

schools to learn about agriculture and nutrition issues.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. Lorenzo Candelaria for all the valuable contributions him and his family have made to our community. His organic produce has been a wonderful option for local shoppers and restaurants looking for healthy options, and his warmth and generosity have helped shape the lives of so many young people in the Albuquerque area.

HONORING THE VALLEJO BRANCH
OF THE NAACP

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Vallejo Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on its 100th anniversary.

The Vallejo Branch of the NAACP received its Charter on July 8, 1918. It was the second Branch established in California, after the Sacramento Branch. Since its founding, the Vallejo Branch has worked tirelessly with community and religious leaders to fulfill the promise of equality to all Americans. Early in its existence, the Vallejo Branch collaborated with prominent African-American professionals, members of the clergy and business leaders on anti-lynching legislation, desegregation and political rights. The Vallejo Branch later expanded its focus to include advocacy for better jobs and pay for people of color on Mare Island and desegregation of the federal housing projects in Vallejo.

Most recently, the Vallejo Branch of the NAACP has worked to address the high rate of sexually transmitted diseases and infections (STDs and STIs) among African Americans aged fourteen to twenty-five in Solano County, and Vallejo specifically. The Vallejo Branch has also been focused on educating, testing, and treating STDs and STIs and secured \$250,000 to work towards this goal. The Branch's Legal Redress team has been active in the litigation of numerous discrimination issues involving housing, school, and employment injustices in Vallejo. Its Education Committee is actively involved in Vallejo's school system to guarantee that all students have equal access to quality education. In addition, the Vallejo Branch encourages its members to exercise their hard won right to vote.

Mr. Speaker, the Vallejo Branch of the NAACP has been an important institution in our community for 100 years. The Vallejo Branch has worked continuously to improve the lives of African Americans in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor it here today.

RECOGNIZING THE DAUGHTERS OF
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the week of September 17th

through the 23rd as Constitution Week and acknowledge the Daughters of the American Revolution for their dedication to upholding the importance of the Constitution. This year marks the 231st anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America and the 62nd observance of Constitution Week.

Constitution Week began after the Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned President Eisenhower in 1955. They petitioned the President to annually set aside the week of September 17th through the 23rd as a week of observance of the Constitution. After being signed into law on August 2nd, 1956, Constitution Week has served as a time of emphasis on citizen's responsibilities to protect the Constitution, inform the public on the importance of the Constitution, and encourage the study the history that led to the framing of the Constitution in 1787.

In Central New York, the members of the Owasco Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have championed the ideals of the Constitution since their founding on April 28, 1897 in Auburn, New York. Since then, they have been exemplary in their commitment to education, community service, equality, and patriotism throughout the region.

The Constitution is the foundation of our country and grants us all the freedoms that we enjoy today. As we celebrate this year's Constitution Week, I want to honor the Daughters of the American Revolution for playing such a pivotal role in creating this tradition and recognize the importance the Constitution as a defining part of our country's history.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 394; yea on Roll Call No. 395; and yea on Roll Call No. 396.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on September 12, 2018 due to inclement weather that caused air travel delays. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 394; YEA on Roll Call No. 395; and YEA on Roll Call No. 396.

J. FRANK DOBIE HIGH SCHOOL
CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great school, J. Frank Dobie High School in Houston, Texas on 50 years of

molding the young minds of the South Belt-Ellington area.

Named for Texas folklorist and former University of Texas professor J. Frank Dobie, Dobie High school opened with 980 students in 1968 to address the growing population boom in the South Belt area. The original high school, located on Beamer Road, was a significant achievement in its construction alone, being the first district high school designed to be completely air conditioned. With the exception of the gyms, the building had no windows, making it an ideal shelter for tornados. The school moved to a new building in the fall of 2003, served as a critical emergency shelter during Hurricane Harvey and helped save many lives. Throughout the years, Dobie High School has been a leader in many areas, producing national championship Academic Decathlon teams, countless district victories in sports, music and agriculture. Dobie High School demonstrates an unparalleled commitment to enhancing the education of students in the South Belt-Ellington area.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to J. Frank Dobie High School on 50 years of academic excellence.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
CLARENCE JORDAN

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Clarence Jordan, who passed away on September 8, 2018 at the age of 88. Clarence dedicated his life to aiding the underprivileged throughout the Central New York community. Over the last five decades, Clarence raised more than \$100 million to support those who needed it the most in the region.

