

I admire the great commitment of those distinct individuals who have tirelessly devoted themselves to their country and community. Mr. Decker's service as a Marine has spanned the globe, having completed several periods of active duty in countries including Iraq, Afghanistan, Jordan, and Ghana. His service to the greater Kingston community, however, is unparalleled.

Through his active involvement with the Boy Scouts, the Ulster Detachment Marine Corps League, the Toys for Tots program, the Kingston Veterans Association, the Kingston American Little League, and as a devout parishioner of Saint Colman's Roman Catholic Church and member of their Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Decker is an important role model for our communities, our veterans, and the next generation of soldiers.

Being named the Veteran of the Year is a true testament to Mr. Decker's continued legacy of patriotism and steadfast commitment to improving the lives of his friends, neighbors, and fellow veterans. I can think of no one more deserving of this honor. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Decker on receiving this award. His lifetime of hard work and dedicated service to the United States is inspirational, and I am grateful for his contributions to New York State.

10TH ANNUAL BLACK WOMEN'S WELLNESS DAY

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation:

Whereas, African American women and their families continue to have a positive impact on the growth and development of our country, our state, and our nation's identity and future; and

Whereas, Investments today that improve the quality of life for African American women and their families will ensure that Dane County becomes the healthiest county in the state, and that Wisconsin becomes the healthiest state in the United States, as well as the health care leader of the world; and

Whereas, the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness was established for the purpose of empowering women and girls of African descent to live healthy, balanced, and thriving lives by promoting mind-body-spirit wellness as a core quality for being productive members and leaders of their families, communities, and society; and

Whereas, the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness works to eliminate health disparities impacting black women and their communities by partnering with the community to provide educational outreach programs, conferences, and seminars including the Annual Black Women's Wellness Day to inform, inspire, and empower Black women and girls to build and sustain healthy, wellness-centered lives; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that I, U.S. Representative MARK POCAN of the 2nd District of Wisconsin, hereby proclaim September 22, 2018 as the 10th Annual Black Women's Wellness Day, and urge all citizens to support this worthy and life sus-

taining endeavor by celebrating this day with pride and distinction, and by recognizing its organizers as advocates and ambassadors of health and healing in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNUAL LABOR TO LABOR DINNER

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th Annual Labor to Labor Dinner to celebrate the activism and dedication of our labor leaders, and their contributions to making our community a fairer place to work.

The annual labor dinner brings together members from different corners of our workforce to honor those who have demonstrated strong leadership and commitment to the interests of workers. American workers owe a debt of gratitude to labor unions. Without them, we may not have a 40-hour work week, paid sick leave, child labor laws, Social Security, a minimum wage, paid family leave, employer-based health coverage, or strong workplace safety laws.

I am grateful that this annual labor dinner pays tribute to the contributions of our local workforce and their shared mission of promoting the rights of American workers. The hard work and sacrifice of union leaders to make all workers better off, not just union members, is commendable.

I extend my appreciation to the Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council and Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO for hosting this event and for their advocacy for workers in our community. Congratulations on 20 years of this wonderful event.

HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF CORPORAL ALVIN T. REHMEYER

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate Corporal Alvin T. Rehmeier on the 100th Anniversary of his death in World War I.

Corporal Rehmeier was born on September 25, 1898. When the United States entered the First World War and the call to arms sounded, Alvin Rehmeier left his native Red Lion, Pennsylvania for training at Camp Meade, Maryland. On July 7, 1918, Rehmeier was sent overseas, where he was assigned to the 316th Infantry Regiment of the famous "Cross of Lorraine" 79th Division. Soon afterwards, he and much of the Division were deployed to the front lines.

