

the city starting from the time she served as chairman of Bellevue's Chamber of Commerce. As mayor, she has worked with other city and State officials on the Governor's Summit on Economic Development to provide expertise on areas such as workforce development, new business recruitment, and tax policy.

On October 14, 2017, Mayor Sanders was inducted into the Chicago Filipino Asian American Hall of Fame. The consul general of the Philippines acknowledged Rita's diligent work to facilitate the return of the historic Balangiga bells which were acquired by U.S. soldiers in September 1901 and brought to America as tribute of the war they fought and the losses they suffered.

Leaders of the Filipino Government and Catholic Church hold these bells as highly significant religious artifacts and expressed their concerns over the use of them as a war prize. When Mayor Sanders met with President Duterte earlier this year, she pledged her support to help retrieve the bells. She was successful in her endeavors and attended a ceremony at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming where Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis announced the return of the bells.

We are proud to recognize Mayor Sanders for her monumental leadership, tireless service, and epic achievements for the city of Bellevue, the Omaha area, and the State of Nebraska.

RECOGNIZING GRACE FRY

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young lady in Nebraska who is a fighter, a fighter against a medically complex condition known as acute myeloid leukemia, and a fighter to gain support for H.R. 3325, the Advancing Care for Exceptional Kids Act of 2017, or the ACE Kids Act. That fighter is Grace Fry, who is 11 years old and is in remission from AML.

Grace was diagnosed with AML when she was 9 years old after dark bruises started appearing on her shins. Her parents thought the young ballerina had suffered a dancing mishap, but these bruises grew larger.

Aggressive treatment was started for Grace at Children's Hospital & Medical Center in Omaha, and her parents, Jeff and Mandy, managed to maintain a family for their two other children while going through these treatments. Mandy was able to step away from her job to care for Grace, and Jeff was able to telecommute. Thanksgiving that year was spent at the hospital cafeteria, and Grace's sister spent her 16th birthday at the hospital with her baby sister.

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Jeff's job did provide the family with private insurance, but the loss of Mandy's income and increased travel costs made for a tight financial situation. Medicaid stepped in to help alleviate the costs not covered by insurance, such as deductibles and coinsurance.

The ACE Kids Act is designed to improve care for children with medical complexities who are on Medicaid, while also reducing program spending. The ACE Kids Act addresses existing challenges facing these children, identified by families and physicians, including the provision and coordination of care across multiple providers and services, and easing access to out-of-State care.

This legislation has strong bipartisan support in both Chambers of Congress, and I was pleased earlier this year to join 73 other Republicans and 60 Democrats in working to advance it. Tuesday, the bill will be up for consideration under suspension of the rules. I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation tomorrow.

Grace loves all her nurses from Children's Hospital and Medical Center, which serves the most medically complex children in Nebraska and the region because of their highly specialized pediatricians and surgeons. Due to Children's wide footprint, Medicaid plays a significant role in their patients' lives.

One day, the young fighter known as Grace hopes to become a pediatric oncology nurse. But until then, she will continue to fight for her health and fight for support of the ACE Kids Act.

HONORING CHARLIE ODELL LOVETTE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Charlie Odell Lovette of Wilkes County in North Carolina's Fifth District. Recently, Mr. Lovette was posthumously inducted into the Wilkes County Agriculture Hall of Fame and 3 miles of Highway NC-16 North were officially renamed in his honor.

In addition to being a pioneer of the U.S. poultry industry, Mr. Lovette was an active leader in the community and advocated for the construction of what is now his namesake, C.O. Lovette Highway, connecting Wilkesboro to Millers Creek. Although he passed away in 1978, Mr. Lovette's legacy is fondly remembered and livelihoods continue to thrive along trails he blazed.

Charlie Lovette's life is a shining example of the American Dream that North Carolinians remain proud of and hopeful for. At the young age of 14, Lovette left home to drive trucks for his uncle, distributing farm products in the foothills and mountains of Wilkes. In the summers, he put his farming skills to use.

At age 19, he returned to public school to improve his skills to be able to turn his work experiences into a business of his own. Starting with a horse-drawn wagon to sell apples and working at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco, Mr. Lovette was able to acquire necessary

startup capital to contribute to the foundation of the modern poultry industry. He bought the first truck in his enterprise in 1924 and developed a weekly schedule of buying barnyard chickens, butter, eggs, hams, dried apples, honey, and other produce from country stores to sell in Charlotte and Winston-Salem. His business provided a market for local farms to sell and trade their products to produce family farm income.

This same year, Mr. Lovette married the love of his life, Ruth Bumgarner. Ruth deserves just as much credit as her husband for being a steadfast pillar of support in his business endeavors and encouraging him to succeed.

During this time, chicken production progressed from barnyard chickens to hothouse chickens, and Lovette was an early adopter of this farming innovation. In 1928, he built one of the first hothouse chicken houses on his farm, with capacity for 250 birds. A portion of that chicken house is now on display at the Wilkes Heritage Museum.

Hothouse chicken farming increased rapidly in western Wilkes in the 1930s and 1940s. During World War II, processing plants were built in the major cities on the East Coast to supply the war effort, and live chickens were delivered to these plants from Wilkes by Mr. Lovette's trucks.

In 1946, Mr. Lovette sold his live chicken business to his oldest son, C. Fred Lovette. However, Charlie continued to run a smaller farm-raised food products business and started Lovette Egg Company in North Wilkesboro with his partner, J.C. Bumgarner.

