

in the Mississippi Delta. Dr. Williams is recognized for her service to God, her family, her country, her community, and the people that seek her help.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Mary Williams for her dedication to serving this great state and country.

RECOGNIZING THE WILLIAMSON
FAMILY

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ed, Carol, and Trae Williamson. The Williamsons are pillars of the South Florida community and have been named Citizens of the Year by the Biscayne Bay Kiwanis Club, one of my District's most active community service organizations.

The Biscayne Bay Kiwanis Club serves disadvantaged children in Miami through partnerships with more than a dozen local schools. In addition, the Club has awarded over \$200,000 in college scholarships over the past seven years.

This year marks the first time the Biscayne Bay Kiwanis Club has selected an entire family for the Citizen of the Year Award. Ed, Carol, and Trae have made tremendous contributions to our community, both through Ed's business, the Williamson Automotive Group, and through their involvement with numerous community organizations in Miami, including the Orange Bowl Committee, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the Beacon Council, the Dade Foundation, the United Way of Dade County, the Rotary Club of South Florida, and the Miami Business Forum. The Williamsons are also generous supporters of the University of Miami, where Trae is currently a PhD candidate and adjunct professor in management.

The Williamson family exemplifies extraordinary dedication to the South Florida community. I am pleased to celebrate their achievements as community leaders.

CELEBRATING THE LOVE BE-
TWEEN MICHAEL AND
ESPERANZA

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my greatest congratulations to Michael Ortiz Ayala and Esperanza Padilla Ayala for their 70th wedding anniversary.

On this special anniversary, I'm delighted to know Michael and Esperanza are surrounded by their loving family including their three children: Carlos, Dolores and Teresa; and their nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. They join this lovely couple in celebrating the love and partnership they have shared for nearly three quarters of a century. The love shared between these two continues to inspire their friends and all their loved ones in Fort Worth.

I'm delighted to wish them many more years together.

HONORING VERNA MUSTICO AS
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Verna Mustico, whom I have named the 2019 Woman of the Year in Solano County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. Mustico has been dedicated to our community for over 60 years. She has served as the Chair of the Board of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce. During her tenure she helped establish a new headquarters downtown and started the Leadership Vallejo Program. The Chamber was also awarded several awards under her leadership. Ms. Mustico assisted the Salvation Army with finding a Vallejo location and opening a soup kitchen. Ms. Mustico led the effort to build a helipad at Sutter Solano Medical Center. She organized our community to raise \$250,000 for the project. She was also instrumental in the successful \$500,000 fundraising campaign for the East Wing expansion of the Medical Center. Most recently, Ms. Mustico worked to rename the main post office in Vallejo after Janet Capello, her longtime friend and a prominent Vallejoan.

Ms. Mustico has participated on numerous boards and received many awards for her selfless service. She is a past president and a member of the Vallejo Rotary Club, which awarded her Rotarian of the Year. She is also the past president and a member of the Vallejo Symphony Association Board. Ms. Mustico is a lifetime member of the Solano Association Board of Realtors and serves on the Scholarship Committee. She has also been honored by the California State Assembly for her professional and civic achievements.

Ms. Mustico was born in Oklahoma and moved to San Diego at the age of four. She moved to Vallejo in 1951 and began her career at the Coca Cola Bottling Company and Staats & Bell Furniture. She is the Broker and Owner of Mustico Realty in Vallejo, a successful real estate company that she founded. She was married to Peter Mustico, with whom she has two daughters, for 58 years. She has five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Verna Mustico is an incredible member of our community whose tireless work throughout her career has benefited the women throughout Solano County and California. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

CONGRATULATING HARVIE
CHISHOLM

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Harvie Chisholm, who resides on Padre Island in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Ms. Chisholm recently celebrated her 104th birthday, which makes her the oldest Islander. She accredits her spry longevity to a diet consisting of chocolate and bananas.

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Harvie Chisholm and look forward to her soon celebrating her 105th.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF
HOUSTON COUGARS MEN'S BASKETBALL
TEAM ON CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Houston Cougars Men's Basketball Team on its extraordinary success during the 2018–2019 season.

I am proud to represent this exceptional university, which is located in the heart of the 18th Congressional District of Texas.

The University of Houston men's basketball team were dominant throughout the season, compiling a 30–2 overall record and 16–2 in conference play.

This season marks the first outright American Athletic Conference Championship, which confers an automatic berth to the NCAA Men's College Basketball Tournament.

The Cougars were consistently ranked in the Top 20 all season and currently are ranked No. 11 in the Associated Press Poll and No. 10 in the Coaches Poll.

The Cougars opened their March Madness quest on Thursday, March 21, in Tulsa, Oklahoma as the No. 3 seed in the Midwest Region, where they defeated Georgia State, 84–55.

After defeating Ohio State 74–59, on Sunday, March 24, the Cougars advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time in 35 years.

The Cougars next take the court this Friday against the No. 2 seed Kentucky Wildcats at the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, you should also know that this historic season includes the selection of Cougars Head Coach Kelvin Sampson as AAC Coach of the Year.

This year's success of the student athletes at the University of Houston, together with its first-rate academic program, shows the nation and the world the formidable prowess of this fine institution led by its dynamic and visionary Chancellor and President, Dr. Renu Khato.

I commend congratulate Coach Sampson, the Cougars and wish them continued success at the Big Dance.