On September 26, 1918, Rehmeier was declared Missing In Action following an attack during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive—the largest offensive in American military history. His fate was unknown until March 20, 1919, when his gravesite was located near the town of Montfaucon, France. Corporal Rehmeier is one of the 1,151 Soldiers of the 79th Division who gave their last full measure in defense of

the United States and her allies in World War I.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 4th District, I ask that you join me in honoring and commemorating Corporal Alvin T. Rehmeier on the centennial of his sacrifice; his life exemplified civic virtue in its greatest and noblest form.

TRIBUTE TO WENDY WINTERSTEEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Wendy Wintersteen for being named the 2018 Women of Influence of the Year honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record. Wendy is the first woman to serve as President of Iowa State University.

For 19 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic, and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Wendy received her Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State University and her Doctorate degree from Iowa State University. She has extensive experience in agriculture through assisting in a research program on regional crop pests and she led an effort to overhaul a statewide extension program dealing with pesticide education. Wendy acknowledges that she has the ability to influence and serve as a role model for young women who will become future leaders in academic and professional areas. She is committed to growing the Iowa economy to improve the quality of life, strengthen our communities, and help solve environmental issues in Iowa.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Wendy Wintersteen in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Wendy Wintersteen on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Dr. Wintersteen a long and successful career.

COMMEMORATING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH—WILSON, NC

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, located in my congressional district and hometown of Wilson, North Carolina. St. John has been a beacon of light in the Wilson community for 150 long years and has positively affected generations of families. I ask

my colleagues to join me today in congratulating St. John's faithful congregation and their ancestors on this auspicious occasion.

In 1865, the New England Conference of the AME Zion Church deployed Reverend James Walker Hood to North Carolina to provide spiritual guidance to the 331,000 former slaves and to establish Churches throughout the state. Among the first churches established was St. John AME Zion Church (1868). Though Hood was met with fierce opposition from white Northern Methodists in establishing AME Zion Churches, he was unwavering in his commitment to the cause of Christianity as he established dozens of Churches across North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, much of St. John's growth over the years can be attributed to its dedicated leadership and congregation. After a fire destroyed the Church's frame in 1909, the Reverend B. P. Coward led the Church in building the beautiful and stately building that the Church resides in today. Under Reverend Allen J. Kirk's leadership, the Church erected a recreational center, started a day nursery, and renovated the parsonage. Reverend Dr. Ulysses S. Johnson is the Church's longest serving pastor, serving the congregation for over fifteen years. Reverend Dr. Johnson led numerous renovations to the Church and served the entire community during his tenure. Reverend Staccato Powell (now Bishop Staccato Powell) was assigned to St. John early in his pastoral career, becoming a ministerial giant who led the Church into continued growth. His pastoral leadership became nationally recognized and he now serves as Presiding Prelate of the Western Episcopal District.

Over the years, the Church has been deeply involved in the community, providing, among many other things, daily hot lunches to senior citizens and educational enrichment to children in Wilson during the summer recess as a part of the Youth Enrichment Program. In earlier years, St. John operated a Boy Scout organization that impacted the lives of hundreds of young men.

In recent years, the church established St. John Community Development Corporation, Inc. and the Smith Street Project to enhance the Church's community outreach. St. John continues to meet the spiritual and physical needs of its growing congregation through the vision and devoted work of its current pastor, Dr. Charlean B. Mapson, Presiding Elder and former Pastor, Dr. Michael S. Bell, and Presiding Bishop the Right Reverend Dr. Kenneth Monroe.

Mr. Speaker, by the grace of God, St. John AME Zion Church has been standing strong for 150 long years. Her outstanding leadership and devoted members have created significant growth in its membership and ministry, as well as, its continued outreach in the Wilson community. The Church's faithfulness and good deeds will ensure that St. John continues to experience God's blessings for years to come.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of the First Congressional District of North Carolina, I commemorate the 150th anniversary of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and extend my best wishes to the Pastor and members (many of whom are dear friends) on this auspicious occasion.

