

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the decades of service of William J. "Happy" Fulford. It is difficult to express our gratitude in mere words, but on behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I thank him.

HONORING GEORGE McSHAN AT
CONGRESSMAN VELA'S BLACK
HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor George McShan for his exceptional service to Harlingen, Texas.

Mr. McShan received his Bachelor of Science from Prairie View A&M University, with cum laude honors, and his Master of Education from The University of Texas—Pan American. He also earned a Master School Board Trustee certification from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). He spent his early years as an educator in the Brownsville Independent School District, as a high school science teacher, and was also freshman class sponsor.

During an extraordinary 32 year career at Texas State Technical College, Mr. McShan served as Chairperson of Academic Instruction and Faculty, Dean of Instruction, Dean of Enrollment Management, and Dean of External Relations. In 1988, he was elected to the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees, and served as president of the board for eight terms. In 1998, he became TASB's first African American president.

Throughout his career, Mr. McShan has garnered awards and recognitions for his tireless efforts to improve the community, including the "School Board of the Year" award in 1993 and the "Abrazo" award from the National Hispanic Caucus of School Board Members in 2006. Additionally, the mayor of Harlingen named him the Chairman of the Harlingen Task Force on Juvenile Crime, Graffiti, and Gang Violence.

Mr. McShan started his own business in 2002, working as an independent consultant providing professional education services, and is a partner with BWP & Associates. He has led school board governance training for over thirty different school districts in Texas. He has also conducted over twenty-five superintendent searches across Texas as well as Arkansas, Alabama, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Ohio, Missouri and South Carolina.

I am pleased to recognize Mr. McShan for his successful career in Texas' 34th Congressional District. He is a role model for our children, and exemplifies the best our district has to offer. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his journey, his family and friends on this special occasion.

JULIETTE ALKINS HANSEN CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER, HEALTH ADVOCATE, EDUCATOR, CITIZENS, MOTHER

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, Juliette Alkins Hansen was born in Washington Heights, reared in Harlem, educated in the New York City public school and university system—Juliette Alkins Hansen is a New Yorker. Her Barbadian parents instilled in her an appreciation and pride in her heritage. Their participation in church activities (St. Ambrose in Harlem) gave her grounding in learning how to "give back" to your community/organization.

In their 47-year marriage, Richard and Juliette, individually and collectively, were involved in civic and community life. Juliette's non-political organizational activity included Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Girl Scouts of America, Jack and Jill of America, The Greater Queens Chapter of the Links, Juliette was the organizer for the Queens Chapter of the Links, York College Community Quilt, various scholars hip committees, and Magnet School Mentoring Program. Her board member participation included the American Lung Association; Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning, (JCAL). After several decades of JCAL board participation, Juliette retired. She was named the board's first Emeritus Board Member and remains active in many of the board's activities. This association gives her a continued ability to participate in the growth of this invaluable asset to our borough and city. She also served on the boards of Jamaica Service Program for Older Adults (JSPOA) and Jamaica NAACP. Being the Organizer of The Greater Queens Chapter of the Links brought her a sense of pride and accomplishment. Juliette feels blessed that God granted her the years to become a "Golden" 50-year Soror in her dear Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She is an Emeritus member of the New York Chapter of the CARATS. Juliette and her family are members of Saint Albans Congregational Church.

Politically, her late husband, Richard led the way. During his tenure as President of the Jamaica branch of the NAACP in the early 1970's, the chapter continued its tradition of activism. As second vice president, Juliette was at his side when the chapter fought for Rochdale, the establishment of York College in our community, fair housing in Forest Hills and NAACP reform, et al. After his term ended, the couple became associated with the political campaigns of several local, city, state, and national aspirants. They worked with others in major fund raising activities for several candidates.

Through her various organizations, Juliette continued her connection with youth. She joined Dr. Gerald Deas in his campaign against "Quarter Water". These sweet colored water drinks have been cited as being asthma "triggers" for young Black and Latino children. As a board member of the American Lung Association and part of the Links Chapter, she addressed New York legislators in Albany regarding the need for regulatory legislation against such products. Unfortunately, these drinks are still on the shelves.

