

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF SAINT JAMES AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S 155TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of Saint James African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church in Columbus, Georgia as the church's membership and leadership prepare to celebrate a remarkable 155 years. The congregation of St. James A.M.E. Church will celebrate this very significant anniversary with a worship celebration on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at the Church located at 1002 Sixth Avenue in Columbus, Georgia.

Tracing its roots back to the Civil War era, the St. James congregation emerged from the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with Reverend William Gaines serving as the first pastor in 1864. Today, the physical body of the church serves as a reflection and memorial of past members and pastors who contributed to its preservation. On September 29, 1980, the church was listed on the National Historic Register.

In an 1873 act, the Georgia Legislature granted St. James A.M.E. Church the land on which it stands and the first cathedral construction was completed in 1876. The ornately carved front doors, built by slaves, are the oldest parts of the church and are a reminder of the history of strength and perseverance behind the congregation.

Since its founding, St. James has endured several additions and renovations, all of which help tell the story of the church, its members and its fifty-one former leaders. In 1886, Reverend Larry Thomas oversaw the construction of the bell tower, which still stands today as a symbol of the Church's concrete mission to serve its congregation and community. Reverend Harold I. Bearden, who served from 1940 to 1948, installed the pipe organ that is still heard during church services today.

In 1988, St. James purchased property for a new parsonage, and by 1996, the conversion of the old parsonage into an administrative building was completed under the leadership of Reverend Scottie Swinney. The building now houses offices, a conference room, music room, clothing and food bank, and archives room, which collectively aid in the fulfillment of the church ministry. After Reverend Swinney's tenure, Reverend Richard Washington was pastor of the church. The church is now pastored by Reverend Joseph Baker, Sr.

In 2004, St. James erected an Elevator Tower to accommodate all members of the congregation. The building includes classrooms, accessible bathrooms, a stewardess room, and an elevator that services the Fel-

lowship Hall and Sanctuary. To commemorate this achievement, a time capsule was deposited behind the Elevator Tower cornerstone to be opening in 2054.

Throughout all of these changes, the church has consistently maintained its presence as a center for spiritual, educational, professional, and civic gatherings within the African-American community.

The second oldest church of its denomination in Georgia, St. James A.M.E. Church has served as pillar of faith in the community for 155 years. The spirit within the congregation and their commitment to the growth of St. James is both admirable and inspiring.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Saint James A.M.E. Church in Columbus, Georgia for their dedication to helping one another, serving the community, and above all, worshipping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

HONORING CLAY MORGAN

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Clay Morgan for his contribution to our state and Henry County.

As a member of the 6th District Faith Based Advisory Committee, Clay regularly met with my team to discuss important faith and family issues affecting Hoosiers. Through his ministry and community service, Clay has made New Castle a better place to live.

On a personal note, Clay is a brother in Christ, and I appreciate his prayers and encouragement over the years. Clay is a wise adviser and among my closest friends in politics. I want to thank him for his incredible support of my work in Congress. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

DING SCHOONMAKER—NATIONAL SAILING HALL OF FAME LIFE- TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ding Schoonmaker who received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Sailing Hall of Fame. Mr. Schoonmaker has made important contributions to the sport of sailing, both on the water as an athlete and in service to fellow sailors. As a sailor, Mr. Schoonmaker

served as the alternate for the U.S. Olympic team in the Helsinki Games in 1952 and the Tokyo Games in 1964. Throughout his sailing career he won many regional championships, and was named the Star World Champion in 1975.

Mr. Schoonmaker has also served the sailing community as an advocate. He played a key role in founding the U.S. Sailing Center and served two terms as Vice President of World Sailing. He and his fellow 2018 inductees to the National Sailing Hall of Fame were formally celebrated on Sunday, November 11, 2018, with an Induction Ceremony hosted at the Lauderdale Yacht Club.

I congratulate Mr. Schoonmaker on his selection for this honor and thank him for his contributions to the sport of sailing.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH AN- NIVERSARY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S MONROE CAMPUS

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Monroe Campus of Northampton Community College (NCC) as it celebrates its 30th anniversary. The Campus was founded by a group of educators who joined with business and community leaders to boost the region's economy by bringing NCC's signature education programs to Monroe County. First housed in a makeshift, rented space in Stroudsburg, the Monroe Campus has since met its goals to train a highly-skilled workforce and provide access to affordable, quality higher education.

After years of growth, NCC built the current Monroe Campus near a commercial corridor where students have a hill-top respite with scenic views. The Campus officially opened on Aug. 26, 2014 and soon became LEED Gold-certified for its geothermal heating and cooling system, large solar panels over the parking lots, large windows letting in natural light, and native vegetation reducing storm-water runoff. Each year, it serves 2,500 students, hosts community events, and rotates exhibits in its art gallery. NCC-Monroe recently added programs in nursing, engineering, and adventure tourism in response to regional industry needs.

I ask my fellow Members to join me in recognizing the 30th anniversary and success of the Monroe Campus of Northampton Community College. May it continue forward guided by its founders' vision of offering a quality college experience regardless of socioeconomic status and serving as a responsive tool for regional economic growth.

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RECOGNIZING YOUNG CHAPEL
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable historical church, Young Chapel Missionary Baptist of Duck Hill, Mississippi as they celebrate 150 of serving their community and our Lord and Savior.

Young Chapel Missionary Baptist Church started its worship services in the year of 1868 under a brush harbor with members from the Spring Hill and Hays Creek M.B. Church. The messages were presented by Minster Tom Young, which is where the name Young Chapel derived.

