

academic calendar from a quarter system to a semester system, offering students more time to focus on the demands of their curriculum. Upon the opening of the CSUB Children's Center, Mr. Mitchell donated his own money to furnish improvements to the center so that CSUB's students could attend courses knowing that their children would receive the best quality childcare a university could offer. For some, work is a means to a paycheck, but Dr. Mitchell's care and concern for the students and faculty at CSUB and the Bakersfield community was a labor of love and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, we join friends, family, students, and faculty of California State University, Bakersfield, and the entire California State University System, in thanking Dr. Mitchell for his commitment to bettering the standard of education in the Bakersfield community and beyond. A man who made Bakersfield his home for 14 years, Dr. Mitchell saw the best that our community had to offer and, in turn, made it his goal to give back to that community. It has been an honor to count Dr. Mitchell as one of our friends, and we will always value the advice and guidance he dispensed over the years on everything from education policy to community volunteerism. After many years in public service, we know that Dr. Mitchell looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Barbara, his children, and his grandchildren. Horace will be missed in the world of CSUB, but we salute his lifetime of service on behalf of our community. We wish him the best as he begins this new chapter of his life.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. JEWEL  
SCOTT

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2018*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a constituent in my district who went above and beyond to serve our community. Jewel Scott began her work nearly two decades ago in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, which I proudly represent. Furthermore, her efforts and contributions to the region are nothing short of remarkable.

Of her many accomplishments, Scott is most known for her work with the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, an organization of chief executive officers representing various influential companies in the area. After serving as the Director of Research and Planning, Scott was named the Executive Director of the Civic Council in 1994. Since then, Scott has spearheaded a myriad of projects and initiatives focused solely on the council's four main objectives: innovation economy, human capital, vibrant communities, and leadership development. She has worked tirelessly to uphold the organization's standards and mission of accelerating growth in the region's prosperity and quality of life.

Aside from her work with the Civic Council, Scott boasts a lifelong career of community based innovation and development through her multifaceted involvement with various organizations within the Greater Kansas City area. Currently, she occupies a seat on the Missouri biotechnology association executive committee and is on the board of directors for

both the University of Kansas Advancement Board and the Kansas City Convention and Visitor's Association.

Although she would be the last to admit it, it is my personal belief that her benevolent ambition and persevering dedication has made a profound impact on the community as a whole. Therefore, it is with a sense of bitter-sweet pride that the community must now congratulate Scott on her retirement from the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City. I speak on the behalf of the entire district when I say thank you Ms. Jewel Scott.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and all of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in expressing our sincerest congratulations to Jewel Scott for her monumental achievements in her community and her tireless efforts in promoting education, innovation, and commerce, not only within her city limits, but throughout the state. I urge all my colleagues and fellow citizens across the country to join me in showing our appreciation to Ms. Jewel Scott's accomplishments and service.

RECOGNIZING MELODY HERZFELD

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2018*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Melody Herzfeld from Parkland, Florida, for being named the fourth recipient of The Tony Awards and Carnegie Mellon University's Excellence in Theater Education Award. Under her guidance, her students have been able to turn to music and theatre to combat the tragedy that they suffered.

Ms. Herzfeld is the director of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Drama Department, where she has been teaching drama since 2003. In that time, she has been responsible for putting on over 50 productions. Her theatre program, Children's Theatre Project, has received numerous Critics Choice awards and South Florida Cappies, which celebrate excellence in regional student theatre and journalism.

On February 14, as the tragic events unfolded at their school, Ms. Herzfeld hid 65 of her students in her office for two hours. Since then, we have seen her students demand their own space on the national stage. While some began to speak out and call for reforms, others turned to theatre and music to make their voices heard. Ms. Herzfeld's students performed their original song titled, "Shine," for national audiences at the CNN Town Hall on February 21 and at the March for Our Lives on March 24.

Mr. Speaker, the Excellence in Theater Education Award recognizes a K-12 theatre educator in the U.S. who has demonstrated monumental impact on the lives of students and who embodies the highest standards of the profession. This is why it is no surprise to us that Ms. Herzfeld was selected to receive this award by a panel of judges comprised of the American Theatre Wing, The Broadway League, Carnegie Mellon and other leaders from the theatre industry.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask this body to recognize Ms. Herzfeld for her endless dedication to both her students and the arts.