Fifteen years later, Fred Lovette consolidated all the chicken and egg operations to form Holly Farms Poultry Industries. During the 1970s, Holly Farms Poultry Industries became the largest chicken company in the world, with chicken operations in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and Texas. Additionally, it was the first chicken brand nationally distributed in the United States.

Not only was Mr. Lovette a smart businessman with a strong work ethic, he was also known for his good character. If profits were higher than expected, he passed on extra earnings to his suppliers. He was an adored father of seven who, alongside Ruth, instilled values of faith into the Lovette family, and he was an active member of Pleasant Home Baptist Church. Charlie and Ruth were a team in every endeavor and extended their business success not just to their children, but also to their siblings and many nieces and nephews who lived on the farm and worked at Lovette Poultry Company.

The Wilkes farming community has been the beneficiary of Mr. Lovette's courage to take risks and his determination to succeed. In 1989, Holly Farms was acquired by Tyson Foods, and in Wilkes, the industry still generates more than \$300 million in gross annual revenue, employs 3,300 people, and supports 200 family farms.

With a lot of hard work and limited means, Mr. Lovette became a pioneer of the poultry industry, and his legacy is enshrined in the Wilkes community. He is an example for us all of the endless possibilities in our country and what the seeds of big dreams, with the support and collaboration of family and community, can grow into.

HONORING MUNFORD HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. KUSTOFF) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the students of the Munford High School marching band.

About 265 students from Tipton County, Tennessee, will represent Munford High School in the Tournament of Roses Parade. This annual tradition takes place each year in Pasadena, California, on New Year's Day. It is a distinct honor to be invited to march in the Tournament of Roses Parade, with only five bands from across the Nation receiving an invitation each year. Munford High School will be the only band from the mid-South area selected for this event.

This talented group of students, led by Dr. Courtney Fee and director Barry Trobaugh, will be proudly representing not only Munford High School but the entire State of Tennessee. They have made our community proud.

To the students: You have worked really long and hard hours for this day to come. I hope you take in each and every moment of this incredible opportunity in Pasadena. May you remember this moment and this honor for many years to come. Best of luck, Cougars. Tennessee is really proud of you.

HONORING LIEUTENANT JOHN WHITE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant John White on his service to both our Nation and the city of Savannah.

Lieutenant White served as a United States Marine in the Pacific theater during World War II. There, he became part of the 51st Defense Battalion, the first African American combat unit. When he returned from war, he was recruited by Chief James Roger to join the Savannah Police Department. On May 3, 1947, Lieutenant White became the first African American officer in the State of Georgia, where he continued to serve for 38 years. He is now the last surviving member of the original nine Black police officers who joined the Savannah Police Department.

I want to thank Lieutenant John White for his monumental service, which paved the way for other African Americans to go to work each day and serve their communities in the State of Georgia.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. HENRY HERBERT COBB, III

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Dr. Henry Herbert "Nubbin" Cobb, a pharmacist in Athens, Georgia, who passed away on November 20, 2018, at the age of 72.

Dr. Cobb wore many hats throughout his life as a pharmacist, serving our Nation and the State of Georgia alike. First, Dr. Cobb joined the United States Air Force for 5 years as chief pharmacist, serving abroad in places like the Philippines. Upon his return, he completed a master's degree and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. From there, he taught college students, worked with St. Mary's Hospital for 44 years, and practiced as a nursing home pharmacist. His expertise and dedication will be missed in the pharmacy profession and at the University of Georgia.

As a former student of Dr. Cobb's, I can attest to his dedication to our great profession. His family and friends will be in my thoughts and prayers.

HONORING BILL BROWN ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bill Brown as he celebrated his 100th birthday on December 3.

Born and raised in Brunswick, Georgia, Mr. Brown is a stalwart of the community. After 100 years, though, he is not only a stalwart, but he has also made a significant impact on the community's development and countless individuals' lives.

During World War II, Mr. Brown joined the shipyards on the Brunswick River to build Liberty ships for the war effort. When the war was over, he embarked on a 60-year career selling real estate in the area. During this time, he had a firsthand perspective of Brunswick's growth.

Although these are only a few of the many ways he served his community throughout his life, one of his most important may be that he rarely misses being in his pew at the First United Methodist Church. I am glad to see the hundreds of people who came to Mr. BROWN's birthday, each with well wishes and lots of thanks for Mr. BROWN and how he helped them along the way.

Mr. Brown, happy birthday.

HONORING BRUNSWICK PILOT JOHN BEIMLER, APPRENTICE PILOT GORDON STROTHER, JR., AND CAPTAIN DANNY JONES

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Danny Jones, pilot John Beimler, and apprentice Gordon Strother, Jr., for rescuing a man in danger at sea near the Saint Simons Island pier on November 19.

The crew and their boat, the *Glynn*, were approaching the pier when they noticed a crowd pointing to a person floating in the water. The crew spotted the unresponsive man and acted swiftly, pulling him onto the boat, applying first aid, and covering him in warm blankets.

This is truly a heroic event, and I couldn't be more proud of the actions of these individuals in the First Congressional District of Georgia.

In addition, thank you to the Glynn County Fire Department, Glynn County Police Department, and EMTs, who also assisted in saving the individual's life.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ISSA) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Dear Lord, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

At the beginning of a new workweek, we use this moment to be reminded of Your presence and to tap the resources needed by the Members of this people's House to do their work as well as it can be done.

May they be led by Your spirit in the decisions they make. May they possess Your power as they steady themselves amid the pressures of persistent problems.

May their faith in You deliver them from tensions that make fruitful legislative work difficult and from worries that might wear them out.

All this day, and through the week, may they do their best to find solutions to pressing issues facing our Nation.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.