Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Thomas Lewis “Tommy” Thompson, Jr. on his retirement from public service with the Jacksonville Police Department.

Tommy began his career as a law enforcement officer with the Jacksonville Police Department under the command of Chief J. Ross Tipton in October 1971. In July of 1974, he earned his first promotion to Sergeant later rising to rank of Lieutenant in April of 1977. In June of 1988, Tommy was appointed as Chief of Police at Jacksonville Police Department and has served in that role ever since. Tommy is married to Diane and has two sons: Thomas L. Thompson, III and David R. Thompson. He has also been blessed with two grandchildren: Dylan Thompson and Baylee Thompson.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Chief Thompson and thanking him for his steadfast service to the City of Jacksonville.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM (BILL) HILL, PIONEER RADIO DISC JOCKEY AND BLUES PROMOTER

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, when I came to Chicago in 1961, one of the first radio shows that I listened to was the Big Bill Hill’s Shopping Bag Show on WOPA Radio. Being a native Arkansan, anything or anybody connected to Arkansas gets my attention and perks me up. Such has been the cause with Big Bill Hill, born in England, Arkansas.

True to form, Big Bill Hill was a big man, 250 lbs, and over 6 feet tall. He was born in England, Arkansas in 1914 and rolled into Chicago in 1932 looking for work. He found work at a steel mill, but he wanted to be on the radio. Nobody would hire him so he saved his money and bought air time on brokered stations. He started on WLKY–AM in Elmwood, and later WCWR–AM. He had his shakedown by the time he started his program “Shopping Bag Show” in 1995 on WOPA–AM in Oak Park.

WOPA–AM signed on in 1950. It’s call letters the Oak Park Arms, a hotel on Oak Park Avenue, where his studio was originally installed. Their 250 watt signal was strongest on the west side of Chicago, and William Klein’s Village Broadcasting Company wisely targeted those black demographics so the schedule was full of blues, jazz, R&B, and gospel. Most of their day was brokered time so it was also peppered with ethnic programming of every stripe. But 1490 was short spaced between WXRT–AM and WMOR–AM, so it was never the first radio shows that I listened to was the

In the 1970s, it grew steadily. Initially, the stations covered FM stations full of underground music and shoppers. In 1967, it looked like it was all going to fall apart. WOPA was born again as a free form FM station full of underground music and hippies. His already floundering club, the Copa Cabana, closed. However, Bill defied all odds and started a R&B TV dance show on WCUI–TV. The “Red Hot and Blues” show ran until 1971. It was overtaken by another R&B dance program... Soul Train.

MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI
OF OREGON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 28, 2018

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, this week is Malnutrition Awareness Week, a week when advocates, healthcare professionals, and communities around the country will focus on the issue of malnutrition and hunger. As the co-founder of the Elder Justice Caucus, and as a caregiver, I know how important proper nutrition is for aging Americans to stay healthy. Malnutrition can lead to greater risk of chronic disease, frailty, and increases in healthcare costs. Unfortunately, malnutrition often goes undiagnosed in seniors, and to include malnutrition among the national key health indicators for older adults. Additionally, I am calling on the Departments of Health and Human Services to include malnutrition screening measures in their national health surveys of older adults, and to include malnutrition among the national key health indicators for older adults.

I applaud the work of the advocates at Defeat Malnutrition Today, a coalition of eighty organizations and stakeholders who are committed to ending malnutrition through rigorous screening and intervention initiatives, and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, an organization of food and nutrition professionals who are spearheading efforts to reduce hunger worldwide. Together, we can reduce malnutrition and strengthen outcomes for our senior population.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GLASSELL PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Glassell Park Improvement Association (“GPIA”) on their 50 years of continued leadership in and dedication to making Glassell Park the vibrant and prosperous community it is today.

Founded in 1968, the GPIA was established to promote community values and improve the quality of life for residents of Glassell Park, a neighborhood located north of Dodger Stadium in Northeast Los Angeles. Today, GPIA...