

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.