

## RECOGNIZING JORGE RAMOS

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jorge Ramos, one of our nation's leading voices in Hispanic media who recently announced his retirement after nearly forty years with Telemundo 47.

Jorge has been with Telemundo 47's news team since the beginning, serving as an original founding member of the station's news operations. Throughout his time at Telemundo 47, Jorge helped the station achieve many milestones, including historic ratings. In both July and August of this year, the 11pm edition of *Noticiero 47 Telemundo* anchored by Ramos was ranked as the most-watched local newscast in the entire New York market, regardless of language.

Jorge began his media career in 1972, working at the radio station WKVM in Santurce, Puerto Rico. He later joined Telemundo 47 in 1979 where he served as the station's first field reporter. His talent and tenacity on camera was rewarded shortly thereafter when he was named news anchor—a position that he has held ever since.

Jorge is the recipient of seven Emmy awards for journalistic excellence and worked closely with the Tri-State's Hispanic community for over 35 years. Throughout that time, he has collaborated with many community organizations, non-profits and charities, in addition to serving as grand marshal and godfather of numerous parades throughout the Tri-State region.

Mr. Speaker, multiple generations of Telemundo 47 viewers in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut look at Jorge as an extended member of their families. He has been a steady, calming and always-smiling presence at their dinner tables and in their living rooms for nearly forty years. Finally, Jorge is the proud father of a former Marine and has been a steadfast advocate for Hispanic veterans as they return into civilian life.

Mr. Speaker, Jorge Ramos has served our community and our country well. I would like to thank Jorge for his service and I am proud to recognize his many professional accomplishments.

**CELEBRATING THE 180TH BIRTHDAY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA**

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 180th birthday of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Georgia.

While it is difficult to find written histories, biographies, memoirs, and other accounts of religious life in the South prior to abolition, Rev. Clarence M. Wagner has identified historical evidence that a group made up predominately of freed slaves organized Gainesville's First Baptist Church in 1838. Rev. Wagner details

his findings in the book *Profiles of Black Georgia Baptists*.

In 1901, under the Rev. Jack Nichol's leadership, the congregation erected a new church building on the corner of Gainesville's Pine and High Streets. Rev. Nichol answered the call to ministry around 1877, and he is the first person known by name to pastor this body of worshipers, shepherding the flock from 1877 to 1903.

The First Baptist Church was rebuilt in 1923 under the leadership of Rev. William Dorsey. Today, the church gathers at 1810 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, where Rev. Isaac Whitehead Jr. pastors the congregation.

I join the First Baptist Church in celebrating their 180 years of worship in Northeast Georgia and wish the church many happy years of ministry ahead.

**HONORING THE CAREER OF DEEPA WILLINGHAM**

**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate Deepa Willingham for receiving the 2018 United Nations Association of Santa Barbara Peace Prize.

Mrs. Willingham was born in Kolkata, India and received her primary and secondary education under the stewardship of Mother Teresa. After receiving an undergraduate degree from the University of Calcutta, she moved to the United States to pursue Masters and Ph.D. degrees.

Mrs. Willingham has dedicated her life to empowering girls and women through education. She founded Pace Universal, a non-profit organization that works to end human-trafficking, elevate women and children from poverty, and uplift communities. She opened an environmentally sustainable school for more than 200 girls at the Piyali Learning Center in the rural Indian village of Piyali Junction.

Mrs. Willingham has been a leader in Santa Barbara County through her roles as President of Rotary Club of Santa Ynez Valley as well as Rotary International District Governor. While president, she was named Rotarian of the year and chaired two Rotary Districts Annual Poverty Conferences, during which she helped to initiate its 5-point poverty-eradication plan. Mrs. Willingham has participated in volunteer efforts internationally by attending National Immunization Day in India and traveling to Mexico to construct cement floors.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join with the United Nations Association of Santa Barbara in celebrating the exemplary career of Deepa Willingham as she receives the 2018 Peace Prize.

