

Settlers moved into the area to be closer to the rail which brought the promise of commerce and faster transportation of cotton from the farms along the Brazos River.

The town began to grow as businesses were established along Main Street, which ran parallel to the railroad; allowing them to take advantage of easy loading and unloading.

In the late 1800's and early 1900's Calvert was booming; it was a major cotton center, with a number of gins, cotton compresses and cottonseed oil mills. Unfortunately, floods, fires and a yellow fever epidemic, coupled with a drop in cotton prices reduced economic opportunities and the town's population.

While the city's population is smaller it has stood the test of time and the city has been resilient.

Today the city is reinventing itself as a historically charming destination, as much of its Victorian Era architecture is well preserved, telling the stories of Texas Pioneers. The current residents of Calvert are a hardy people, who are justifiably proud of the city's rich heritage.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating the City of Calvert and its proud residents for their one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary.

In recognition of this occasion, I am pleased to fly a United States flag over the United States Capitol to honor Calvert's sesquicentennial anniversary.

As I close, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country during these difficult times, for our military men and women who protect us from external threats, and for our first responders who protect us here at home.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LATE FRED MARTIN'S LIFE OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Fred Martin for his life of distinguished public service. His efforts have forever changed Michigan and made it a more inclusive and prosperous state.

A lifelong Michigan resident, Mr. Martin was passionate about serving others. He was a member of the United States Army from 1944 to 1946, serving during World War II in Europe and the South Pacific. He was honorably discharged with a Bronze Battle Star and returned home to Michigan to attend college. Mr. Martin received his Bachelor Degree in Liberal Arts Education as well as his Master's Degree in Education in Administration in 1954. He then spent 27 years working for Detroit Public Schools in various positions including as a teacher, Assistant Principal, Executive Director of the Office of Personnel and Deputy Superintendent. From there, he went on to serve the City of Detroit as Mayor Coleman Young's Chief of Staff, a position that allowed him to work on policies that meaningfully impacted the city that he loved.

As an African American leader, Mr. Martin worked to establish the Society of Black Educational Administrators and served as the organization's first president. It was through his work there that he established tenets to eradi-

cate racism from Detroit Public Schools and worked with state and local leaders to open lines of communication. Through his work as Mayor Young's Chief of Staff, Mr. Martin increased the number of minority and female firefighters in the City of Detroit, vastly lowered the average response time of 911 emergency calls and coordinated food and shelter for Detroit's homeless population during the cold winters. Mr. Fred Martin spent his whole life working to better the city of Detroit and succeeded in changing public discourse and processes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Fred Martin. By all accounts, he lived a deeply meaningful life and will be dearly missed.

TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY AND GENE HOSFELT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Shirley and Gene Hosfelt of Massena, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on February 10, 2018.

Shirley and Gene's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

ATLANTA STUDENTS WINNING PRIZE IN C-SPAN VIDEO DOCU- MENTARY COMPETITION)

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today and congratulate Jessie Schulhof and Ava Stark, students from The Alfred and Adele Davis Academy Middle School in Atlanta, Georgia.

Every year, C-SPAN holds a documentary contest for middle and high school students called StudentCam. This year, students were asked to choose a provision of the U.S. Constitution and create a video illustrating why it's important to them. The documentary the students submitted was "Speaking Up to The Limits," about the First Amendment.

Young people have the power to influence change in the world we live in today. We cannot let age, race, or gender keep people silent. I gave my first sermon at age 16. I became friends with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at age 18. The words and actions of Dr. King inspired me to become involved in the Civil Rights Movement.

Today, I am proud that these young constituents from The Alfred and Adele Davis Academy Middle School were honored for their great and good work in this competition, which saw more than 3,000 entries. I am pleased to congratulate them on this impressive recognition.

Every generation can leave behind a powerful legacy. You cannot be afraid to speak up. You cannot be afraid to speak out, especially for what you believe, even at a young age. Therefore, I stand with you and provide strength for you, as you are the future of this beloved country.

KYLE MCCLELLAND

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kyle McClelland for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kyle McClelland is a student at Sobesky Academy and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kyle McClelland is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kyle McClelland for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 139; YEA on Roll Call No. 140; YEA on Roll Call No. 141; and YEA on Roll Call No. 142.

CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 2 high school students who were chosen by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent the State of Colorado as Delegates at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders. These students are Jana Sherif and Meghan Wampler.

The Congress is an honors-only program for top students in our country who aspire to be physicians or medical scientists. These students are nominated by their teachers or the