

"Life's most persistent and nagging question," he said, is "what are you doing for others?"

And when Dr. King talked about the end of his mortal life in one of his last sermons, on February 4, 1968 in the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist Church, even then he lifted up the value of service as the hallmark of a full life:

"I'd like somebody to mention on that day Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to give his life serving others," he said. "I want you to say on that day, that I did try in my life . . . to love and serve humanity."

We should also remember that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was, above all, a person who was always willing to speak truth to power.

There is perhaps no better example of Dr. King's moral integrity and consistency than his criticism of the Vietnam War being waged by the Johnson Administration, an administration that was otherwise a friend and champion of civil and human rights.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929.

Martin's youth was spent in our country's Deep South, then run by Jim Crow and the Ku Klux Klan.

For young African-Americans, it was an environment even more dangerous than the one they face today.

A young Martin managed to find a dream, one that he pieced together from his readings—in the Bible, and literature, and just about any other book he could get his hands on.

Not only did those books help him educate himself, but they also allowed him to work through the destructive and traumatic experiences of blatant discrimination, and the discriminatory abuse inflicted on himself, his family, and his people.

As a youngster, Dr. King learned to use his imagination and his dreams to see right through those "White Only" signs—to see the reality that all men, and women, regardless of their place of origin, their gender, or their creed, are created equal.

Dr. King was a dreamer and through dreams he was able to lift his mind beyond the reality of his segregated society to a beloved place where it was possible that white and black, red and brown, and all others live, work, and prosper together in harmony.

But the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was not an idle daydreamer.

He shared his visions through speeches that motivated others to join in his nonviolent effort to lift themselves from poverty and isolation by creating a new America where equal justice and institutions were facts of life.

In the Declaration of Independence in 1776, Thomas Jefferson wrote, "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all Men are Created Equal."

At that time and for centuries to come, African-Americans were historically, culturally, and legally excluded from inclusion in that declaration.

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" Speech, delivered 54 years ago, on August 28, 1963, was a clarion call to each citizen of this great nation that we still hear today.

His request was simply and eloquently conveyed—he asked America to allow of its citizens to live out the words written in its Declaration of Independence and to have a place in this nation's Bill of Rights.

The 1960s were a time of great crisis and conflict.

It was the decade of the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War, and the assassinations of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Malcolm X, Presidential Candidate Robert Kennedy, and the man we honor here today.

The dream expressed and shared by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. helped win major victories in the battle for civil rights.

It started when Dr. King led the Montgomery Bus Boycott, with Rosa Parks and others, which lasted for 381 days, and ended when the United States Supreme Court outlawed racial segregation on all public transportation.

But the dream did not die there.

It continued with a peaceful march for suffrage that started in Selma, Alabama on March 7, 1965, a day that was immediately known and will always be remembered as "Bloody Sunday," when a peaceful march for voting rights ended in bloodshed and violence at the hands of law enforcement officers as the marchers crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

When the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was stolen from us, he was a very young 39 years old.

People remember that Dr. King died in Memphis, but few can remember why he was there.

On that fateful day in 1968 Dr. King came to Memphis to support a strike by the city's sanitation workers.

The garbage men there had recently formed a chapter of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees to demand better wages and working conditions.

But the city refused to recognize their union, and when the 1,300 employees walked off their jobs the police broke up the rally with mace and Billy clubs.

It was then that union leaders invited Dr. King to Memphis.

Despite the danger he might face entering such a volatile situation, it was an invitation he could not refuse.

Not because he longed for danger, but because the labor movement was intertwined with the civil rights movement for which he had given up so many years of his life.

The death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will never overshadow his life.

That is his legacy as a dreamer and a man of action. It is a legacy of hope, tempered with peace.

It is a legacy not quite yet fulfilled.

I hope that Dr. King's vision of equality under the law is never lost to us, because without that vision—without that dream—we can never continue to improve on the human condition.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. understood that a life well lived, and all of the noblest virtues—courage, wisdom, grace, love—were rooted in service to others.

And he memorably expressed this idea in his last sermon, the one given at Mason Temple in Memphis on April 3, 1968, the evening before he was felled by an assassin:

"But then the Good Samaritan came by. And he reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'"

"That's the question before you tonight. Not, 'If I stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to my job. Not, 'If I stop to help the sanitation workers what will happen to all of the hours that I usually spend in my office

every day and every week as a pastor?' The question is not, 'If I stop to help this man in need, what will happen to me?' The question is, 'If I do not stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to them?' That's the question.

"Let us rise up tonight with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination. And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it ought to be. We have an opportunity to make America a better nation. And I want to thank God, once more, for allowing me to be here with you."

So in these difficult days of challenge, let us remember and take inspiration from the remarkable, extraordinary, and consequential life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and move forward together, with greater readiness and determination, to make America a place where all of her people enjoy the blessings of justice, equality, and human dignity.

Let us, the living, continue that struggle today and forever, in the incandescent spirit of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARISE
McHUGH

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Charise McHugh, an outstanding community leader and entrepreneur who has led the Half Moon Bay Chamber of Commerce and Visitors' Bureau for the last 22 years. Charise will retire from that role in the fall but she will leave behind a legacy that will continue to shape the fabric of the Coastside for decades to come. I have been privileged to work with Charise for all these years and to call her a friend. She has always amazed me with her energy and can-do philosophy.

Half Moon Bay has about 12,000 residents and the unincorporated county areas nearby has again that many residents. During her time with the Chamber in this charming coastal region, Charise has achieved a remarkable and diverse list of accomplishments. She founded the Hotel BID and the only broad-based ecotourism program in the state. She started the Coastside Emergency Action Program, a disaster preparedness plan for San Mateo County and she was instrumental in bringing STEM Robotics to local schools. Charise also deserves credit for producing the Silver Medal Award Business Directory. Half Moon Bay residents and visitors can thank her for starting bus service on the coast, for planting Highway 1 medians and for getting the attractive directional signs on Main Street installed.

