

61). While in command, his crew supported both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Under his leadership, the *Ramage* earned recognition as Self-Sufficient Ship of the Year for the Atlantic fleet, saving the Navy over \$200,000.

Captain Dick transitioned from being a surface warfare officer to serving as an exceptional navy acquisition professional in 2008. In this capacity, he served as Program Manager for the Sea Warrior Program, as an International Programs and Foreign Military Sales expert, and most recently within the International Fleet Support and Ship Transfer Directorate. Captain Dick's tireless efforts supporting the U.S. Navy's foreign military sales endeavors have helped to ensure America's timeless values of freedom and democracy extend beyond our borders, around the globe.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain James Dick for his lifetime of dedication and service to the U.S. Navy and the country. We thank him for his sacrifice, his commitment, and his countless efforts to preserve peace at home and spread freedom abroad.

RECOGNIZING PONCE DE LEON
HIGH SCHOOL'S SENIOR KOBY
TOWNSEND

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ponce de Leon High School's senior Koby Townsend.

Koby has received and accepted an offer to continue his college basketball career at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama.

In addition to his success as a basketball player, Koby has excelled in the classroom. He is an active member of the Sr. Beta Club, a national organization honoring high academic achievement; and is set to graduate as Magna Cum Laude of his high school class.

Koby has also been an active member of the FCCLA club serving as treasurer for one year. He competed in the speech contest and won 5 gold awards at the state level allowing him the opportunity to compete at the national level.

I am proud to recognize the diligence and dedication this young man has shown to his team and education. Koby is a role model for fellow students and team members, and a source of pride for his community and all Northwest Florida.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Koby on his spectacular senior season and receiving this honor. I look forward to continuing to follow his basketball career.

HONORING TUNICA 10 POINT
COALITION, INC.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. in Tunica County, Mississippi.

Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. is a Faith Based Organization with a strategic vision, programmatic structure, financial resources necessary to save at-risk youth from child abuse and neglect, street violence, drug abuse, school failure, teen pregnancy, incarceration, chronic health and wellness issues, spiritual depravity and hopelessness about the future.

Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. was formulated in 2004 after being introduced to the facts or the (10 Points) by the Memphis Chapter who was providing a training workshop on community involvement in local metropolitan areas. In April 2005, the Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. organization was introduced to local clergy and community leaders. In 2007, the Executive Board was officially established and officers elected took office to start the local chapter.

Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. primary mission is to work closely with local organizations and law enforcement, clergy, school administrators, elected officials and community leaders to assist with programs such as: after school programs, community outreach services and youth outreach enrichment activities. Partnership with these agencies enables the organization to continue to assist youth and parents in creating a better community for all. They are also partners with community health centers, recreation centers to promote good health choices and provide a program that will help guide youth and parents to a healthy lifestyle by eating healthy and exercising.

Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. organization has many accomplishments over the years with most of the involvement that are still ongoing in the community. Some of the major accomplishments and ongoing initiatives for the Tunica 10 Point Coalition are:

1. Created the COW (Combating Obesity & Intervention Program) initiative that enables the Tunica community to participate in a FREE Health & Wellness Program.

2. Partner with the local faith-based organizations to sponsor a weekly low impact exercise and wellness program on Tuesday and Friday from 4:15pm until 5:15pm with an annual membership fee of only \$40.00.

3. Initiated "Water for Flint Drive" in June 2016 with a Water-A-Thon Day at the Rivergate Park in downtown Tunica. At the event, there was 308 cases of water collected and \$450.00 in donations that was used to transport the water to Flint, Michigan. One of the Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. board member and local pastor, Roman Fullilove volunteered to transport the water to Flint using his church van.

4. Partner with the local Sheriff Department, Sheriff K. C. Hamp to assist in the monthly activities of the "TRIAD" Program who provides activities and programs for the senior citizens in the Tunica County community. This includes special activities such as: Valentine Day Celebration, Black History Month Observation, Senior Citizen Prom, Cancer Awareness Month, Home Coming Participation and Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners celebrations. They also partner with the Sheriff Office to present Domestic Violence Awareness programs and activities which consist of speakers from various sources such as: local Judges, Mental Health and Law Enforcement.

5. Provide financial assistance of \$1,000.00 annually to the local Tunica Head Start Program to ensure each student receives a gift during the Christmas Holiday Season.

6. Provide a \$500.00 college scholarship to a deserving high school graduate(s) each year. The organization also donated \$300.00 to a local college student, Keara Jones who attends Clark University to help sponsor her visit to London.

7. Serve as character witnesses for youth at the local youth court proceedings regarding cases that involves youth who are identified as at-risk youth with minor offences. They have an opportunity to negotiate with the judge on penalty recommendation for certain cases. Pastor Evelyn Hubbard serves many times in this capacity.

8. Participate with local community organization "God Make Us One" to identify and rectify diversity in the community to create racial harmony under the common core umbrella of Hope, Faith and Love. They meet quarterly and have an annual celebration for the entire community of Tunica County called "The Great River Revival" orchestrated by Brother Billy Pritt.

9. Partner with the Tunica County Recreation Commission to sponsor the Summer Feeding Program, Snack Program and the Back-Pack Program annually. These programs are vital to the community to ensure the youth are receiving meals all year.

10. Sponsor an Annual Gospel Extravaganza Concert each December for the Tunica County community which include world renowned Gospel Artists such as: Lee Williams and the Spiritual QC's, Harvey Watkins and the Canton Spirituals, The Jackson Southernaires, and local Artists such as: The Tunica Harmonizers and the Tunica Gospel Choir. This concert provides spiritual connection for the entire community and is well received.

The Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. current Board of Directors consist of Pastor Evelyn Hubbard, Executive Director; Dr. Billy Willis, Chief Officer of Operations; Pastor Ben Pratt, President; and Pastor Kelvin Bell, Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tunica 10 Point Coalition, Inc. for their dedication to serving their community and this great state and country.

RAMON'S EL DORADO

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ramon's El Dorado, an institution in my hometown of Collinsville, Illinois.

In the 1960s Raymundo "Ramon" Otero was working in St. Louis at the Chevrolet assembly plant. An unfortunate accident occurred in which he fell through scaffolding, injuring his back. He was paralyzed from the waist down, and doctors told him he would never walk again.

Six months later he found a doctor who would perform a surgery that would allow him to walk again. But payments from the plant had already stopped.

With a young, hungry child, Mr. Otero's wife, Estella, sent him to borrow \$5 from a neighbor and get food for the baby. But God interceded.

On his way to the store, Mr. Otero felt a calling to buy meat instead, which he did.