

will be tested in a laboratory for nutrients and bacteria levels. These assessments test the overall health of the water as well as any threats to aquatic organisms, fish, and humans. Through this work, volunteers become environmental stewards and ambassadors for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and local watersheds. Since 2000, a total of 3,783 volunteers have donated 18,915 hours of their time to monitor any of the Snapshot Day sites.

Since its beginning in 2000, Snapshot Day has shown how engaged volunteers can make a critical impact in their community. Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary as they celebrate their 20th Snapshot Day.

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HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2019*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Polish American Congress. I am pleased to recognize such an esteemed organization that has enriched the cultural landscape of our nation and strengthened America's friendship with Poland. I am proud to have worked closely for many years with Polish American Congress President Frank Spula in Chicago.

Established near the end of World War II, the Polish American Congress gave voice to the shared Polish-American interest in a free Poland and in defeating the Axis powers. After World War II ended, the organization played a leading role in international efforts to secure a prosperous and independent post-war Poland. During the Cold War, the organization engaged in further work to bolster relations between our two countries, through pushing for American recognition of the Polish western border, securing support for Radio Free Europe, and advocating on behalf of Polish immigrants.

Today, the Polish American Congress stands as a federation of over 3,000 Polish American organizations including veteran, cultural, professional, religious, and social associations, and represents over 10 million Americans of Polish descent and origin. Throughout its rich history, the Polish American Congress has been highly successful in ensuring strong economic cooperation and promoting civic, educational, and cultural programs to further artistic and intellectual exchanges.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Polish American Congress on its 75th anniversary. Chicagoland is fortunate to have the most robust Polish-American community in our nation. I am proud to be a Polish-American and to represent so many others in my district. I have witnessed firsthand the exceptional contributions of the Polish American Congress. I know this organization will continue its important work for many years into the future.

RECOGNIZING JASMINE WATT,  
DELEGATE TO THE 2019 CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2019*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jasmine Carol Watt on her nomination and selection as a Delegate to the 2019 Congress of Future Medical Leaders. She will represent the great State of Georgia and White County High School at the event in Boston, Massachusetts.

Selection as a Delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an incredible honor. The goal of the Congress is to identify high-achieving high school students who aspire to become physicians or medical scientists and provide them with the guidance and mentorship needed to succeed.

To become a Delegate, one must have a proven record of academic achievement. Jasmine greatly exceeded that requirement with her near-perfect GPA. While maintaining a stellar GPA, Jasmine also participates in the White County High School concert and marching bands as a percussionist.

From an early age, Jasmine was always intrigued by the possibility of a career in the medical profession. Inspired by her mother, a law enforcement officer, she originally expressed interest in forensic sciences but later turned her attention to becoming a nurse in the operating room, where her aunt works.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an incredible opportunity for Jasmine to acquire the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to succeed in the medical profession. I am proud to congratulate her on this well-deserved honor, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

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TRIBUTE HONORING THE ANCESTRAL REBURIAL HOSTED BY THE GULLAH SOCIETY

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2019*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor 36 individuals of African descent whose remains were unearthed at Gailliard Center in Charleston, South Carolina in 2013. These souls, whose stories are unknown, were buried in unmarked graves and their resting site was later buried under construction as the city grew. While they may have been forgotten in their time, they are not forgotten today. I commend the Gullah Society and the City of Charleston for honoring these individuals by holding a naming ceremony and ancestral reburial celebration to honor these souls and recognize their contributions to Charleston's history.

What we do know is that these 36 individuals—men, women and children—were either born in Africa or were of African descent. Thanks to the efforts of the Gullah Society, analysis has been done that dates the original burial of these souls to between 1750 and 1800. Yet the site was never recognized as a

burial ground. These souls were almost certainly enslaved people and endured prejudices and abuses throughout their life.

Alexis de Tocqueville wrote in his great work *Democracy in America*; "The greatness of America lies not in being more enlightened than any other nation, but rather in her ability to repair her faults." The reburial celebration is one step towards acknowledging this important part of history and repairing this fault.

We have an obligation to preserve the rich history of this country. Celebrations like this provide an opportunity to rejoice in the continued preservation of not just historic events but of the people who made this country what it is today.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in celebrating this historic occasion that recognizes the contributions of these 36 souls and all of the similarly situated that they represent. Without the vigilance of the Gullah Society and the City of Charleston this recognition would not be possible; and I add my enduring gratitude for the tremendous work they have done to make this day possible.

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THE PASSING OF JUDGE DAMON KEITH

**HON. JOHN LEWIS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2019*

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Judge Damon Keith. He was a great American and a brilliant federal judge.

Over the years, I had the honor of meeting Judge Keith a few times. He was always gracious and thoughtful.

Appointed by Presidents Johnson and Carter, Judge Keith worked for more than half a century to help our nation realize the dream of a more perfect union.

He spent every single day committed to helping our country respect the dignity, worth, and equality of every human being—whether it was their right to vote, education, housing, employment, or privacy.

Madam Speaker, today, my thoughts are with his family, friends, and community, who were kind enough to share this amazing man with a grateful nation.

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RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE STAN FURMAN

**HON. GREG STANTON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2019*

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, today I want to recognize the Honorable Stan Furman who passed away on April 1, 2019 at the age of 87 in Phoenix, Arizona.

The two-term Arizona State Senator was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1932 and experienced a humble, often difficult upbringing. He lost both his parents before he turned 10 years old and spent his formative years in the Vista Del Mar orphanage in Los Angeles.

This experience shaped him, contributing to his strong beliefs in justice and equal rights. It formed Stan's social conscience as he developed a profound need to stand up for those who couldn't stand up for themselves. That