

of Congress and learn about the American legislative process. Over the years, I have been honored to host many outstanding Australian students, and Jack has been no exception.

As an intern, Jack has helped my office with many of the day-to-day administrative functions, including taking calls from constituents, welcoming visitors, and drafting letters in response to inquiries. He also had the opportunity to work on floor remarks, as well as helping my staff with legislative research and outreach on several bills that I have introduced in the 116th Congress. Jack approached his internship with great enthusiasm and clearly has showed his passion for public service.

On February 5th, Jack had the opportunity to attend the 2019 State of the Union Address by President Trump. I know this is just one of several experiences that he will take away from his time in Washington and the United States.

Madam Speaker, it has been my honor to host Jack for his Congressional internship. I have no doubt he will go on to do great things in the future. I wish him much success.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF MRS. MILLIE RUTH  
McCLELLAND CHARLES

**HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 7, 2019*

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Millie Ruth McClelland Charles, a legendary social worker and native of New Orleans, Louisiana. Mrs. McClelland passed away at the age of 96.

Mrs. Charles was born July 25, 1923 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Rev. Williams McClelland, a Baptist preacher, and Frankie Little, a school teacher.

Mrs. Charles entered Dillard University when she was only 15 years old and graduated with a degree in secondary education. However, after a few years of teaching in north Louisiana and loving the children in her classes, she realized she could find more fulfillment in social work because she would be able to help children and their families find ways to solve problems. Therefore, she earned a master's degree in the subject at the University of Southern California in the mid-1950s.

Mrs. Charles was married briefly, to Charles Carrol Charles, in 1950, while she was working in the City Welfare Department, Children and Family Services Division. He died while she was pregnant with her only child, who goes by the name H.M.K. Amen.

In or about 1965, Dr. Emmett W. Bashful, asked an energetic, passionate 42 year old Mrs. Charles to start a social work program at Southern University in New Orleans (SUNO). In its beginnings, it was a department of Social Work. Under the leadership of Mrs. Charles, the department transformed into a fully-accredited school of social work offering baccalaureate and masters level degrees.

Mrs. Charles's work has been recognized nationally. The National Association of Social Workers named her Social Worker of the Year. SUNO has a Millie McClelland Charles

Endowed Chair of Social Work, and the Louisiana Legislature passed a special resolution to name SUNO's School of Social Work building after her. The building opened in 2016.

Mrs. Charles served as Co-Chair of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Meeting; a Member of the CSWE Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum Standards; and a Site Visitor for the CSWE Accreditation Commission. In addition, since 1972, she has consulted with numerous Undergraduate and Graduate Social Work Programs around the U.S., advising them on curricula.

Mrs. Charles has received numerous awards: National Social Worker of the Year (NASW), 1975; Humanitarian of the Year, Federal Women Employees Association, 1975; Founders Award, New Orleans Chapter, National Association of Black Social Workers, 1979; Doctor of Humane Letters, Dillard University, 1993; and she also was one of four women honored by the New Orleans YWCA for lifetime of service to the community. Mrs. Charles was hailed as a lifelong crusader for equality during a ceremony in which she was presented The Times-Picayune Loving Cup on Tuesday, June 24, 2013.

Mrs. Charles loved the city and the people of New Orleans. Her legacy will forever be a part of the city and her dedication to community embodies the spirit of New Orleans. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Mrs. Charles, but surely, we can try to match her sense of service. We cannot match her courage, but we can strive to match her devotion.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Mrs. Millie Ruth McClelland Charles.

IN HONOR OF THE 2019 CABARRUS  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEW  
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD  
WINNER

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 7, 2019*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate 73 & Main Restaurant on receiving the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce New Business of the Year Award.

Located in Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina, 73 & Main Restaurant has established itself as a restaurant that caters to not just folks from around the area, but people from across the country. This restaurant features a bourbon bar, chef's table, patio, event space, and more. 73 & Main has quickly become a source of pride for the community, myself included.

Led by Dr. Allen Dobson and General Manager Anthony Misuraca, 73 & Main over the past year has not just become Mt. Pleasant's largest employer, but has also helped revitalize downtown Mt. Pleasant and eastern Cabarrus County. With over 50 percent of their guests coming from outside Cabarrus County, it is clear that 73 & Main is worthy of their already stellar reputation.

Dr. Dobson, Mr. Misuraca and 73 & Main Restaurant are deserving of this award and I wish them success as they continue to provide excellent service to our community. I personally look forward to my next visit while I'm traveling across the district.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Allen Dobson, Anthony Misuraca and 73 & Main Restaurant on receiving the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce New Business of the Year Award.

HONORING SENIOR MASTER  
SERGEANT DAVID HOUTZ

**HON. DANIEL MEUSER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 7, 2019*

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to recognize Senior Master Sergeant David Houtz. After 24 years of dedicated and honorable service in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, SMSgt Houtz will be retiring at the end of this month.

I have a profound admiration for those individuals who answer the call to serve and dedicate themselves to our country and community. SMSgt Houtz is actively engaged in strengthening his community and serves as an important role model for both fellow airmen and our younger generations.

Throughout his distinguished career, SMSgt Houtz has received various awards and accolades, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal. He has also served as a Boy Scout leader, a coach for various youth sports, and a member of the Myerstown Water Authority.

I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking SMSgt Houtz for his dedicated service to the United States and his many contributions to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We wish him the best as he enters this next chapter in life.

INTRODUCTION OF THE YAKIMA  
RIVER BASIN WATER ENHANCEMENT  
PROJECT PHASE III ACT

**HON. DAN NEWHOUSE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 7, 2019*

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce my legislation, the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Phase III Act. As my constituents know all too well, communities across the western United States are often faced with the detrimental impacts of droughts and water shortages. This bipartisan legislation offers solutions to give water users more certainty, while also recognizing the concerns of conservationists and the various stakeholders in the Yakima River Basin.

The Yakima River Basin is one of the leading agricultural regions in Washington State and throughout the country. The orchardists, wine grape and hop growers, and other members of the agricultural community inject approximately \$3.2 billion into Washington's economy and support countless jobs in the area. However, the demand for water in the region currently exceeds the resources available, especially during times of drought, which have hit the state especially hard in the past few years.

With researchers predicting that drought seasons will only become more common and