

white delegation to that year's Democratic convention.

The civil rights struggle in Mississippi was brought to the attention of the entire nation during a televised session at the convention. The following year, Hamer ran for Congress in Mississippi, but was unsuccessful in her bid.

Along with her political activism, Hamer worked to help the poor and families in need in her Mississippi community. She also set up organizations to increase business opportunities for minorities and to provide childcare and other family services.

Hamer died on March 14, 1977 in Mound Bayou, Mississippi from complications associated with heart disease and cancer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Fannie Lou Hamer for her contributions to her family, her community, and the fight for Civil Rights that was her driving passion.

ADOPTEE CITIZENSHIP ACT

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, last week, I cosponsored H.R. 5233, The Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2018. This is bipartisan legislation that seeks to make an important correction to U.S. adoption law.

Currently, when a child is legally adopted by an American parent and is raised by the family here in the U.S., they automatically acquire U.S. citizenship. However, when Congress updated the law, it failed to address the situation for thousands of families with previously adopted children. We need to correct that, which is why I support H.R. 5233.

This legislation does not create a new loophole that allows anyone to game the system. These are individuals who legally entered the U.S. They were legally adopted as children, and they grew up here believing they were U.S. citizens. Unfortunately, through no fault of the children, adoptive parents in several thousand cases failed to properly file all of the citizenship papers on behalf of their adoptive children, often not realizing that it was even necessary after completion of the legal adoption process. If you were legally adopted by an American family, entered the U.S. legally as a child, and raised in the United States, you are an American. I look forward to working with both my Republican and Democratic colleagues on this bipartisan effort.

HONORING JASON KNEELAND

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Jason Kneeland, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Jason served as my Chief of Staff in Indiana for nearly two years. In that role, he managed our district offices, improved our constituent outreach programs, and oversaw our political operations. Jason is one of our state's top po-

litical minds and there is no doubt that I wouldn't be where I am today without his counsel.

On a personal note, Jason and I share a love of the life lessons of sports and a commitment to putting faith and family first. He is one of my favorite people to talk to. I want to thank Jason for his friendship and his hard work in our office. I wish him continued success in all God has planned for him and his family.

HONORING TACO PALENQUE

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Taco Palenque and all of its diligent employees. This year, Taco Palenque celebrates 20 years in the Rio Grande Valley, and I could not be happier to have such talented entrepreneurs in my district.

In 1987, Juan Francisco Ochoa opened the first Taco Palenque restaurant where families could come together over authentic Mexican food. Over two decades later, Taco Palenque has taken both the Valley and Texas by storm with locations in San Antonio, Houston, Brownsville, and, of course, McAllen. I look forward to watching them continue to grow in South Texas and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to represent the hard-working individuals of Taco Palenque. Their recent success is a shining example of what the 15th District of Texas has to offer.

RECOGNIZING HUNTER M. STRUPP

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude to Hunter Strupp, who has worked in my office since 2005. Hunter has excelled in various staff positions: he faithfully served in my personal office; as a staff member on the Terrorism, Non-proliferation, and Trade Subcommittee; on the House Foreign Affairs Committee; and most recently, as Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, chaired by Chairman TED YOHO.

During his service to the Committee, Hunter was an invaluable asset in crafting Committee policy on North Korea, culminating in the passage of ground-breaking sanctions legislation. He has been a key advisor on a wide range of policy issues confronting the Asian continent, from human rights in Vietnam, political crackdowns in Cambodia, and the plight of the Rohingya in Burma. He served as my staff member when I chaired the Congressional Caucus on India, and the Korea Caucus, successfully advancing important policy issues facing each partnership. Hunter is a deeply dedicated, determined, and principled foreign affairs professional.