Now retired, Juliette had 23 years of varied experience in the field of education. As a charter faculty member of the Queens Bridge to Medicine program, she maintains an extended family of former students, who have kept her in their lives through graduate/medical schools, marriages and children. Juliette was honored with a nomination and placement to Who's Who Among American Teachers. Juliette's other honors include the Martin Luther King Scholarship—St. John's University; The Many Faces of Queens Women—Newsday; Community Service Award—Borough President Claire Schulman; Community Service Award—Borough President Helen Marshall; Community Service Award—Guy R. Brewer United Democratic Club, City Councilman Leroy Comrie's "Unsung Heroes" and the Queens Chapter of Jack & Jill honored her as one of their past chapter presidents.

"The greatest joy in my life has been my devoted late husband, Richard, our loving, statuesque daughters, Greer and Dionne and husbands, Manuel and Michael. My three munchkins (grandsons): Blake, Spencer, and Richard are my supreme joy! I feel honored to have received several awards from my community and to be blessed with many dear and true friends . . . thanks for giving me my roses while I can smell them."

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING
THE LIFE OF FIRE CHIEF TOM
SCHULTZ

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Fire Chief Tom Schultz, the thirteenth Fire Chief for the city of Garden Grove.

Fire Chief Tom Schultz began his career in firefighting at the age of 21 as a Fire Prevention Specialist with the Fullerton Fire Department. He soon became a firefighter, and later a captain. After 2 decades, he became the Training and Disaster Preparedness Officer, responsible for the department's overall professional Fire training and for updating and implementing the citywide disaster preparedness program.

In 2007, his diligence earned him the position of Shift Battalion Chief which allowed him to oversee the daily activities of the department. In 2011, while serving as the Deputy Chief of Operations, he was assigned to facilitate the management integration of the Fullerton and Brea Fire Departments. His extensive work ascended him to become the acting Fire Chief.

In 2015, after an established 30-year career, he was chosen to be the Fire Chief for the city of Garden Grove. Since then, he had proudly and wholeheartedly served the residents of Garden Grove.

Fire Chief Tom Schultz was known as the "firefighter's firefighter". For more than 25 years, he had been a Fire technology instructor at Santa Ana College, training hundreds of students with a passion for saving lives and serving the community.

Anyone who knew Fire Chief Tom Schultz can attest to his integrity, dedication, and humility. While he is a hero to many, he was also a loving son, husband, and father to his

family. Today, Fire Chief Schultz is survived by his wife of 27 years and children.

Madam Speaker, I had the opportunity to work with Fire Chief Tom Schultz; and I ask that the House join me in a brief moment of silence in honor of Fire Chief Tom Schultz's memory. We are forever in debt to his service. Shall his legacy live on.

RECOGNIZING COACH ERNIE
AYERS AND COACH JOSH POWERS

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Coach Ernie Ayers of Sand Creek and Coach Josh Powers of Madison, both of whom will be inducted into the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame in February.

Coach Ayers has been leading Sand Creek to great success for the past 38 years. In that span, he has amassed 17 conference championships, 8 regional championships, two state titles, along with another 9 top-ten finishes. Adding to his accolades, Coach Ayers is already a member of one Michigan coaching hall of fame, receiving recognition for his coaching ability on the gridiron back in 2002.

When he took over the job at Madison, Coach Josh Powers recalled thinking, "Well, how does Ernie do it?" That formula has helped elevate Madison's track team to an elite program as well. While coaching 21 years for both boys and girls, Coach Powers has won a combined 22 conference championships, 11 regional championships, and three state titles.

Despite all these honors, both coaches display a sense of humility, strong character, and are role models for the high school students on their teams. The investment they've made over decades mentoring young men and women and demonstrating the value of teamwork and perseverance will leave a lasting legacy in our community.

Once again, I wish to congratulate Coach Ayers and Coach Powers on this impressive achievement and thank them for making such a positive impact on a generation of students in Lenawee County.

