

bondage in the United States for two-hundred and forty-eight years and opened a new chapter in American history.

Recognizing the importance of this date, former slaves coined the word “Juneteenth” to mark the occasion with a celebrations the first of which occurred in the Texas state capital in 1867 under the direction of the Freedmen’s Bureau.

Juneteenth was and is a living symbol of freedom for people who did not have it.

Juneteenth remains the oldest known celebration of slavery’s demise.

It commemorates freedom while acknowledging the sacrifices and contributions made by courageous African Americans towards making our great nation the more conscious and accepting country that it has become.

The celebration of Juneteenth followed the most devastating conflict in our country’s history, in the aftermath of a civil war that pitted brother against brother, neighbor against neighbor and threatened to tear the fabric of our union apart forever that America truly became the land of the free and the home of the brave.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “Freedom is never free,” and African American labor leader A. Phillip Randolph often said “Freedom is never given. It is won.”

Truer words were never spoken.

We should all recognize the power and the ironic truth of those statements, and we should pause to remember the enormous price paid by all Americans in our country’s quest to realize its promise.

Juneteenth honors the end of the 400 years of suffering African Americans endured under slavery and celebrates the legacy of perseverance that has become the hallmark of the African American experience in the struggle for equality.

In recent years, a number of National Juneteenth Organizations have arisen to take their place alongside older organizations—all with the mission to promote and cultivate knowledge and appreciation of African American history and culture.

Juneteenth celebrates African American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures.

But it must always remain a reminder to us all that liberty and freedom are precious birthrights of all Americans, which must be jealously guarded and preserved for future generations.

PHOEBE A. HADDON

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the Chancellor of Rutgers University Camden, Phoebe A. Haddon.

Phoebe Haddon was born in Washington, D.C. and spent her childhood in Passaic, New Jersey. She later earned her bachelor’s degree from Smith College in 1972, Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Duquesne University School of Law in 1977 and in 1985 she earned her Master of Laws from Yale Law School. She practiced law at Wilmer Cutler and Pickering in Washington, D.C. and has written exten-

sively on issues including equal access to counsel for civil litigants and issues surrounding access to education.

Prior to her time at Rutgers University Camden, she had tenured as a distinguished faculty member at Temple University Beasley School of Law for over 25 years. During her time at Temple she made it a priority of hers to fight against the racial and gender biases of the Pennsylvania bench and bar and she has served on numerous federal, state, city, and committee bodies.

Chancellor Haddon stepped into the role as chancellor of Rutgers’s University Camden in 2014 and as the executive administrator she has had the responsibility of overseeing the daily administration of over 1,300 employees at a campus that enrolls more than 7,000 students. In addition, as Chief Executive of Rutgers University—Camden she is a leader both on and off campus by expanding the role of the civic engagement program by working with community partners in the Camden and the Delaware Valley region. Additionally, under her leadership the college has greatly expanded its enrollment through exceptional initiatives such as launching the Bridging the Gap Program. Through the installation of this landmark program, in Fall 2017 Rutgers-Camden achieved the highest enrollment in the entire history of the campus.

Chancellor Haddon earned numerous honors and is respected nationally as a constitutional scholar and leader in higher education. We honor Chancellor Haddon’s commitment to Rutgers University—Camden and her dedication to diversity and equality in higher education.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the achievements of Chancellor Phoebe A. Haddon of Rutgers University Camden and thank her for all that she has done to advance Rutgers University Camden and the surrounding communities of South Jersey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RALPH LEE ABRAHAM

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. ABRAHAM. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 29, 2020 I was unavoidably detained on Roll Call Votes No. 124, No. 126, No. 128, and No. 129. Had I been present to vote, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call Votes No. 124, No. 126, No. 128, and No. 129.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unavoidably detained from the floor on Monday, June 29, 2020. I missed roll call vote No. 129.

Had I been present to vote on roll call No. 129, I would have voted YEA.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PAUL LOGGAN

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Paul Loggan, a friend, a mentor, a teacher, a coach and a father-figure among his many roles at North Central High School in Indianapolis, where he worked for more than three decades. Paul was a tremendous leader in our community including his role in the athletics department when my children attended North Central High School. He was a constant presence for Indiana high school football and his dedication to Indiana students will be missed greatly. His impact on high school athletics was honored on the evening of April 13 when football stadiums across the state of Indiana turned on their lights in his memory.

Paul Loggan was born on April 5, 1963, in Shelbyville, Indiana. He was an outstanding athlete at Rushville High School, where he graduated in 1981. Paul went on to the University of Indianapolis, where he was an All-American linebacker and team captain on the football team before graduating in 1985. He went on to receive his master’s degree from Ball State University. In 2012 Paul was inducted into the University of Indianapolis Athletics Hall of Fame.

Paul’s love for sports did not end with playing sports. In addition to his time at Franklin Central and Roncalli, he spent over three decades at North Central as a teacher, coach, department chair, Assistant Athletic Director and in 2014 became the Athletic Director. He went on to become the President of the Indiana Football Coaches Association (IFCA) and stayed active in the IFCA even after his time as president was over. Paul spent over three decades as the game director for the North/South All-Star football game hosted by North Central. He was dedicated to students and athletes for a large part of his life.

Though athletics were very important to him, Paul held something even closer, his family. It was often said that it was rare to see Paul out without at least one of his children. This is what truly defined Paul. He had three kids, sons Michael and Will and his daughter Sami. He was married to his wife Kathy for nearly twenty-nine years. Paul is also survived by his mother, Marjorie Loggan, brothers Ted (Gena) and Bo, sister Kelly, and several nieces and nephews. Hoosiers everywhere mourn the loss of this great man. Our community will forever be thankful for the contributions Paul made to students and athletes across the state of Indiana. On behalf of the Fifth District of Indiana, I send my thoughts and prayers to his family and friends during this difficult time.

SUPPORTING THE DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, recent events have underscored the inequities that