

please join me in recognizing Dr. Robert H. Twiss on the occasion of his 85th birthday.

HONORING PETE RICHMOND

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pete Richmond on the Napa Valley Grower of the Year for 2019.

Mr. Richmond's career in agriculture began in 1986 after earning a degree in Agricultural Business from California State University, Fresno. He started working for Bien Nacido Vineyards, gaining valuable experience as a vintner. Mr. Richmond went on to work for other prestigious wineries. In 1992 he was at Stag's Leap Winery; he worked at Atlas Peak Winery from 1993 to 1995; from 1995 to 2001 he was at Kendall Jackson. After spending 15 years at various wineries, Mr. Richmond founded the Silverado Farming Company, a vineyard management and client communications company. Wineries contract Silverado Farming Company to tend, field, and harvest grapes in Napa County. The company oversees vineyard management for over 600 acres of Cabernet grapes.

Mr. Richmond's passion for agriculture is not confined to the vineyard. He is involved in our community through his philanthropic efforts and the Boards on which he sits. In 2006, Mr. Richmond established the One Percent for the Community Fund, a foundation that receives one percent of gross revenue profits made by the Silverado Farming Company. The foundation uses the money to support at-risk youth in our community and help find a solution for a variety of issues that impact farm workers. Mr. Richmond is on the Farmworker Foundation Board of Directors, a past member of the Napa Valley Grape grower's Board of Directors, and an Advisory Board Member for Teens Connect. He is active in the housing community as a member of Napa Valley Community Housing and Napa County Housing Commission. Mr. Richmond is also involved with Ag for Youth and is a former Babe Ruth Baseball League Coach.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Richmond is the community member we should all strive to be. He is a person of integrity, generous and caring, and well-deserving of the title Napa Valley 2019 Grower of the Year. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Pete Richmond here today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROBERT HAROLD OGLE, A FOUNDING MEMBER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY INCORPORATED

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of Representatives DANNY DAVIS, GREGORY MEEKS, DAVID SCOTT, EMANUEL CLEAVER, AL GREEN, STEVEN

HORSFORD and myself, to recognize and honor the life and legacy of Robert Harold Ogle—a founding member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated and a trailblazer in the United States Congress.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated was established on December 4, 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. The founding members of Alpha Phi Alpha are affectionately known as the Seven Jewels. These men were pioneers in their respective fields and their accomplishments were monumental considering the racial attitudes of our nation in 1906.

Jewel Henry Arthur Callis became a practicing physician and a Professor of Medicine at Howard University. He was also the only member of the "Cornell Seven" to become General President of the fraternity.

Jewel Charles Henry Chapman was a leader in higher education and became a Professor of Agriculture at what is now Florida A&M University.

Jewel Eugene Kinckle Jones became the first Executive Secretary of the National Urban League.

Jewel George Biddle Kelley was the first African American engineer registered in the state of New York.

Jewel Nathaniel Allison Murray pursued a career in education and taught in public schools in Washington, D.C.

Jewel Vertner Woodson Tandy was the first architect registered in New York and the first African American to pass the military commissioning exam, becoming a First Lieutenant in the 15th Infantry of the New York State National Guard.

As members of Alpha Phi Alpha gather on Capitol Hill this week for Alpha Days on the Hill, it is only fitting to recognize the life and legacy of Jewel Robert Harold Ogle, who was the first known African American to have served as a professional Senate committee staffer.

Jewel Ogle was born in Washington, D.C. in 1886. He was educated at the historic M Street School, one of the nation's first public high schools for African American youth. After graduating from the M Street School, Jewel Ogle studied at Cornell University where he earned a degree in agriculture with an emphasis on business administration.

Senate records show that Jewel Ogle was originally hired in 1919 as a "laborer" for the Senate Appropriations Committee, chaired by Senator Francis E. Warren of Wyoming. His title was changed to "messenger" for the committee in 1921, and he was finally named an "additional clerk" in 1930.

It is important that we honor Jewel Ogle, who a century ago, paved the way for African American congressional staffers today. He established and exemplified the ideals of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in leadership, scholarship, and service. At his funeral service, Jewel Nathaniel Allison recognized Jewel Ogle for "his unabated enthusiasm and his fighting spirit." As members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity visit the United States Capitol this week for Alpha Days on the Hill with a commitment to "Advocacy and Action," Jewel Ogle's "fighting spirit" goes with them, as well as with each of the Members of Congress who are proud members of this fraternity.

