bitter Creek War, American settlers brought schools, churches, and mercantile life to complement the thriving agriculture, and the town of Union Springs was born.

After the Civil War, portions of Macon, Montgomery, Barbour and Pike Counties were brought together to form Bullock County, after Confederate Colonel E.C. Bullock. The late 1800s and early 1900s were prosperous for Bullock County, as railroad connections and industrialization made the county seat of Union Springs an important hub for Alabama and the South.

That history can still be seen in Bullock County today. The National Register of Historic Places, lists 47 homes and businesses that have been preserved as standing monuments to the past.

One hundred and fifty years after its founding, Bullock County is home to fine, hard-working people that I am proud to represent in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to acknowledge Bullock County's sesquicentennial anniversary and celebrate this special date with all those who call Bullock County home.

HONORING SUPERINTENDENT JAY
SPECK

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise, along with Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, today to recognize and honor Jay Speck who is retiring after forty years of service to our community as an educator and administrator with the Solano County Office of Education.

Mr. Speck began his career in education as a special education teacher at the elementary and secondary levels and has since worked with Solano County as a program manager, principal, director of special education, and assistant superintendent of human resources.