

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND
OPENING OF MALEK AL-KABOB'S
DEARBORN LOCATION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the grand opening of Malek Al-Kabob in Dearborn. The restaurant is a beloved institution in our community and the opening of its new location is cause for celebration.

Malek Al-Kabob was founded by chefs Abu-Fahd and Abu-Snan whose culinary careers began at an early age. After growing up in the Republic of Yemen, both migrated separately to the United States seeking the American Dream. After beginning their careers in the food industry, the two met as sous chefs and developed a close friendship due to their shared backgrounds and love for Middle Eastern cuisine. After working side by side for years, Abu-Fahd and Abu-Snan decided to open an enterprise of their own. In the years that followed, the two opened several restaurants that have quickly become favorites in the communities in which they operate.

In January of 2006, Malek Al-Kabob first opened its doors in Taylor. The location became a popular destination in the Downriver community and was quickly recognized as one of the best Middle Eastern restaurants throughout the entire Metro Detroit region. Today, I am proud to celebrate Malek Al-Kabob as it expands. The opening of its new location in Dearborn not only exemplifies the restaurants continued success, but is a testament to the hard work of its staff and the pride its chefs put in to each and every dish.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the grand opening of Malek Al-Kabob's Dearborn location. The expansion represents a big step forward for the restaurant and will offer our community a new opportunity to come together to celebrate Middle Eastern cuisine.

HONORING MICHAEL A. GATER

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, Mr. Michael A. Gater, a native of Jackson, Mississippi. He is a proud 1984 honors' graduate of Jackson State University and holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Management.

In July 2019 Mr. Gater was named the Director of Human Resources for the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA), which is the governing entity for the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN) and Hawkins Field (General Aviation) Airport (HKS). He is responsible for managing and integrating broad, comprehensive human resource management programs and safety for the Authority at JAN and HKS.

For over twenty-one years, Mr. Gater dedicated his career to enhancing the management of resources related to employees. Prior

to joining the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority, he served as the Regional Site Human Resources Manager at Faurecia Automotive Seating for its Madison and Cleveland, Mississippi plants. His experience spans several industries (Auto Manufacturing, Cable and Entertainment, Waste Services and Retailing), where he has held corporate, division, and regional/field HR leadership roles.

Committed to giving back to the HR industry and to his community, Mr. Gater is a life-long member and Past President of the Rho Xi Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. He is the former Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated Director of National Programs for the District of Mississippi and serves on the Mississippi Alpha Network Executive Board as the Area Director for Jackson, Brookhaven, and Canton. Mr. Gater also serves on the March of Dimes Central Mississippi Board of Directors.

Mr. Gater has held previous board positions with Anderson United Methodist Church, Capital Area HR Association, and United Way of the Capital Area, Jackson Council PTA, Mississippi PTA and Mississippi Children's Home Services (Canopy Children's Solutions).

He resides in Jackson, Mississippi with his wife, Mrs. Ada Gater.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Michael A. Gater.

RECOGNIZING THE 2020 MARCH
FOR LIFE

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, I proudly recognize the 47th annual March for Life.

I am incredibly proud of the thousands of Americans, especially those from Wisconsin, who have traveled to Washington this week to defend the sanctity of life and protect the rights of the unborn. Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have been a staunch advocate for pro-life issues and have always supported efforts to preserve human life at every stage of development. As Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, I shepherded the partial-birth abortion ban through Congress. It was one of my greatest honors to watch President George W. Bush sign it into law. I have also fully supported every effort in Congress to stop federally funded abortions, both in the United States and abroad.

I want to thank everyone who participated in this year's march and am grateful for all who stand for the unborn, but were unable to make it to Washington. We still have much work ahead of us to advance pro-life protections and your voices must be heard.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF SOS COMMUNITY
SERVICES

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of SOS Community Services.

SOS Community Services was founded on the campus of Eastern Michigan University in 1970. Seeing a need for drug-related crisis intervention in Washtenaw County, student and faculty volunteers came together to establish the organization to offer food, shelter, and emergency services to their struggling neighbors and peers. As the organization grew, SOS Community Services began to take a more central role in directing services toward families and individuals with housing hardships, establishing numerous assistance programs and opening several shelters to help people in need.

