

is becoming increasingly diversified. Expansion outside the commodity sector and renewed confidence in the government's ability to manage its finances are seen by analysts as key drivers of the country's current performance and growing attractiveness as a destination for the U.S. and other investors.

During President Akufo-Addo's American visit, he will receive an Exemplary Leadership award from: The Africa Society of the National Summit on Africa; AllAfrica Foundation; The Constituency for Africa; The Corporate Council on Africa; Invest Africa USA; The U.S. Chamber of Commerce/U.S.-Africa Business Center; Africare; and The Whitaker Group. I stand with them to honor his work as Ghana continues to be a beacon of hope, a model for democracy and a leader on the African continent.

CONGRATULATING SERGEANT  
THOMAS HOGSHEAD ON HIS RE-  
TIREMENT

### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2018*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Thomas Hogshead, who is retiring from the Village of Cherry Valley Police Department. Sergeant Hogshead has honorably dedicated his service to the citizens of Winnebago and Boone Counties and the Village of Cherry Valley for the past 25 years, and he will be greatly missed.

Sergeant Hogshead entered the line of duty with the Village of Cherry Valley Police Department on November 3, 1993. Since then, he has worked hard to secure the safety of the citizens of Winnebago and Boone Counties and his community. Through his tireless work ethic and professionalism he has set the tone for the rest of his department to follow. Someone once said, "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way," and Sergeant Hogshead has proven himself to be a leader to follow.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Sergeant Hogshead for his commitment to the Village of Cherry Valley Police Department and for all of the work he has done to better our communities. I congratulate him again on his well-earned retirement and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF CABARRUS  
COUNTY'S DIRECTOR OF EMER-  
GENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
ALAN THOMPSON AND HIS SERV-  
ICE TO CABARRUS COUNTY

### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2018*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize EMS Director Alan Thompson on nearly 30 years of service to North Carolina's 8th District and for serving as the Cabarrus County Director of Emergency Medical Services.

Alan has spent his life dedicated to public service. His career began as a volunteer firefighter until he was hired by Rowan County

EMS. During this time, Alan also served our country as part of the Army National Guard. Since being hired by Cabarrus County he has applied his knowledge in EMS to our community and helped those who need it most. He has been an integral part of helping me assist our constituents and provide them with the best services possible.

Over the years, Alan has been devoted to bettering lives in Cabarrus County. He worked as a paramedic field training officer, relief supervisor, supervisor and assistant director before he took on the EMS director position. Alan has also served as a tactical paramedic, a state medical assistance team member, ambulance strike team leader, educator, advanced hazardous materials medic and track medic. As you can see, Alan's servant heart never stops, no matter the day or time.

While Alan may no longer be the EMS Director, he will continue his passion for EMS as Director of Curriculum and continuing education programs for EMS and emergency management at Rowan Cabarrus Community College. This position will allow Alan to groom future EMS technicians and paramedics. I have no doubt the students under his leadership and experience will become the best in North Carolina. I am extremely grateful for Alan's service to our community and I wish him continued success.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring EMS Director Alan Thompson for his service to our community.

TRIBUTE TO LOUISE MCINTOSH  
SLAUGHTER, MEMBER OF CON-  
GRESS, FIRST WOMAN CHAIR OF  
RULES COMMITTEE, AND INDE-  
FATIGABLE CHAMPION FOR  
WOMEN AND FAMILIES, THE  
ARTS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of my dear friend and our beloved colleague, Congresswoman LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER of New York, a trailblazer for women, whose powerful voice was quieted this past Friday morning, March 16, 2018.

LOUISE SLAUGHTER lived a long, full, and consequential life and got the most out of the 88 years she graced this world.

She will be remembered in this House for her service to her constituents and her colleagues, her formidable intellect, her mastery of the legislative process, and her graciousness and kindness to all who came in contact with her.

After serving four years in the New York State Assembly, LOUISE SLAUGHTER was elected to the 100th Congress in 1986 to represent the 30th Congressional District of New York, which at the time included downtown and eastern Rochester, most of eastern Monroe County, all of Genesee County and northern Livingston and Ontario counties.

Reelected to the 15 succeeding Congresses, LOUISE SLAUGHTER carved out a legacy of leadership and accomplishments in the areas of women's rights and empowerment, the arts, health care, battlefield preparedness,

economic revitalization, the environment, and social justice.