Charise loves her home town and the coast with a passion that is infectious. Her inexhaustible creativity and hard work have resulted in a Chamber membership that has soared from 330 businesses to 720 businesses during her tenure. Chamber mixers are highly popular. Charise will tell you that she enjoys her job so much because it is so diverse, but in truth she is the one who is making it diverse. She works with businesses,

non-profits and government and is a masterful networker. She has her hands in publishing, website design, video production, event planning, business development, beautification, hospitality, you name it. There is no task Charise won't tackle.

A San Mateo County native, Charise earned her BA from Notre Dame de Namur University and the University of California, Davis. She has been married to her beloved husband Jack for 35 years and they have three children, Byron, Tamara and Josh, and six grandchildren, Annabelle, Sadie, Jacob, Chloe, Jaden and Asha.

Charise announced that she will retire this year, but she won't leave her post until she can help one more time with the Pumpkin Festival, one of Half Moon Bay's signature events that draws hundreds of thousands of people to the coast. After that, she will do some consulting work. That is Charise, never idle and always engaged.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Charise McHugh for her exceptional service to her community. She has transformed the Chamber of Commerce into a powerhouse that has helped make Half Moon Bay into a destination. Residents and visitors alike benefit from her contributions every day and will continue to do so for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MR. SETH ADAMS

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many accomplishments of Seth Adams as Save Mount Diablo's (SMD) Land Conservation Director. During his twenty-five years of work at Save Mount Diablo, Mr. Adams has played a large role in shaping the conservation movement in the East Bay. During his tenure, SMD has assisted in the preservation of more than 100,000 acres of open space in eastern Alameda and Contra Costa counties, successfully reintroduced the peregrine falcons at Mt. Diablo, and aided in the development of hundreds of millions of dollars of conservation funding.

Mr. Adams began his career of conservation service in the East Bay after moving to Berkeley in 1981 and volunteering for the campaign against the Peripheral Canal in the Delta. He then joined SMD as its first hired staff member. Under his guidance, SMD has championed efforts of restoration and stewardship, aiming to preserve, defend, and restore the remaining 70,000 acres on Mount Diablo and its foothills.

Mr. Adams's commitment to promoting the success and well-being of Contra Costa's nature and wildlife is deeply appreciated by the community he serves, and he should be proud of SMD's many notable accomplishments during his tenure.

I thank Mr. Adams for his service and congratulate him on his 30th work anniversary.

KISD BRINGS HOME 3 GOLD MEDALS IN STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate three TX-22 Katy Independent School District (ISD) state wrestling champions—Kayla De Leon, Gabi Holloway and Daniel Manibog.

Cinco Ranch High School's Kayla De Leon finished her senior season with an individual gold medal and a 35–2 record. Gabi Holloway, a junior at Seven Lakes High School, finished off an undefeated 9–0 season with a gold medal. Daniel Manibog, a repeated state champion from Katy High School, also received a gold medal and pinned his final match in 45 seconds. Each of these students has made Katy and all of Texas proud!

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to each of you on your accomplishments. I look forward to seeing what you will accomplish in the future.

TRIBUTE TO LIZ SKILLERN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Liz Skillern of Shenandoah, Iowa for her selection as the Valley News' 2017 Person of the Year. Liz is a teacher and coach at Shenandoah High School in Shenandoah.

Liz is a native of Aurelia, Iowa. She attended Northwest University and earned a degree in education and coaching. She has taught various subjects over the years and has been instrumental in starting cross-country programs in several schools. Liz has been very successful coaching girls cross-country programs and leading them to state qualifying events. She has a reputation of fostering dedicated and hardworking athletes and has earned the respect of her students.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Liz for earning this award. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Liz for her many accomplishments in education and coaching and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING DR. JOYCE GATES BLACK

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Dr. Joy Gates Black, President of Delaware County Community College (DCCC)—the first female, as well as the first African-American, President to lead the institution in its 50 year history.

Dr. Gates Black has worked tirelessly to promote students' success, ensuring they have a clear path to graduation and are equipped with the skills a modern workforce demands. Her efforts have made her an exceptionally well respected higher education administrator.

In addition to her experience leading colleges across the country, Dr. Gates Black served our nation honorably in the U.S. Air Force where she developed leadership abilities that now help her lead institutions like DCCC.

Dr. Gates Black is being presented with the Woman of Achievement Award from the Delaware County Women's Commission, an honor she much deserves. I join in recognizing her as a distinguished leader in higher education in Pennsylvania and across the country. I wish Dr. Joy Gates Black many years of continued success at the helm of DCCC.

MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY, SNOW VALLEY AWARDED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Snow Valley Mountain Resort, which has been named the Lake Arrowhead Communities Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. Snow Valley is the oldest continually operating ski resort in Southern California, having begun operations in 1924.

Celebrating their 80th year anniversary this 2017–2018 ski season, Snow Valley employs nearly 400 people during their high season. They have consistently contributed and stimulated the local tourist economy of the area. Snow Valley instructors have taught thousands how to ski and snow board at their Learning Center, which includes an Adaptive Learning Facility. Additionally, Snow Valley has been active in the local community by supporting projects including the Active Transportation Project grant program and the Running Springs to Big Bear trail system. The Resort was also one of the driving forces behind the construction of the first hospital in Lake Arrowhead.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to thank Snow Valley for their contributions to the local economy in Lake Arrowhead, as well as being an important part of the culture, history, and heritage of our local mountain communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF DANIEL WALTON ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Daniel Walton of Perrysburg, Ohio has been