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IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
FITZPATRICK FAMILY AND THE  
RED LION INN

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate the Fitzpatrick Family on their 50th anniversary as owners of the iconic Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. The Red Lion Inn has been a cultural and historic institution of western Massachusetts for more than two centuries and has continued on as such in the modern era thanks to the Fitzpatrick Family. Our community has benefited immeasurably as a result, and we are incredibly grateful.

The Town of Stockbridge was founded in 1734 and became a popular resort destination during the Gilded Age. It also became home to one of America's greatest 18th century hotels, the Red Lion Inn, which first opened in 1773. The World Wars of the 20th century, however, as well as the Great Depression, took a toll on the region and the Red Lion Inn with it. But 1969 would prove to be a monumental year for Stockbridge and the rest of the Berkshires. As new attractions reenergized the area, the grand reopening of the Red Lion Inn took place on account of Senator Jack Fitzpatrick and his wife, Jane. The Fitzpatricks did more than just save the Red Lion Inn from being razed. They renovated it and preserved most of the art, antiques, furniture, and—thus—charm that are essential to the Inn's character and allure. They also continued to grow their impact on the community by helping local projects thrive and injecting a fresh sense of prosperity to the Berkshires. Still further, they have prided themselves on providing high quality service and hospitality to all of their guests and making them feel right at home in the heart of the Berkshires.

Once again, Madam Speaker, the 50th year of Fitzpatrick Family ownership of the Red Lion Inn is certainly worthy of celebration and recognition. It is a testament to the vibrancy and cultural substance of Stockbridge and the Berkshires. Jane and Jack Fitzpatrick's bountiful legacy lives on through the Fitzpatrick Trust, the Red Lion Inn, and—most importantly—the new generation of family members. I wish the Fitzpatrick Family, including of course Jack and Jane's daughter Nancy, and Nancy's stepdaughter Sarah Eustis, who is the third-generation owner and operator of the Inn, all the best in their future endeavors and at the 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner to be hosted on May 29.

OBSERVING THE 101TH ANNIVERSARY OF AZERBAIJAN'S REPUBLIC

**HON. STEVE CHABOT**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a Co-chair of the Congressional Azerbaijani Caucus, to honor the Republic of Azerbaijan as it celebrates its 101st Republic Day on May 28, 2019. This important milestone marks the very first time a parliamentary democratic republic was established in any predominantly Muslim country.

Unfortunately, Azerbaijan's independence was short-lived, as it was soon occupied by the Soviets. Many Azerbaijanis lost their lives in 1920, trying to keep their independence alive and after years of living under Soviet rule re-gained their independence in 1991.

Since regaining its independence, Azerbaijan has become a key ally to the United States in a strategically important region. It is a secular state with a predominantly Muslim population that has been home to vibrant Christian and Jewish communities for over a millennium.

Azerbaijan continues to offer critical support for NATO operations in Afghanistan, particularly by enabling supplies to reach Coalition forces. Azerbaijan also provides vital support to U.S. nonproliferation efforts in a very tough neighborhood.

In addition to supporting U.S. security interests in the region, Azerbaijan plays an important role in contributing to the energy security of our European allies and Israel. It is very remarkable that roughly 40% of Israel's oil is provided by Azerbaijan.

I believe the U.S. should stand with Azerbaijan and work with them to strengthen their independence as our proven partner is subjected to substantial pressure from Russia and Iran.

It is my pleasure to encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring Azerbaijan on its 101st Republic Day and celebrate the robust U.S.-Azerbaijan partnership.

HONORING JESPY HOUSE AND THE  
MICHAEL OCH HOUSE

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a nonprofit organization that helps serve the intellectually and developmentally disabled community in my district. For the past forty years, JESPY House has been a vital part of South Orange, New Jersey.

JESPY House has provided housing, job training, and life skills to hundreds of disabled people during its long history as a public service organization. In two weeks, JESPY House will host the grand opening of its newest expansion—the Michael Och House, a Center for Aging at JESPY.

The Och House is part of JESPY's "Aging in Place" program, which provides for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities to live in a client-centered, community-based setting during their senior years.

The Och House will help JESPY to ensure its clients are able to age with dignity. They will have increased nursing and health care screenings, healthy living workshops, on-site physical therapists, and age-appropriate accessibility furnishings.

I am proud to represent organizations that are doing great things for those in need. JESPY House is a model for advancing independence among adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 222, 223, 224, and 225; NAY on Roll Call No. 226; YEA on Roll Call No. 227; and NAY on Roll Call No. 228.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND DOCTOR  
EMMETT SCOTT ANITON, JR.

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding Man of God, a devoted spiritual leader, and dear friend of longstanding, Rev. Dr. Emmett S. Aniton, Jr., who will be celebrating his 40th anniversary as the distinguished pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia on Friday, May 24, 2019, at 6:30pm.

Emmett Scott Aniton, Jr. was born on March 8, 1940, in Oneonta, Alabama to the union of Mr. Emmett Scott Aniton, Sr. and Mrs. Estella Aniton Woods. He attended Southside High School in Etowah County, Alabama, where he graduated in 1959, before earning his Bachelor of Theology degree from Selma University in 1964. He entered the United States Army and completed a tour of duty in Qui Nho'n, Vietnam, and returned home to Alabama where he matriculated at Alabama A&M University, earning Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology in 1971.

After responding to God's call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Rev. Aniton pastored the First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Alabama from 1966 to March of 1979. For more than 12 years, Rev. Aniton was the shepherd at First Baptist where he ministered to the needs of his flock christening babies, baptizing believers, performing marriages, and consoling bereaved families, while developing and honing his skills as a church administrator and inspiring preacher.

Then in November of 1978, the congregation of Friendship Baptist Church called and the Holy Spirit sent Rev. Aniton to Columbus, Georgia. His pastoral duties began in April of 1979 and he has faithfully and effectively served for over 40 years. Under Reverend Aniton's dynamic and spirit-filled leadership, the Friendship Baptist Church has experienced tremendous growth—spiritually, numerically, and in its physical facilities. But most importantly, under his leadership, Friendship has