Melody Herzfeld represents the kindness and warmth that I see from teachers across

the State of Florida. We thank her for her outstanding leadership and guidance during such a difficult time.

GEORGIA INDEPENDENCE DAY

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the First Republic of Georgia. Georgia first declared independence from Russia in 1918 and was free of Moscow's shackles till the Red Army invasion in 1921.

After the fall of the Soviet Union, Georgia once again gained independence and has since been a beacon of hope in a region full of turmoil and corruption. Their faithful commitment to a strong democracy with free and fair elections serves as a shining example for other countries in Eastern Europe.

Georgia has become one of the most valued partners of the United States and the European community. Russia however does not respect Georgia's independence and has occupied large portions of its territory since 2008.

The hungry Russian Bear wants a return to its imperial days. The Kremlin will not stop until all former Soviet republics return to its orbit.

The United States must remain dedicated to upholding Georgia's sovereignty, territorial integrity, and independence. So that in another hundred years, we will still be standing side-by-side with a democratic and prosperous Georgia.

And that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING THE UNITED  
STATES MERCHANT MARINE  
ACADEMY

**HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2018*

Mr. SUOZZI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the United States Merchant Marine Academy, located in Kings Point, in my Congressional district, for 75 years of dedicated service to our country.

Acta Non Verba—the school's motto—Acta Non Verba, that's deeds not words, something we all need to strive for.

The midshipmen and graduates of the Academy have exemplified this school's motto by faithfully serving the United States in times of war and peace and for that we are eternally grateful.

Since its founding in 1943, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy has developed a rich history of military and maritime service. It's the only service academy whose students engage in combat during times of war.

In fact, 142 of its students gave their lives on behalf of our country during World War II. In 1974, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy became the first service academy to admit women.

After the 9-11 terrorist attacks, staff and midshipmen evacuated civilians from Lower

Manhattan and transport first responders and supplies to Ground Zero.

Midshipmen are the backbone of our nation's maritime industry and they serve as members of the Armed Services as well.

As a member of the Board of Visitors, I am proud of United States Merchant Marine Academy's rich history and the sacrifices its students and graduates have made for our country.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018  
SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES  
FROM THE 21ST CONGRESSIONAL  
DISTRICT OF TEXAS

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2018*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today we congratulate the 2018 Service Academy appointees from the 21st Congressional District of Texas.

The following individuals have accepted Academy appointments:

Amadou Sara Bah, Claudia Taylor "Lady Bird" Johnson High School, United States Military Academy; Conner McNeil Beasley, Westlake High School, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Naval Academy; Ryan Conley Booth, Winston Churchill High School, United States Air Force Academy; Catherine Rose Buckingham, Winston Churchill High School, United States Military Academy; Jack Lowell Erwin, Central Catholic High School, Northwestern Preparatory School (CA), United States Air Force Academy; Hunter Alan Jackson, Regents School of Austin, United States Military Academy.

James Angelo Katson, McLean High School (VA), The Hill School (PA), United States Naval Academy; Chloe Elizabeth Lucas-Brown, Claudia Taylor "Lady Bird" Johnson High School, United States Naval Academy; Micah Peter McAnany, Ronald Reagan High School, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Merchant Marine Academy; Kathleen Elizabeth McCusker, STEM Academy, Lee High School, United States Naval Academy; Roman Isaih Ocampo, Claudia Taylor "Lady Bird" Johnson High School, United States Air Force Academy; Marshall Alan Shults, Geneva School of Boerne, United States Air Force Academy; Karyl Vincent Taylor, Jr., International School of the Americas, United States Air Force Academy.

These outstanding students have much to contribute to their chosen Academy and to our country. We appreciate their talents and their patriotism.

HONORING THE AMAZING AND RE-  
MARKABLE LIFE OF FRAZIER  
VONNE THOMAS SCURRY OF  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Frazier Vonne Thomas Scurry, a

great American woman and one of the outstanding community leaders in the City of Houston. Her upcoming 100th birthday marks a century of living for this remarkable woman.

Mrs. Scurry, lovingly and rightfully known as the matriarch of the Scurry Family, was born Frazier Vonne Thomas on October 10, 1918. She is the beloved second child of Napoleon Thomas and Martha Waters Thomas of Washington County, Texas. She enjoyed an active childhood with her sister, Willa Winters-Miller and brothers, Donald and Napoleon Jr. Thomas.

