

Fisher, eventually leading the New York Knicks to draft him. During his tenure at Webster Thomas High School, he coached the boys' varsity basketball team where he was inducted into the Section V Basketball Hall of Fame and the Frontier Field Walk of Fame. He completed his career with two Section V championships and 468 wins.

O'Rourke understood that the game of basketball is mastered not simply through dedication, but with a commitment to spirit and integrity. We did not just lose a wonderful basketball coach, we lost a devoted man who dedicated his life to his family, friends, and community. His legacy will live on through his family, his players, and the hundreds of lives he touched. He is survived by his wife, Marsha Barber, five children, two grandchildren, one brother, and one niece.

While I am saddened by Mr. O'Rourke's passing, it brings me great pleasure to have represented a man who lived his life inspiring all those around him. My heart is with his entire extended family.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body join me to recognize Bill O'Rourke, Jr.

HONORING VALERIE BERNARD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a resourceful and ambitious woman, Ms. Valerie Bernard. Valerie has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Ms. Valerie Bernard who is amid her 24th year teaching, is a second-grade teacher at Dana Road Elementary School in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

With both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Elementary Education from Mississippi College, Bernard began her career teaching in the Jackson Public Schools at Powell Middle School. She also taught at Sykes Elementary School in Jackson before moving to St. Therese in the Diocese of Jackson in 2011. In 2014, she returned to Jackson Public Schools, teaching math and social studies at John Hopkins. She later moved to fifth grade at John Hopkins before coming to Dana Road Elementary in 2018.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Valerie Bernard for her passion and dedication and a desire to make a difference in the lives of children.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters and the 60th anniversary of the Miami-Dade County chapter.

Founded by Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920, the League of Women Voters has never

wavered in its fundamental belief that all citizens should make their voices heard not only at the ballot box but also through continuous participation in every aspect of civic life. This organization is comprised of more than 700 state and local chapters dedicated to protecting voting rights and empowering voters to advocate for themselves and their communities.

The League of Women Voters of Miami-Dade County has helped shape our community for six decades. This chapter supports a variety of issues, from ensuring adequate funding for our county library system, to fostering environmental resilience, to expanding early voting sites to the campuses of our public universities and colleges.

Miami-Dade County is richer and fuller thanks to the efforts of the League of Women Voters, and I am grateful for their advocacy and commitment to our shared community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, due to unavoidable scheduling conflict, I needed to be in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 76; YEA on Roll Call No. 77; and NAY on Roll Call No. 78.

HONORING MRS. FAYE BROWN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a principal at the Jefferson County Junior High School, Mrs. Faye Brown.

Mrs. Faye Brown was born and grew up in West Palm Beach, Florida. She attended school and graduated from Palm Beach County School District. Mrs. Brown continued her studies at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, where she received her undergraduate degree in Political Science with a minor in Management and Organization. After her undergraduate she went on to pursue a master's degree from Alcorn State University in Guidance Counseling, and later a Specialist in Educational Leadership from Jackson State University. Currently, Mrs. Brown is enrolled at William Carey University where she has completed all coursework and is working on the final two chapters of her doctoral dissertation.

Mrs. Brown has served the educational community in Jefferson County since August 1998. She is known to have unique distinction of serving educationally from multiple perspectives. She was initially hired in the school district as a high school English teacher. After years progressed teaching ninth and twelfth grade English for four years, Mrs. Brown worked as the high school counselor and test coordinator for five years. During the time as a high school counselor Mrs. Brown became a certified school bus driver. It was at the culmination of five years as a high school guidance counselor that Mrs. Brown moved into

service as a school administrator. She started her administrative career at the Jefferson County Elementary School as assistant principal. After five years, she became the Jefferson County Upper Elementary principal and during her tenure it led her to the appointment as the district's School Improvement Officer and Curriculum Director. In this position she was to oversee more than 1-million-dollar SIG grant implementation. At the culmination of the SIG grant, Mrs. Brown returned to a high school and junior high school-based administrative leadership.