I again want to thank Hunter for his 13 years of service and for his valuable counsel. He will no doubt contribute to our nation's well-being and security for years to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARISSA MANLOVE ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE INDIANA PHILANTHROPY ALLIANCE

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Marissa Manlove, on the occasion of her retirement from the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance. Throughout her impressive career, Marissa served as a leader within the nonprofit community in Indiana. For the past twelve years, she served as President and CEO, promoting independent, family, community, public, and corporate foundations, giving programs, and grantmaking organizations throughout the state of Indiana. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Marissa's commitment to transforming Indiana through her roles in various nonprofit organizations.

A life-long Hoosier, Marissa attended Schulte High School in Terre Haute, Indiana, before earning a bachelor's degree in psychology from Saint Louis University. Her academic aspirations led her to Indiana University where she earned her master's degree in educational psychology. Passionate about positive change, Marissa began her career with Noble of Indiana, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving persons with intellectual and other disabilities. She spent the next twenty-nine years at Noble in various senior program management roles, overseeing communications and marketing, special events, development and eventually becoming the Vice President of Consumer and External Relations. Ever dedicated, she still sits on their Board of Directors today.

In 2007, Marissa shifted her commitment to supporting philanthropy when she became President and CEO of the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance (IPA). IPA is a large, influential membership association for the state of Indiana's philanthropic grantmaking community. It provides training, networking opportunities, research, resources and public policy support to its members, which control over \$18 billion in assets and award over \$775 million in grants per year. Under her leadership, IPA membership grew to an all-time high and today is a national leader among regional associations of grantmakers.

In 2006, Marissa and her husband, Kim, founded the 24 Group in honor of their late son, David. The all-volunteer nonprofit organization is led by a group of parents with the common experience of losing a loved one who struggled with addiction. Their work is dedicated to informing and educating the Central Indiana population about addiction and recovery. In addition, she has continued to be a community leader through her service on the boards of the United Philanthropy Forum, Indiana Society of Association Executives, Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers, Bowen Center for Public Affairs, Hope Academy, the Indiana Nonprofits Advisory Board, and Fairbanks.

Her many awards are a testament to the exceptional work ethic of this incredibly talented individual. In 2006, Marissa received the

Keeper of the Light Award from The Indiana Commission for Women for her extensive and change producing work. She also received the Circle of Hope Award from Fairbanks Hospital, the Salute to Families award from Family Services of Central Indiana, and the Parent Advocate award from Drug Free Marion County. Notably, in 2015, Marissa was named one of the top 20 women in philanthropic work by Michael Chatman, who hosts the Giving Show and features leaders committed to creating a more generous world through philanthropy. She shares this title with the likes of Oprah Winfrey.

Marissa has made a remarkable impression on her community through her lifetime commitment to service. She has truly left a legacy of success at the Indiana Philanthropic Alliance that will be built upon for years to come. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I congratulate Marissa on her extraordinary career and extend my gratitude for all the wonderful contributions she has made to our Hoosier community. While I know Marissa will be missed at the Indiana Philanthropic Alliance, I wish the very best to her husband, Kim, and the rest of her family as she moves into the next phase of her life.

HONORING JOHN HUSTON

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a longtime member of my staff, John Huston, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

John has been on our team from the very beginning and has worked in a variety of capacities in our office, both in our Indiana and Washington, D.C. offices. He started as an unpaid intern over seven years ago, has been promoted five times, and currently serves as my Legislative Director. During his time in our office he developed and wrote numerous bills, helped guide several of my bills through enactment, and has become one of my most trusted advisors.

On a personal note, John and I share a love of the life lessons of sports and a commitment to putting faith and family first in our life. John has been my advisor, but more importantly, I consider John my friend. Over these years, it has been a joy to watch John grow as a leader, as a Christian and as a man. I am very proud of him.

I wish John continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family. I have no doubt John's biggest impact on our state and nation are yet to come. I look forward to cheering John on in those efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE MARY HORN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a trailblazer and dedicated public servant. Judge Mary Horn has served our North Texas community for decades.

