

HONORING THE NEW ZION
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, located at 1901 Charlestine Street in Texarkana, Texas on their 100th year anniversary. The church was organized under the leadership of Rev. Warner Brown. A group of believers met in the home of Bro. L. and Sis. Hattie Frazier. Through the years several ministers have served, and the church is still moving forward. Destroyed by fire in 1954, another building was purchased at the present location. We recognize this honorable achievement marking the 100th Diamond Jubilee church anniversary, November 24, 2019. We recognize Pastor Melvin and Nina Glover; the Chairman of Deacons, Deacon George Edwards; the Church Secretary, Sis. Melva Flowers; along with the New Zion Church Family. Give God all the glory for what he has done and what he will continue to do and provide.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on November 20, 2019 during roll call No. 632, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 713, Providing for consideration of H.R. 1309, the Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act; providing for proceedings during the period from November 22, 2019 through December 2, 2019; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call No. 633, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 713, Providing for consideration of H.R. 1309, the Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act; providing for proceedings during the period from November 22, 2019 through December 2, 2019; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call No. 634, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 737, Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call No. 635, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, S. 1838, Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call No. 636, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, S. 2710, To prohibit the commercial export of covered munitions items to the Hong Kong Police Force. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOS INTERNATIONAL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize SOS International LLC (SOSi) on the occasion of its 30th anniversary. Founded in 1989 to provide specialized analytical services to the U.S. law enforcement community, SOSi has evolved into an international solutions provider with experience in 30 countries worldwide. SOSi provides intelligence, technology and project-management solutions to large, government and private-sector organizations and is known for its innovation, flexibility and agility. SOSi is among the fastest growing companies in the Aerospace and Defense Services industry. The company has been recognized by Washington Technology magazine as one of the Top 100 Government Technology Contractors for 2019; and it was nominated by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce for this year's Large Business Contractor and Executive of the Year Awards.

What has struck me most about SOSi is not only its impressive growth and development as a company, but its continued commitment to our Northern Virginia community. SOSi is an ardent supporter of our Nation's active duty military and veteran population. Veterans make up 25 percent of SOSi's global workforce. SOSi is a Virginia Values Veterans (V3) certified company. It is an active supporter of the local USO chapter, as well as a number of organizations like Bunker Labs, Capitol Post, and Dog Tag Inc. that empower veterans, military spouses, and caregivers to pursue their entrepreneurial aspirations.

SOSi is equally committed to improving the lives of underprivileged and underserved people in our local community. They've been huge supporters of Cornerstones, a non-profit in Northern Virginia which provides critical support to those in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, quality childcare, and other human services.

Earlier this year, SOSi President and CEO Julian Setian served as chairman for Cornerstones' Best of Reston Gala, which I attend almost every year. That gala raised over \$500,000 for individuals and families who are in need in our community. Every year, SOSi holds drives for coats, books and school supplies, benefiting the families in Cornerstones' shelters. SOSi employees cook Thanksgiving meals, build bookshelves, pack care packages, and sponsor a "night out at the movies" for children living in their shelters. SOSi employees participate in South Lakes High School's annual Ethics Day event, mentoring young people in Northern Virginia about the value of ethical conduct in their daily lives.

SOSi is also a strong advocate for immigrants who are victims of human trafficking and domestic violence through its support for a Washington D.C. based organization called Ayuda. SOSi provides free translation services and life coaching to this often overlooked segment of our community. Lastly, the company has become active in causes, such as Chance For Life, which raises money for pediatric cancer research, and the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, to which Julian and SOSi have become active contributors.

Through their involvement in Wolf Trap, they provide critical support to early youth education in music and art.

Madam Speaker, companies like SOSi and the employees who work there are proof of the commitment to public service that exists throughout Northern Virginia. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking all of the employees and leadership of SOSi for their efforts to better our community and protect our country. I especially want to commend Julian for his leadership and vision. Under his guidance, SOSi has continued to grow and has become the standard bearer for progress and innovation in the government contracting industry. I thank them for their service and wish the SOSi Team continued success.

