

taught Music Appreciation and the Humanities. Not only has Honorable Dr. Ross-Hammond been dedicated to her work as a Distinguished Professor, but she has been a renowned public servant. She served on the Virginia Beach City Council, and various councils and boards at the State and local level such as the City's Diversity and Inclusion Forums, and co-chaired the Mayor's African American Roundtable—just to name a few. She currently serves as a Commissioner for the Hampton Roads Transportation Commission and President-Elect for the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission. These are only a select few of her numerous titles and positions.

Honorable Dr. Ross-Hammond received awards for her service to the Hampton Roads community such as the Resolution of Appreciation from the Hampton Roads District Planning Commission and the Urban League of South Hampton Roads Young Professionals Award for Community Service. She was also the 2016 Honoree for the Norfolk State University Music Department's Spring Gala.

Honorable Dr. Ross-Hammond's dedication to strengthening bonds among people of different racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds is truly inspiring. I am proud to honor and recognize Honorable Dr. Ross-Hammond's leadership and the role she plays in making our community a better place. Hampton Roads has significantly benefited from her presence.

CONGRATULATING DENNIS BROWN

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dennis Brown on 50 years of employment at the Anheuser-Busch Jacksonville Brewery.

Mr. Brown began at the brewery in April of 1969, working onsite even before it packaged its first barrel of beer.

His attention to detail, unmatched work ethic, and commitment to quality has allowed him to excel as a leader in the brewery.

I have visited the Jacksonville brewery and can personally attest to its productivity and efficiency.

There is great honor in hard work at a job worth doing, and the admirable record of Mr. Brown's longevity speaks to his successful career.

I thank Mr. Brown for his part in making Budweiser the King of Beers and wish him the best in all future endeavors.

Cheers.

HONORING THE 1969 NEW YORK METS UPON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise, on this, the greatest day of the year, Opening Day of the Major League Baseball season to honor the 1969 New York Mets

upon the 50th Anniversary of their World Series Championship. This scrappy team, led by the remarkable Gil Hodges, disproved their doubters, united a city, and offered hope during a dark time in our country's history. A season that began with a loss to the expansion Montreal Expos ended with Joan Hodges screaming "We're Champions" in an exuberant clubhouse under the beautiful Shea Stadium. With a rotation led by the powerful arms of Tom "The Franchise" Seaver and Jerry Koosman and a lineup packed with the ability of the likes of Ed Kranepool, Bud Harrelson, Cleon Jones, and Art Shamsky, these Mets jumped over the moon and won the World Series. The team that had been stumbling since the year of its creation somehow managed to outlast the historic Chicago Cubs with three future Hall of Famers, the imposing Atlanta Braves led by Hammerin' Hank Aaron, and the awe-inducing Baltimore Orioles led by Frank and Brooks Robinson. The characters that were these Mets offered hope to a struggling New York City and optimism for a country suffering through the Vietnam War. Fifty years ago, my New York Mets reminded the country why baseball is truly America's pastime. I, along with so many others who were cheering them during those exciting days, say thank you, congratulations on their 50th Anniversary, and Let's Go Mets.

RECOGNIZING THE REINTRODUCTION OF THE LYMPHEDEMA TREATMENT ACT

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, as we near the end of March, which is Lymphedema Awareness Month, I rise to mark my reintroduction of the Lymphedema Treatment Act. When a cancer patient has her lymph nodes removed and experiences swelling and discomfort, it is a jarring experience. She is then often hit with another surprise: many insurers, including Medicare, do not cover a critical treatment for lymphedema—compression garments. This is one more challenge on top of the monumental battle of fighting cancer.

Including medically-necessary compression garments in Medicare coverage is a common-sense solution to increase access for the 10 million people who suffer from lymphedema. That is what my bill would do. Coverage under Medicare sets a precedent and is an important step in increasing access to compression garments for all Americans. 384 of my colleagues cosponsored this bill last Congress, and almost 100 have joined me and Representatives BUDDY CARTER, EARL BLUMENAUER, and MIKE KELLY as original cosponsors today. It is critical that we pass this bill into law.

Finally, I want to thank the Lymphedema Advocacy Group in particular for their tireless work in championing the Lymphedema Treatment Act. Today, my heart is with Elaine Eigeman, board chair of the Lymphedema Advocacy Group, who recently entered hospice care. She has been a champion for lymphedema patients for years, and she is the primary reason this bill was first introduced four years ago. I am proud to reintroduce this bill in her honor.

