

volunteer artillery company. He bravely served on the gun crew defending Sackets Harbor at the First Battle of Sackets Harbor in July of 1812, and later served on the crew of the armed schooner, Julia, on the St. Lawrence River to protect schooners trapped at Ogdensburg. Julius is remembered today for having served with remarkable courage, especially as part of the 25 percent African-Americans who made up the U.S. Navy during the war.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am proud to honor Julius Terry for his bravery and commitment to his country during the War of 1812. His service provides an excellent example of the important role that African-Americans played in wars throughout our nation's history.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF  
REP. LEONARD BOSWELL

**HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my colleague and friend, Leonard Boswell.

Leonard and I served together as members of the Agriculture Committee throughout his time in Washington, and he served as Subcommittee Chair for Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. We worked together through good times and bad, and I always respected his up-front and straightforward approach to his work.

Leonard was about getting stuff done, which is what I liked so much about him. He was relentlessly bipartisan and always looking for a middle ground. He had a gruff exterior—and if you were on the wrong side of an issue, he'd let you know—but beneath it all was a person who understood and deeply cared not only about the issues, but even more about the people he represented. Leonard fought for those people as passionately as anyone I've ever worked with.

He is a man who answered the call to serve in every aspect of his life. After college, he was drafted into the Army where he earned an officer's commission and flew hundreds of missions as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. When that service ended, he served his southern Iowa community in the state Senate for more than a decade. Always one to keep pushing, Leonard went on to serve Iowa's Third District for 16 years in Washington. He left in 2013, but at almost 79, he still wasn't done. Then-governor Terry Branstad appointed him to serve on the Iowa Transportation Commission. He also served on the commission for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial, which will open next spring.

Leonard's was a life lived for others—for his wife Dody, for his family, for his community and state, and for farmers across this country. One of my fondest memories of Leonard was deer hunting with muzzleloaders in Centerville, Iowa in the rain. We missed the deer but had a great time and it was the beginning of a great friendship. There were so many things that made Leonard a great public servant, and there were many more that made Leonard and I friends, and I will miss dearly what he brought to this body.

TRIBUTE TO CLAUD AND MARY  
VIRGINIA JACOBS

**HON. MICHAEL CLOUD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to join the Boy Scouts of America South Texas Council in commending Claud and Mary Virginia Jacobs, a married couple who have dedicated their lives to community service and charitable efforts. Throughout their 54 years of marriage, they have served as role models for countless members of the Victoria and Yoakum communities through their faith, work ethic, and dedication to serving their community.

Claud Jacobs is a partner at Lodestone Financial Services with an Associate's degree from Victoria College, a Bachelor's in Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin, and a chartered life underwriter designation from the American College of Life Underwriters. Mr. Jacobs has been the recipient of numerous awards during his career, including the Paul Gustwick Community Service Award from the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce, the Distinguished Alumni Award from Victoria College, the University of Houston-Victoria's People Who Make A Difference Award, and Citizen of the Year from the Victoria Rotary Club.

Mary Virginia Jacobs holds a Bachelor's in Nursing from Incarnate Word College, a family nurse practitioner degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and a master's degree in nursing from the University of Texas at Austin. Mrs. Jacobs is the recipient of various awards, including the "Who's Who of Nursing" in 1990 and 1991, the Texas Nurses Association District 20 Distinguished Nurse Award, 2000's Volunteer of the Year award from the Hospice of South Texas, Volunteer of the Decade in 1999 from the Hospice of South Texas, and the University of Houston-Victoria's People Who Make A Difference Award in 2015, to name a few.

The couple has a mission statement of sorts that they use to inspire other members of the community to volunteer: "Volunteer an hour a week in your school, church. Just an hour, you'd make a difference in somebody's life." It is an honor to recognize this extraordinary couple who have worked valiantly to make a difference in everyone's lives, one hour at a time.

HAPPY DOUBLE TEN DAY TO THE  
PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

**HON. MIKE BISHOP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, October 10, Taiwan will celebrate its 107th National Day—also known as Double Ten Day. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my best wishes to the people of Taiwan in advance of this occasion.

Taiwan is a friend, an ally, and an important economic and security partner of the United

States. Trade ties between the U.S. and Taiwan have grown rapidly over the last 30 years and Taiwan is now our 11th largest trading partner. But U.S.-Taiwan relations are much broader than just trade. The Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) and the Six Assurances are the cornerstones of U.S.-Taiwan relations and are a key to sustaining peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region.