The land for the first church building was contributed by Mr. Warren Townsend which sits about one mile from where it stands today. The first building was blown down and later rebuilt not far from its original location. The new building took a stand for many years but was also destroyed. After rebuilding yet again, the church on Spring Hill Road has stood tall and has remained home to the members of Young Chapel.

As of 2018, the church has one pastor, four associate ministers, one secretary, ten deacons, one youth director, one adult director, one women director, one church secretary, five ushers, 42 choir members, a dining committee, a program committee, a sick ministry, a health ministry, a relief ministry and a marriage ministry.

Duck Hill, Mississippi is 1,400 in population today, growing from about 730 in 2010. The city is located on U.S. Route 51, which is midway between Grenada and Winona, Mississippi. The city is also home to the annual Grassroots Blues Festival which takes place each July.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Young Chapel Missionary Baptist Church for its dedication for serving our great people.

HONORING CHRIS LOWERY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Chris Lowery for his contribution to our state and his community.

From his time at the Batesville Casket Company, to his role with Hillenbrand, and now as senior vice president with Ivy Tech Community College, Chris has dedicated himself to making his community a great place to live. He was also instrumental in helping my office with the 6th District Scholars Program, which recognized outstanding 8th grade students from our community. Our state is better off because of Chris' extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Chris is among my closest friends in politics. He was one of my earliest and most vocal supporters and is a loyal friend and wise adviser. I want to thank Chris for his support of my work in Congress.

I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
MULUGETA SERAW

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and legacy of Mulugeta Seraw. Mulugeta came to the U.S., like many immigrants and refugees, in search of the American dream. His life however, was tragically cut short. The 28-year-old Ethiopian immigrant lost his life at the hands of white supremacists 30 years ago in my hometown of Portland.

Although this event occurred three decades ago, I'm afraid we have not learned its lesson. Elements of our nation are being revealed, all at the behest of Donald Trump and his hateful rhetoric and racist policies. I fear our country stands at an inflection point. We must confront these vile forces with love and strength in these difficult times.

The Urban League of Portland, which has worked tirelessly for justice and equality since 1945, is commemorating Mulugeta's life this November, which marks 30 years since his passing. This celebration brings us together and affirms our strength. It is also a sad reminder that we still have more to do to defeat senseless acts of hate and violence. This celebration shows that Mulugeta Seraw did not lose his life in vain and makes me confident that we will build a more just and compassionate community.

IN RECOGNITION OF R. BURNETT
MILLER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise to honor the life of my good friend, the Honorable R. Burnett Miller, who passed away on October 14, 2018. Burnett was not just my dear and close friend, but a larger than life figure and leader in Sacramento. As his wife, Mimi, and his children Jim, Fitzgerald, Powell, Simone, Mary and Margot gather to remember his life and legacy, I ask my colleagues to stand with me in his memory.

Burnett was born on September 2, 1923 to Delma Burnett and Leroy Miller, a respected family with deep roots in Sacramento. As a young adult, his education at Santa Clara University was cut short when he enlisted into the army during World War II. Burnett was a brave man and his efforts in the war and in the Battle of the Bulge earned him a Purple Heart and a Silver Star. During his harrowing service, he was injured, but returned to his battalion and helped liberate Mauthausen concentration camp in 1945. He served our country with immense honor and remained a true patriot all his life. After his service, Burnett traveled in Europe and graduated from Georgetown University, but he could not leave Sacramento behind for too long.

Burnett returned to Sacramento and joined the family business, now Burnett & Sons Lumber and Millwork, a century old institution of Sacramento. From then on, he dedicated much of his life and work to Sacramento. For years, Burnett was a treasured city councilman. In 1982 he was chosen, with great pride, to serve as interim mayor.

Burnett and his wife, Mimi, supported Sacramento in a way that went beyond local politics and they had a knack for tapping into our sense of community. As advocates for local arts and culture, they were dedicated patrons of the Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento History Center, and Sacramento Poetry Center, among others. As was Burnett's style, he brought the community together and opened his home to friends and strangers alike in support of local artists, organizations and causes. The soul of Sacramento would not exist as I know it if it were not for Burnett Miller.

Mr. Speaker, today we honor the marvelous life of R. Burnett Miller; a husband, father, adventurer, intellectual and beloved public servant. Burnett Miller is a true Sacramento treasure and a giant in our community. I will remember him for his spirit, kindness, and wisdom.

HONORING ERIC AND LORI
WALLIEN

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Eric and Lori Wallien for their contributions to our state and their community.

The Walliens are important business leaders in Shelby County. Without a doubt, they have made a positive and lasting impact in Shelbyville and embody exactly what "Hoosier hospitality" is meant to be. Our state is better off today because of Eric and Lori's extraordinary leadership and service in their community.

On a personal note, their daughter, Hannah, worked for our team as an intern in both my Washington, DC office and state office. She is a dynamic young leader with a big future in front of her.

Jennifer and I cherish our friendship with the Walliens. They were among my earliest and most vocal supporters and they are loyal friends and wise advisers. I want to thank Eric and Lori for their friendship and incredible support of my work in Congress and we wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
SYDNEY GOLDSTEIN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sydney Goldstein: a pioneering San Francisco impresario, founder and driving force of City Arts & Lectures, who died September 25. Her passing is a great loss to our community and to the nation.