

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN CUM-
MINGS FROM THE AMERICAN
DENTAL ASSOCIATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the loss of my colleague, Congressman Elijah Cummings. He was a true leader in Congress and had the respect of his colleagues. I feel honored for having the opportunity to work with him as his Co-chair of the Congressional Oral Health Caucus. As a former dentist, I appreciated Congressman Cummings for being an advocate for oral health and advancing many important issues in a bipartisan manner. He will be missed in the halls of Congress and I send my deepest condolences to his family.

On behalf of the American Dental Association, I would like to include in the RECORD the following statement which recognizes Congressman Cummings for his dedication to oral health:

The American Dental Association (ADA) would like to offer its sincerest condolences to the colleagues, family, friends and constituents of Representatives Elijah Cummings. Representative Cummings dedicated his life of service to uplifting and empowering the people he was sworn to represent in Congress.

Since 1996, Congressman Cummings has proudly represented Maryland's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, where we have discussed many of the complex challenges of health care in his state. Rep. Cummings understood the significance between oral health and general well-being for overall health.

As Co-chair of the Oral Health Caucus, Rep. Cummings was dedicated to increasing awareness of oral health care and to funding emerging dental research. Americans will forever be thankful for his support of initiatives that address oral health equity, including the Action for Dental Health Act. He was a staunch supporter and promoter of oral health as a part of overall health policy. Rep. Cummings knew that greater access to dental care needed to include education and awareness and made it a priority to help initiate Maryland's first statewide oral health literacy campaign.

Rep. Cummings often said that "Our children are the living messages that we send to a future we will never see." We admired his dedication to ensuring that our next generations have access to quality health care and education. Congress lost a true advocate for the people today. His willingness to work and fight for those who need him most is the biggest loss to our nation.

The ADA will sincerely miss the wisdom and dedication of Congressman Cummings to make real and lasting change with the continued commitment and collaboration of the oral health community. We will remain saddened yet dedicated to help make that lasting change as part of his legacy.

Sincerest condolences,

CHAD P. GEHANI, D.D.S.,

President of the American Dental Association.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to circumstances beyond my control.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 565; "yea" on Roll Call No. 566; and "nay" on Roll Call No. 567.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALFRED
JACKSON "A.J." POWELL

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Alfred Jackson "A.J." Powell.

A.J., as he was affectionately known by his family and friends, was a longtime resident of Quitman, Georgia. He graduated from Dixie High School and went on to study at the University of Georgia, earning a degree in Agriculture. Upon graduation, A.J. enlisted in the Army Air Corps, where he served our country honorably as a meteorologist and Ordinance Officer, ultimately achieving the rank of Captain.

A.J. had a broad and meaningful impact on his community in Quitman, Georgia. After returning from military service, he paired his love for agriculture with his experience in the Army to serve veterans in his community. He organized the first Veterans' Farm Training program in the county, serving as an agriculture teacher for groups of veterans, and later was promoted by the State Department of Education to Supervisor for the Veterans Agriculture Program for all the counties in South Georgia.

After leaving the Department of Education, A.J. opened Powell's Farm Supply, becoming a leading innovator in agricultural infrared photography and liquid fertilizer products. He raised beef cattle on his farm, Crooked Creek, and was actively involved in the agriculture community, assuming roles ranging from President of the Georgia Seedsmen's Association to President of the Chamber of Commerce.

Throughout his life, A.J. served his community in a variety of capacities. Among his greatest joys was serving in his church, Quitman First Baptist Church, where he was an active member, serving many roles, including as a Sunday school teacher and the Chairman of Deacons. First and foremost, A.J. was a man of integrity who was well known for his faith in Jesus and his love for others. He lived out Joshua 24: 15, "... as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

A.J. will be forever remembered as a man of faith, diligence, and integrity. Most importantly, he will be remembered as a loyal and faithful husband to his beloved wife, Mary; father to his three children, Beth, Jay and Lisa; grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, and friend. A.J. will be dearly missed, but his legacy will be felt for generations to come. On behalf of the people of Georgia, I hope you will join me in celebrating his wonderful life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 25, 2019 during roll call no. 542, On Ordering the Previous Question on the Amendment and the Resolution, H. Res. 577, Providing for consideration of H.R. 2203, the Homeland Security Improvement Act; H.R. 3525, the US Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act; and H. Res. 576, expressing the sense of the House with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 543, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 577, Providing for consideration of H.R. 2203, the Homeland Security Improvement Act; H.R. 3525, the U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act; and H. Res. 576, expressing the sense of the House with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 544, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1595, SAFE Banking Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 545, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 2203, Homeland Security Improvement Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 546, On Passage, H.R. 2203, Homeland Security Improvement Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 547, On Motion to Table, H. Res. 590, Raising a question of the privileges of the House. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 548, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 576, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING MICHAEL DUNLEA AS A
RECIPIENT OF THE PRESI-
DENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCEL-
LENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND
SCIENCE TEACHING

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Dunlea of Tabernacle Elementary School in Tabernacle, New Jersey, as a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

Each year, the PAEMST recognizes outstanding K-12 teachers for their contributions to the teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer science. Recipients of the award are