COMMEMORATION OF THE OPENING OF THE LIFE MESSAGE VETERANS RESOURCE & OUTREACH CENTER IN ROWLETT, TEXAS

HON. COLIN Z. ALLRED

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Mr. ALLRED. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commemorate a milestone for the community of Rowlett, Texas, the grand opening of the Life Message Veterans Resource & Outreach Center.

This facility is already making a difference in veterans' lives in this community, but Friday, March 29, 2019 will mark the ground-breaking and official opening ceremony of the center.

We owe a great debt to our veterans and their families, and I thank the people of Rowlett for their work on this effort. This is a great example of a community coming together to support those who have sacrificed so much for our nation.

It is an honor to represent them in Congress, and I know that I am deeply dedicated to being a strong and reliable partner for this new center as it works to become a source of long-term support and solutions for our veterans.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF ROBERT J. JAMISON, SR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Reverend Robert J. Jamison, Sr., who passed away on Sunday, March 24 at age 82.

Rev. Jamison, a native of Tupelo, Mississippi, was born on May 28, 1936 to Van and Cora Jamison. He was the third of four children and dedicated his life to Christ at an early age at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church. Robert graduated from George Washington Carver High School and married his high school sweetheart, Minnie Lee Edwards, in 1954. After graduation, he received degrees from Mississippi Industrial College, University of Utah, and Memphis Theological Seminary.

Rev. Jamison served as pastor of Second Baptist Church, New Providence Missionary Baptist Church and founded the People's Community Baptist Church in Tupelo, Mississippi. It was through these roles and many more that Rev. Jamison touched many lives. He was dedicated to making his community better by serving the people any way he could.

Rev. Jamison's life is one that should be celebrated and remembered. His legacy of obedience to God and selfless service to others lives on in all the lives he touched.

Left to cherish his memories are his son, Robert "Fonda" Jamison, Jr. of Silver Spring, MD; three daughters, Searcy (Ray) Taylor and Venita Goins of Gulfport, MS, Marcy Jamison of Tupelo, MS; four grandchildren, Christen Shane Jamison of Philadelphia, PA, Julicia "GiGi" Taylor of Camp Spring, MD, William (Ashlee) Goins and daughter, Ava Claire of Starkville, MS, Jamison Goins of Atlanta, GA;

three sisters, Jennie Kincaid and Annie Turner of Milwaukee, WI, Dora Thomas of Memphis, TN; one brother, Tyree Jamison of Rockville, MD; two brother-in-laws, Eddie Edwards and Obie Edwards of Verona, MS; one sister-in-law, Leora Edwards of Verona, MS and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

HONORING LOYD RUTHERFORD OF MOULTON, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I want to acknowledge the lifetime of service Mr. Loyd Rutherford of Moulton, Alabama has given to the farm community in our nation and the difference he has made in countless lives.

Mr. Rutherford currently serves on the board of directors for Alabama Farm Credit. He will be retiring on April 19, 2019 after almost 30 years of service to the board. In addition to this longevity on the board, he has served as Chairman of the Board for almost the same length of time, taking that title in 1995. He held that title until 2017.

In addition to Mr. Rutherford's service to the state of Alabama, he has also served other

parts of our nation. He served on the District Benefits Administrative Committee for the Farm Credit Bank of Texas. Rutherford also worked on the Farm Credit Benefit Alliance plan sponsor committee, which services both AgFirst Bank and the Farm Credit Bank of Texas, the Tenth District Farm Credit Council Board, the National Farm Credit Council board, and the Farm Credit Council Services Board.

Mr. Rutherford retired from working 32 years with a local cooperative in Alabama. He is currently the owner and operator of JRL Inc., a construction and development company in Moulton, Alabama. He also farms cotton, soybeans, cattle and broilers.

I want to commend Mr. Rutherford for his service, especially his time serving Alabama Farm Credit. The organization has helped an untold number of farmers, especially those just getting started in the business, to realize their dreams of making a career out of helping to feed America.

He is married to Janice and they have three children, Jeffrey, Regina and Tanya, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. I am happy to congratulate Mr. Rutherford and I wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement from the Alabama Farm Credit Board of Directors. I know his leadership and knowledge will be greatly missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to circumstances beyond my control.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 130; NAY on Roll Call No. 131; YEA on Roll Call No. 132; YEA on Roll Call No. 133; and NAY on Roll Call No. 134.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I was unavoidably detained and unable to make votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: Yea on Roll Call 126, the European Energy Security and Diversity Act (HR 1616).