CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MR. SID STAFFORD
HON. BRIAN BABIN
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 6, 2019
Mr. BABBIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize World War II veteran Sid Stafford, in celebration of his 100th birthday and for his service to the United States of America.

Mr. Stafford was born and raised in South Texas before joining the U.S. Army in 1941. His military service took him across the world to serve his country in the European Campaign during World War II. Mr. Stafford was in a tank platoon where he worked as a mechanic. Across much of North Africa and Europe, he courageously fought for the safety of Americans and people around the globe against the Nazi regime.

After being honorably discharged from the military in September of 1945, Mr. Stafford settled down on his farm in Hallsil, Texas, where he met and married Nellie Anne Weldon. Together, they raised two beautiful daughters in East Texas. Mrs. Stafford passed away on March 15th of this year, and they would have celebrated their 68th anniversary yesterday, June 4th. Throughout his life, Mr. Stafford has made a positive impact on his East Texas community and it is an honor to call him my friend. No matter what life has in store for him, he always made one thing clear: the importance of trusting in the Lord with all of your heart.

Madam Speaker, it is because of the sacrifices made by men and women like Mr. Sid Stafford that we are able to enjoy the freedoms which we all hold so dear. Let us not forget this great generation. We thank Mr. Stafford for the contribution he has made in preserving our liberty and we wish him a very happy 100th birthday.

CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HOUSE
HON. ANN M. KUSTER
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 6, 2019
Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 200th birthday of the New Hampshire State House, also known as the “People’s House.”

Standing in beautiful downtown Concord, the State House was designed in 1814 by architect Stuart Park and opened on June 2, 1819. It is the oldest state capitol in which both houses of the legislature meet in their original chambers and is home to the largest legislative body in our nation, with 400 members. As the first significant granite building in New Hampshire, the State House was a symbol of the growing granite industry in Concord and our state.

While additions and updates have been made over the years to accommodate government entities such as the General Court, the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer, the State House remains a focal point in Concord and a source of pride for New Hampshire two centuries after opening.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire’s Second Congressional District, I thank the State House Bicentennial Commission for organizing this 200th birthday celebration and I send my deepest appreciation to everyone who maintains this historic, beautiful building.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. ISAAC JOSEPH
HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND
OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 6, 2019
Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Isaac Joseph, a veteran educator and the first African-American superintendent of the Jefferson Parish Public School System. Dr. Joseph passed away on Monday, June 3, 2019 at the age of 64.

Dr. Joseph was a graduate of Southern University at Baton Rouge, where he earned a B.S. degree in Health and Physical Education and a Master of Education in Guidance and Counseling. He completed all coursework towards a doctoral degree in educational leadership from the University of New Orleans.

Dr. Joseph led Louisiana’s largest school district from 2015 to 2018. In 2018, Dr. Joseph resigned as the leader of Jefferson schools. In 1986 Dr. Joseph began his career in education as a teacher in Jefferson Parish. Throughout his career he served in a variety of roles including principal, assistant superintendent of human resources, and executive director of grants and federal programs.

In 1987 and 1989, Dr. Joseph was bestowed the Waggaman School Teacher of the Year award. Less than a decade later, Dr. Joseph was named Educator of the Year by the National Council on Educating Black Children. Dr. Joseph loved the city and the people of New Orleans. His legacy will forever be a part of the city and his dedication to community embodies the spirit of New Orleans. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Dr. Joseph, but surely, we can try to match his sense of service. We cannot match his courage, but we can strive to match his devotion.

Dr. Joseph is survived by a wife, Faith. The couple had a son and Dr. Joseph had two other sons and daughters.

Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Isaac Joseph.

IN HONOR OF KAREN HANRAHAN
HON. JACKIE SPEIER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 6, 2019
Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Hanrahan, the retiring Head of School at Mercy High School Burlingame. Ms. Hanrahan has been a strong leader of this school for the past six years and is beloved on campus. I deeply admire her and feel privileged to call her a great friend.

During her time at Mercy, the school has benefitted greatly through her leadership. Mercy is a school where girls are taught to become leaders. In Ms. Hanrahan, they have a