

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. PATRICIA "PATTY" PARKER CULLEN

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations and best wishes to an exceptional community leader and outstanding citizen, Mrs. Patricia "Patty" Parker Cullen, on the occasion of her retirement as the Executive Director of the River Valley Regional Commission.

A native of Phenix City, Alabama, Patty received both her bachelor's degree in Home Economics and her master's degree in Community Planning from Auburn University.

For almost four decades, she has been a well-respected leader in the community development industry in the Chattahoochee Valley region. She has built quite an impressive career, which began with her position as an Economic/Energy Planner for the Lower Chattahoochee Area Planning and Development Commission. During her extensive tenure in the community development industry, Patricia has held several leadership roles within the Lower Chattahoochee Area Planning and Development Commission, the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Development Center, and the River Valley Regional Commission. Patty has done a tremendous job in upholding the highest standards of achievement, service and public distinction.

Throughout her career, Patty has served on a number of boards and was affiliated with several associations including the Advisory Council at Auburn University; the American Planning Association; the Georgia Association of Regional Commissions; the Georgia Planning Association; and Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumni Association.

Patty has accomplished much throughout her life, but none of this would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and support of her late husband, George; and her stepdaughter, Sally.

Sir Winston Churchill often said: "You make your living by what you get; you make your life by what you give." The Lower Chattahoochee Valley area is a better place because Patty Cullen gave so much to so many to make our community stronger. As a woman of great integrity, her efforts, her dedication, and her expertise are unparalleled, but her heart for helping others utilizing these qualities has made her life's work truly special.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian; and me, along with the more than 730,000 citizens of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Patricia "Patty" Parker Cullen upon the occasion of her retirement from an outstanding career of public service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE INAUGURATION OF DR. ADELA DE LA TORRE

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize an important milestone in the history of San Diego as Dr. Adela de la Torre is set to be inaugurated as San Diego State University's (SDSU) ninth President on April 11, 2019.

Her inauguration is taking place at a unique juncture in the history of San Diego State University and has the potential to impart a significant impact on higher education throughout San Diego County.

SDSU is, and always will be, a major driver of San Diego's economy. With an annual economic impact of over \$5.67 billion dollars, it is important that we continue to support SDSU and the thousands of students who graduate from the institution every year; more than 60 percent of whom stay in San Diego and put their degrees to work in our local communities.

Dr. de la Torre is a graduate of UC Berkeley, and holds a master's degree and Ph.D. in agricultural and resource economics. She has been a dedicated leader in the higher education space for over 30 years.

Dr. de la Torre was appointed as SDSU's first woman president in June of 2018. Throughout her first year in this position, she has spent significant time "listening and learning" to stakeholders in the region and embarked on a listening tour throughout San Diego County to ensure she has an intimate understanding of the unique needs of the students SDSU serves.

As she assumes control of SDSU, Dr. de la Torre has an opportunity to establish her vision for the future. At a time when the University is planning a major expansion in Mission Valley, it is important that its leaders clearly articulate their plans for growth and development.

Under Dr. de la Torre's leadership, SDSU embarks on a journey to increase its local footprint and establish the infrastructure necessary to support students over the next century. By engaging with the community, she has positioned herself well for success.

As I reflect on Dr. de la Torre's past accomplishments, and on her vision for the future, I am inspired by her dedication to social justice, and to improving higher education for the good of all students. I believe that her experience has prepared her well for achievement of SDSU's lofty goals.

I am pleased to be able to welcome Dr. de la Torre as SDSU's new president, and look forward to seeing her vision for SDSU take shape. Under her guidance, SDSU stands poised and ready to greatly expand its impact, and emerge as a mecca for innovative higher education in California and beyond.

I extend my congratulations to her on her appointment and inauguration. In the short time she has been in San Diego orienting herself to every opportunity here, she has epitomized the future of our community. Dr. de la Torre is SDSU and will surely touch lives.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL ROBERT HENDRIKS

**HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise to express my deepest sympathy and sorrow in the passing of Corporal Robert Hendriks. The son of Erik Hendriks and Felicia Biondo-Arculeo, Robert was a United States Marine who died this week while bravely serving his country in Afghanistan. This was his second deployment. Robert grew up in Locust Valley, New York, next to my hometown of Glen Cove. Almost immediately after graduating from Locust Valley High School in 2012, Robert joined the United Marine Corps Reserves, and was assigned to the Site Support 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment in Garden City, NY.

On Monday, April 8th, Robert, along with the members of his unit were driving in a convoy near Baghrum Air Base when an improvised explosive device was detonated near his Humvee. Robert, along with two other members of his unit were killed in this attack.

Known for his selflessness and commitment to duty, his friends and family also knew him as a kind and gentle person. "He was the kind of kid you just want to hug," said his aunt. Robert's brother, Joseph, also a Marine, arrived in Afghanistan last week to begin his tour. Joseph is now escorting his brother's remains back home to their family.

Robert Hendriks is an American hero who reflects the best of the United States of America, the United States Marine Corps, and the Third Congressional District of New York. May God bless Robert Hendriks, and grant peace and strength to his family.

CLEAN FUELS NATIONAL AND THE CLEAN FUELS NATIONAL FUEL SUMMIT

**HON. JIM BANKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Clean Fuels National and the Clean Fuels National Fuel Summit held in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Hundreds of attendees spanning from Washington State to Pennsylvania will participate in this invitation-only forum. Business leaders will discuss important issues facing the industry, such as natural disaster preparation, card skimming and UST regulations.