Born in the coal mining town of Lynch, Kentucky and educated at the University of Kentucky where she earned degrees in microbiology and public health, LOUISE SLAUGHTER understood the connection between public health and a vibrant democracy, and fought to ensure passage of the landmark Affordable Care Act.

In the 112th Congress, Congresswoman LOUISE SLAUGHTER introduced and shepherded to passage Pub. L. 112-105, the "Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act" or "STOCK Act," which prohibits the use of non-public information for private profit, including insider trading by members of Congress and other government employees, and requires many financial transactions by members of Congress to be reported within 45 days.

Mr. Speaker, since her first years on Capitol Hill, Congresswoman LOUISE SLAUGHTER was an advocate for women all over the world.

Among her many accomplishments, Congresswoman LOUISE SLAUGHTER co-authored the landmark Violence Against Women Act, ensured the first federal funding to the National Institutes of Health to research breast cancer, and was a co-founder of the Congressional Pro-Choice Caucus.

It is particularly fitting and altogether appropriate that this tireless champion of women, children, and families represented an area near Seneca Falls, the location of the first women's rights convention in 1848.

The dean of New York's Congressional Delegation, LOUISE SLAUGHTER was the first woman to chair the powerful House Rules Committee, and the first woman to serve as Ranking Member of the Committee, and in both roles she carried the banner and led the fight for progressive values and to make our good country better.

I will always remember and be grateful to Congresswoman LOUISE SLAUGHTER for her help in my duties representing the people of the 18th Congressional District of Texas.

I worked closely with Congresswoman LOUISE SLAUGHTER and drew upon her counsel and assistance to shepherd scores of bills and amendments to passage that have been beneficial to my constituents.

LOUISE SLAUGHTER was incredibly generous with her knowledge and experience and served as a mentor to new members of Congress, including me.

I will never forget that LOUISE SLAUGHTER's advocacy continued until her last days with us, including the National Women's March in Washington, D.C. on January 21, 2017.

Mr. Speaker, LOUISE SLAUGHTER was an iron fist in a velvet glove.

A native of Kentucky, LOUISE SLAUGHTER never lost her Southern twang and charm.

LOUISE SLAUGHTER effortlessly mixed humor with logic to win over skeptics.

And then after disarming you, LOUISE SLAUGHTER made her move.

Through her words and deeds, LOUISE SLAUGHTER worked to make the lives of all Americans better.

LOUISE SLAUGHTER was a dear friend and her loss leaves a void in my heart.

It is my prayer that the Lord brings comfort to the many people—those whom LOUISE SLAUGHTER—who know that a mighty oak has fallen and are heartbroken at the loss.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of the gentlewoman from New York, Congresswoman LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF GUILD FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

**HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2018*

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Guild for Exceptional Children on its 60th anniversary.

Founded in 1958 by the loved ones of those with developmental disabilities, the Guild for Exceptional Children has been a much-needed non-profit in my district. Starting as a group of parents supporting each other when needed, the Guild eventually evolved into an innovative advocacy organization that has initiated numerous options for community living for those with disabilities. Opening New York City's first group home in 1970, the Guild has been the vanguard fighting for disabled individuals. The impact that the Guild for Exceptional Children has had on our community is nothing short of incredible. This outstanding organization always advocates for those who need it most.

The Guild for Exceptional Children also provides clinical, educational, social, and career support programs for those with special needs. Everyone involved with this wonderful group can see firsthand how instrumental it is in the lives of adults and children with developmental disabilities. From the parents to the volunteers to the beneficiaries, the combined altruistic work that the Guild does simply speaks for itself. Their efforts cannot be repaid, as they fight to ensure that those with special needs are able to live a normal and fulfilling life.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Guild for Exceptional Children on its 60th anniversary. Countless constituents of mine have been helped by their fantastic efforts. For everything they have done, I thank them.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE CRAIG D. JOHNSTON

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2018*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Honorable Craig D. Johnston on his retirement from a career in public service.

Craig received his bachelor's degree from Dickinson College before serving as an infantry officer during the Vietnam War. After returning home, Craig earned a law degree from the University of Virginia. He practiced law in Manassas for 30 years where he was a board member and past president of the Prince William County Bar Association. Additionally, he represented Prince William County on the Virginia State Bar Council for two terms.

