

Congratulations to our Gamecocks. Best wishes to this team as they continue to reach new heights in the future.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops and We Will Never Forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH
AMENDMENT

HON. GARY J. PALMER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. PALMER. Madam Speaker, this year is the 100th year anniversary of the United States House of Representatives approving the resolution for the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. I have looked forward to this day literally since my first day in Congress because it holds very special meaning for my wife's family.

Prior to the 1920 election, sample ballots were distributed in Boston. My wife Ann's great-grandmother, Abby Mayhew Cushing, received a sample ballot that she used to prepare for that election. After voting that day she wrote the following note on the back side of the sample ballot, "November 2, 1920 Cast my first vote for President of these United States."

Reading those words gives a sense of the immense pride that Ms. Cushing felt, a sincere sense of patriotism at the opportunity to participate in the selection of the leaders who would guide as she wrote, "these United States."

These United States . . . even though women had been denied the right to vote since the beginning of our nation, there was no sense of resentment from Ms. Cushing, only a sense of great pride that comes from a genuine love of country.

To be totally transparent, I should include the rest of what she wrote on the back of her sample ballot. She wrote, "Straight Republican ticket. Smashing victory for Harding and Coolidge. Abby Mayhew Cushing Age 67."

Almost three years later she added this note: "President Harding died very suddenly August 2nd 1923 in California. Burial in Marion, Ohio, Friday August 10th."

My wife and her family have held on to this treasured piece of American history, with Ms. Cushing's simple yet inspiring words written on the back, for almost 100 years as a reminder of how far our nation has come. It is with great pride and honor that I share them with this Congress on this 100th anniversary of the passage of the House resolution to give the women of America the right to vote.

2019 EXCELLENCE IN THEATRE
EDUCATION AWARD WINNER
MADELINE MICHEL

HON. DENVER RIGGLEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, last week The Tony Awards announced that Theater Director Madeline Michel from Monticello High School in Charlottesville, Virginia, will re-

ceive the 2019 Excellence in Theatre Education Award. A panel of judges comprised of the American Theatre Wing, The Broadway League, Carnegie Mellon University and other leaders from the theatre industry selected Michel from finalists across the nation.

The Excellence in Theatre Education Award was co-founded in 2014 by the Tony Awards and Carnegie Mellon University to recognize exceptional drama teachers and to celebrate arts education. Michel will receive her award at the 73rd Annual Tony Awards on June 9, 2019, at Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

Teachers throughout the nation have the great responsibility of helping to develop the next generation, and Madeline Michel has demonstrated herself to be an exceptional educator; having received praise from many students, parents, and theater professionals across our community. Michel has shown through her creative, innovative approaches to theater, that she is committed to both training her students in theater arts and developing their character and integrity outside of the classroom.

Madam Speaker, I hope you'll join me in congratulating Madeline Michel for her outstanding achievements in theater education for the students of Virginia's 5th Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING THE ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY
(AUSA) REDSTONE-HUNTSVILLE
CHAPTER ON THEIR 60TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Redstone-Huntsville Chapter on their 60th anniversary. I join the entire Redstone Arsenal defense community in congratulating the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter on reaching this momentous milestone.

Established in 1959, the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter is the Tennessee Valley's premier private, nonprofit, educational association of individual, business and organization members dedicated to supporting and maintaining a strong national defense with emphasis on the role of the United States Army.

The AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter has been recognized year after year as one of America's best chapters. Twelve times in the past fifteen years, the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter has been named the "Best Chapter Overall of the Year" by AUSA National for chapters in the largest category, those over 1,350 members.

The AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter plays a vital role in major armed forces events such as the Army Birthday/Flag Day/Installation of Chapter Officers Dinner, Army National Guard Birthday Breakfast, Army Reserve Birthday Breakfast, Missiles Symposium, Blast-Off Bash during AUSA Global Force Symposium and Exposition in Huntsville.

In closing, I would like to again congratulate the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter on their 60th anniversary and thank this out-

standing chapter for their contributions to the Army and the Tennessee Valley. I look forward to what the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter will accomplish in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE JROTC MEMO-
RIAL DAY ASSEMBLY AND WIL-
LIAM MCKINLEY PORTRAIT
DEDICATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise to acknowledge the JROTC Memorial Day Recognition Assembly and the portrait dedication of former President William McKinley, who was assassinated only blocks away from McKinley High School here in Buffalo in 1901. The portrait was created by McKinley High School teacher assistant and Army Veteran, Reverend William C. Cobb, Jr., who generously donated his drawing to the school for this Memorial Day assembly honoring our fallen service members.

Rev. Cobb was born in Orlando, Florida and joined the United States Army in 1962. During his service, he was recognized as "Soldier of the Year" in 1963. He received an honorable discharge and began pursuing a career in entertainment in Harlem, New York.

In 1977, he relocated to Buffalo, New York to answer his call to the Christian Ministry. To prepare for his call to Christian Discipleship, he joined the Christian family of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. Cobb is an exhibiting member of the Buffalo Society of Artists, as well as a member of the Buffalo Arts Council and the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society. He's depicted countless famous people, nationally and locally, throughout his career including: Oprah Winfrey, Former Assemblyman the Honorable Arthur O. Eve, Sr., Former Buffalo Mayor James Griffin, Al Sharpton, and Former City Councilman David Collins.

The New York City Ministerial Alliance of the African Methodist Episcopal Church commissioned Rev. Cobb to paint the founder and First Bishop of their church, Bishop Richard Allen. Bishop Allen's portrait is among the archives and permanent collection of The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of the New York Public Library in Harlem.

Rev. Cobb is a gifted man endowed with many talents. As a fine artist, he's drawn for more than sixty years and painted for approximately fifty years using various mediums and striving for perfection in realism. As a substitute teacher in the Buffalo Public School System, he shares his talents and guidance with the youth of our community.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I acknowledge the JROTC Memorial Day Assembly, former president William McKinley and Reverend William C. Cobb, Jr. Rev. Cobb's devotion to the arts and our community is an inspiration to us all. I also want to commemorate the service members of the United States military who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation.