

A native of our hometown, Little Rock, Ms. Edwards is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and a two-time alumna of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, most recently in 2012 with her law degree.

Ms. Edwards' passion for ensuring all voices are heard will serve her well as she oversees the Social Justice Institute's crucial work of educating students and the community in advocating for equal opportunity, treatment, and respect.

So, again, I would like to congratulate Ms. Edwards on her new position of leadership, and I look forward to working with her.

RECOGNIZING NEOMI RAO

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Neomi Rao, the current Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, for her important work in reducing the power of the Federal administrative state.

Beginning in 2013, I outlined how our economic recovery was subpar in comparison to post-World War II recoveries, in part due to the wet blanket of the avalanche of Federal costs imposed by the previous administration.

In Arkansas, we have seen Federal regulatory agencies have devastating economic effects on our farmers, our small business people, nonprofits, schools, colleges, and State agencies.

Then comes Neomi Rao, and in her first year as administrator of OIRA, she led the way with the delay or withdrawal of 1,579 planned regulatory actions, leading to almost \$8 billion in lifetime savings for the economy and the American people.

These successes have not stopped in 2018, where she has been working with every agency to set a negative regulatory cost allocation to provide our local businesses, farmers, and schools the relief that they need.

I commend Administrator Rao for her work at OMB in cutting red tape in Washington and giving control back to our States, our local communities, and our hardworking taxpayers.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY AND LIFE OF NORA MAE PIERCE GAULDEN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the birthday and the life of Nora Mae Pierce Gaulden, born August 27, 1930, in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Nora Mae originally grew up in Cullowhee, North Carolina, in part of what is known as the Nantahala National Forest.

She would grow up on a rural farm during the Depression and experience all the hardships associated with that era. "If you didn't farm, you didn't eat," she would say, and the family would often barter and trade for their needs as they navigated life.

Around the time of her 18th birthday, times began to change, and the family heard about a large company that would be hiring to fill shift work and laborers for a large facility being built down at the Piedmont. That company would be known as Celanese, and it was this turn of events in her life that brought her to her present hometown of Rock Hill, South Carolina.

The family would uproot and set out across the mountain to see what this new place could bring.

As a new employee, employee number 47, Nora was tasked with learning the job and then training others to fill shifts. She remembers sleeping on a bench while others worked and trained during these times, sometimes staying all night while work was ramping up.

She would work there for 21 years, marry, grow a family, and eventually set on a direction leading her to today.

Celanese was going to place her on shift work, so she decided to take a package instead and went to the unemployment office. There, she ran into Woodrow Byrum. "He told me not to even sign the papers, and come with him. I didn't even get to draw my first check." He needed someone to do food for the workers, so of course she went straight to work.

That path led her to M. Lowenstein Corporation's Rock Hill Printing and Finishing plant located in downtown Rock Hill.

She would begin working there in 1959 and would stay on through the many changes, from the height of the textile boom to its slow demise within the Carolinas.

Many role changes and job requirements would come and go. The Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company would eventually be sold to Springs Industries, and she would see even more changes in her life up until her expected retirement in 1993.

However, one large change was looming on the horizon. That retirement would be postponed due to the loss of her husband, Rufus, who suffered an unfortunate drowning accident 6 months before their retirement. Several friends and family close to her advised her to continue working, so that is exactly what she decided to do.

"I told Rufus to build me a porch, so we could sit and rock and look out once we both retired." She would go on to say, "He never got to enjoy that."

She stayed on with Springs continuing to do the things she had done all of her life: love work, love family, love God, and never treat any one person better than another. That is her defining legacy.

"God made all people," she would say, "and He didn't make one better than the other," with her trademark finger pointing and one eye closed.

Years would come and go. Time marched on, and part of Springs Industries-Springs Creative would be born out of that time in 2007. Many things changed during those days, but Nora Mae did not. "I just stayed with the building."

She has continued to work with Springs and each year mulls over retirement. "Maybe this summer," has been repeated over the last several years, "maybe not." She keeps working hard, calls everyone her children, stays true to God, never changes, and reaches a milestone 88th birthday this year.

For 70 years, she has been a part of the Rock Hill community, sharing herself with her love to everyone she meets and making this world a better place than when she found it. She would say, "God doesn't change. Why should I?"

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to say what a great life this lady has lived. She is a great American, and she represents all that is good with this great country.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Send Your spirit upon the Members of this people's House, that they might judiciously balance seemingly irreconcilable interests. Help them to execute their consciences and judgments with clarity and purity of heart so that all might stand before You honestly and trust that You can bring forth righteous fruits from their labors.

We thank You and so many staff who have worked hard to assist the Members in their work. May their efforts prove fruitful in the production of bills needed to fund the government into a future to benefit our great Nation.

Bless us this day and every day, and may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.