Half a century later, SOS Community Services continues to be an important resource for many in the Washtenaw County community. Every year, SOS provides assistance and housing services to nearly 7,000 people and particularly strives to help parents become self-sufficient by connecting them with employment opportunities, local resources, and stable housing options. Through their comprehensive work in Washtenaw County, SOS Community Services has improved our community and transformed thousands of lives. Their critical services enable people to regain hope, confidence, and dignity.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 50th anniversary of SOS Community Services. For five decades, SOS Community Services has been a valuable resource to many in Washtenaw County. The organization's commitment to our community sets an example we all should strive to emulate.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote last week due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 14; NAY on Roll Call No. 16; NAY on Roll Call No. 17; NAY on Roll Call No. 18; YEA on Roll Call No. 19; YEA on Roll Call No. 20; NAY on Roll Call No. 21; and NAY on Roll Call No. 22.

HONORING SYLVIA NEWMAN-
GREEN

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 tenacious and ambitious woman, Mrs. Sylvia Newman-Green. Sylvia has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Sylvia was born in Louise, Mississippi and attended school in the Humphreys County School district. She graduated from high school in 1995 and went on to attend MS Valley State University where she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science. Sylvia later earned her Master of Science Degree in Technology Education from Jackson State University, where she was a

member of the Epsilon Pi tau Technology Honor Society.

Sylvia Newman-Green worked for Bank Plus for three years and worked over nine years for the Mississippi Department of Employment Security as an employment interviewer and for the Internet Technology Department at their Yazoo City office. She began working for the Yazoo County School District on July 1, 2011, as an IT Professional. Over the years, Sylvia's duties grew and soon her job titles changed. She is currently the Director of Publicity and Technology Specialist. Sylvia is also the owner of Premier Designs Jewelry and SassyDesignz08 T-Shirt Boutique.

Sylvia and her husband Nakia, Sr. are the parents of two boys: Dontrell and Donavin. She is heavily involved in school activities as a parent, but also volunteer in various capacities. She is the Co-Sponsor for the Yazoo County National Beta Club Society and is certified as an athletic Coach through the MS High School Activities Association.

Outside of her volunteer efforts with Yazoo County Schools, she is involved with the Youth Department at Peter Rock Church of God in Christ, Junior Auxiliary of Yazoo City, Elite Club of Yazoo City and Mentors and educate local youth and senior citizens on technology. Sylvia is a Charter Member of the Omega Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. of Yazoo City. Sylvia has served as chapter Treasurer for seven years and Budget and Finance Chair and has served on several other committees.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Sylvia Newman-Green for her passion and dedication to serving Yazoo County, and her desire to make a difference in the community and preparing children for the future.

HONORING EDWARD "BOONE"
GREEN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Edward "Boone" Green, who passed away on September 30, 2019, at the age of 74 after a lifetime of exemplary service to his community.

Born in 1945 in Monroe, Louisiana, Mr. Green's family migrated to California in search of well-paying factory jobs and settled in Marin City when he was ten years old. His parents found employment with Marinship Corporation. As a young man, Mr. Green attended Tamalpais High School, and he developed what became a lifelong passion for boxing.

In 1989, he became a boxing coach and established the only boxing club in Marin City. The Marin Boxing Club quickly grew from a small outdoor training program into a full-scale training facility at the Marin City Recreation Center. He also established the non-profit One Kid at a Time. Mr. Green used boxing as vehicle to teach important life skills, including health and nutrition and the importance of a strong work ethic. Eventually, Mr. Green went on to teach fitness and boxing classes for adults at College of Marin.

Mr. Green was known as a tough coach, always expecting the best from his fighters, and

he was regarded for his kindness and generosity. Mr. Green discreetly offered financial assistance to single mothers throughout the community and opened his home to young men in need of support.

