

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