This forum would not be possible without the hard work of Clean Fuels National and the Vanover Family. Kas, Mike, and Gregg Vanover founded Clean Fuels National in 2000, on the idea of providing exceptional fuel filtration and tank cleaning services to Northeast Indiana. Nineteen years later, Clean Fuels National is the largest fuel filtration and tank cleaning company in the United States. However, its roots remain grounded in Northeast Indiana. The bedrock of Clean Fuels National lies in the close-knit support of the surrounding community and its loyal customers. Today, Clean Fuels National employs over 60 individuals from Northeast Indiana and is constantly expanding.

I offer my congratulations to Clean Fuels National on all of their achievements, and best wishes for continued success in the years to come.

#### HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF EMINENCE, MISSOURI

### HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sesquicentennial of Eminence, Missouri. Located in Shannon County, Eminence began as a small settlement along the Current River near Round Spring. In 1868, after the courthouse was burned in the Civil War, it was determined the town and county seat should be moved to a more centrally-located area. County Judges Alfred Deatherage, Thomas J. Chilton, and William Mahan commissioned William S. Chilton to find the new location. Utilizing the help of his brother, Thomas J. Chilton, they moved the town to its current location.

The early structures in Eminence were constructed out of log and plain lumber. The first businesses in town, a saloon, store, and post office, were constructed by Colonel Thomas Freeman and A.J.P. Deatherage.

Today, Eminence is known for its canoeing, trail riding, hunting, fishing, and camping. It is also the home of former astronaut Tom Akers, a veteran of four space shuttle missions and former Principal of Eminence High School.

The people of Eminence have shown their resiliency through the years by overcoming fires, floods, and other obstacles. This resiliency has made Eminence what it is today. It is my honor to acknowledge this historic birthday before the United States House of Representatives.

#### CONGRATULATING DAVE AND KATHLEEN SPARKS ON 50 YEARS AT McDONALD'S

### HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dave and Kathleen Sparks on 50 years of growth, innovation, and leadership at McDonald's.

Dave began his career at McDonald's as a cashier while in college. In the beginning, he needed strong math skills, good customer service, and knowledge of the menu. These skills taught Dave the lessons that would stay with him through the launch of his career and would help shape his success as an owner-operator. His continued commitment to our community has helped grow our economy and provide good jobs for hardworking Hoosiers for decades. Dave's contributions to our state's workforce and franchise economy have been invaluable, and his entrepreneurial spirit and exceptional drive are inspirational to future generations.

Dave and his wife Kathleen have not only transformed the lives of their employees and other McDonald's owner-operators across the

state, they have also been intimately involved with the northern Indiana Ronald McDonald House Charities. Their teamwork, leadership, and business acumen exemplify the strong Hoosier values that move our state forward, and they display the compassion that connects us all.

It is truly a privilege to represent Hoosier job creators like Dave and Kathleen, who never stop building opportunities for others and making Indiana a better place to live, work, and thrive.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dave Sparks on his 50th anniversary at McDonald's, and in thanking him for setting a positive example for business owners and franchisees across the country. I look forward to the incredible things that lie ahead for Dave, his family, and our nation's love of McDonald's, and I wish him all the best in this next chapter.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF BISHOP C. JAMES KING, JR.

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Man of God, Bishop C. James King, Jr., the Presiding Bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, which spans the state of Alabama. On Thursday, April 11, 2019, Bishop King will be the distinguished preacher for the Ecumenical Service at St. James AME Church located at 1002 Sixth Avenue in Columbus, Georgia.

Bishop Charles James King, Jr. was born on May 15, 1948, to the union of the late Mr. Charles James King, Sr. and Mrs. Ruthie Mae Middlebrooks King. The Columbus, Georgia native is the eldest of 12 children and was reared by his grandparents. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Paine College in 1974, his Master of Divinity degree in the Old Testament from The Interdenominational Theological Center in 1979, and his Doctor of Ministry degree in Educational Administration with a special concentration in Program Development from Ashland Theological Seminary in 1994.

During his career, Bishop King has pastored several congregations including Murray Memorial CME Church in Georgia; Bunton Institutional CME Church in Washington, D.C.; Brown Memorial CME Church in Kentucky; Trinity Church and Murchison Tabernacle CME Church in Indiana; as well as Peoples Community CME Church, Phillips Memorial CME Church, and St. Phillips CME Church in Ohio. He has also played a leading role in several religious and community-based organizations including Presiding Elder of the Cincinnati-Dayton-Indianapolis District in the Ohio-Central Indiana Region; the Episcopal Director of Faith-Based and Community-Based Ministries in the Second Episcopal District covering churches from Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, and North Carolina; and a member and vice chair of The General Board of Personnel Services for the CME Church, before being elected the 63rd Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in 2014.

Bishop King has always been a staunch advocate for helping economically disadvantaged

adolescents and youth. As the President, CEO, and Founder of Project One, Inc., a faith-based non-profit corporation, he has helped over 15,000 youth become engaged in meaningful summer employment and after-school programs. He has also raised substantial amounts of funding to support youth through Project One programs like The Annual Summer Jobs Campaign; The Summer Earning and Enrichment Program; The Fatherhood Program; The Talented and Gifted Scholars (TAG) Program; and The After School University at the Alice Lucille Martin Educational Academy. Bishop King is the first C.M.E. preacher to serve as the Chair of the Board of Trustees for The Interdenominational Theological Center and has used his position to raise funds for the growth and expansion of the school.

Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the congregation of St. James AME Church and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in recognizing and commending a Columbus native son, Bishop C. James King, Jr., for his outstanding accomplishments in the ministry and his service to humankind. He is a man of great accomplishment, an outstanding mentor, and a prominent community leader, but above all, he is a faithful servant of God.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 20

4 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.

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5 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Airland

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.

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