OFFICER LEO LOPEZ RETIRES
FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding law enforcement career of California Highway Patrol Officer Leo Lopez, who will retire after 30 years of service.

Officer Lopez's promise to serve by the California Highway Patrol motto of "Safety, Service, and Security" began prior to his graduation from the academy. The Loma Prieta earthquake that struck the Bay Area caused officer Lopez to dive right into duties, driving patrol units from Sacramento to the San Francisco CHIP office on only his second day of the academy. Officer Lopez went on to receive badge #12972 on March 8, 1990, with his first station assignment in Barstow. He has since served in numerous capacities with the Inland Division Commercial Unit and the Inland Divisions Special Response Team. One of many of his deployments was to assist with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I offer my sincere congratulations to Officer Leo Lopez for his 30 years of service as a member of the California Highway Patrol and wish him an enjoyable and relaxing retirement. A native to the High Desert and the second of three generations to serve the California Highway Patrol, I thank you for your service and your commitment to ensuring the safety and security of our community.

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. XOCHITL TORRES SMALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, this November, I am proud to join my colleague, Congresswoman DEB HAALAND in recognizing Native American Heritage Month. This House Resolution draws attention to our country's complex history and celebrates the many contributions Native Americans have made to our nation. Importantly, it affirms the need to strengthen our

government-to-government relationship with nations, tribes and pueblos and highlights challenges Congress must address. With this responsibility, I recognize that Congress must respect and value the sovereign governments that have long called New Mexico home before I was privileged to represent it.

Indian Country plays a critical role in our country's history, and too often these stories are not told. By designating November as Native American Heritage Month, we can collectively reflect on our nation's past and pay tribute. We owe it to those who came before us—and those to come—to tell the full truth about our nation's history and uplift voices that have been systematically suppressed: Most recently, I joined members of the Acoma Pueblo in celebrating a long overdue return of a sacred, ceremonial shield. After nearly four years of public appeals, a sacred piece that disappeared in the 1970s was rightfully returned to the Acoma Pueblo. Sadly, this is not an isolated event. The illegal acquisition and sale of sensitive Native American items is widespread, and I am committed to working with tribes to end the export of unlawfully removed items and return them home.

In addition to fighting to preserve the culture and traditions of the pueblos and tribes in southern New Mexico, we must recognize our responsibility to ensure Native communities are provided with the proper support to build a better future. It's why this year I supported advanced appropriations for the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to grant stability to Tribal programs and ensuring that Tribal Governments are not negatively affected by impasses in the federal appropriations process. I was also proud to support the passage of the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act and the additional protections added this year for Native women. Lastly, I worked with my Republican colleague Rep. DUSTY JOHNSON to fight for full funding for the New Beginnings for Tribal Students Program, which provides competitive grant funding for Land Grant institutions that are actively seeking to increase recruitment, retention, and graduation rates for Native American students.

As a Representative for southern New Mexico, I have the privilege of representing many tribes and pueblo communities. I know firsthand that our state's past, present, and future is tied to the vibrancy of its Native American communities. Native American Heritage Month is an important step towards fulfilling the trust and responsibility owed to our Native American sovereign governments. I am proud to join my colleagues, Reps. DEB HAALAND (NM-01), TOM COLE (OK-4), SHARICE DAVIDS (KS-3), RUBEN GALLEGO (AZ-7), RAÚL M. GRIJALVA (AZ-3), BETTY MCCOLLUM (MN-4), and MARKWAYNE MULLIN (OK-2) in recognizing November as Native American Heritage Month.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
KENAN-FLAGLER BUSINESS
SCHOOL, UNC-CHAPEL HILL

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th

Anniversary of the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School. Over the course of the last century, Kenan-Flagler has set a high standard for business education, becoming one of the top ranked business schools in the country.