Although she was born and raised in Minnesota, Judge Horn has deep roots in the Lone Star State. After a successful business career, she won her 1992 bid for Denton County Tax Assessor-Collector, becoming the first woman to serve in the position. After nearly a decade, she once again set out on the path to blaze a new trial.

In 2002, Judge Horn made history as the first woman to serve as a Denton County Judge. Over the last 16 years, Judge Horn has helped to lead our county through unprecedented growth. During her tenure as the longest serving Denton County Judge, she has shown great wisdom, compassion, and dedication.

It has been a great joy to count Judge Horn as a friend and fellow public servant. Her achievements are numerous, her contributions are significant, and her accolades are well-deserved. On behalf of the 26th District of Texas, I extend my sincere thanks to Judge Horn upon her retirement, and I wish her and her family well as they enter this new season together.

HONORING ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY'S FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Alcorn State University's Football Team on becoming the 2018 SWAC Champions.

On Saturday, December 1, in Lorman, Mississippi at the Jack Spinks Stadium, Alcorn State's Football Team contested against Southern University for the SWAC Championship. This made their fifth consecutive SWAC Championship visits since 2014. The Braves have competed for the title winning three of the five, years 2014, 2015, and 2018.

The SWAC Championship Game is an American college football game that is held annually on the first Saturday in December by the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) to determine its football champion. The game pits the champion of the Eastern Division against the champion of the Western Division in a game that follows the conclusion of the regular season.

From 2015 onward, the winner of the game has represented the SWAC in the Celebration Bowl. Since 2013, Toyota has been the title sponsor and the contest is officially named the Toyota SWAC Football Championship.

In brief, Alcorn State University, formally known as, Alcorn A&M is a historically black university located northwest of Lorman, Mississippi. The university was founded in 1871 by the Reconstruction-era legislature to provide higher education for freedmen. It is the first black land grant college established in the United States.

One of the institution's most notable alumni was Medgar Evers, a civil rights activist, who graduated in 1952. The university is a member-school of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. The student body has grown from 179 mostly male students to an enrollment of almost 4000 as of Fall 2018.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Alcorn State University's Foot-

ball Team for becoming the 2018 SWAC Champions.

RECOGNIZING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YWCA USA

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 160th anniversary of the YWCA USA. Since the first YWCA USA branch opened in 1858, in my home state of New York, the organization has expanded to include 213 United States locations and its programs serve 2 million individuals nationwide. The YWCA USA has stayed true to its mission of eliminating racism and empowering women throughout its rich history.

Many prominent social movements, past and present, have included activism from the YWCA USA. This includes advocacy for women's voting rights, civil rights, pay equity and gender-based violence prevention. With their voices at the forefront of many social issues, the YWCA USA is taking a stand for the rights of women across the country.

In addition to advocacy, YWCA USA offers a wide variety of resources so women can reach their full potential. Financial literacy and job training are two such prominent programs offered by the YWCA USA. Women have the ability to secure economic opportunity and gain financial independence with the help of the skills developed with these resources.

Furthermore, YWCA USA is committed to the higher education of young women. They have sought to increase female representation in the science, technology, engineering and math fields with their "Girls in STEM" courses, as well as financially support college-bound young women by providing 20,000 scholarships annually.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating 160 years of the YWCA USA. I have witnessed the life-changing work carried out by the YWCA USA at the Onondaga County location in my district. The efforts of the YWCA USA have greatly advanced the lives of women in my district and across the United States. I encourage my fellow members in the House to support the mission of the YWCA USA, as well as organizations promoting a similar message of equality. Women are moving closer to equality in our society and with the help of groups like the YWCA USA, we can achieve that equality.

RECOGNIZING HUILIANG LIU

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the President and co-founder of the Denver Chinese School, Huiliang Liu. President Huiliang Liu has overseen the growth of the school from a single room class in 1998 to its current size of three different campuses in the Denver metropolitan area with over four hundred students. Huiliang Liu is truly an icon in our community and it is my honor to recognize him in the United States House of Representatives.