HONORING DR. DELORIA NANZE-
DAVIS AT CONGRESSMAN VELA'S
BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELE-
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HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Deloria Nanze-Davis, a dedicated educator, for her outstanding leadership and mentorship in the Rio Grande Valley.

Dr. Nanze-Davis received her Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and German from Texas Lutheran University. She earned both a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Master of

Education in Secondary and Higher Education from Texas A&M—Texarkana. Dr. Nanze-Davis capped off her academic career at the University of Houston, graduating with a Doctorate of Education in Supervision and Administration, with an emphasis in mathematics.

During her 43-year career as an educator, Dr. Nanze-Davis dedicated 34 of those years to the Rio Grande Valley community. She began as an instructor at the Texas State Technical College in Harlingen, Texas before teaching at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV). While a professor at UTRGV, she was Chair of the Mathematics Department for 10 years, created the Math and Science Academy, and served as the Assistant to the Dean of Technology and General Education.

A leader and mentor inside and outside the classroom, Dr. Nanze-Davis has made an immeasurable impact on the lives and career of her students. While she was Chair of the Mathematics Department, UTRGV led the nation for several years in graduating more Hispanics with degrees in mathematics than any other university in the United States. She was also deeply involved in the development of Black History programs in the Valley to raise awareness in the community.

Since retiring in 2013 from UTRGV, Dr. Nanze-Davis continues to be a mentor and tutor for many students in the community. She proudly serves the Harlingen community by teaching mathematics at the Student Learning Center, participating on multiple city boards, and leading youth activities at Corinth Missionary Baptist Church as its Director.

I am pleased to recognize Dr. Nanze-Davis for her successful and important work in Texas' 34th Congressional District. We are all thankful for her courage and commitment to educating our children and young adults. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her contributions to the community.

THE GATHERING PLACE

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise to shed light on an incredible new development in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

A Gathering Place for Tulsa, the nation's largest privately funded-park, opened in September after years of planning, construction, and anticipation. The park has quickly become a beloved and cherished landmark in Tulsa.

Recently, the Gathering Place won the USA Today's award for Best New Attraction in the country, a well-deserved honor.

While there were many amazing donors to this project, the Gathering Place could not have happened without the George Kaiser Family Foundation.

I'd also like to thank Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum and his predecessor Dewey Bartlett for their hard work helping this park become a centerpiece for our community.

The Gathering Place is drawing visitors not only from Oklahoma, but across our region and the country; it's a testament to the excel-

lence that is possible with strong public-private partnerships.

LIEUTENANT LEILA MORRISON
RECEIVING FRENCH LEGION OF
HONOR MEDAL

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and sacrifice of Lieutenant (Lt.) Leila Morrison, and to congratulate her for receiving the French Legion of Honor Medal from the French government. I believe that our nation's men and women in uniform are America's greatest assets. They have made incredible sacrifices and deserve our utmost support and respect for their service.

Lt. Morrison honorably served to protect America and her allies during World War II. During the war, she served as a combat nurse with the 118th Evacuation Hospital. Lt. Morrison worked in the pre-operation section of the hospital and helped support wounded soldiers. Furthermore, she cared for liberated prisoners at the Buchenwald concentration camp. The French Legion of Honor Medal is France's highest distinction for military and civil service. Lt. Morrison is well deserving of this award.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than the one we owe our veterans. They and their families should be commended. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes and deepest gratitude to Lieutenant Morrison.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Lieutenant Leila Morrison for her commitment to the United States of America.

IN HONOR OF THE NEW MEXICO
STATE REPRESENTATIVE HENRY
"KIKI" SAAVEDRA

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of New Mexico state Representative Henry "Kiki" Saavedra, who passed away earlier this week.

Kiki was a legend in the Roundhouse. A longtime friend and colleague of my father, I grew up playing with his young sons as our dads worked together. I remember his laughter, and later, as I grew up, I saw how that infectious spirit brought people together politically.

He was well liked and respected by everyone, regardless of party. And, whether it was infrastructure projects or funding issues, he got things done because of it.

Kiki was truly a special person, and I know his impact will be felt in the Legislature for decades to come.

My prayers are with Kiki and his loving family during this difficult time. May he rest in peace.