

San Joaquin Valley of California, which skillfully connected farmers to the marketplace. Having experienced many challenges, such as the melon food safety crisis and E. coli outbreak, he identified a need for scientifically-based information about food safety for both workers and consumers.

Mr. Patricio raised millions of dollars to fund research aimed at preventing food-borne illnesses and worked with University of California, Davis to assess the food safety risks associated with melons. This led to the first mandatory food safety compliance program for the cantaloupe industry in the state. He also played a significant role in the Leafy Greens Marketing Agreements, which have become the model for produce safety in California and Arizona.

In addition to Mr. Patricio's dedication to food safety, he has also become deeply passionate about water rights. He has led the charge in advocating for a sustainable water supply for California farmers and established the first orientation program for agribusinesses that focused solely on water rights.

Throughout his long and distinguished career, Stephen Patricio has received continuous support from his wife Nikki, his children, Blake, Garrett, and Ashley, and more recently from his grandchildren, Yale, Taylor, Peyton, Brooklyn, Carter, Paxton, Kennedy, and Bryce. They will be by his side at the Award of Honor Dinner Gala in celebration of this momentous achievement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognition of Stephen Patricio for his remarkable contributions to California agriculture. His sustained efforts have left a lasting impact on the health of the nation and continue to shape public policy in California and the Congressional District I have the honor of representing.

TRIBUTE TO MARIAN AND BRAD TATE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Marian and Brad Tate of Bayard, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on October 26, 2018.

Marian and Brad's lifelong commitment to each other truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 55th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 55th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Marian and Brad Tate on this meaningful occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued happiness.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF BISHOP JAMES WALKER HOOD ON THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PASSING

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the legendary Bishop James Walker Hood on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his passing. Bishop Hood is credited with establishing the North Carolina African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Conference, the Prince Hall Masons of North Carolina, and Livingstone College, all in my home state of North Carolina.

On May 30, 1831, James Walker Hood was born to Levi and Harriet Walker Hood on the farm of Ephraim Jackson in Chester County, Pennsylvania, nine miles from Wilmington, Delaware. Hood's parents instilled their love of the church and a spirit to help fellow African Americans improve their lives in their twelve children. Hood's father was a Methodist minister and his work moved the family around the country as he served various churches. Together, Hood's parents became involved in the AME Zion church, established as the Methodist church for Blacks.

Upon coming of age, James Walker Hood's moral and religious convictions led him into ministry. In 1856, Hood secured his license to preach from the New York Conference of the AME Zion Church. In the following years, Hood moved to Connecticut and Nova Scotia to preach and work as a missionary. In early 1864, following the path of the Union Army, Hood was appointed to missionary work in North Carolina, recognizing that legal slavery would soon end. He would then stay in North Carolina for the remainder of his life.

Although Hood was met with strong opposition in establishing the North Carolina Conference of AME Zion Church for African Americans, he persuaded the Black Southern Methodist congregations in New Bern and Beaufort, North Carolina to affiliate with the AME Zion Church. Among the more than 300 churches he successfully established in North Carolina are St. Peter's AME Zion Church (New Bern), Evans Metropolitan AME Zion Church (Fayetteville), and St. John AME Zion Church (Wilson).

After becoming a Presiding Bishop in 1872, Bishop James Walker Hood resided in Fayetteville until his death on October 30, 1918. He is interred in Cross Creek Cemetery in Fayetteville. Hood helped establish Zion Wesley Institute, now Livingstone College, in Salisbury, North Carolina to train African American students for the ministry and to become productive citizens in North Carolina. He presided over the school's board of trustees for over thirty years.

Bishop Hood was politically active on behalf of his people. In 1865, he presided over the first statewide political convention for African Americans. In 1868, he participated in the state constitutional convention which abolished slavery, provided universal male suffrage, and established free public education for all children. He also held several governmental positions, including magistrate and assistant superintendent of the North Carolina Freedman's Bureau.

Bishop Hood was a man of courage, conviction, and persistence. He was unwavering in his commitment to the cause of Christianity and the establishment of the AME Zion Church in North Carolina. It is remarkable that Bishop Hood, who had little formal education, would publish five books, including *The Negro in the Christian Pulpit* (1884) and *Sketch of the Early History of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church* (1914).

Mr. Speaker, Bishop James Walker Hood's legacy continues through the work of AME Zion's Board of Bishops: Bishop George Edward Battle, Jr. (Piedmont Episcopal District), Bishop Kenneth Monroe (Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District), Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr. (Mid-West Episcopal District), Bishop Dennis V. Proctor (North Eastern Episcopal District), Bishop Mildred B. Hines (South Atlantic Episcopal District), Bishop W. Darin Moore (Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District), Bishop Seth O. Larney (Alabama-Florida Episcopal District), Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr. (Southwestern Delta Episcopal District), Bishop Staccato Powell (Western Episcopal District), Bishop George D. Crenshaw (Central Southern Africa Episcopal District), Bishop Hilliard Dogbe (Western West Africa Episcopal District), and Bishop Uduak Effiong (Eastern West Africa Episcopal District).

By the grace of God, Bishop James Walker Hood left an indelible mark on North Carolina and the country that is still recognized one hundred years after his passing.

On behalf of the people of the First Congressional District of North Carolina, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bishop James Walker Hood's life, work, and legacy on this significant occasion.

RECOGNIZING MR. WILFRED R. DEFOUR, SR.

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent from New York's 13th Congressional District, Mr. Wilfred R. DeFour, Sr. and celebrate him on his 100th Birthday and highlight his service in defense of our nation.

Mr. DeFour was raised in Harlem where he attended Dewitt Clinton High School, City College of New York, and the New York University School of Commerce.