Mrs. Brown has worked with the Mississippi Department of Education and was selected as a Mississippi Teacher Fellowship participant, as well as a 2017 Prospective Superintendent Leadership Academy completer.

Mrs. Brown is committed to improving students educational outcomes at her school and she fully embraces their theme, "Inspiring Excellence and Promoting Success".

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Faye Brown for her hard work and dedication in the Jefferson County School District.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF WILTON MANORS MAYOR JUSTIN S. FLIPPEN

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Wilton Manors Mayor Justin Flippen, a dedicated public servant, who loved his community and contributed greatly to the people of Broward County, Florida. Justin passed away on February 25, 2020 at the age of 41.

A graduate of Coconut Creek High School, Broward College, and Florida Atlantic University (FAU), he became Florida's first openly gay student body president at FAU, as well as serving as an intern for United States Senator Bob Graham. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Florida College of Law. Justin was a Wilton Manors City Commissioner before being elected Mayor in 2018. Active in the community, he became a member of the Wilton Manors-based Dolphin Democrats in 1997 and served as president from 2008 to 2009, overseeing the growth of the club to over 400 members. Justin was also a member of the Florida LGBT Democratic Caucus.

When marriage equality became legal in 2015, Justin officiated the Valentine's Day marriages of nearly 40 couples at city hall as part of a city-sponsored marriage equality mass wedding program entitled, "We Do It!" He successfully worked to have Wilton Manors become the first city in Broward County to raise the Pride Flag outside city hall for National LGBT Pride Month, and then less than a year later to have Wilton Manors become the first city in the nation to permanently raise the Pride Flag as the foundation to a monument and memorial dedicated to the contributions of the LGBT community and their allies.

In November of 2018, the people historically elected Justin as their Mayor by one of the largest margins of victory in a contested race. Now as "The People's Mayor," but more importantly as a product of our city and community, Justin believed in upholding the highest

standards and to serve with his best and nothing less. He believed that all elected, and government officials should remember and heed the words of Thomas Jefferson who said, "Governments are the servants, not the masters, of the people."

Madam Speaker, Mayor Justin S. Flippen's spirit and loving memory will always live on. His contributions to our community will be remembered for generations to come. I offer my deepest condolences to his family, friends, and the entire Broward County community during this time of great sadness and loss.

IN MEMORY OF ELLEN M. BLOOM

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Ellen M. Bloom, a dedicated public servant, beloved Congressional staffer and compassionate constituent of mine in Silver Spring whose earthly journey concluded on February 4, 2020. I include in the RECORD her obituary, which was published in the Washington Post on February 7, 2020 and tells the story of her wonderful life.

ELLEN M. BLOOM

A highly accomplished consumer advocate, mother, wife, sister, aunt, friend, mentor and devoted D.C. sports fan whose professional life was committed to public service, died February 4, 2020 surrounded by her loving family at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Ellen's four-decade career included 18 years on the senior staff of Senator Howard Metzenbaum (D-OH); within the Clinton Administration where she helped set national telecommunications policy and later served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Commerce Secretary William Daley; and led the federal policy office of Consumer Reports. She graduated from the University of Maryland-College Park, and earned her Masters in Public Administration from George Washington University.

But Ellen's most cherished position was as the gravitational center of her family. With her husband of 33 years, David Bushnell of Silver Spring, MD, she raised two children, Michael W. Bushnell and Jenna L. Bushnell, both of Washington, D.C.

While the kids were growing up, the family set out on extended cross-country road trips. As a foursome, they trekked through three dozen national parks, visited all 50 states and traveled thousands of miles together while enjoying all America has to offer.

Among her surviving family is her brother, Alan Bloom of Montclair, NJ, her sister-in-law, Miriam Bloom of Teaneck, NJ, eight nieces and nephews and two grand-nephews who knew her as Aunt Ellen. She was the daughter of the late William and Sydelle Bloom of Silver Spring.

Ellen's untimely death followed a three-decade battle against two blood disorders, and a recent stem cell transplant at Johns Hopkins. The family's profound sadness is eased by the joy and inspiration Ellen shared with all who knew and loved her.