Madam Speaker, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has been at the forefront of advocacy for our communities and in uplifting the downtrodden for 113 years. The tremendous work and ac-

complishments of this fraternity and its members would not have been possible without the Seven Jewels. And here on Capitol Hill, the legacy of Jewel Robert Harold Ogle lives on today in each of the African American congressional staffers who serve behind the scenes of this august institution. I thank Jewel Ogle for being a true trailblazer for these remarkable men and women who followed in his footsteps.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELIZABETH (BETSY) PAGE ALDRICH AND HER 65 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Betsy Aldrich and her 65 years of service to the Daughters of the American Revolution. I would like to personally thank her for her service and dedication to our nation.

Betsy was born in Richmond, Virginia and raised at Shelly in "Coke" Virginia, where she resides today. She attended Mary Washington College for two years and then headed to William and Mary, where she earned a degree in philosophy. Betsy went on to teach early elementary school in Alexandria, Virginia. Betsy married her husband Robert D. Aldrich in 1951 and had two children, John Page Aldrich and Dr. Lee Aldrich Rouse.

Betsy descends from John Page of Rosewell, the 13th Governor of Virginia and Thomas Nelson, Jr, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Following in the footsteps of her heritage, Betsy has always been incredibly interested in Virginia history and is the only surviving charter member of the Augustine Warner Chapter of the DAR formed in 1953. I commend Betsy for her work with the DAR over the past 65 years and am grateful to have someone such as Betsy in our Virginia community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in the recognition of Betsy Aldrich. The Commonwealth is fortunate to have someone with such dedication and commitment. May God bless Betsy Aldrich and I look forward to seeing her continued success for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on May 7, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 185 and Roll Call Vote 186. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 185, and Yea on Roll Call 186.

IN RECOGNITION OF LINDA
ROSENBERG

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Linda Rosenberg, the outgoing CEO of the National Council for Behavioral Health. As members of the community gather today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Linda for her leadership as a health care architect and reformer in advancing quality care for individuals with behavioral health disorders.

For 15 years, Linda has served as the President and CEO of the National Council for Behavioral Health. Under her leadership, the National Council has become the nation's most effective advocate for behavioral health care, serving 10 million adults, children, and families. Linda's work has played a critical role in expanding the financing for integrated behavioral health services, ensuring the passage of federal mental health and addiction parity law, as well as introducing Mental Health First Aid in the U.S. She also helped to ensure the inclusion of behavioral health services in the Affordable Care Act.

Linda's commitment to the advancement of behavioral health care can be seen throughout the duration of her career. Prior to the National Council, she served as Senior Deputy Commissioner of New York State Office of Mental Health and helped to implement New York's first Mental Health Court. She also has over 30 years of experience as certified social worker, family therapist and psychiatric rehabilitation practitioner. Linda currently serves on several boards of directors and is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention. In her honor, the National Council recently granted her the Lifetime Achievement Award at their 2019 annual conference.

Madam Speaker, as we gather to celebrate Linda Rosenberg's lifetime of achievements, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring her dedication and leadership in the improvement of mental health and substance services.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, while on a fact-finding mission to South America to conduct oversight of U.S. assistance and assess the situation at the Venezuelan border, I was unavoidably detained. As a result, I missed roll call votes No. 170 and No. 171. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 170, and YEA on Roll Call No. 171.

IN HONOR OF BARBARA
THOMASON

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Barbara Thomason for her outstanding service and profound impact as President and CEO of the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce.

An accomplished Texas scholar, Barbara holds a bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree in Management from Houston Baptist University. She also holds a Chamber Management certification from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for Organizational Management, and a certification in Professional Community and Economic Development.

Prior to her service at the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce, Barbara had a diverse and impressive portfolio of professional experience. She served as the Dean of Corporate and Continuing Education at Lone Star College—North Harris, worked in training and development for the American General companies, and was a small-business owner of the Gymboree franchise.