**RECOGNITION OF MS. EVANGELINA MENDIOLA**

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege to rise today to honor Ms. Evangelina

Mendiola, for her extraordinary contributions as an adoptive and foster parent in Broward County, Florida.

Ms. Mendiola was recognized as a 2018 Angel in Adoption by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI). Currently in the process of adopting her fifth child, she also regularly opens her home and heart as a caring foster parent. Indeed, she is admired in her community for her steadfast commitment to the welfare of children. Ms. Mendiola's long-standing dedication truly exemplifies the values of the Angels in Adoption program.

Founded in 2001, CCAI is a nonprofit organization with the vision that every child should know the love and support of a caring family. Every year, CCAI selects a small group of outstanding individuals, families, or organizations across the nation to be recognized as Angels in Adoption. These honorees have gone above and beyond to demonstrate commitment to improving the lives of children in need of permanent, loving homes.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Evangelina Mendiola is a member of our community, whom we can all admire and respect. I commend her for her inspiring commitment to the welfare of children, and wish her the very best as she continues to make the dream of a family a reality for the children she has given a warm and loving home.

**TRIBUTE TO MARY HELEN PETERSON**

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mary Helen Peterson of Red Oak, Iowa on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Mary Helen celebrated her birthday on August 24, 2018.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Mary Helen's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Mary Helen has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-five Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Mary Helen in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Mary Helen on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

**IN HONOR OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STERLING WOMEN**

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kristina Bouweiri, the founder of Sterling Women and CEO of Reston Limousine,

and members of Sterling Women as they celebrate their 10th anniversary.

Sterling Women was founded in 2008 to provide a new networking opportunity for business women in the Sterling, Virginia area. The organization focuses on enhancing opportunities for women in business and creating fellowship among women by empowering, celebrating, and supporting women in their professional and personal endeavors.

Mrs. Bouweiri's legacy of fostering a positive environment for women is remarkable. She encourages each member to develop leadership skills and discover new paths toward self-enrichment, having often been a mentor and bringing women out of their comfort zones. Through her leadership, Sterling Women elevates the standard for working women to actively build and maintain relationships between fellow members and within the community.

Women of all ages with diverse life experiences have combined their skills to make the Loudoun County community a better place. The Sterling Women is a true testament to the dedication to our community and their passion toward helping others. Under Kristina's leadership, the club has raised \$250,000 for local charities.

I am impressed by the Sterling Women and how in just a decade they have transformed Northern Virginia. From 80 women at their first meeting, to 150 today, they have made a tremendous impact upon many.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Sterling Women as they celebrate their 10th anniversary. I look forward to their ongoing contributions to the community and I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI ROTC FIGHTING MULES BATTALION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the University of Central Missouri Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Fighting Mules Battalion's 50th Anniversary. Since its creation in 1968, over 800 cadets have graduated and obtained the rank of second lieutenant. Also known as the University of Central Missouri's Military Science and Leadership Department, the program combines scholarly learning with military training to prepare students from across the country to become officers in the U.S. military.

Through the ROTC program, cadets get hands-on experience with platoon movement and tactical training. They help support local High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) and assist with recruiting events. Not only will these cadets be graduating with a commission in the U.S. Army, but they will also leave this program with a sense of honor and pride.

Across the nation the battalion has performed with distinction at events including the Ranger Challenge, Ranger Buddy, and Bataan Memorial Death March. Additionally, the Fighting Mules will be traveling for the first time to Washington, D.C. for the second largest 10-

mile race, the Army Ten-Miler in October. Our community takes great pride in the work of the Battalion and cadets like Da'Vontae Hair. Da'Vontae is a constituent, previous intern, and graduate from the historic Truman High School in Independence. Da'Vontae and his fellow cadets raised funds to help the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2513 in Warrensburg, MO by creating the Annual Patriot 5k Run/Walk.