Clarence Jordan was born in Fall River, Massachusetts and grew up during the Great Depression. His childhood was not an easy one. His father was an alcoholic who abused him and, by the time he was 11 years old, both his parents passed away due to tuberculosis. Clarence spent his adolescent years without a stable home, living in California and Massachusetts. He became close to Jesus Christ during this time and the church community became his new family.

Clarence studied at Barrington College and intended to work as a missionary in China, but those plans were cancelled after communists established their control in the country. He instead served as Associate Director at Goodwill Industries in Bridgeport, Connecticut and was the Associate Pastor of Calvary Evangelical Church. In 1959, Clarence moved to Syracuse to serve as Director of Men's Social Services at the Rescue Mission. This move marked the beginning of Clarence's philanthropy in Central New York.

After serving in his new position for just a year, Clarence was promoted to Executive Director at the Rescue Mission. The Rescue Mission rapidly became one of the most extensive social service groups in Central New York with Clarence at the head of the organization. During his tenure from 1960 to 2000, Clarence grew the Rescue Mission to 333 employees and a budget of \$10 million, as well

as established multiple programs addressing poverty, hunger and addiction. Additionally, Rescue Mission received the Eleanor Roosevelt Community Services Award in 1985, New York State's high award for a voluntary agency. Clarence left Rescue Mission in 2000 and continued to fundraise for several community projects, including the creation of the Clarence L. Jordan Vision Center in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me to honor the remarkable life of Clarence Jordan. He was truly a model citizen for the Central New York community and dedicated his life to the well-being of others. His many contributions impacted hundreds of lives and will not be forgotten.

CELEBRATING MATHER FIELD'S
100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mather Field as they celebrate their centennial anniversary in Sacramento County.

During World War I the Army activated Mills Air Field, east of Sacramento. It was renamed Mather Field in honor of 2nd Lieutenant Carl Spencer Mather, killed in 1918 during a training flight collision in Texas, at the request of his classmates. Following World War I, Mather was temporarily shut down as a military base but reopened in 1925 and hosted the first annual "Aerial Circus", featuring 90 airplanes demonstrating aerobatic stunts and displays. Two years later, Charles Lindbergh and the famous The Spirit of St. Louis visited Mather Field following his first solo transatlantic flight.

In 1930, Mather was reactivated as a training center for the U.S. Armed Forces and later played an important role preparing the Army for the fight in the Pacific Theater. With an Allied victory in sight, Mather Field's training activities ended in 1944 and it became a major stopover point for troops and aircraft headed to and from the Pacific. Following U.S. victory in the Pacific, Mather returned to its status as a training base and ownership was transferred to the U.S. Air Force as part of the Air Training Command.

The Department of Defense moved all of its navigator training to Mather AFB in 1964 and navigator training became Mather's specialty for several decades. In 1976, the Interservice Undergraduate Navigator Training was established at Mather to serve Navy, Marine and Coast Guard students and trained the first female navigators.

While Mather AFB was decommissioned in 1993, Mather Field continues to support the Sacramento region. The Former base now hosts Sacramento's Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Mather Business Park and Mather Airport, which is an important regional cargo hub.

I am incredibly proud to represent Mather and the surrounding community. As Mather Field celebrates its 100th birthday at the 2018 California Capital Airshow, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this historic landmark for all it has provided our region and our country over the last century.

CELEBRATING HONOWAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S RECOGNITION AS A GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. COLLEEN HANABUSA

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Honowai Elementary School in Waipahu, Hawaii, and all its achievements in being designated a Green Ribbon School by the Department of Education.