HONORING PATTI ROSCOE

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a San Diego business and civic leader, Patti Roscoe as she is honored as the 2018 "Ms. San Diego." More personally, I rise today to congratulate a wonderful friend on her lifelong achievements in service to others.

Started in 1952, this annual tribute was limited only to men. It wasn't until 40 years ago that both men and women were eligible for this honor. Patti will be the sixth woman to hold this distinction in its 66-year history. Originally from Buffalo, New York, Patti discovered a career in hospitality spending fifteen years in the hotel and destination management industry. Patti was the founder of PRA Destination Management Company; San Diego Rotary Club President from 2003 to 2004; board member for San Diego State University's Campanile Foundation, as well as the board of advisors for San Diego State University's Robert Payne School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, of which she was a co-founder; Plank Owner of the USS Midway; and trustee of the San Diego Library Foundation. This is just to name a few of her many achievements.

In 2010, Patti helped create an endowment at the Institute of Meetings and Events, the first of its kind in the nation, which provides scholarships in the MFA Musical Theater graduate program and Hospitality & Tourism Management program, as well as an endowment for student athletes. In 2015, Patti was recognized by the Global Society of Incentive Travel Excellence for embodying integrity and making notable contributions with long-term service to incentive travel and motivational events industry.

In June, she received the Neil Morgan Visionary Award for Lifetime Achievement from LEAD and the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. Three organizations have recognized Patti with Lifetime Achievement Awards: The San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau, San Diego Rotary Club, and The International Special Events Industry.

I commend Patti for her many accomplishments and contributions. A mother to three children and a grandmother to three grandchildren Patti truly understands the meaning of empathy and service to the community. Patti knows how to take care of business and work overtime for the betterment of the San Diego community and beyond.

HONORING VIVIAN LEE BATTLE SIMS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Vivian Lee Battle Sims for her lifetime of work in education and for her long-standing contributions to the communities in which she has resided throughout her life.

Vivian Sims was born and raised in New York City, where she graduated from Girls' High School in Brooklyn, a highly regarded institution of the public school system. She went on to earn both her bachelor's and master's degrees at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. She also attended Columbia University, Tennessee State University, Middle Tennessee State University, Columbia State Community College and the Tennessee Technology Center at Pulaski. Vivian Sims returned to school at the age of 85 to begin work on a doctorate at Tennessee State University.

She began her career in education as an art teacher in 1950 at Nashville city schools, eventually moving on to be art supervisor for Metro Nashville Public Schools' District 3 and Giles County's elementary schools. She served as the first high school art teacher at Giles County High School from 1976 to 1985, as Assistant Principal for Pulaski Elementary School from 1985 to 1991 and was the first African American woman principal at Southside Elementary School before her retirement in 1997.

During her career as an educator that spanned over 47 years, Vivian Sims participated in the Fulbright Teacher Exchange and was a finalist for Tennessee Teacher of the Year. She also served as president of the Giles County Schools Teachers Association and on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Education Association, among other national, state and local organizations.

In addition to her work in public schools, Vivian Sims has always been an active member of her community. Some of these community activities include her work for Giles County Senior Citizens, Inc., the Community Council for the Adult Developmentally Handicapped, the Community Development Corporation of North Pulaski, Help A Talented Student (HATS), the Pulaski Boys and Girls Club and the Pulaski Area Vocational-Technical School.

My pride in Vivian is also personal because she is my cousin.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Vivian Lee Battle Sims for her outstanding contributions to education and the arts, as well as for her enduring service and attention to the greater Tennessee community.

SAMUEL ONSTEAD EARNS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Samuel Onstead of Sugar Land, TX for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn.

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can achieve. It requires years of effort to develop the necessary leadership, service and outdoor skills. To earn this rank, Samuel developed and provided leadership to others in a service project. For his project, Samuel painted the interior of the gymnasium at First Colony Church of Christ in Sugar Land, TX, which serves both the church and Cornerstone Christian Academy. Samuel is also involved in team sports and a youth