

legacy of the late Mallieve Lenora Wicker Breeding. Breeding was a beloved member of the Selma community, investing hours in the city's school system and the development of her community.

Breeding was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Albert Wicker, on August 29, 1921, as one of three children. Breeding grew up understanding the importance of a good education. Her parents often stressed that a quality education was the key to improving one's lot in life.

As a proud graduate of Tremont High School in Selma, Breeding took her parents' advice to heart, and matriculated at Huntingdon College, in Montgomery, AL. It was during this time when Breeding met and married the love of her life, USAF Lieutenant Colonel Charles Norton Breeding. Lt. Col. Breeding was an instructor at the Maxwell Air Force Base and the two met while Breeding was serving as a hostess on behalf of Huntingdon College.

Breeding said it was commitment, trust, communication and lots of love that kept their bond alive. The Breeding's marriage produced three beautiful children and lasted 54 years, until the death of Lt. Col. Breeding. Breeding loved being a mother, and she considered her children Charles, Beverly and Nancy to be her life's greatest achievement.

Outside of her duties as wife and mother, Breeding loved to volunteer in the community. Lovingly known as Selma's "Madam Butterfly," Breeding received state and national awards for her volunteer service efforts in the public school system. She was involved in the development of butterfly gardens and was responsible for Selma being declared the Butterfly Capital of Alabama.

In 1968, she was the winner of Auburn University's W. Mosely Kelly Environmental Award for achievements in forestry, wildlife and related resources. She was a charter member of the "Tale Telling," was a member of the Benjamin Sterling Turner Memorial Committee and organized the Bicentennial Tree Program, which became the Selma Beautification Council.

Breeding was a member of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. She used her faith as a driving force for her volunteer work. Breeding believed the Lord had given everyone specific gifts in order to help their communities.

In her passing, Breeding leaves behind her daughters, Beverly (George) Perkins of Sylacauga and Nancy (Hartley) Smith of Selma; grandchildren, Tom (Terri) Perkins of Nolensville, Tennessee, Dena Perkins (Brett), Adair of Mountain Brook, Alabama, David Perkins of Birmingham, Alabama, Rachel Smith (Brent) Evans of Middletown, Delaware, Christopher A. Smith of Springs Grove, Illinois and Cindy Breeding (Lee) Holmes of Dothan, Alabama, and 12 great-grandchildren.

On behalf of the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama, and this nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Mallieve Lenora Wicker Breeding. We pay tribute to her distinguished contributions for the betterment of the State of Alabama, and extend deep appreciation for her exemplary service to the community of Selma, Alabama.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 21, 2018*

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize First Baptist Christian Academy (FBCA) of Pasadena, Texas on its 25th anniversary.

Through the vision of Dr. Charles Redmond and the members of First Baptist Church, FBCA opened its doors to 45 Pre-K through second grade students and five teachers in August of 1993. FBCA's first graduating class received its diplomas in May of 2003. Currently, FBCA hosts 600 students and offers a variety of award-winning extracurricular activities including academics, athletics, and fine arts. FBCA's dedication to its students is exemplified by a 99 percent graduation rate for all senior classes with approximately 97 percent of all graduates attending a college or university upon graduation.

I commend the students, families, faculty, staff, and First Baptist Church for keeping God at the center of FBCA's beliefs, values, and teachings. An "unapologetically Christian" and "academically excellent" education creates a foundation that is crucial, as FBCA students go out to make a difference in the world. FBCA is educating our future doctors, lawyers, legislators, factory workers, and educators, among other professions. If there is one thing the world could use more of, it is young Christian men and women who are engaged in serving and leading their communities.

25 years is quite an accomplishment and as someone who helped establish a Christian school in my hometown, I know it takes dedication from those behind the scenes. I commend the parents of FBCA students for the sacrifices they make to ensure their children receive a quality Christian education. To the faculty and staff, I commend you for imparting Christian wisdom and serving as a role model to your students.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize First Baptist Christian Academy on this important anniversary. May God continue to bless and grow FBCA and the community it serves.

RECOGNIZING THE VITAL IMPACT OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

**HON. DENNIS A. ROSS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 21, 2018*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the vital impact of outdoor recreation on our economy and livelihood. Outdoor recreation and camping in the United States contribute significantly to our gross domestic product and Americans' physical and mental health. The great outdoors connect Americans to their natural heritage and bring families closer together. Significantly, outdoor recreation is the number one driver of economic activity on federal lands and contributes \$673,000,000,000 to the U.S. economy, and supports 4,300,000 American jobs. Every dol-

lar Congress invests in the National Park Service effectively returns \$10 to the United States economy.

Our national parks, national forests, and public lands and waters conserve natural resources, inspire young people, offer unique moments for all to enjoy, and encourage conservation of our shared environment. Unfortunately, many public campgrounds on our public lands and waters today face backlogged maintenance, deteriorating infrastructure, and struggle to meet the needs of modern day visitors. The American-made recreation vehicle (RV) industry is a domestic job-creating and thriving industry that contributes over \$50,000,000,000 to the United States economy and supports over 300,000 American jobs. We must improve and modernize our national parks, national forests, and public lands and waters to adequately facilitate outdoor enthusiast and RV visitors.

As a Co-Chair of the RV Caucus and an outdoor enthusiast, today I proudly introduced a House Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the national parks, national forests, and public lands and waters of the United States contribute greatly to the economic and physical well-being of Americans and can be further improved by public-private partnerships. I am committed to working on innovative solutions and partnerships to modernize and expand campgrounds, address infrastructure needs, eliminate backlogged maintenance, and provide safe camping opportunities and enjoyable recreational experiences for all visitors on federal lands for generations to come.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE WILLIAM "TOM" TACKETT

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 21, 2018*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary work of William "Tom" Tackett as he retires as Chief of Police for the Town of Argyle, TX on March 22, 2018. He has over 25 years of service at the Argyle Police Department and previously served his country in the U.S. Army as a Military Police Officer.

After his military service, Chief Tackett graduated from the Tarrant County College Police Academy and joined the Argyle Police Department in April 1992 as a part-time reserve police officer. He transitioned to a full-time police officer in March 1995 and rose through the ranks to become Chief of Police in April 2000. Not only is Chief Tackett the most tenured Chief to lead the Argyle Police Department, he is the longest tenured employee to serve the Town in its 55 year history. He is a licensed Master Peace Officer and holds Texas Commission on Law enforcement certifications for Instructor, Forensic Hypnosis and Special Investigator.

Chief Tackett also serves as the Town's Emergency Management Coordinator and is an amateur radio operator and active in the Denton County Amateur Radio Club. In addition to his professional work, he is a Master Mason, serving as past Master of Roanoke