

touch thousands of souls through ministry. She was a humble and benevolent evangelist who trained countless others in service to God.

In 2016, she received yet another calling as she was drafted by the people to run for the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Muscogee County. And to no one's surprise, she was successful. She was well on her way to transforming the operations of the Superior Court serving in her first term.

Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm once said, "If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." Her motto was: I am because He is; I can because He did, and I will because He makes it possible." We are so blessed that Bishop Ann Hardman demanded her seat at the table and gave all of the glory to God as she carried out his purpose for her life.

Bishop Hardman accomplished many things in her life but none of these would have been possible without the grace of God and the love and support of her husband, Bishop Norman Hardman; their children, their grandchildren, and the unheralded others who positively impacted her life.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the more than 730,000 people in the Second Congressional District of Georgia would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Bishop Hardman's family and friends. I would also like to extend my condolences to the members of the Faith Worship Center International, Rivers of Life International, and the employees of the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk's Office. May they all be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLYMOUTH REGIONAL SENIOR CENTER

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere congratulations to the Plymouth Regional Senior Center on its 25th anniversary.

The Plymouth Regional Senior Center gives people across Grafton County a place to come together and share experiences, and it provides valuable resources and programs that help our elder citizens maintain their health and wellbeing. I remain committed to doing all I can to ensure that seniors in the Granite State have the resources and support they need.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank the Plymouth Regional Senior Center for the great service it provides to the Granite State and congratulate the Center again on 25 years of operation. I look forward to our continued work together in making New Hampshire an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, on March 21, 2018, I was unavoidably delayed and not present for the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: on Roll Call Vote 120, on Motion to Recommit With Instructions to H.R. 5247, I would have voted Aye, and on Roll Call Vote 121, on Passage of H.R. 5247, I would have voted No.

REMEMBERING STANLEY HENSON

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Stanley Henson of Blue Ridge, Georgia. After serving Fannin County for years as a volunteer fireman, he tragically passed away on Monday, March 12.

In his career, Stanley committed his life to helping his small northeast Georgia community. Friends described him as a "brother," someone they could always rely on.

Even in the hours leading up to his death, he showed his servant's heart by assisting victims of a car crash. Because he never hesitated to help someone in need, the Fannin County Fire Department made plans to promote Stanley to the rank of lieutenant to honor his service.

Stanley's kindness and courage has left a lasting impact on our corner of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask that we all continue to pray for this hero's loved ones in the coming days.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER OF HARRY W. CAMP, JR.

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Harry W. Camp, Jr., a remarkable individual who served a long and distinguished career with the U.S. Forest Service. Now retired at 107 years old, Mr. Camp exemplifies the tremendous expertise, talent and dedication of the federal employees who serve our nation, and the warmth and wit that we'd all welcome in a friend or neighbor.

Serving in a career spanning from 1933 to 1974, Mr. Camp helped to oversee our national forests at a time of great change for our nation and our public lands. Recreational visits to national forests exploded from roughly 10 million in 1933 to 175 million in 1974 as more families could afford automobiles and the interstate highway system made traveling across the country easier. He also oversaw a period of dramatic advances in technology, including satellites and aerial photography to assist forestry management.

Mr. Camp's passion for the outdoors and tireless work ethic were demonstrated at a young age. As a teenager, his summers were

spent in the mountains of Washington on the Yakima Indian Reservation performing grueling and dangerous work on fire crews. After graduating from the University of California, Berkeley with a degree in forestry, he officially went to work for the U.S. Forest Service. Over the years, he worked his way up the ranks in a variety of positions across the country from ranger to research and management.

In the 1950s, the U.S. Forest Service needed greater insight about how to best manage, maintain and improve the public lands that were undergoing strain from increasing usage for recreation. In 1959, Mr. Camp undertook a major role in this effort when he was named the first Branch Chief of Recreation Research in Washington, D.C.

After 42 years with the U.S. Forest Service, Harry Camp retired in 1974 as regional director of the Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station in Berkeley, California, where he oversaw the work of more than 100 scientists. Researchers there are dedicated to improving firefighting techniques, battling forest insects and diseases, increasing timber production and water yield in California, and meeting the needs of the millions of recreational visitors to our national forests.

Outside of his work in the U.S. Forest Service, Mr. Camp also dedicated considerable time and effort to volunteer service, including the Society of American Foresters. He received the prestigious John A. Beale Memorial Award for outstanding efforts in promoting forestry.

