

helped to advance the university's goal to become one of the nation's preeminent research institutions. He served in several senior-level positions, including executive assistant to President Edward T. Foote II and as vice president for government relations during one of the most dynamic growth periods in the university's history. Russ was so well regarded that his influence stretched across political divides, enabling him to successfully lobby lawmakers for funding. His advocacy helped secure millions of dollars for the university when he represented the institution in Tallahassee and in Washington, D.C.

Russ's tenure at the University of Miami was followed by various executive roles at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida, where he spearheaded efforts to bestow a generous gift to the university's School of Nursing and Health Studies to provide scholarships for minority nursing students.

Russ was a genuine advocate for African-American children, women, and men. He supported minority education and training to advance diversity in health science, specifically nursing schools and cancer centers throughout the country. He was especially supportive of the nation's historically black, Hispanic, and minority-serving colleges, including Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Florida International University, Morehouse College, and Spelman College.

Russ's contribution to higher-education extended far beyond the University of Miami. He worked with many of Florida's schools, colleges and universities, including Florida State University, University of Florida, University of North Florida, Jacksonville University, Eckerd College, Barry University, and St. Thomas University, to improve the students' learning experiences. Russ also served as the director of Florida Enterprise, helped establish the Florida Education Fund, and chaired the National Council for the Advancement of Secondary Education and the Southern Governors' Education Board, to name a few.

Russ also had a successful academic career. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration at Long Island University's C.W. Post campus and a Master of Business Administration in management from Long Island University. He also holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Miami School of Law.

Russ has served many roles in his lifetime, but the one that he cherished the most was friend. Friendship was a special gift that Russ shared with so many, and those who've had the privilege of knowing him understand exactly what I mean.

As a graduate of the University of Miami, I am honored to recognize Russ for his dedication to education, academic excellence and creating access and opportunity where it did not previously exist. Russ was an exemplary public servant and will be missed by many. He leaves to cherish his memory one daughter, Lynn Jollivette Johns, and two grandchildren; his sisters, Regina Jollivette Frazier and Cleo L. Jollivette; and countless family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues and all Americans to please join me in paying homage to the life of a great man, a great leader, a great father, and a great American, Cyrus M. Jollivette.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PAKISTAN WOMEN ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pakistan Women Association of Michigan (PWAM) as they are recognized by the American Human Rights Council (AHRC). The organization has been critical in protecting and advancing women's rights in our state and internationally.

Founded in 2014, the AHRC brings together community leaders and civil rights activists to promote and defend human rights defined in the United States' Constitution and by the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights. Initially focused on protecting and preserving the rights of prisoners, the AHRC has expanded its advocacy efforts to address pressing humanitarian issues in the United States and abroad. The AHRC has been able to draw attention to human rights issues through its work with local and state partners, including the Pakistan Women Association of Michigan.

Since its founding in 2009, PWAM has promoted and strengthened the unity between Michigan's diverse population and various ethnic groups. The organization is an active part of our southeastern Michigan community and partners with a variety of social, civic and educational initiatives to further their message and reach more women. Events held by the organization include an International Women's Day celebration each year where women gather to discuss the progress made throughout the year and goals for the year ahead. PWAM's advocacy for women of all ethnicities, religions and backgrounds has bettered our Michigan community, and I look forward to their continued contributions in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Pakistan Women Association of Michigan for their service to southeastern Michigan. Their work continues to inspire us to celebrate our differences and shows the community what strong women can accomplish when we come together.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted on YEA Roll Call No. 169, YEA on Roll Call No. 170, YEA on Roll Call No. 171, and YEA on Roll Call No. 172.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, as a cosponsor and automobile dealer myself, I would have

proudly supported S.J. Res. 57. I am pleased to see this bipartisan legislation pass the House and head to the President's desk.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 169; YEA on Roll Call No. 170; YEA on Roll Call No. 171; and YEA on Roll Call No. 172.

IN HONOR OF THE 2018 DENTON COUNTY CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE FLY-IN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Denton County, Texas and members of the Denton County Chambers of Commerce leadership delegation who have traveled here to Washington, D.C. These local officials and business leaders understand that policy made in Washington impacts our local communities at home.

During this productive visit, the group is meeting with members of leadership here in Congress, Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson, as well as Senator TED CRUZ and Representatives from Texas and across the country. Additionally, these leaders are meeting with members of the U.S. Chamber of Congress and other national business leaders. They also have had the opportunity to visit the White House and the Federal Bureau of Investigations Headquarters.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the Record the following names of the Denton County delegation:

Rachel Bagley, Barry Bonds, Kevin Bryant, Fred Busche, Kevin Cruser, Andrew Eads, Lori Fickling, Barbara Fleming, Monica Glenn, Ken Heerman, Gary Henderson, Donna Hernandez, Kelly Heslep.

Cindi Howard, Dan Irvin, Roy Jackson, Dan Jaworski, Brandon Jones, James Kunke, Sunny Lindsey, Mike Lombardo, Jana Onstead, Nate Prevost, Ryan Schroer, Lori Walker, Neal Walker, Charlotte Wilcox.

JAMES AVERY—THE TEXAS JEWELRY ICON

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, ask any Texan, the name James Avery rings a bell. On April 30th, the founder of one of Texas' most beloved jewelry brands, died at the age of 96. This family owned company designs timeless jewelry pieces reflecting on the things that are important in life. Whether it's a first communion cross, a wedding band, or a commemorative charm, each piece has a story. When asked about the idea behind his design, James Avery once said "I strive to keep designs from being contrived, cluttered, or cute. The challenge is to keep things simple."

Despite the craftsmanship of his jewelry, James Avery was no simple man. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and raised in Chicago, the first time he saw the beautiful Texas hill country was by way of the United States Army Air