

HONORING MRS. DOROTHY  
KATHERINE SPENCE BROWNING

**HON. MARTHA ROBY**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 28, 2019*

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Dorothy K. Spence Browning for her service in the Navy WAVES during World War II.

Dorothy was born on January 2, 1922, in Great Falls, Montana. She grew up running an apple orchard with her family in Glenn's Ferry, Idaho. Later, she attended college at the University of Idaho and then began teaching in a one-room school house in Pocatello, Idaho.

When the war broke out, Dorothy joined the Navy WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service). The Navy WAVES were created in 1942, following the signing of the Women's Reserve Act. This landmark legislation allowed women to serve as an official part of the Navy for the first time and helped pave the way for the future of women in the United States Armed Forces. The numerous contributions from the WAVES proved to be a vital asset to winning the war.

Dorothy served in Brooklyn, New York, Stillwater, Oklahoma, Seattle, Washington, and then finally discharged at Klamath Falls, Oregon. While living in Oregon Dorothy met her husband John H. Browning. John was a young marine from Mobile, AL, who served two tours in Okinawa and Guadalcanal and later received a purple heart for the wounds he suffered.

The couple later moved to Montgomery, AL, where they went on to raise their three children Phillip, Steve, and Kathy. Dorothy was a tutor for several local elementary schools, taught Sunday school at Perry Hill United Methodist Church, and would sew and craft Raggedy Ann dolls that she would donate to the church bazaar and local charities in Montgomery.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor Mrs. Browning's legacy and her service to our nation. Her contributions to secure and maintain our freedom will not be forgotten.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. LLOYD SMUCKER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 28, 2019*

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 579; Nay on Roll Call No. 580; YEA on Roll Call No. 581; YEA on Roll Call No. 582; NAY on Roll Call No. 583; and YEA on Roll Call No. 584.

**CELEBRATING THE REVIVAL OF  
THE REX THEATRE**

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 28, 2019*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the re-opening of the Rex The-

atre in Manchester, New Hampshire. After 30 years of inactivity, the Rex will re-open its doors to Manchester and the rest of the Granite State.

Opened in 1940, the Rex Theatre served as a performance venue until it closed in 1989. In early 2019, after 30 years, the Manchester Development Corporation and Palace Theatre Trust, in collaboration with the City of Manchester, embarked on the tall task of renovating the original location of the Rex with the goal of re-opening in the fall. Only nine months after groundbreaking, the Rex is now re-opening on time and on budget.

The re-opening of the Rex will continue Manchester's recent growth as a center for innovation and creativity. As a lifelong Manchester resident, I am excited to see the return of this historic Theatre. Venues like the Rex Theatre help us showcase the many creative, passionate, and talented people who call New Hampshire home. I am proud to see investment in our local economy and in the arts in the Granite State through projects such as the revival of the Rex.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate the Manchester Development Corporation and the Palace Theatre Trust on a successful renovation of the Rex Theatre. Let us celebrate the revival of this historic theater and those who work hard every day to make New Hampshire such a wonderful place to live, learn, and enjoy the arts.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOUNDING  
OF KING GEORGE COUNTY**

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 28, 2019*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 300th Anniversary of the founding of King George County in Virginia, taking place on November 15, 2019.

The area we know as King George has a long and storied history that is integral to the overall history and development of America's government and way of life as we know it today. Its history stretches back over 10,000 years with its settlement by Native Americans, through Captain John Smith's explorations in the early 1600's, through the French and Indian Wars, Bacon's Rebellion, the Whiskey Rebellion, the American Revolution, the Civil War, World War I, the Great Depression, World War II and into the modern era. King George has been the birthplace and childhood home of Presidents, and home to some of the very founders of our great Nation.

King George County has served as the home of one of the country's great military and research development centers for over 100 years, as well as functioned as a focal point for commerce and trade for our nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the founding of King George County. Words cannot express how grateful we are to have a place with such history in the founding of our great Nation. May God bless King George County and its residents, and continue to prosper for another 300 years.

**CONGRATULATING HUGH HALPERN**

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 28, 2019*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate Hollidaysburg native, Hugh Halpern, on his appointment to be the Director of the Government Publishing Office.

Mr. Halpern previously served as the Director of Floor Operations in the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and spent more than 30 years in the House before retiring in January of this year. During his tenure, he served as the Staff Director of the powerful House Rules Committee among other committee roles.

Throughout his career in Congress, Mr. Halpern was dedicated to working in a bipartisan manner, garnering the support and respect of House leadership, Members of Congress, and their staff. In recognition of his many achievements, he received the McCormack Award of Excellence for Congressional Employees.

Mr. Halpern has dedicated his life of service to our country, and I am confident that he will continue his outstanding work at the Government Publishing Office. There is no one better to fill this position, and I wish him the best of luck as he commences this new chapter.

**HONORING THE COMMUNITY ACTION  
PARTNERSHIP OF ORANGE  
COUNTY ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL  
SERVICES PROGRAM**

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 28, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in observation of Energy Awareness Month to honor the work of the Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAP OC) Energy & Environmental Services Program.

CAP OC has been weatherizing homes and providing utility assistance for Orange County residents for more than 40 years.

Of the energy funds allocated between 2014 and 2018 to the 34 cities in Orange County, CAP OC has invested more than 35 percent into California's 46th Congressional District, which includes portions of Anaheim, Orange, Garden Grove and Santa Ana. Among those served in CA-46 by CAP OC were 6,659 disabled persons, 9,677 seniors, and 3,504 children under the age of 5.

During this same period, CAP OC issued more than \$5 million in utility assistance for over 14,000 homes in the 46th District and underwrote over \$1.5 million in weatherization services with improvements to 1,000 dwellings.

This investment has provided an economic boost for low-income individuals by lowering energy costs and reducing or eliminating late fees, thus assuring less dependency on public assistance.

In 2019, CAP OC is projected to weatherize a total of 330 homes in Orange County and invest a total of \$1.8 million into services that reduce energy costs by 30 percent on average.