Additionally, he served as program officer at the Fifth World Forestry Congress in 1960. Later, he worked as a member of the landmark Earth Resources Presidential Committee. I am happy to report that Mr. Camp and his wife, Myrna, now call the great state of Minnesota home. It is fitting that they have chosen to retire in a state where we are so proud of our public lands and committed to protecting our beautiful forests, lakes and rivers.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the extraordinary life of Harry W. Camp, Jr. and his exemplary service on behalf of the U.S. Forest Service to ensure the sustainability of our national forests and public lands for today and future generations.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE VALLEY WOMEN'S CLUB OF THE SAN LORENZO VALLEY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Valley Women's Club (VWC) of the San Lorenzo Valley (SLV), California, as it celebrates 40 years of community service. The VWC was founded in 1978 by a small group of women whose goal was to promote clean water, recycling, and responsible environmental practices. They saw the need for an organization devoted to improving the quality of life in their community and they had a commitment to ensure that future generations would inherit blessings, not burdens.

The VWC is an organization known for empowering people and its membership has

grown significantly since it was founded. While the VWC expanded and men joined their ranks, its name has never changed because it was the inspiration of women and their mobilization that launched the organization. Now a 501-c-3 non-profit, the VWC has made countless contributions in numerous ways. One example is its creation of the Redemption and Recycling Centers in Ben Lomond, Boulder Creek, and Felton, which were created to protect the SLV watershed and Monterey Bay by reclaiming materials that would otherwise enter the waste stream. Through its Environmental Committee, the VWC monitors timber harvest proposals and development plans, and creates environmental safety and health information programs for all residents of the SLV. The Education Committee provides scholarships to SLV High School students going on to Cabrillo College, and distributes Ready-for-School-Kindergarten bags for all incoming kindergarten students.

The VWC also established the SLV Habitat Restoration Program to remove damaging invasive plant species which allow native species to re-establish and flourish. Through the Habitat Restoration Program, the VWC continues to educate, inspire, and train AmeriCorps teams in environmental habitat restoration, community cooperation, and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in expressing our collective gratitude to the Valley Women's Club for its remarkable contributions which have bettered the community of the San Lorenzo Valley and strengthened our country, and congratulate them on forty years of extraordinary progress.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARAB TRIBUNE

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize and honor a monumental occasion in the history of journalism in Alabama's Fourth Congressional District, which I am proud to represent. On March 27, 1958, 60-years-ago, The Arab Tribune published its first edition.

The paper began that first edition by saying, "With this issue—Vol. 1, No. 1 of The Arab Tribune . . . a new paper is born. We sincerely hope you will like it." I believe after six decades of publication, it is clear that the people of Arab and Brindlee Mountain more than like The Arab Tribune.

The Tribune began as a vision of Ralph Reed who put the first issues into print. Sadly, he died a short time later in a bus accident.

His brother, Ewell Reed, who was at the time an FBI agent, moved his family from Virginia to Arab, where he put down his badge and took up a notebook and pencil. He continued his brother's dream and turned The Arab Tribune into a success. Since 1970, Ewell's son Ed Reed has been the publisher of the paper.

The Arab Tribune has been in the Reed family for its entire existence and that has meant no corporate takeovers dictating news content from a faraway city. Quite the contrary, The Arab Tribune was and is community focused. Current editor Charles Whisenant, and the reporters at the Tribune, make sure the paper is focused on hyper-local content.

In our current world where people have access to large amounts of national and international news, it is ever more important that

local, community newspapers continue to thrive. Our democracy depends on people being engaged, not just in what's happening in Washington, New York or Los Angeles, but also what's happening down the street and in their local government.

I congratulate the men and women of The Arab Tribune for six decades of putting the people of Arab and Brindlee Mountain first and foremost. And I wish them many more years of success as the "Ledger of Community Progress."

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. ALFRED NYHOLM LARSEN

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the distinguished life and distinguished career of 98 year-old Mr. Alfred Nyholm Larsen of Bellingham, Washington.

Mr. Larsen is a World War II, U.S. Navy veteran who served in the United States, Europe and Asia.

Mr. Larsen also worked under the ACTION program which oversaw federal volunteer programs such as Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA).

He created the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, which is one of the largest volunteer efforts in the country for individuals 55 or older.

He is a proud father of four and is spending his retirement in his home state of Washington.

I would like to thank and recognize Mr. Larsen for his commitment to the state of Washington and his service to this country.