

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-
BRATION

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.

HONORING DR. EUGENE NUNNERY
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 Dr. Eugene Nunnery of Harlingen, Texas. Dr. Nunnery has been a practicing physician of Internal Medicine for the past 32 years, specializing in Rheumatology.

In 1971, Dr. Nunnery graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and was an Honors Program Graduate. During his time at Purdue, he was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies. Driven by his passion for chemistry, Dr. Nunnery later completed his Master of Science in Chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley, and earned his Doctor of Medicine at Washington University School, St. Louis. After finishing his Internal Medicine residency at the Metropolitan General Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Nunnery capped off his impressive academic career with a fellowship at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Since opening his private practice in Harlingen, Texas, Internal Medicine Associates, Dr. Nunnery has demonstrated exceptional engagement with the community. He holds active staff privileges at Valley Baptist Medical Center and Harlingen Medical Center to treat patients. Dr. Nunnery is also active in the Cameron/Willacy County Medical Society, a Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology, and a member of both the Texas Medical Association and the Texas Medical Foundation. When not providing care for patients, Dr. Nunnery serves as a Clinical Research Professor at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Medical School's Regional Academic Health Center.

I am pleased to recognize Dr. Nunnery for his significant work in Texas' 34th Congressional District. Our district is a much better and healthier place due to his service and expertise in medicine. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him, his family, and friends today.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today as January is School Board Recognition Month.

I regret that this new job has prevented me from attending celebrations this month in the school districts across my district—Texas' 29th.

They include: Houston, Aldine, Humble, Sheldon, Channelview, Deer Park, Pasadena, and Galena Park ISD.

All these districts and their employees deserve a big Texas thank-you for all they do to prepare our children for their future.

Thank you especially to all of our School Board Trustees for all they do for our students

and schools in the Houston Region. We must all do our part to ensure our students get the well-rounded education they deserve.

Madam speaker, I also want to congratulate the Galena Park North Shore High School Mustangs Football Team in winning the Conference 6A D1 State Championship.

I urge everyone to attend a community pep rally this Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 3 p.m. at the Galena Park Stadium. Go Mustangs.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE LEGISLATION

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, this week, I introduced three pieces of landmark campaign finance reform legislation. Out-of-control campaign spending has reached a dangerous level in this country and we must reform our campaign finance system if we are to restore voting power back to the American people.

First, I have introduced a Constitutional Amendment granting Congress and the States the power to establish limits on contributions and expenditures in elections for public office. This amendment nullifies Citizens United v. FEC. Additionally, the amendment concludes that First Amendment protections do not apply to the political speech of corporations and other business organizations with respect to the disbursement of funds in connection with public elections.

Second, I have introduced a resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the U.S. Supreme Court misinterpreted the First Amendment in the case of Buckley v. Valeo when it equated campaign spending with free speech. It is clear that Buckley v. Valeo failed to recognize that unlimited spending of money on elections has a corrosive effect on the electoral process. In order to secure free speech as a right of 'we the people,' this misinterpretation must be reversed.

Last, the Fairness in Political Advertising Act would require television broadcasting stations to make available 2 hours of free advertising broadcast time in each even-numbered year to each qualified political candidate in a statewide or national election. This would help level the playing field for viable candidates running against campaigns bankrolled by special interests.

My entire career in Congress, I have served in the People's House. We, the elected members of the House of Representatives, must stand with the people, not major corporations or wealthy donors who give millions to super PACs. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and return the power over our Democracy back to the American people.

CONGRATULATIONS HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW CONVOCAATION

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, through a Charter by the U.S. Congress, Howard Univer-

sity School of Law began as Howard University Law Department on January 6, 1867, during the Reconstruction Era, to provide legal education to students committed to the protection of the rights of African Americans. During this time, there was a great need to train lawyers who would have a strong commitment to help black Americans to secure and protect their rights and well as the rights of other marginalized communities. Howard Law also has significant ties to the Civil Rights Movement and other social movements that fought for civil rights throughout American history.

Howard Law was the first school in the nation to have a nondiscriminatory admission policy, admitting both black and white male and female law students.

Howard Law's mission is to:

Educate and enable students to develop their highest capabilities and skills as lawyers; Engage as an institution in the active pursuit of solutions to domestic and international legal, social, economic and political problems that are of particular concern to minority groups; and

Imbue its students with dedication to excellence and commitment to the solutions to those problems.

Famous alumni and faculty of the school include Dean Charles Hamilton Houston—"the Man Who Killed Jim Crow," Thurgood Marshall—argued Brown v. Board of Education and the first African-American Justice, multiple Congressmen, senators, district judges, governors, mayors, and the former Prime Minister of Jamaica.

We begin the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of its founding with a Sesquicentennial Convocation.

I, Gregory W. Meeks, Member of the 116th Congress, do hereby congratulate Howard University School of Law on its 150th Anniversary, on January 7, 2019.

HONORING MITTIE A. PULLAM 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 Mittie A. Pullam of Brownsville, Texas for her dedication to educating our children.

Mrs. Pullam earned her Bachelor of Arts in Literacy Arts from Samuel Houston College in Austin, Texas, and her Master of Education from Texas Southern University. After completing her master's degree, she moved to Brownsville, where she began her teaching career.

Mrs. Pullam dedicated her life to enriching the lives of African American children. She helped establish Frederick Douglass Elementary School, Brownsville's only segregated school, and was both a teacher and a principal there until the district was desegregated in the early 1960's, at which time the school was integrated into Skinner Elementary School. She worked at Skinner until her retirement in 1975.

As the first African American teacher and the first African American school principal in the Brownsville Independent School District (ISD), Mrs. Pullam led by example and instilled hope in the lives of the African American community. She worked to provide her