

Whereas, a railroad track for a miniature train was constructed at Iron Horse Square by volunteers. A quarter-scale miniature Union Pacific train is operated on a regular schedule by volunteers for the public on this track; and

Whereas, a mural depicting several iconic images of Mineola was a Main Street project completed in 2018. Ideas for the concept were sought from Mineola students, and the concept was painted by a Mineola High School art graduate, beautifying a wall on the west side of downtown; and

Whereas, the Main Street Board has enjoyed sponsorships and partnerships with private businesses and community organizations through the years;

Whereas, the Main Street Board, under the supervision of the city, continues to make strides in historical preservation, economic vitality, and concentrated marketing that will foster continued growth in our community; Therefore be it

Resolved, that the Main Street Program will continue to support rehabilitation and development of places in our town where memories were made, with the desire that more memories will be formed and cherished by new generations who continue to visit our downtown.

CONGRATULATING DEANNA PRICE
FOR BREAKING THE AMERICAN
HAMMER THROWING RECORD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating DeAnna Price for breaking the American hammer throwing record with her throw of 256 feet and 8 inches.

Overcoming severe injuries that put her athletic career in jeopardy, DeAnna bounced back even stronger to make history. DeAnna should be commended for her hard work and dedication throughout this past year and for breaking the national record.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing DeAnna Price for a job well done.

COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY
OF THE BURNING OF THE
ROUGE RIVER

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the anniversary of the burning of the Rouge River in Wayne County, Michigan.

Fifty years ago, the Rouge River caught fire. For years and years, this vital waterway, which flows into the Detroit River and is an important link in the industrial supply chain, had been polluted. The rampant and unchecked contamination of the Rouge culminated in the build-up of a sludge so flammable that the river went up in flames as high as fifty feet tall. The conflagration sounded the alarm on the

effect of unchecked pollution, irresponsible corporate actions, and dumping of oil and other toxins into our waterways. An immediate call to action ensued. Residents organized clean ups and advocated for policy changes that would protect our water. Through the perseverance of those residents and community grounds, their dogged pursuit of stronger regulations to clean up the Rouge eventually helped turn things around.

Without the tremendous advocacy and work of organizations like Friends of the Rouge and countless others, the Rouge River would look very different today. These efforts mean that our water is cleaner, our waterways are preserved for recreation, and wildlife and their habitats are protected.

Please join me in rising to commemorate this solemn occasion. May it serve as a reminder in how far we've come in protecting our natural resources and the work that we still need to do to protect our waterways.

IN HONOR OF THE INDUCTION OF
THE CONSTANCE BAKER MOTLEY
ESTATE INTO THE CONNECTICUT
FREEDOM TRAIL

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight an important development in my district. On Sunday, October 6th, the estate of the renowned civil rights activist, lawyer, and judge, Constance Baker Motley, was designated as a heritage site on the Connecticut Freedom Trail.

The Connecticut Freedom Trail is a state designation which recognizes carefully selected sites that celebrate extraordinary African Americans whose lives have greatly expanded the circle of freedom and opportunity for all Americans. Judge Motley, an icon of civil rights advancements and justice for all, kept a home away from home in the town of Chester, part of Connecticut's Second District, for 40 years.

It is important that we recognize this historic site because of the extraordinary life and legacy of Judge Motley. Born and raised in New Haven, CT, Judge Motley was a first generation American, the child of Caribbean immigrants. At an early age, a local philanthropist offered to fund her college education, after hearing her speak at a community event. After graduating from New York University, she attended Columbia Law School at which point she joined the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund. As a contemporary of great civil rights activists like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, and Justice Thurgood Marshall, Judge Motley helped litigate most of the defining civil rights cases of the era, including the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education*.

After a successful career as a lawyer and activist, she became the first female African American New York State Senator. Then, in 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed her to the federal district court for the Southern District of New York, making her the first black woman to serve on the federal judiciary.

There, she spent the next 40 years shaping the legal landscape of the 20th century and even became the court's Chief Judge. It was during this part of her life that Judge Motley often escaped to her Chester home with her family.

I'd like to thank the Chester Land Trust and the greater Chester community for embracing Judge Constance Baker Motley's legacy by preserving her home and estate. I'd also like to thank the Motley and Coleman families for being so supportive of this endeavor.

We honor Judge Constance Baker Motley's life and legacy by inducting her historic home into the Connecticut Freedom Trail. Colleagues, I ask that you please rise and join me in acknowledging this special occasion and the incredible woman we have to thank for it.

HONORING JEREMIAH KAHMOSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeremiah Kahmoson for his incredible commitment and support of education and youth in our community.

Jeremiah Kahmoson was born and raised in Sonoma County and believes in giving back to the next generation of students. Mr. Kahmoson is a teacher at the North Bay Met Academy and serves as the Executive Director of the B-Rad Foundation, which works to empower individuals through environmental stewardship, health, and adventure programs. In August of 2014, he lost his best friend Bradley "B-Rad" Parker in a tragic climbing accident in Yosemite National Park. The B-Rad Foundation was founded in Brad's memory and based upon the three pillars of his life: Health, Stewardship, and Adventure. Today, the B-Rad Foundation seeks to create a universe where children live a life where every year features 365 days of awesome.

For the past five years, the B-Rad Foundation has supported thousands of kids and their families with fun-filled programs and events. They have partnered with the King Ridge Foundation to lead extended back-country adventures for Sonoma County youth in Yosemite National Park. They were instrumental in the giveaway of over 500 bicycles for devastated children, who lost all their possessions in the 2017 wildfires. The B-Rad program also practices an important "pay-it-forward" philosophy, as they train students in bike maintenance and help them to use their newly acquired repair skills to fix donated broken bikes and re-gift them to local at-risk youth. Mr. Kahmoson's deep commitment to enriching the education of our youth through environmental stewardship has become a deeply appreciated part of our community.

Madam Speaker, Jeremiah Kahmoson is a passionate adventurer and educator who has made great contributions to better the lives of others in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.