Mr. DeFour served in the 366th Air Service Squadron of the U.S. Army Air Corps and later the 332nd Fighter Group; military aviators and personnel known as a Tuskegee Airmen during World War II.

Mr. DeFour was an aircraft technician working on many of the planes flown by the Tuskegee Airmen. In fact, Mr. DeFour painted the tails of aircraft red by hand that lent the airmen their signature moniker of "Red Tails".

Mr. DeFour is a lifelong New Yorker and returned to New York City after his military service to work for the U.S. Postal Service for 33 years where he demonstrated extraordinary pride in his work for the people of Harlem as evidenced by his ascendance to Superintendent of Special Delivery and Parcel.

Earlier this month, Mr. DeFour celebrated his 100th birthday and over the weekend, he

was recognized for his service by the Claude B. Goven Tri-State Chapter Tuskegee Airmen Inc.

Mr. Wilfred R. DeFour, Sr. is a model of perseverance and success in the face of racial animus and someone who I am immensely proud to have as a constituent. His contribution to our New York City community is omnipresent and it is my personal pleasure to wish him well on his 100th birthday and highlight his life of achievement and service.

KIM BROCK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kim Brock for receiving the Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence.

Kim has chaired the Golden Schools Foundation (GSF) since 2013. In that time, she has implemented innovative programs like summer academic boot camps at Bell Middle School and Golden High School, elementary tutoring programs, and the teaching excellence program. Additionally, Kim manages and oversees all aspects of the Golden Gallop—a community event that involves over 1,000 runners, 100 volunteers, and is the main fundraiser for GSF. She is an advocate for our local schools, recognizing that strong neighborhood schools are the cornerstone of strong neighborhoods and successful students.

I congratulate Kim for receiving this well-deserved honor by Mayor Marjorie Sloan. I thank her for her contributions to our community.

TRIBUTE TO FRED MAHER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Fred Maher of Council Bluffs, Iowa, for his selection by the Children's Square U.S.A. Board of Directors to receive a 2018 Jason Award. The Jason Award is given to individuals who exemplify the mission of Children's Square through their life skills and values in their personal lives, work, and community contributions.

Fred is a lifelong educator who has touched the lives of generations of students, teachers, and families throughout Council Bluffs. Fred retired from the Council Bluffs Community School District in 2012, after serving for 51 years in the district and 56 years in education. Fred is very active in his church and his community. He is admired by many for his kindness, compassion, and willingness to help others. He never said "no" to a student who needed him. As a teacher and school administrator, Fred said, "I try to provide guidance and hope. I'll try to show a kid who thinks he's hopelessly behind that he can still make it. It's not hopeless, (and) he's not helpless, so don't give up."

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Fred Maher in the United

States Congress. It is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for his selection for the Jason Award given by Children's Square, U.S.A., and for his commitment to his community, students, and school. I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Fred on receiving this award, and I wish him continued success in all his endeavors.

HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSOURI

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the bicentennial birthday of Madison County, Missouri. Named for President James Madison, the county was officially organized on December 14, 1818. The Osage and Kickapoo Indians formed trade routes through its rolling farmland and heavily forested hills in the early 17th Century. The French prospected for lead here. Indeed, Madison County is on record as having the oldest lead mine west of the Mississippi River. It has also been home to the mining of cobalt, copper, silver and red marble.

Early settlers brought the names: DeGuire, LaChance, Viriat, Nicholl, Trudeau, Pratte, Valle, Beauvais, DeClue and Chevalier to the area. Its two major towns are Marquand and the county seat of Fredericktown.

Today, Madison County is home to more than 12,000 people and welcomes visitors each year to the Missouri Whitewater Championships, Marquand Pioneer Days, Madison County Fair and the Azalea Festival. It is my honor to acknowledge this historic birthday before the United States House of Representatives and to honor the people of Madison County, Missouri as they celebrate all year long.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE SERVICE OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of the Tuskegee Airmen.

As Veteran's Day approaches and America remembers the sacrifices of our military men and women, it is important that we recognize the trailblazers that paved the way for our armed forces as we know them today.

By the beginning of World War II, air combat had become an essential strategic asset in modern warfare. In a segregated military, African-Americans had been rejected from training as military aviators until Congress passed Appropriations Bill Public Law 18, providing funding for the training of African-American pilots. The brave men who answered their country's call to service would form the first all-black flying unit, commonly called the Tuskegee Airmen.

The Tuskegee Airmen served in the 99th Pursuit Squadron of the United States Air

Force, their unit consisting of forty-seven officers and four hundred twenty-nine enlisted men. Later they were joined by more combat-ready graduates, the all-black 332nd Fighter Group. These pioneers led the way to desegregation in the military and their exemplary combat record helped lead America to victory in Europe.

We honor and celebrate these men for their invaluable service to their country, not only in the military, but also in our communities.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me in remembering the heroic Tuskegee Airmen that served our country.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF EDWARD G. BUNTING, SR.

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a proclamation honoring the 100th birthday of Edward G. Bunting, Sr.

Whereas, Mr. Edward G. Bunting, Sr., celebrated his one hundredth birthday on July 2, 2018;

Whereas, Mr. Bunting valiantly served our country in the United States Air Force from 1943 to 1946 and the Air Force Reserves from 1946 to 1950, and embarked on a successful business career at Germantown Savings Bank for thirty-six years; and

Whereas, Mr. Bunting, his late wife Elizabeth, and children Daniel, David, and Edward, Jr., have contributed substantially to our community; now therefore, do I, Congressman BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania, proudly recognize Mr. Edward G. Bunting, Sr., on the year of his one hundredth birthday celebration, and honor his remarkable accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO LEOLA AND ROGENE CARNEGIE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Leola and Rogene Carnegie of Shenandoah, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on October 4, 2018.

Leola and Rogene's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together, and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.