Mr. Green was a well-respected member of the community who will be remembered for his generous spirit, passion for boxing, and commitment to religion. He is survived by his wife Ida Green, his children Apollo and Grace Green, a grandson, as well as his large extended family. While he will be greatly missed, Mr. Green's legacy will live on through the indelible positive impact he had on his many friends, family, and the community at large.

IN RECOGNITION OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS, JR. AS HE RECEIVES THE LEGACY AWARD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Congressman John Conyers' distinguished life as he receives the inaugural Legacy Award from Rainbow PUSH. After a remarkable political career, Congressman Conyers died on October 27, 2019. His passing is a loss for our entire community, but his legacy will be remembered for generations to come.

John James Conyers, Jr. was born in Detroit on May 16, 1929. After enlisting in the army in 1950 and serving in Korea as a second lieutenant, Conyers returned home to Michigan and enrolled in Wayne State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1957 and a law degree in 1958. Upon graduation, Conyers began his political career as a legislative aide to Representative John D. Dingell, Jr. and continued working in state government and as a lawyer until running for Congress himself.

Representative John Conyers, Jr. was the longest-serving African American in the history of Congress. Elected in 1964, Conyers represented Michigan in Congress for more than five decades. Throughout his tenure, Conyers was a fierce champion for civil rights, social justice, and economic equality. Conyers was an outspoken leader who took strong stands on some of our nation's most challenging issues. Days after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Conyers became the leading voice in the fight to enshrine Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as a national holiday. On April 8, 1968, Conyers first introduced the legislation, but the bill stalled. Yet, thanks to Conyers' unrelenting persistence and painstaking efforts to recognize the civil rights icon, Congress passed the bill nearly twenty years later. On November 3, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed the bill, formally designating the third Monday of January as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Congressman John Conyers. Conyers will forever be remembered as a trailblazer on issues of equality, civil rights, and social justice. He passionately worked to make his Michigan community a better place, and his legacy provides a lasting example of what we all should strive to accomplish.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, due to a family emergency, I have been unable to travel to Washington, D.C., and missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall vote No. 14, I would have voted aye; Rollcall vote No. 15, I would have voted aye; Rollcall vote No. 16, I would have voted nay; Rollcall vote No. 17, I would have voted nay; Rollcall vote No. 18, I would have voted nay; Rollcall vote No. 19, I would have voted nay; Rollcall vote No. 20, I would have voted aye; Rollcall vote No. 21, I would have voted nay; and Rollcall vote No. 22, I would have voted nay.

HONORING FIRE CHIEF TROY S.
JACKSON

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a fallen Colorado hero. On December 16, our community mourned the passing of South Metro Fire Rescue's Operations Chief Troy Jackson. In 2013, Chief Jackson was diagnosed with a rare, job-related terminal cancer which ultimately took his life. Despite the physical and emotional challenges of his illness, Chief Jackson triumphed as a phenomenal leader and mentor during his battle with cancer.

Chief Jackson began his professional firefighting career in 1990. In his three-decade career he rose through the ranks, ultimately reaching the rank of Assistant Chief. Throughout his career, Chief Jackson excelled at each level he served. His passion for training and safety is evidenced by his numerous awards and commendations for exceptional service.

Chief Jackson worked diligently to help forever change the culture of South Metro Fire and the American fire service. Jackson was a pioneer in reducing exposure and protecting firefighters. Specifically, Jackson initiated policy changes and equipment upgrades to promote aggressive firefighter decontamination following fires—and these policies have since spread across the United States. His programs, leadership, and vision help keep other firefighters from suffering from health problems like the one that took his life. There's no doubt that Chief Jackson's legacy lives on in our community, the fire service, and our country. His passion to protect and improve the health and safety of our emergency responders is of the greatest testament to his selfless leadership.

Chief Jackson leaves behind his supportive family including his loving wife, Lori, and children Covey and Carley. Along with the entire South Metro Fire Family, they mourn our loss and commit to continuing his legacy. I am honored to recognize this American Hero in this chamber, the U.S. House of Representatives.

It is impossible to count the number of lives Chief Jackson touched as a firefighter, but we