She married her late husband of 66 years, Robert Daniel Scurry and relocated to Houston, Texas. This loving union produced five remarkable children: Arthur Daniel (Barbara), Annette Vonne Collett (Billy), Frazier Marie Scurry-Scott (Arthur), Donald Roy (Lesley) and Maggie Vernece Scurry-Frost (Felton).

As a young mother, Mrs. Scurry was an attentive and devoted stay-at-home mom. She made sure that her children received the best upbringing possible and that they were raised in a loving, respectful household. She remained at home until her youngest child reached school age. She then continued her long-deferred education and attended Memorial Hermann Hospital Practical Nursing School. She worked diligently to become a Licensed Practical Nurse and began her career at Memorial Hermann Hospital. She later worked as a private duty nurse where she was able to devote special care and attention to her patients whom she was known for developing special relationships with. She devoted the remainder of her career to the Texas Women's Clinic with Dr. Harold Dailey, as a nurse for the private practice, until her well-deserved retirement.

Mrs. Scurry is one of the oldest members of her church, Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church, where she has continued her membership for over 77 years. She was recently appointed to the newly formed Mothers' Board at Good Hope. She was a Sunday School teacher for the Beginners Class, for over 30 years; teaching the love and grace of God and Jesus Christ. Her faith in God has not wavered in her almost 100 years.

Mrs. Scurry assisted with the Baptist Training Union, mentoring young people on the importance of honoring themselves, as well as others. Mother Scurry was president of the Women Ruth Circle, President of the Deacons and Trustees Wives, and a representative and delegate at the National Baptist Convention and Conference. In her community, Mrs. Scurry served as president of the Heights Y Club. Mrs. Scurry kept busy at work, giving her patients the best care imaginable and served her community and church with her whole heart.

After her retirement, Mrs. Scurry began organizing trips for women's groups; many times driving them cross-country to various states. She loved taking cruises, particularly to warm and sunny destinations and has visited the Caribbean Islands, Alaska, Hawaii, Jamaica and the Virgin Islands.

Mrs. Scurry is a loving grandmother of 14, great-grandmother of 24, great-great-grandmother of 6 and mother/grandmother to a large extended family. She truly believes that it takes a village to raise a child and has exemplified that belief throughout her life.

On July 20, 2018, Mrs. Scurry's family and friends will celebrate her centennial birth year and honor her great life. In her entire century

of life, she has seen both world wars, the Suffragette Movement, the invention of the television, the enforcement and abolition of prohibition, the Great Depression, the first man on the moon, the Civil-Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the rise of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the creation and development of the internet. These barely even skim the surface of the events Mrs. Scurry has experienced throughout her 100 years. Mrs. Scurry's life in the 20th century and now into the 21st has ensured that she has witnessed more landmark events in American history than one can imagine.

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" Whether she was serving her five children, her hospital patients, or her church community, Mrs. Scurry consistently and passionately dedicated her life to serving others and spreading joy.

Sophocles said "One must wait until the evening to see how splendid the day has been."

Mr. Speaker, now that we are in the evening of the life of Frazier Vonne Thomas Scurry, it is clear that she has lived a full and consequential life, as a friend, colleague, advocate, community leader, and most notably, the beloved matriarch of the Scurry family.

CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF  
AUSTERLITZ

**HON. JOHN J. FASO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2018*

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the bicentennial anniversary of the founding of Austerlitz, New York. Formerly known as the proprietorship of Spencers Town in the late eighteenth century, the Town of Austerlitz was incorporated in 1818.

For two hundred years, Austerlitz has taken part in the great American experiment, weaving together a diverse community and cultivating a strong civil society. This bucolic town situated in Columbia County has not only celebrated many great triumphs of our nation and witnessed the nascent years of America's existence, but has also persevered through times of hardship. The strength and independence that continues to define this town are a result of strong roots laid and the principles instilled at its founding two centuries ago.

The area which now comprises Austerlitz was initially settled by a deed from the Mohican Indians to seventy-five families from New England to create Spencers Town, a name based on the fact that many of the first settlers were families of Spencers. When a bill was considered in the New York Legislature to formally establish a new town, future President Martin Van Buren, then a State Senator, is said to have insisted that the town be named Austerlitz due to his admiration of Napoleon and annoyance that another town was named Waterloo.

While the area has experienced many changes over the past two hundred years, Austerlitz was built on a foundation of determination and resiliency. These core beliefs continue to guide and distinguish the community today.