

great nation and the enforcement of the rule of law. From his service in the Immigration and Naturalization Service to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, he played a pivotal role in helping teach the next generation of federal agents. His passion and leadership will leave a long-lasting legacy amongst his coworkers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in wishing continued success to Ted as he continues his service as a liaison official between ICE and the CIA.

#### HONORING THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Missionary Association.

The American Missionary Association (AMA) was formed in 1846 by 19th Century missionaries with the sole goal to abolish slavery and educate all escaped and freed slaves. The organization is known for its work of creating 11 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the nation.

The diverse leaders of the American Missionary Association consisted of four African-Americans out of its 12-person charter. The entity was rooted in the Christian faith but worked beyond the ministry allowing the creation of Berea College, Clark Atlanta University, Fisk University, Hampton University, Dillard University and my alma mater Tougaloo College. The American Missionary Association also aided in the founding of Howard University.

In 1931, the association joined the Congregational Christian Churches, which is now known as the United Church of Christ.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the history of the American Missionary Association and all the work they provided to educated African-Americans, including myself throughout the nation.

#### HONORING PASTOR JIM GAINES OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DAWSONVILLE

#### HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pastor Jim Gaines of the First Baptist Church of Dawsonville. After 20 years of ministry, Pastor Gaines retired this August, making him the church's longest-serving shepherd.

Prior to working at First Baptist Dawsonville, Pastor Gaines served as the executive director of missions for the Georgia Baptist Convention. An avid student, Pastor Gaines holds two bachelor's degrees, a master's degree, and a Ph.D. from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

When Pastor Gaines arrived at First Baptist Dawsonville in 1998, the congregation welcomed 40 men and women through their doors each Sunday. Since then, the congrega-

tion has grown to include 500 dedicated members.

Pastor Gaines coordinated several church-wide mission trips to Alaska and Africa, giving members of the community a chance to step out of our corner of Georgia to meet and serve others.

Pastor Gaines has made a tremendous impact in the Dawsonville community. The congregation of First Baptist Dawsonville will miss his warm guidance, and I hope his next season is full of peace and joy.

#### IN HONOR OF JOHN F. "JAY" HURLEY OF SOUTH BOSTON, MA

#### HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2018*

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor a true son of South Boston, John F. "Jay" Hurley, in recognition of over fifty years of dedicated service to the South Boston community.

The son of Catherine (Murray) of South Boston and John Hurley of South Boston (via Medford, MA), Jay was born in Boston on September 1, 1954 and lived on East 4th Street in South Boston until he married his wife, Patricia (Farrell) "Patty" Hurley in 1979. They moved to Hart Place in South Boston, where they still reside.

Jay attended Saint Brigid School at O Street and East Broadway and graduated in 1972 from South Boston High School. On June 5, 1974, Jay became a member of Ironworkers Local Union No. 7 (Book No. 922845).

Upon completion of a three-year apprenticeship, Jay became a journeyman ironworker on June 1, 1977. Jay held various offices at Local 7 between 1988 and 2001, including: Recording Secretary, President, Business Agent, and as the first Business Manager in Local 7's then 101-year history.

On December 1, 2001, Jay was appointed General Organizer for the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental, and Reinforcing Iron Workers, and was subsequently elected the President of the Ironworkers District Council of New England in September of 2002. Jay was elected as the 9th General Vice President of the International in May 2005 and retired as the 1st General Vice President on March 1, 2018.

Over the course of his career, Jay poured his heart and soul into bettering the lives of all workers through the machinations of the labor movement. The admiration and respect of his colleagues and peers throughout the United States and Canada is unsurpassed.

Along with providing distinguished service to the Ironworkers, Jay is also an active member of his community. He has won many awards over the years, most notably in 2006, when he won the Cushing Gavin award for outstanding service to the Labor community. In 2008, Jay wrote a novel, *Irony . . .*, and he has donated all proceeds to Julie's Family Learning Program, a South Boston non-profit organization.

Jay is known as a loyal, hardworking leader in the labor movement; but also, a loving and caring family man. He has had the good fortune to be married to his wife Patty for 39 years, and they are the proud parents of John,

Kaitlyn and Brian and proud grandparents to John ("Jack"), Michael and James.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to join with John F. "Jay" Hurley's family, friends, and contemporaries to thank him for his remarkable service to his union brothers and sisters and to his community of South Boston.

#### HONORING THE 89TH BIRTHDAY OF ARTHUR MYLES

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2018*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life of Arthur Myles who celebrated his 89th birthday on August 14, 2018.

Arthur Myles was born on August 14, 1929 in the state of Alabama. Arthur is the youngest son of twenty-five children born to President Myles Sr. and Mary Rena Williams-Myles. Arthur attended primary school in Uniontown Alabama, which he walked nine miles to attend. Shortly after relocating to Niagara Falls Arthur attended adult education classes at Center Avenue School and completed his education at Laborers Local 91.

Throughout Arthur's life he had various jobs during his career working at companies such as the City of Niagara Falls Street Department, New York State Power Authority, McClendon Blacktop, and J. Myles & Sons, before launching his own business. Arthur launched A. Myles Paving, and most recently started A. Myles & Sons. After sixty-six years of employment, Arthur retired in 2016.

Family is very important to Arthur as he is the father of ten children, twenty-one grandchildren, forty great-grandchildren, and ten great-great grandchildren. Arthur has always actively sought to help others in ways too numerous to mention. He is consistently willing to lend a helping hand, and volunteering his services for the good of aiding others. Arthur still enjoys dancing, storytelling, being the life of the party and traveling.

Arthur's community is very important to him and he is an active member in his church, a member of the Niagara Community Center, NAACP, and is a current member of Laborers Local 91 for fifty-eight years. Arthur is believed to be the longest "African-American Member" in good standings.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize Arthur Myles. His love and devotion to his family is truly inspiring. I wish many fortunes to him and his family in the years to come.

#### IN MEMORY OF SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN

#### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2018*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart at the passing of a great American Hero and Leader, The Eagle of The Senate John McCain of Arizona. A selfless patriot, a man of courage, faith, and conviction. With his life well led, he is a lesson to our