She then went on to found the Northwest Chamber of Commerce Foundation, which provides scholarships and educational resources to local students. During her time with the Northwest Chamber, Barbara has proven to be a friend, leader and dedicated citizen of Houston. Throughout her years of public service, Barbara has been a model of exceptional civic duty, and has remained devoted to the advancement of Houston area businesses through grassroot level advocacy for local safety and economic development.

In 2015, Barbara was named as a Woman of Excellence by the Women's Business Forum. The following year, Leadership North Houston honored Barbara as the 2016 Distinguished Volunteer. By 2017, Barbara was selected for a position on the Executive Board on the Texas Chamber of Commerce. Each award is well-deserved, and recognizes her steadfast service to our community.

This year, Barbara is retiring following her 15 years of exceptional service to the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce. However, I know that Barbara will continue to be a leader and champion of family training and development during her next professional venture as a consultant. I am proud to join her family, friends, and colleagues in recognizing her many contributions to Northwest Houston. I thank her and I wish all the best on her next adventure.

RECOGNIZING THE 29TH ANNUAL
D.C. BLACK PRIDE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the 29th annual D.C. Black Pride and the 50th anniversary of the Stone-wall Riots.

This Memorial Day week the National Capital Region welcomes members of the African American LGBTQ community to celebrate "Our Truths In Harmony" at the 29th annual D.C. Black Pride.

The festivities begin May 20th at 5:00 p.m. with the Damian Ministries' Black Pride Kick Off Reception and they close at 6:00 p.m. May 27th with Helping Us People Into Living's "Pride In the Park" festival at Fort DuPont Park.

On May 21st, D.C. Black Pride honors its 2019 award winners at the D.C. Black Pride Awards Reception. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) President and Chief Executive Derrick Johnson receives the President's Award. The 2019 Welmore Cook Awards go to Bishop Allyson Nelson Abrams, founder prelate and pastor of Empowerment Liberation Cathedral, her spouse, Bishop Emerita Diana Williams, and Dr. Di-Quartelai Quartey of the National Association of Retired Persons (NAARP) and the Robert H. Smith School of Business.

Steven "Kahos" Wilson, Founder and CEO of Ovah the Top Productions and Executive Director of the OASIS Dance Company, receives the Unsung Hero Award. Black Pride recognizes True Colors United Senior Program Officer Kahlib Barton with the Leadership Award. Shi-Queeta Lee, noted DMV Drag Entertainer and costume designer, is honored with the Earline Budd Award.

Black Pride acknowledges U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Impact Specialist Derrick Côméi "Strawberry" Cox as the Charlotte Smallwood Volunteer of the Year for 2019. Gail Oliver and Nana Amuah-Afenyi VI (born Peggjelene Bartles, known informally as "King Peggy"), chief of Tatum Ghana, receive the Curtis L. Etherly, Jr., Ally Award. Michael Beale of Mb Staffing Services, LLC, receives the D.C. Black Pride Small Business Award.

This year, Black Pride initiates the Alan Sharpe Award for contributions to art by awarding it to its namesake, Alan Sharpe, Founding Artistic Director of Washington, D.C.'s African-American Collective Theater.

Black Pride continues through Memorial Day with town halls, educational workshops, a poetry slam hosted by Mary Bowman, an interfaith worship service, and social events, including breakfasts, brunches, dinners and happy hours.

D.C. Black and Lesbian Gay Pride Day began my first year in Congress. On Sunday, May 26, 1991, 800 people gathered at Banneker Field on Georgia Avenue. I have watched it mature from an ad hoc event to one of the world's preeminent Black Pride celebrations. Now D.C. Black Pride draws more than 50,000 participants from the United States, Africa, Europe and the Americas to our nation's capital.

D.C. Black Pride fostered the beginning of the Center for Black Equity (formerly known as the International Federation of Black Prides, Inc.) and the "Black Pride Movement," which now consists of 53 Black Prides on four continents. I commend the volunteer Advisory Board that assists Earl D. Fowlkes, Jr., Jeffrey Richardson, Michael S. Hinson, Jr., C. Hawkins, Kenya Hutton and Genise Chamber-Woods in the planning and execution of D.C. Black Pride.

As Black Pride comes to town, I also take this opportunity to inform the celebrants and to