I am pleased that the United States and Taiwan remain close allies, and I would like to again wish the people of Taiwan a Happy Double Ten Day.

NATIONAL RICE MONTH

**HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, as rice farmers in Arkansas' first district work tirelessly to harvest their rice crop, it is timely that September marks National Rice Month. National Rice Month is a time to recognize the important contributions of the 125,000 Americans who work in the U.S. rice industry.

In Arkansas, the rice industry is a major economic driver. In fact, Arkansas' first congressional district produces half of the rice consumed in the United States, making us the top rice producing district. Rice farmers contribute \$2.3 billion to the state's economic output and support almost 15,000 jobs in the Natural State.

Rice isn't just good for the economy, it is also good for you. This nutrient-rich grain provides more than 15 vitamins and minerals and beneficial antioxidants. It is a good source of protein, fiber, and energy. Rice farmers take great pride in knowing they supply the United States and over 120 other countries with such a nutritious food.

While September marks National Rice Month, in Arkansas we see the value of the rice industry throughout the year. I urge my colleagues the next time they enjoy risotto, a rice crispy treat, or gumbo to think about the hardworking men and women in our rice industry who make that meal a reality.

One of those hardworking people is Carl Brothers, who recently retired from Riceland Foods after 53 years working for the company. It is timely that I take a moment during National Rice Month to recognize Mr. Brothers for his 53 years of work in the rice industry and wish him the best in his retirement. Mr. Brothers started at Riceland as a sortex operator and eventually became the vice president and chief operating officer. Mr. Brothers' career has led him to be an expert in trade expansion efforts and a valuable resource to our state and the U.S. rice industry. He has served in various rice leadership positions and been a trusted advisor to those of us in Washington for many years. While his retirement concludes his career at Riceland Foods, the legacy he leaves has positively affected the rice industry for many years to come.

I thank Mr. Carl Brothers for his service to the rice industry.

TRIBUTE TO THE WISCONSIN  
BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY/MU-  
SEUM

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the renowned Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum. On November 3, 2018, the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum will celebrate its 30th anniversary.

Much of the success of the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum can be attributed to its founder and Director, Clayborn Benson III. He worked as a photojournalist for 39 years at WTMJ-TV News. When Benson was an adult student at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1987, he produced a documentary, "Black Communities," for a film class. The three-part film follows a grandfather as he shares stories with a young girl about black history in the United States, Wisconsin and Milwaukee. The project reignited Benson's love of history. In producing the documentary Benson discovered that the records and documents concerning the history and roots of African American people in Wisconsin were widely scattered and poorly preserved. Benson felt the stories had to be told.

The Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum, located on the corners of North 27 and West Center Streets, opened its doors and its heart to the community, city and state in 1987 and remains at this location. In 1988, the Museum became an affiliated member of The State Historical Society. The building, constructed in 1898, was the Engine No. 2 Fire Station. It was converted into the Center Street Library in 1928.

Mr. Benson founded the Society/Museum to instill cultural pride and self-worth based on the premise that a people who know their history will grow to love and appreciate themselves more. The mission of the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum is to document and preserve the historical heritage of African descent in Wisconsin. The Museum exhibits, collects and disseminates materials depicting this heritage. The Society/Museum serves as a resource center for all people interested in Wisconsin's rich African American heritage and encourages and promotes family, community and cultural activities. He not only teaches at the museum, but also at schools. Further, he encourages people to write down their own stories, so they can be passed down for generations. Mr. Benson really loves history and states that history fits his spirit and understands this is what he was supposed to do in this lifetime.

The Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum is a true Wisconsin treasure. The Society/Museum through its many exhibits has shown despite the limitations often placed upon them, African Americans were pioneers, leaders and great contributors to the growth of this nation and to the settlement of Wisconsin. They were men and women who made enormous impacts, strived for freedom, and were leaders in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum hails from the 4th Congressional District and I am pleased to give praise to Clayborn Benson III on their 30th anniversary. I wish them many more years of success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 400 and 401 on September 25, 2018, due to recent surgery. Had I been present, on roll call vote number 400, I would have voted "yes," and on roll call vote number 401, I would have voted "yes."

