

where he made safety presentations to schools and civic groups. He was also part of President Eisenhower's Georgia security detail. After honorably serving his country, Mr. Greene continued his studies at the University of Georgia, majoring in Business Administration, and at Northwestern University, where he attended business seminars. He spent the next 29 years of his career as a regional manager for Rhodes Furniture Company.

Mr. Greene's dedication to the military continued after his retirement. He was the first Squadron Commander of the "White Knuckle" Squadron, a unit formed by local civic leaders who have received orientation flights in Moody Air Force Base (AFB) aircraft. In 1991, he helped establish the Moody Support Group, which was instrumental in strengthening the relationships between the local community and the Air Force. As the Executive Director of the group, he helped protect Moody AFB from closure. In 2000, he was appointed to the Georgia Military Affairs Committee by then Governor Roy Barnes.

In conjunction with his professional accomplishments, Mr. Greene was heavily involved in his community, serving as the Chairman (1972–85) of the Military Affairs Committee and Vice President (1978–79) of the Valdosta/Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce; on the Board of Directors for the Valdosta State College/University Foundation; and as an active member of the ACC Commander's Air Power Support Group, the National Civic Leader Group for the U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, Rotary International, the Kiwanis Clubs of America, the Boy Scouts of America, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Moody AFB Red Carpet Committee, the University of Georgia Gridiron Society, and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Alumnae organization. In addition to his extensive community involvement, he was also a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church in Valdosta, where he once served on the Administrative Board.

Mr. Greene received several prestigious awards for his dedicated civic service, including the Distinguished Citizen award from the Alapaha Area Boy Scout Council (2000); the first-ever Chief of Staff of the Air Force Award for Exceptional Public Service (2007); and the Air Force Distinguished Public Service Award (2009), the highest honor the Air Force can bestow upon a civilian. Additionally, a portion of Bemiss Road from Valdosta to Moody AFB (W. Parker Greene Highway, 2005) and Moody AFB's headquarters (W. Parker Greene Base Support Center, 2007) were named in his honor.

Mr. Greene achieved much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the love and support of his loving wife, Lucy; his children, Sharon and Woodbridge Jr.; and a host of family and friends who will miss him deeply.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" Mr. Greene undoubtedly lived by this philosophy. From his extensive work with the development of Moody AFB to his efforts to provide a bridge between the military and civilians, his work made a tremendous impact on the lives of many.

On a personal note, I was privileged to work with Parker for over 26 years in behalf of Moody AFB and have not encountered a more committed citizen to his community and Nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people in Georgia's Second Congressional District in paying tribute to Mr. W. Parker Greene, Sr. for a life well lived and in extending our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement. Moreover, we pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

**HONORING THE DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL LADY PANTHERS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THEIR 10TH FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 2019*

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I enthusiastically rise today to honor the Dillard High School Lady Panthers girls' basketball team and their coach Marcia Pinder on winning their 10th state championship on March 2, 2019 with a 43–40 win against Ponte Vedra Nease at George W. Jenkins Arena.

Coach Pinder leads by example. Her dedication to Dillard High School and its basketball program is truly commendable.

Under Coach Pinder's tutelage, the Dillard girls basketball team has consistently been recognized for being among the best in their sport.

In this year's game, Genovea Johnson and Raven White, two senior stars on the team, helped carry the Lady Panthers to victory. They both have had the unique experience of attending Dillard since they were in middle school.

I would also like to recognize the entire Lady Panthers team, which includes: Markhyia Davis, Briah Christia, Chynna Mattair, Kayla Burrows, Sequoia Emmanuel, Angel Howell, Genovea Johnson, Kintaeja Ling, Taja Stephens Aryanna Boyce, Monique Harris, Raven White, and Marcus Harris.

Madam Speaker, I am so very proud of the Dillard High School Lady Panthers girls' basketball team. They had a tremendous season and should be extremely proud of themselves. I wish Coach Pinder and the entire team many more years of continued success.

**MARK TANNER**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mark Tanner for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Mark Tanner is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Mark Tanner is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels

strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mark Tanner for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF TOULA BARBER

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 2019*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Toula Barber, who is being honored by the Daughters of Penelope Chapter No. 51 this Saturday, March 9, 2019 for her dedication to the organization. The Daughters of Penelope promotes the ideals and traditions of Hellenism in America, focusing on service to one's community.

My own ancestors, like Toula herself, moved to this country from Greece for freedom and a better life. During her many years in New Hampshire, Toula has been more than just a model citizen—she has become a pillar of our community. Her warmth, deep sense of compassion, and ethic of community service are extraordinary, and I feel lucky to count her as a role model and a friend.

For many years, Toula served as a District Governor for the Daughters of Penelope Ilios Chapter No. 51. In this organization, Toula has done more than just uphold and carry on important traditions for the Greek community—she has also brought our Greek traditions to our broader Manchester community, helping make our city more inclusive and open.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Toula for her decades of dedication to our community. I hope that she enjoys celebrating this well-deserved honor, and I thank her for all that she does to make our state such a wonderful place to learn, live, and grow.