Originally founded as the School of Commerce, its doors were opened in 1919 with a class of only 12 students. The school continued to grow: the first Ph.D. was awarded in 1928 and the MBA and executive programs were introduced in 1952. Now, 100 years later, Kenan-Flagler graduates more than 3,000 students every year, ranging from undergraduate to Ph.D.s.

Kenan-Flagler is constantly evolving and improving the way it teaches the next generation of business leaders. For example, the school has shifted its teaching model to focus on understanding the contours of international business. By offering immersive study abroad and international internship opportunities, the school reaffirms its commitment to global education. Additionally, through the UNC-IDB Strategic Studies Fellows Program, Kenan-Flagler partners with the Institute for Defense and Business to educate Defense Department and national security professionals about the foundations of national security through a strategic thinking and innovative lens.

While not every student studies abroad, Kenan-Flagler finds alternative ways to bring the global experience into the classroom. Last year, with the use of virtual reality goggles, students were transported to a boardroom in the central African country of Cameroon. Kenan-Flagler pushes the envelope on traditional teaching methods, serving as an example for professional schools across the world.

Kenan-Flagler's commitment to global education and diversity go hand in hand. With over 37,000 living alumni spanning 86 countries, the impact of the Kenan-Flagler Business School is evident all over the globe. In 1973, the school became the first southern institution and sixth nationwide to join the Consortium for Graduate Study in Management, a network of universities committed to providing minority populations the education and tools needed to succeed in business and industry. This dual commitment is symbolized by the multitude of flags greeting you upon entrance into the McColl Building, which houses the business school on campus. These flags represent the many different nationalities of Kenan-Flagler students and the affinity groups represented by the community.

Madam Speaker, as an alumnus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, I am immensely proud of the Kenan-Flagler Business School's commitment to the future generations of business leaders. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dean Douglas Shackelford, the entire leadership, and the student body of Kenan-Flagler on this momentous anniversary.

RECOGNIZING RECRUIT CLASS
2019-01 OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE
AND RESCUE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the recent graduates of the

Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, the "Hellfighters." These men and women will soon join the ranks of those who have served and continue to serve Prince William County as first responders who place themselves in harm's way to protect and preserve the lives and property of county residents.

Each member of the recruit class has successfully completed a rigorous application process, followed by more than 1,200 hours of exhaustive academic and physical training over the course of 26 weeks. Upon successful completion of this program, each recruit is eligible to graduate and become a Fire and Rescue Technician with the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue.

The training and certification required to achieve the status of a Fire and Rescue Technician cannot be accomplished without significant dedication and hard work. Today's graduates have completed more than 600 hours of the required coursework for certification in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Infection Control, Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), Emergency Medical Training (EMT-Basic), Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Emergency Vehicle Operator Course 1, Emergency Vehicle Operator Course 2, Emergency Vehicle Operator Course 3, Flashover Simulation, Rapid Intervention Training (RIT), Mayday, Hazmat Awareness/Operations, Swift Water Rescue Awareness, Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) with Simulation, Rural Water Supply, Basic Life Support (BLS) Protocols, Rope Rescue Awareness, Vehicle Rescue Awareness, and Child Passenger Safety Seat Installation.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue recruit class graduates:

Richard M. Blank, Dominic N. Carlino, James E. Close, Casey M. Coulter, Renae L. Dillon, Ryan R. Gibson, Benjamin J. Herd, Kelly A. Krebs, Grace E. Lehman, Ivanovich P. Lesefka, Tyler A. Marnell, Stephen G. Mickle, Christopher W. Paul, Alexander R. Pion, Charles R. Pistole, Theodore A. Scheatzle, Taylor A. Smith, Joseph H. Tate, Gary W. Woods II

As the newest members of the Department of Fire and Rescue, the graduates join the department as integral parts of the emergency response and community safety team.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the newest members of the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue. I am confident that recruit class 2019-01 will serve the residents of Prince William County with honor and distinction. In the tradition of their new firefighting family, I say: "Stay safe."

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF MARK BLISS

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of journalist Mark Bliss, who is retiring after a 40-year, distinguished career in journalism, which included over 30 years spent reporting for our local