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHN H.  
JONES FOR HIS DEDICATED CA-  
REER OF PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and give thanks to a lifelong public servant and deeply valued member of my staff, Mr. John H. Jones. On Friday, September 28, 2018, John will bid his final farewell as my Chief of Staff to pursue opportunities presented through his years-long public service as a congressional staffer. Since his first day on the job in February of 2014, John has overseen operations in my legislative office in Washington, D.C., as well as my district offices in Kansas City, Independence, and Higginsville, Missouri. Over the past four and a half years, John has dedicated his time to serving the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri with the utmost integrity and class. Now is my opportunity to give thanks on behalf of myself and the constituents he has so honorably served.

John was born and raised in northern New Jersey. Following his graduation from high school, John attended Clark Atlanta University, a historically black university, in Atlanta, Georgia. At CAU, John received a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, graduating with honors and Cum Laude. He then attained his Master of Arts in Diplomacy and International Relations as well as Master of Arts in Corporate and Public Communications at Seton Hall University's School of Diplomacy and International Relations. But John's pursuit of higher learning wasn't finished there. Just last year, while serving as my Chief of Staff, John earned his Master of Business Administration from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management. If ever there was an example of education leading to success, look no further than John Jones.

Professionally, John's first post-grad opportunity came from the distinguished Congressional Black Caucus Foundation as a Legislative Fellow. After his year-long fellowship, John moved to Copenhagen, Denmark to work for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe as an International Research Fellow. Following two years of working internationally, public service and home came calling.

In 2006, John began his steady climb up the ranks on Capitol Hill, beginning as a Senior Legislative Assistant for my good friend, Congressman AL GREEN. After a three-year stint focusing on homeland security and energy

issues in the House of Representatives, John decided it was time for a move to the upper-chamber, landing a job in 2009 as Director of National Security Policy for current Minority Leader CHUCK SCHUMER of New York. For the next six years, John would focus on a legislative portfolio that included foreign affairs, national security, energy, and homeland security, while also serving as the lead Banking Committee staffer on issues pertaining to economic sanctions along with terrorism and financial intelligence—all the while managing a group of Legislative Aides, Legislative Correspondents, and a Military Fellow to achieve excellence on behalf of Senator SCHUMER.

Although his portfolio has contained a wide array of issue areas, John is one of a very limited number of people with policy expertise in the intersection between financial services and technology industries. That, along with his litany of accomplishments—both professionally and academically—left me no choice but to make him my Chief of Staff when an opening arose in 2014.

John's first year as my Chief of Staff was a busy one. Following the tragic death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri in August of 2014—in an effort to increase transparency of police tactics—I wrote a letter to President Obama, urging the President to secure funding for body cameras and community policing. On February 2, 2015, I announced, and am proud to say, that the President included \$22.5 million of funding for body cameras in his FY2016 budget. Over the next four months, John played an integral role in helping me push H. Res. 295—sponsored by myself and Congressman AL GREEN—through the House of Representatives. This bill, highlighting a report by the U.S. Department of Justice entitled "Police Officer Body-Worn Cameras," called for support of local law enforcement agencies' use of body-worn cameras, and I'm proud to say it was approved by the House on June 10, 2015.

That same year, I led an effort to close the digital divide within different neighborhoods of Kansas City. The digital divide, at its heart, is an issue that only perpetuates existing social and economic inequality. Again, John played a critical role in urging then-Secretary of the U.S. Department of Urban Housing and Development (HUD) Julian Castro to select Kansas City as one of the demonstration cities for their new ConnectHome digital inclusion program. Yet again, I am proud that Kansas City was chosen to participate and has reaped extensive rewards from its inclusion in the program.

As many of you are aware, I've dedicated much of my time in Congress to promoting social and economic equality while fighting for an end to discrimination on several fronts. In 2016, there were reports of discrimination against African Americans and other minorities who attempted to book rooms on the room-rental company "Airbnb, Inc." John served as the staff-lead in my successful campaign to convince Airbnb to conduct a comprehensive review of discriminatory practices employed by some of its users. In a letter to the company, I urged Airbnb to conduct a review of the accusations, pinpoint how the issue was occurring and put an end to such practices. The CEO, Brian Chesky, responded by hiring former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to help conduct a thorough review of discrimination within the Airbnb platform. By January