

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL

(Mr. STEWART asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEWART. Madam Chair, I am honored today to recognize the 40th anniversary of the National Intelligence Council. This is an amazing organization that has provided invaluable contributions to the security of the United States.

On December 3, 1979, the NIC was created to serve as a source of extensive expertise on intelligence issues, facilitate collaboration, conduct outreach to other experts beyond government, and to connect intelligence and policy communities through a wide variety of intelligence products.

The work the NIC does is important. It really does matter. These products include the National Intelligence Estimate, the annual threat assessment in the form of Statements for the RECORD, the unclassified Global Trends report, and including oral remarks that the Director of National Intelligence gives to us as Members of Congress.

The NIC's 18 intelligence officers serve as the primary advisers to the intelligence leader, and their expertise and advice is greatly appreciated and greatly respected.

As a member of the House Intelligence Committee, I am grateful for them and for their 40 years of dedicated service and protecting the American people.

COMMEMORATING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF "LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING."

(Mr. LAWSON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAWSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 120th anniversary of "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing."

This hymn was first performed this week 120 years ago by 500 school children at the segregated Stanton School in Jacksonville, Florida.

Today this song is widely known as the Black national anthem and is performed at churches, schools, sporting events, and meetings around the Nation.

Brothers James Weldon Johnson and John Rosamond Johnson wrote this song at their home in the LaVilla community of Jacksonville in the Fifth Congressional District, the district I represent.

It was there that James Weldon penned the words that inspired hope, strength, and faith. It also reminded us to never forget the obstacles of the past.

I am honored to represent the birthplace of this great song that will live on for generations to come.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF ANNE COX CHAMBERS

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Mrs. Anne Cox Chambers, who passed away on January 31 at the age of 100.

Her friends and family remember Mrs. Chambers as a wonderful, kind, and elegant lady, whose influence spanned the globe.

An influential businesswoman, legendary philanthropist, and dedicated public servant, her many talents included co-owning the family media company, Cox Enterprises, for 33 years, and serving as the United States ambassador to Belgium.

Mrs. Chambers was Atlanta's first female bank director, as well as the first woman to serve as a director of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Chambers was also a director of The Coca-Cola Company.

Mrs. Chambers supported many causes anonymously, but was especially dedicated to the arts with her contributions to the High Museum of Art.

A force to be reckoned with who made Atlanta and the world a better place, Mrs. Chambers will be dearly missed. Her family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

SUPPORTING THE SMITHSONIAN WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, there are always special moments in this House, particularly when something draws the support of Members from both sides of the aisle. I have been supporting this legislation for a long time, and that is H.R. 1980, the Smithsonian Women's History Museum Act carried by my colleague Representative CAROLYN MALONEY and so many cosponsors who evidenced the importance of the history of women in this Nation.

This is the 100th year of women's right to vote, and I am reminded of the suffragettes who decided to take a chance and be courageous and to fight against the denial of women's right to vote.

Early in the 1800s, we know that women of color stood up, like Sojourner Truth, and said, "Ain't I a woman?" to demand the right to vote; she was a suffragette and an abolitionist fighting for freedom and justice.

Now, this particular museum will open our eyes to the extensive history of women, starting from the Revolutionary War that fought for this coun-

try, stood for this country, and helped build this country.

I am excited about being part of the support and history of the Smithsonian Women's History Museum Act. I look forward to its doors opening for women to be acknowledged and recognized in the greatness of this country.

HONORING THE SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I recently had the pleasure of touring the Susquehanna County Career & Technical Center.

Located in the heart of Pennsylvania's natural gas boom, Susquehanna County's CTC is helping to provide low-cost education opportunities for in-demand jobs.

During our tour, we heard stories of students graduating in a matter of weeks or months to enter the workforce with little to no student debt making significant six-figure annual salaries.

Careers in trucking, the natural gas industry, and other blue-collar positions are highly in demand in Pennsylvania's Twelfth Congressional District.

It was also great to see Cabot Oil & Gas, one of the largest natural gas producers in the country, investing in the school's commercial driver's license program to create a pathway from learning directly into a career.

This is another tremendous example of the natural gas industry being terrific community partners while paving the way for America's energy independence.

With February being Career and Technical Education Month, it is important to remember that we should not be forcing our students into a one-size-fits-all system, especially when programs like those at Susquehanna County Career & Technical Center are providing a low-cost option for in-demand opportunities.

COMMEMORATING AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN OUR NATION'S FIGHT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

(Mr. RUSH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate an important milestone in our Nation's fight for environmental justice.

On February 11, 1994, President Clinton issued Executive Order 12898, making it the Federal Government's first major action on this issue.

Today, I have introduced a resolution to honor Chicago native Mrs. Hazel M. Johnson, whose contributions were the necessary keys to this order.