

development. In honor of his hard work and dedication the street in the neighborhood bears his name.

Percy joined Jackson Street Missionary Baptist Church in 1956 where he remained a faithful and dedicated member of the church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Percy Strothers for his dedication and loyalty to Vicksburg, Mississippi and his desire to always strive for more.

RECOGNIZING TED OGLESBY

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2017*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of longtime Gainesville journalist Ted Oglesby, who served his country and our hometown throughout most of his 84 years.

Mr. Oglesby arrived in Gainesville, GA in 1958 out of the Air Force Reserves and began working for WDUN radio, a well-known station in northeast Georgia. He soon left to become sole owner and chief editor at the Gainesville Tribune.

In 1968, he returned to military service and spent a year in Vietnam. During this time, Ted contributed to many missions that led him across the globe. He retired in 1981 as a Colonel in the Air Force, having received a Bronze Star for his meritorious service to our nation.

After returning to civilian life in Gainesville, Mr. Oglesby again took up the pen and pad as a reporter. His work in politics earned him many Georgia Press Awards, and he retired as the Editorial Editor of the Gainesville Times.

As the founder and longest serving chairman of the Small Business Development Center, Mr. Oglesby was well respected throughout his community. He hosted a Travel Club for the Georgia Retired Teachers association and served as a Life Deacon at Lakewood Baptist Church. He was honored by the Gainesville Kiwanis and was presented the Hixson Award for his outstanding community service, which spanned five decades.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Ted Oglesby, a man whose ambition was to be a "servant to others." This remarkable man loved his country and his community and served them both diligently.

HONORING COLONEL HUGH HANLON

**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2017*

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Hugh Hanlon, who is retiring after 30 years of service to our county in the United States Air Force.

Colonel Hanlon graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1987, and earned a Masters of Business Administration from Wayland Baptist University in 1998. He served for 30 years as a commissioned officer in the United States Air Force, where he

served as the Chief of CENTCOM strategy for the Air Force Checkmate Division and, among other assignments, as the Chief of Long Range Strategy during the Afghanistan War. During his 30 year career, Colonel Hanlon also served as an instructor pilot, flight examiner, operations officer, squadron commander, and Vice Wing Commander. During those years, he served in Hawaii, Japan, and Korea, prior to his current position as the Commander of Corps of Cadets Detachment 805 at Texas A&M University.

Over his three decade military career, Colonel Hanlon was awarded 12 awards and badges, including the National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, and Joint Meritorious Unit Award. He further distinguished his service by earning the Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, a Medal given to those who display acts of heroism or meritorious service. In addition, Colonel Hanlon earned the Legion of Merit Award, given to those who display exceptionally meritorious conduct, and the Defense Superior Service Medal, awarded to those in the Department of Defense who display superior meritorious service in positions of significant responsibility.

Colonel Hanlon has demonstrated his gifted skills as a pilot through over 3,500 flight hours, with 325 of those hours being in combat. He reached the rank of Command Pilot, and flew four different military aircraft during his service, including the T-37, T-38, A-10 and F-16.

I also would like to honor Colonel Hanlon for his service to the Texas A&M University. For nearly four years, he has served as the Commander of Detachment 805 of the Corps of Cadets, as well as teaching at the University as a Professor of Aerospace Studies. He has embodied the core values at Texas A&M, especially the core values of excellence and selfless-service.

Mr. Speaker, our Nation's history is grounded in the efforts of our men and women who have served in uniform. Those who protected and defended the United States of America deserve our highest praise and thanks. We also wish them Godspeed as they transition to the next chapter in their lives.

Today, I have requested that a United States flag be flown over the United States Capitol to honor the many contributions of Colonel Hugh Hanlon. As I close, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country during these difficult times, for our military men and women who protect us from external threats, and for our first responders who protect us here at home.

HONORING RILEY RICE

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2017*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Riley Rice.

Mr. Rice has extensive experience in the field of education and municipal government.

Mr. Rice was born on August 8, 1943, the fifth child of the late Robert Rice, a World War I Veteran and sharecropper, and Katie Rice, a housewife.

Mr. Rice is a resident of Indianola, Mississippi, and was educated in the former

Indianola Public School District. He is a 1963 graduate of Gentry High School; 1967 graduate of Mississippi Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science in Social Science Education; 1992 graduate of Delta State University with a Master's in High School Counseling; and further studies in Political Science at Mississippi State University.

Along with Mr. Rice's background in education, he worked 35 years in the Sunflower County School District. He served 16 years on the Indianola Board of Aldermen and 8 years as Vice-Mayor.

Mr. Rice participated in the Civil Rights Movement in 1965. He was jailed for attending the former Seymour Library and for a sit-in at the Traveler's Inn Restaurant. He participated in many marches throughout Sunflower County and he marched with Fannie Lou Hamer and Charles Scattergood.

Presently, Mr. Rice serves as Supervisor of Sunflower County, District 2; is a member of the P16 Council; a member of the Cares Mentoring Program, and Vice President of the Sunflower County Branch 5333 of the NAACP.

Lastly, Mr. Rice is a devoted Christian and an ordained Deacon at Traveler's Rest M.B. Church, where he serves as Chairman of the Deacon Board and Superintendent of the Sunday School. The Pastor of Traveler's Rest M.B. Church is Rev. T.L. Martin, Jr. of Cleveland, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Riley Rice for his dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

HONORING CLAY PHILLIPS'S LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2017*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the public service of City Manager Clay Phillips of Coppell, Texas. On March 31, 2017, Mr. Phillips will retire from public service after serving eight years as City Manager of Coppell and over 35 years of service in municipal government.

Clay Phillips began his public service career with the Town of Addison in 1981 working as a firefighter and paramedic. He left the Town of Addison after obtaining the rank of Deputy Fire Chief to assume the position of Fire Chief for the City of Coppell. Since 1991, Clay has served as the Fire Chief, Assistant City Manager, and Deputy City Manager and in 2008, Clay was promoted to the role of City Manager.

Clay attended the University of North Texas where he received his Bachelor of Science with Honors in Emergency Administration and Planning along with a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree. In 2011, Clay was named the 2011 MPA Alumnus of the Year. Clay has served as president of the North Central Texas City Managers' Association and he serves on the Board of Directors of the North Texas Commission.

During his career as City Manager in Coppell, Clay has promoted regionalism amongst area cities and helped bring about a number of cooperative efforts, including the North Texas Emergency Communications