In 2004, Craig was appointed as a judge of the Prince William General District Court of the 31st Judicial District of Virginia. In recogni-

tion of his leadership and knowledge, Craig was appointed to the Prince William Circuit Court of the 31st Judicial Circuit of Virginia in 2009. Craig was selected to serve as chief judge of both the Prince William General District Court and the Prince William Circuit Court.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking the Honorable Craig Johnston for his service to Virginia. I wish Craig and his wife, Joyce, the best as they spend more time with their children and grandchildren in retirement.

IN CELEBRATION OF MS. BETTYE JEAN WILSON FRANKLIN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2018*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Ms. Bettye Jean Wilson Franklin's 90th birthday.

Ms. Franklin was born on March 18, 1928 to the late Winburn Wilson and Ruby Cass Gray.

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, Ms. Franklin attended and graduated from historical I.M. Terrell high school. Her passion for education inspired her to work for Fort Worth ISD for 27 years until her retirement in 1990.

But it's her everlasting commitment to her faith that is well-known among her friends and family. Ms. Franklin has been a faithful member of Saint James Baptist for the past 77 years, which she contributed in various capacities, including her participation in the senior choir for 52 years.

In addition, she serves her community as a member of The Greater Fort Worth Area Negro Business and Professional Women's Club and Fort Worth Zeta Amicae Auxiliary of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

Ms. Franklin is also a member of the Eastern Star Southern Beauty chapter 446 and served as Grand Secretary of the Masonic Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star of Texas for 13 years.

She is the proud mother of two daughters, Brenda Williams and Willie Mae McQueen, grandmother of four grandchildren, and great-grandmother to her seven great grandchildren.

WELCOMING THE AGA KHAN TO TEXAS

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2018*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a man who has dedicated his life in service to humanity. It is my pleasure to welcome His Highness the Aga Khan IV, the 49th hereditary Imam of the world's 20 million Shia Imami Ismaili Muslims, to my home state of Texas in celebration of his Diamond Jubilee.

The ethics of compassion and care, tolerance and equality, selflessness and service center His Highness' deeply held belief in and practice of the Muslim faith. Particularly in recent years, the Aga Khan has pledged his voice to articulate the values of peace, gen-

erosity and brotherhood that unquestionably compose the core of Islam. He often says his obligations to his community and to humankind are inseparable. This has driven the Aga Khan to call on us to celebrate our differences of religion, culture, language and ethnicity as evidence of humanity's great beauty. Our inherent diversity, he says, should propel humankind to embrace pluralism.

Ismaili Muslims have a deep connection to Texas, the DFW Metroplex and myself. For more than a decade, I have partnered with the Ismaili Muslim community to host the Youth Summit and Diversity Dialogue, which we held first in 2007 during the Aga Khan's Golden Jubilee. It brings together students from my district with youth of all backgrounds to think critically about the challenges we can address through global citizenship. The program brings to light the positive impact young Ismaili Muslims make on the world around them.

Alongside his role as Imam, the Aga Khan has established many global humanitarian organizations, one of which is the Aga Khan Development Network. The AKDN promotes human dignity and self-sustaining growth by administering education and healthcare in many of the most impoverished and isolated parts of the developing world. Three of the most distinguished AKDN projects are the Aga Khan Academies, which offer world-class educations to children in remote, school-deprived regions. When I visited the Aga Khan Academy in Nairobi, Kenya in 2015, I was emotionally struck by the undeniable love of humankind evident in the AKDN's work to help those children reach their full potential. It became clear to me that the driving force behind each of the Aga Khan's endeavors is his desire to foster progress and peace through hope. For hope, he says, is the most powerful source of human motivation.

It is this spirit, born of the example of the Aga Khan, which led 2,500 Ismaili Muslim volunteers to help their neighbors in Houston recover from the devastation triggered by Hurricane Harvey last August. For this selfless generosity, they were presented one of the five Points of Light awards by the five living former presidents. The Ismaili Muslim community's response to the unsounded call of duty exemplifies their unrelenting effort to serve humanity at large.

Mr. Speaker, His Highness the Aga Khan—through his work, rooted in the Muslim faith—is a testament to Islam being a religion of both the intellect and humility, of both tradition and progress. The celebration of the Aga Khan's Diamond Jubilee is a monumental occasion for Ismaili Muslims across the world. I wish to congratulate the American Ismaili Muslim community and convey to His Highness the Aga Khan that he and the values of tolerance, diversity and pluralism that Ismaili Muslims uphold will always be welcome in the United States of America.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF POLLY MILLHOUSER

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2018*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the 100th birthday of Polly Millhouser.