As many of my colleagues know, Green Ribbon Schools are awarded for mitigating their environmental impacts, improving health and wellness within their communities, and pursuing effective environmental and sustainability education. The purpose of the award is to inspire schools, districts, and post-secondary institutions to pursue sustainable practices and education for the twenty-first century. State education officials nominate their top schools to be considered for this award. It is important to note that close to half of all Green Ribbon Schools honorees educate majority disadvantaged student populations.

Honowai Elementary has pursued the standards and values of the Green Ribbon Schools award through an interactive, community-oriented process. Not only has Honowai installed solar photovoltaic modules that reduce the school's carbon footprint, but the data collected on this array is used in classrooms to teach students about renewable energy. Students are taught and encouraged to spread green practices that conserve energy and reduce their carbon footprints. Through professional development and new curricula for faculty, the physical improvements to the school, which include aquaponics and hydroponics systems, extend learning beyond the classroom and to the campus and broader community.

At the same time, Honowai Elementary situates traditional and Native Hawaiian practices and concepts of sustainability within our contemporary economy and society. The lo'i patch on campus provides a sustainable source of taro for food while teaching students the unique practices and values of Hawaii's indigenous heritage. Students understand diverse cultures and histories through a curriculum focused on oral history, which in turn helps them forge stronger personal values and identities and connect with their communities.

These accomplishments cannot be understated for a community consisting of single family and low-income housing and in which sixty-six percent of students qualify for free or reduced price lunch. Through its efforts, not only has Honowai Elementary given much to the local community and all its members, but the school has also represented Hawaii well on the national stage. I am proud of what the students, parents, faculty, and staff have come together to accomplish, and I look forward to their continued success as a school and community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Honowai Elementary School, its students, faculty, and staff for their achievements, as well as all Green Ribbon Schools for what they contribute to our communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. ASCHLEY SCHILLER, PROFESSIONAL STAFF, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ashley Schiller, a member of the professional staff of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, who plans to pursue other opportunities after eight outstanding years of Federal government service.

Aschley started her Federal career in 2010 as a Presidential Management Fellow after receiving a bachelor's degree in history from Texas A&M University in 2008 and a Master's degree in public policy from the University of Michigan's Gerald Ford School of Public Policy in 2010. The Presidential Management Fellows program is a highly selective, prestigious two-year training and development program for recent graduates with advanced degrees.

As a Presidential Management Fellow, she worked for the Small Business Administration to improve its acquisition processes and for the Office of Management and Budget analyzing proposed business loan subsidy rates and agency activities for inclusion in the yearly President's budget request.

After completing her fellowship, Aschley worked as a strategic advisor to the Chief Financial Officer of the Small Business Administration. There, she evaluated government-wide budget and procurement policy changes and reviewed agency budgets, programs and performance.

Aschley came to the House Appropriations Committee in 2013 where she worked as an analyst for the Surveys and Investigations office conducting oversight of military construction and veterans affairs programs. She conducted reviews of several multi-billion dollar programs to identify weaknesses and recommending changes in program funding levels, policies and reporting requirements. In addition, Aschley helped improve the operations of the Surveys and Investigations office by reducing the time required to issue reports and improving communications with subcommittee staff.

I met Ashley in 2015 when she became a professional staff member of the Commerce, Justice, Science House Appropriations Subcommittee. Since that time she has done an outstanding job supporting the Subcommittee, the Federal government and the American people. Aschley is expert in the operations of the Departments of Commerce and Justice. She has provided me with analysis of their activities and budget requests, prepared me for hearings with agency heads and Cabinet secretaries, advised me on how to respond to funding and reorganizations proposals, and provided constant oversight of agency activities. Aschley has written several Appropriations bills, advised me how to respond to amendments during Full Committee meetings and House Floor consideration, and she has negotiated several Appropriations bills with the Senate and the Minority party.

Aschley should be proud that her intelligent and hard work for the House Appropriations