This program is responsible for the commission of hundreds of distinguished military graduates and is recognized both locally and nationally as a top ROTC Battalion. The Fighting Mules Battalion has produced seven general staff officers. Those who hold this rank represent the top one percent of those who serve in our nation's Armed Forces.

For the past 50 years, the mission of the "Fighting Mules" ROTC Battalion has been to select, train, and commission future leaders for the U.S. Army. With over 275 ROTC programs in the United States, I am honored to note that the University of Central Missouri Fighting Mules Battalion is now ranked seventh in the nation. After being ranked 230 just four years ago, this tremendous accomplishment is a great example of the type of transformational leadership provided by Lieutenant Colonel Jason C. Christenson and his cadre team.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating and recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Fighting Mules Battalion at the University of Central Missouri. I urge all my colleagues and fellow citizens across the country to join me in showing our appreciation of the Battalion's accomplishments and service.

HONORING WILLIAM HAWTHORNE

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William Hawthorne, CEO and president of the consulting firm D/I Solutions. Over the course of his remarkable career, Mr. Hawthorne has made invaluable contributions to advancing corporate diversity and the wellbeing of his community.

Prior to his current position, he held the posts of senior vice president, chief diversity officer, and vice chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Business Council at Macy's, Inc. In this capacity, Mr. Hawthorne implemented and oversaw an expansive diversity and inclusion strategy, spanning many of the organization's functions.

Mr. Hawthorne's distinguished career has also included stints as deputy general counsel and national practice leader at Macy's Inc. attorney for the City of the Atlanta Solicitor's Office, trial attorney for the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, and instructor for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy at Emory University School of Law.

Mr. Hawthorne's commitment to values of inclusion, diversity, and expanded opportunity extends beyond the boardroom and is reflected in his involvement with numerous community-based organizations. He serves as a board member and committee chair of the Minority Corporate Counsel Association, sits on the steering committee for the New York City

Center for Youth Employment, and serves as a mentor in the 5000 Role Model of Excellence Project.

I founded the 5000 Role Models program in response to a pattern of young men of color being incarcerated or dropping out of school in my home county of Miami-Dade and am grateful for the outstanding example that Mr. Hawthorne sets.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the extraordinary achievements of William Hawthorne, a dynamic and hardworking leader who has made his impact felt at each stage of his career.

RECOGNIZING MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize this week as Malnutrition Awareness Week. Every 60 seconds, ten hospitalized patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed, and many of these patients are older adults.

Malnutrition Awareness Week is a multi-organization, multi-pronged campaign created by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition to educate healthcare professionals to identify and treat malnutrition earlier, educate consumers to discuss their nutrition status with their healthcare providers, and increase awareness of nutrition's role in patient recovery. There are common-sense solutions that can help close the malnutrition care gap.

We currently do not know the full extent of the malnutrition problem plaguing the senior population. Screening measures for malnutrition are not a part of our national health surveys, and malnutrition is not included in the national health indicators and goals for older Americans that help shape public health programs and guide healthcare professionals.

We cannot expect older adults and their families to take steps to address malnutrition if we don't give guidance on identification of and interventions for the problem as well. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture nutritional guidelines have never addressed the issue of older adult malnutrition. We also cannot advance malnutrition care and promote improved patient recovery if we don't align the identification of and interventions for malnutrition with healthcare quality incentive programs. Malnutrition can lead to greater risk of chronic disease, fragility, disability, and increased healthcare costs, yet nutrition status is rarely evaluated and managed as individuals transition across care settings.

Therefore, this Malnutrition Awareness week, I call upon the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to routinely include malnutrition screening measures in national health surveys of older adults, and to include malnutrition among national key health indicators and Healthy People 2030 goals for older adults. I call upon HHS and the USDA to include dietary guidance for the prevention and treatment of older adult malnutrition and the closely-aligned problem of age-related sarcopenia (loss of strength and muscles) in the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Finally, I call on the Centers for Medicare and