HONORING HELEN CARTHAN INGRAM

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable hero, Helen Carthan Ingram.

Helen Carthan Ingram was born March 16, 1952. She is the second child born to Will Carthan, a railroad worker for Illinois Central and Doris Carthan, a housewife.

Helen Carthan Ingram spent all her time in Lambert, Mississippi. She was always involved in civil rights from an early age of 16.

May 1968, Ingram was involved in the civil rights walk out for the seven civil right workers that were incarcerated in Quitman County Jail. She and three hundred students marched from the Quitman County High School to Quitman County Jail. The jail was guarded by the United States Army National Guardsmen where they were beaten by the United States National Guardsmen. But after all of this, it still did not deter her from being involved with the civil rights movement.

Ms. Ingram attended Northwest Community College from 1970 to 1971. She received an associate degree in business administration. She later attended Coahoma Community College from 1982 to 1984, where she received an associate degree in elementary education. She attended Mississippi Valley State University where she received a bachelor's in elementary education. She received a certificate in interim denominational faith from Morehouse University. She was an advocate for civil rights and worked tirelessly to obtain housing for families. She also helped organize the first commemoration of the Mule Train in 1996. She is still actively involved in working with the Poor People Campaign, and with the Mule Train.

Ms. Ingram works diligently with Quitman County and the City of Lambert, trying to get different things for the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Helen Carthan Ingram for her dedication and remarkable works.

CELEBRATING ADVENTIST HEALTH WHITE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL'S MALCOLM BALDRIGE NATIONAL QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE AWARD

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Adventist Health White Memorial Hospital as a recipient of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The Boyle Heights hospital is the first organization in Los Angeles, the only hospital in Los Angeles County, and the twelfth hospital in the nation to receive this prestigious award.

The Baldrige Award is the highest level of national recognition for performance excellence an organization in the United States can receive. Since 1987, the award has been given to organizations and businesses in that

have demonstrated visionary leadership, operational excellence, and drive for providing innovative solutions to complex challenges. It is the dedication, hard work, and outstanding achievements of White Memorial Hospital's associates, physicians, and partners in delivering quality healthcare that caught the attention of the Baldrige Award examiners.

Founded in 1913, the White Memorial Hospital has since become one of the region's leading nonprofit, faith-based hospitals, providing a full range of inpatient, outpatient, emergency and diagnostic services to the medically underserved communities in and near downtown Los Angeles. As a major teaching hospital, White Memorial also plays a vital role in training future physicians, nurses, and other medical professionals.

It is fitting White Memorial Hospital's mission is "living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness, and hope" because the hospital's volunteers and staff demonstrate daily, their commitment and service to improving the physical, mental, and spiritual health of the community. This award only underscores this exemplary level of excellence and dedication and I have no doubt, the important role White Memorial Hospital will continue to have in the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Adventist Health White Memorial Hospital on receiving the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAKU AND SUMGAIT POGROMS

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2020

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to help commemorate the Baku and Sumgait Pogroms and to reaffirm that the U.S. stands on the side of democracy and peace—and that means standing with the Armenian people.

Thirty years ago, as the lines of the Soviet Union were fading, the people of Artsakh were united and voted for greater independence from Azerbaijan. But this peaceful movement for self-determination was followed by premeditated and government-sponsored attacks. Over the next two years, the Armenian population of Artsakh was repeatedly victim to brutal and racially motivated pogroms. Hundreds were murdered, and thousands were displaced; not only in Baku, but in places like Sumgait and Kirovabad as well.

These pogroms were a direct assault on the right of self-determination in Artsakh. And it is an assault that is continuing today. I know, because I have recently returned from my first ever trip to Armenia and Artsakh.

Since being elected and getting to know the Armenian community myself, I have wanted to visit Armenia. And this visit was so much more than I could have imagined. I was able to meet both the Prime Minister and the President, have incredible dialogues with the new parliament of Armenia, and take in the beautiful country.

But I also knew that while I was there, I had to visit Artsakh. Prior to my trip, my office was visited by the consulate of Azerbaijan. They