

Trudy Haynes made history in 1965 when she became the nation's first female African American reporter for KYW-TV (now CBS-3) in Philadelphia. Trudy Haynes was also the Nation's 1st African-American TV weather reporter, acquiring that position in 1963 when she worked for WXYZ-TV in Detroit, MI. Additionally, Trudy Haynes is also a very proud graduate of Howard University, class of 1947.

Prestigiously, she has a long esteemed history, has conducted many high profile interviews, and holds many awards including two Lifetime Achievement Awards, as well as an Emmy. Trudy Haynes formally retired in 1999, but has stayed active throughout the years. At 91 years old she is officially coming out of retirement for her "Drop The Mic Tour".

The 2nd Congressional District of Pennsylvania extends gratitude to Trudy Haynes who is a true inspiration for future generations and thanks her for her continued dedicated support and service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

IN HONOR OF KEVIN AND ESTHER  
BYRNE'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 18, 2017*

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Kevin and Esther Byrne on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

This significant benchmark is a symbol of their commitment to each other and to their family. I am happy to join their friends and family in extending my best to them on this special occasion.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Kevin and Esther on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. I wish them the best today and for many more blessed years to come.

HONORING JUDGE BASCOM  
BENTLEY, III

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 18, 2017*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember a dear friend, Judge Bascom Bentley, III, who passed away peacefully on December 11, 2017.

Bascom was a life-long resident of Palestine, Texas and served almost 3 decades with distinction as the Judge for Texas' 369th District Court until his recent retirement. Prior to that he served as County Court at Law Judge, County Attorney for Anderson County and also the City Attorney for Palestine. Along with his time on the bench, Bascom taught as a professor at Trinity Valley Community College for 37 years. The totality of his awards and honors are too numerous to list here today, but he has been honored by civic groups, charitable organizations, educational institutions and veteran groups. And he was honored multiple times for his good work as a judge including one from the Texas Gang Investigators Association that seems to sum everything up—the "Damn Good Judge" award.

Bascom touched countless lives, including mine. His wit and humor were unmatched and his knowledge endless—likely fueled by his unquenchable thirst and love for history. For those who knew Bascom, they saw compassion and love for others that was unbounding.

As the Representative for the 5th District of Texas, I am honored to have known such a wonderful and unique person, and I will forever treasure our many conversations through the years. I send my deepest and sincerest condolences to his mother, Kelly, wife, Carol, to his children Bonnie, Matthew, William and Hunter, as well as the rest of his family and innumerable friends. May we all remember a life well lived.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD AND  
CAROL CRESWELL'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 18, 2017*

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Richard and Carol Creswell on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

This significant benchmark is a symbol of their commitment to each other and to their family. I am happy to join their friends and family in extending my best to them on this special occasion.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Richard and Carol on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. I wish them the best today and for many more blessed years to come.

CARROLL DANIEL CONSTRUCTION  
BREAKING GROUND IN DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 18, 2017*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on this Friday, I rise to help usher in new developments that will be added to the Gainesville community.

As a proud, lifelong resident of this town, I have watched it grow over the years, and welcomed the new businesses and neighbors that have come with that growth.

Earlier this year, the city of Gainesville moved forward with an ambitious plan to improve our historic square. The investments made to this project will add to the square and surrounding area, which represent a centerpiece of our vibrant downtown.

As part of this project, I am pleased that Carroll Daniel Construction will break the ground for a wonderful new facility that will begin construction early next year.

Residents of Gainesville will enjoy this building, which will be located along Jesse Jewel Parkway. The street's namesake, Mr. Jewel himself, was a leader in the poultry industry, and he brought jobs and increased investment in the area during the Great Depression.

In line with his vision, this addition to the square will serve our community for years to

come. I believe that my good friend, Brian Daniel, runs his company according to the values of our Hall County community.

My family and I look forward to seeing the company's new facility next year as we drive by on Jesse Jewel Parkway.

IN HONOR OF COL. THOMAS  
"TUCKER" FAGAN'S RECOGNITION IN THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS AGENCY'S "VETERANS IN BLUE" VOLUME III

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 18, 2017*

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Colonel Thomas "Tucker" Fagan on his recognition in the Air Force Public Affairs Agency's "Veterans in Blue" Volume VIII.

Throughout his impressive career in the Air Force, Col. Fagan proved himself indispensable, being chosen as one of eight military personnel chosen to build the U.S. nuclear war plan, and serving as the wing commander at F.E. Warren AFB, and the 20th Air Force vice commander. After his retirement, Col. Fagan stayed active in the Wyoming and Air Force communities, including serving former Wyoming U.S. Representative Cynthia Lummis as her Chief of Staff.

The Air Force Public Affairs Agency launched the "Veterans in Blue" portrait collection to highlight the men and women that have contributed to the Air Force's great legacy. Col. Fagan's dedication and contributions to the Air Force, nation, and state warrants his inclusion in this prestigious collection.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Col. Fagan on being recognized in the "Veterans in Blue" Volume VIII portrait collection, and I thank him for his continued service.

HONORING JOSEPH TRAN-MALAN

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 18, 2017*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Joseph Tran-Malan for his participation in the Congressional App Challenge (CAC).

The CAC began in 2013, and has since grown to include nearly 4,000 students across 33 states and territories. Specifically, the CAC encourages students to learn how to code through an annual district-wide competition.

For his CAC submission, Joseph chose the video game Overwatch. In particular, he created a video that described why he chose Overwatch, and what he would do to make the video game better as part of his app.

Currently, Joseph is in the third grade and attends Harmony DC Public Charter School, which has a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) program. In addition, the school organizes two major STEM events every year: the Harmony Science and Engineering Fair, which serves as a way for students to learn more about the scientific process; and the Stem Festival, where students