

The Huppes have shared decades of life and love together, marrying on January 31, 1945. Since that date, their family has grown to include one daughter, four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandson, all while living in the same home in Rochester.

Together they have enjoyed many adventures, celebrated great achievements, and persevered through life's challenges. Mr. Huppe answered his nation's call, serving in the Pacific during World War II, where his distinguished service earned him the Silver Star. And Mrs. Huppe recently celebrated her 100th birthday in May 2019. May your love and commitment continue to serve as an inspiration to us all.

On behalf on my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to wish Mr. and Mrs. Huppe a very happy 75th anniversary. I hope they enjoy a wonderful celebration with their family.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 180TH ANNIVERSARY OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 180th anniversary of Sumpter Township.

Sumpter Township can trace its origins back to the revolutionary war era. As one of the original bounty land act areas off the Erie Canal, Sumpter's first settlers were revolutionary war soldiers looking for large land tracks and farm land out west. On April 6, 1840, the Township of Sumpter—named after revolutionary war General Thomas Sumter—was officially formed, home to a total of 228 residents. In the years that followed, Sumpter Township became a busy town with shopping districts, a town hall, the first producing oil well in Wayne County, and its own school district.

Since its humble beginnings in the mid-nineteenth century, Sumpter Township has grown and transformed significantly. Today, Sumpter Township is a diverse community of 9,549 residents drawing from a variety of ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. Even 180 years later, Sumpter Township continues to be an important component of our Michigan community. Its woodlands, wetlands, prairies, parks, and abundant wildlife are natural treasures for all Michiganders to value and enjoy, and its welcoming, neighborly, and tight-knit community serves as a model that others should strive to emulate.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 180th anniversary of Sumpter Township. As one of Michigan's earliest communities, it is my wish that Sumpter Township continues to be a pleasant place for people to live, work, and enjoy the vast beauty Michigan has to offer. Congratulations on this historic milestone, and best of luck in the years ahead.

HONORING THE BRUCE
ELEMENTARY 3

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give special recognition to the Bruce 3, the three first graders who integrated Bruce Elementary School in Memphis in 1961, and to the artist who so thoughtfully depicted that historic event in a mural on the school's cafeteria walls. Harry Williams, Dwania Kyles and Menelik Fombi were the courageous pioneers, part of the Memphis 13, who integrated the Memphis school system that year.

Memphian Jamond Bullock's mural of the Bruce students was unveiled in a ceremony on January 17 at which I was proud to speak. I reminded the current students, teachers, Shelby County School Board officials, other alumni and school supporters that it was my friend, the late Civil Rights advocate and long-time judge Russell Sugarmon, who came up with the idea that it should be first graders integrating Memphis' public schools. This was unlike the practice at Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas, in 1957, where older students who were integrating the school incurred the taunts of angry mobs and federal troops were called in to keep the peace.

Judge Sugarmon said that escorting the Malone twins, Sheila and Sharon, into Gordon Elementary School in 1961 was one of his proudest moments. The Bruce 3 endured the loneliness and ostracism of being the only African Americans in the otherwise all-white school, and did not even share the same classrooms. They were heroes and so were their courageous parents.

Menelik Fombi's father, A.W. Willis Jr., was a leading Civil Rights advocate and Russell Sugarmon's law partner at the time. A.W. Willis Jr. and Russell Sugarmon were the first and second African Americans elected to the Tennessee General Assembly since Reconstruction. Dwania Kyles' father, the late Reverend Samuel Billy Kyles, pastor of Monumental Baptist Church, was one of the last to speak with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. before he was assassinated at the Lorraine Motel in April 1968.

Artist Jamond Bullock, founder of AlivePaint, is a nationally recognized mural designer and painter who has enlivened the walls of buildings in Memphis with uplifting imagery. His Bruce Elementary painting, which he completed over two and a half months during school holidays and off hours, was inspired by the courage of the three Bruce students, and he has said he is proud that current students will be reminded of their predecessors' courage and sacrifice. He has done our city a great service. I was pleased to speak with the Bruce students, young and old, and to celebrate this important chapter in Memphis and American history.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNUAL
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 35th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration and the cornerstone of the event, the 30th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest, hosted by the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Every year, members of the community gather on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to reflect upon the past year and receive a message of hope from the youth of today and leaders of tomorrow. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will forever be enshrined in our history as the formative figure in the quest for justice through civil dialogue.

Dr. King has continued to be an inspiration to all for generations. Many have answered his call to both stand up and call out inequalities that we still see today. The struggle for freedom that Dr. King was fighting for was brought to the forefront during the March on Washington. On that day, while standing in front of the Lincoln Memorial, Dr. King famously said "Let Freedom Ring" which is fittingly the theme for this year's Oratorical Contest. He wanted our youth to have the future they are seeing today, free to reach unlimited heights. The talented students who are participating in this contest are true examples of the continuous efforts Dr. King wanted from us all.

I congratulate the following contestants in the 30th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest:

Middle School Contestants: Nyela Asterilla Anderson—Hampton Middle School; Kamari Chisolm—Bull Run Middle School; Myles Lainer—Manassas Park Middle School.

High School Contestants: Zion Fozo—Potomac High School; Jessica Gyamfi—Colgan High School; Hanaan Khahir—Osborn Park High School.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for showcasing the power of purposeful and meaningful communication reminiscent of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and in congratulating the talented youth of the 2020 MLK Youth Oratorical Contest.

HONORING CAPTAIN VERONICA
PEPPERS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Captain Veronica Peppers, a resident of Madison County, Mississippi. Captain Peppers is a 1990 graduate of Velma Jackson High School. Captain Peppers graduated May 1996 with a BS in Mass Communication from Jackson State University. She also received the prestigious honor of Captain of Mississippi Army National Guard in March