

energy and even changes colors as the bus gets closer.

With STEM technology poised to be a centerpiece of the 21st century economy and job market, it is so exciting to see young students display such talent and technological ingenuity.

Congratulations to all the students and faculty members at Holly Grove involved in the project. I wish them all the best of luck as they compete for the national grand prize.

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IN MEMORY OF ANN L. O'NEAL

**HON. AL LAWSON, JR.**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 2019*

Mr. LAWSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Ann L. O'Neal, a dear friend, a beloved daughter of Florida A&M University (FAMU), the Tallahassee community and, indeed a great Floridian.

Ann had a tremendously vibrant presence in and around the Florida A&M campus, where she was widely known as "Auntie Ann". She was a tremendous advocate for FAMU and was a tireless force for the betterment of the university, its students, and victory for all its athletic teams.

Ann truly took that line from the FAMU alma mater to heart—"on gridiron, diamond, track and field, I will fight whatever the battle be . . ." Ann was a fixture at every single football, basketball, softball, baseball game on campus for over 50 years, and her enduring loyalty to the University was infectious.

I can remember my time as a Rattler basketball player, Ann would always sit in the stands, right behind the team bench cheering us on. She would offer us encouragement when we needed it, and if you messed up or made a bad shot, she'd let you know that too. But it was all in love and Ann loved hard. And, I can say with great certainty that no one loved the Rattlers as Ann did.

In her professional life, Ann O'Neal broke barriers as the first female Space Analyst in FAMU's Division of Facilities Planning, where she worked for more than 30 years. She did her job well, and with pride. She was recognized by the Florida Board of Regents, which preceded the Florida Board of Governors, which oversees Florida's public universities, as the best Space Analyst in the state. For a time, she knew every inch of Florida A&M and its buildings and made sure that its space was allocated properly and accounted for.

Ann O'Neal was always full of enthusiasm, for all things FAMU and for life in general. In our sadness at her sudden passing, we remember that Ann loved the Lord, and Ann loved FAMU. She seized every opportunity and enjoyed every moment that she was given. I hope it is a comfort to Ann's family and friends that so many people mourn their loss and are praying for them during this sad time.