**IN RECOGNITION OF BERNARD MCGURL, ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS DIVISION 4 PAUL "HOOK" O'MALLEY MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 2019*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bernard McGurl, who will receive the Paul "Hook" O'Malley Man of the Year Award from the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 4 on Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Bernie grew up in Dunmore and is a graduate of Dunmore Central Catholic High School. He received degrees in political science and history from the University of Scranton and a degree in humanities from Keystone College. Bernie went on to attend Johnson College to study cabinetmaking and building construction. Early in his career, he worked jobs in construction, forestry, and rail.

Bernie is best known for his passion for preserving the environment. He has made extraordinary efforts to clean and maintain the Lackawanna River watershed, an area that encompasses 350 square miles across four counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Bernie was also instrumental in establishing the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority. Under his direction, the Lackawanna River Conservation Association acquired sections of railbed that are now incorporated into the Lackawanna Heritage Trail. As Vice President of the Rail Trail Council, his work resulted in the acquisition of 40 miles of D&H railbed. As Executive Director for Lackawanna Valley Conservancy, he was successful in protecting 18 properties totaling 200 acres.

He is also a great supporter of the arts. Bernie is an active member of the Mulberry Poets and Writers Association. A lifelong learner, Bernie satisfies his intellectual curiosity and takes it upon himself to study different disciplines, including geology, history, ecology, and various aspects of engineering.

It is an honor to recognize a fellow environmentalist and public servant for all the great work he has done. May he continue to work for the good of the natural world and our community. I wish Bernard the best as he accepts the Paul "Hook" O'Malley Man of the Year the Award.

FRANK ALLEN-TATE ERICKSON

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Frank Allen-Tate Erickson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Frank Allen-Tate Erickson is a student at Oberson Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Frank Allen-Tate Erickson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Frank Allen-Tate Erickson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING SAINT THOMAS MIDTOWN HOSPITAL ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 2019*

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital is the largest faith based nonprofit hospital in Middle

Tennessee, providing spiritually centered, holistic care that sustains and improves the Nashville community.

With its 683 licensed acute care beds, more than 2,000 employees, 1053 physicians, and 425 allied health providers on staff, Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital delivers world class care and makes a tremendous impact on Nashville and the surrounding counties every day.

Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital provides a wide variety of vital inpatient and outpatient services. The clinical programs and medical facilities are continuously updated to meet both the changing needs of the community and the challenges posed by new discoveries and innovations in technology.

Saint Thomas Midtown began its healing ministry in Nashville as Protestant Hospital on March 20, 1919. The ownership of Protestant Hospital was transferred to the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1948 and became Mid-State Baptist Hospital. The name was later changed to Baptist Hospital on December 17, 1964. In January 2002, Baptist Hospital joined Saint Thomas Health's regional health system and became a member of Ascension, a Catholic Health System that is the largest non-profit, faith based health system in the United States. In 2013, the name was changed from Baptist Hospital to Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital.

Despite its evolution and many name changes over the years, one thing has remained constant. Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital has always been dedicated to improving the health of our entire community, especially the poor and most vulnerable.

We are fortunate to have a ministry like Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital providing compassionate care in the great state of Tennessee for the past 100 years. I hope that Nashville is lucky enough to have Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital caring for our citizens for 100 more years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND, INC.

### HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 2019*

Mr. BYRNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the United Negro College Fund, Inc. (UNCF). In its 75 years of existence, UNCF has helped thousands of students attend colleges and universities throughout the country; Through their work, they have created leaders and proud members of our communities whose contributions to the United States are immeasurable.

The UNCF was founded in 1944 to help increase the total number of black Americans enrolled in college. UNCF traces its founding to Frederick Douglass Patterson, who wrote an open letter in the Pittsburgh Courier to presidents of other private black colleges in 1934 urging them to "pool their small monies and make a united appeal to the national conscience."

Today, UNCF is a strong organization with a profound mission to build a robust and nationally-recognized pipeline of under-rep-

resented students who, because of UNCF support, become highly-qualified college graduates. UNCF also seeks to ensure their network of 37-member Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) is a respected model of best practice in moving students to and through college and then into the workforce.

As co-Chair of the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus, I am proud to represent the many HBCUs in Alabama and advocate for the betterment of all HBCUs across the country. I have appreciated working with UNCF to accomplish this mission.

Since its founding, UNCF has raised more than \$4.8 billion in scholarship aid for students. Each year, UNCF awards scholarships and internships to more than 10,000 students at 1,100 colleges and universities nationwide. Overall, more than 445,000 students have earned college degrees due to the support provided by UNCF.

It is impossible to measure the legacy and contributions of UNCF. Madam Speaker, please join me in commemorating the constant investments by UNCF in our low-income, first generation college students and HBCUs, and all of the immeasurable good they have done for our students and our nation.

JAELYN VELASQUEZ

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jaelyn Velasquez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jaelyn Velasquez is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated Jaelyn Velasquez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jaelyn Velasquez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF THE 2018-2019 AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONS: THE BAINBRIDGE BEARCATS FOOTBALL TEAM

### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 2019*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2018-2019 AAAAA Football Georgia State Champions, the Bainbridge High School Bearcats of Bainbridge, Georgia. The team will be celebrating this significant milestone with a celebration on Monday, March 18, 2019, at Centennial Field in Bainbridge, Georgia.