

UNICEF, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to help immunize more than two billion children against polio in 122 countries; and

Whereas, past and current members of the Princeton Rotary Club have contributed countless hours and resources to the improvement of the City of Princeton; and

Whereas, the Princeton Rotary Club has addressed the educational, public health, recreational, and economic needs of its community and fellow citizens; and

Whereas, the Princeton Rotary Club has declared the entire 2020 year to be one of significant and noteworthy projects in honor of its 100th Anniversary; therefore, we, the United States House of Representatives,

Resolve and wish to formally recognize the Princeton Rotary Club and their efforts to positively impact the City of Princeton and communities in need worldwide; be it further

Resolved that we and the greater Princeton community celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Princeton Rotary Club and congratulate all their Rotarians for this significant and noteworthy accomplishment.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER
TAIWAN PRESIDENT LEE TENG-HUI

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of former Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui, revered as Mr. Democracy. As the first democratically elected leader of Taiwan, Lee is an icon for democracy and pluralism to not just Taiwan, but freedom loving people around the world.

Well known for the symbolism of his election and his strong maneuvering which kept Taiwan from the grasps of the People's Republic of China, we cannot forget his extensive service to Taiwan. Beginning as mayor of Taipei, he would go on to serve as the governor of the Taiwan province and vice president before assuming the presidency in 1988.

It was from this position he would oversee the 1996 election, becoming the first democratically elected president. Even in the face of Chinese aggression, Lee preserved this advancement and upheld the integrity of his election. Today, Taiwan is a strong, key member of the global community of nations and serves as a symbol of freedom, human rights, and democracy for all.

Madam Speaker, I express my deepest condolences to the family of Lee Teng-hui and the people of Taiwan on his passing, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in celebrating his life and legacy as a beacon of democratic advancement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE
AND LEGACY OF BRUCE WATKINS, JR.

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Bruce Watkins, Jr. Mr. Watkins spent his days on Earth fighting to preserve, honor, and protect the stories of the African Americans who helped build and grow Kansas City, living a life that deserves both recognition and reflection.

Mr. Watkins was born in the time of Emmett Till and Rosa Parks, into a family with a profound and unwavering commitment to advancing the cause of civil rights in Kansas City. His father was both a co-founder and the second president of Freedom, Incorporated, Kansas City's local, Black political organization, as well as the first African American elected to the City Council of Kansas City. In 1966, his father was elected a Circuit Court Clerk, making him the first Black person elected to Jackson County government, and would later become the first African American to nearly win a KC mayoral race. As a former city council member and Kansas City's first African American Mayor, I know that the path I walk was planned, plowed, and paved by Bruce Watkins, Sr. It has been an honor to watch Bruce Watkins, Jr. valiantly carry his father's mission into the 21st century.

Mr. Watkins grew up alongside the African American Civil Rights Movement, went to Southeast High School, and then studied at University of Nevada-Las Vegas' College of Business, where he graduated in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science in Human Resources Management and Services. Thirteen years later, he would return to school to earn his Associate degree at Kansas City Kansas Community College's School of Mortuary Science, before starting his career as a funeral director.

Mr. Watkins was a keeper of stories. As a funeral director at the Watkins Brothers Me-

morial Chapel, Mr. Watkins spent thirty-one years performing the unglamorous but noble work of honoring our community's dead and supporting their grieving families. As a leading member of the Watkins Foundation, he led the campaign to have Kansas City's East Patrol Crime Lab named after prominent civil rights leader Leon Jordon, forty-five years after his assassination. As a member of Freedom, Incorporated, Mr. Watkins aided in the group's mission to register African American voters in Kansas City, elect them to local office, and ensure that the voices of Black Kansas Citizens were heard within the halls of government. And as eminent Kansas City leaders, he and his cousin Warren Watkins, Jr. fought to gain recognition for the slaves likely buried at the site of the City's new airport. Mr. Watkins was integral to that continued mission to make sure that those we welcome to our magnificent city also know of its painful past, etching a symbolic headstone of history for his ancestors whose graves remain largely unmarked.

I was proud to call Mr. Watkins a dear friend and am humbled not only by his life of service but also by the task of paying tribute to it. On this day, I wonder how to properly honor someone who spent his whole life honoring others—how one can do justice to the story of a lifelong storyteller. Perhaps, the answer lies in not only telling Mr. Watkins' story but also the stories he was passionate about preserving. When we in the Missouri 5th drive on Bruce R. Watkins Memorial Drive or pass by the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Center—when we look upon the Spirit of Freedom Fountain or drive by the Green Duck Lounge—when we tell the stories of Fred Curls or Lucile Bluford or Leon Jordon—we honor the life and work of Bruce Watkins, Jr. May God allow him to continue that work in the company of that other great storyteller, who told us all of the Sower, the Weeds, and the Mustard Seed. I think they'll get along well.

As the keeper of a history he helped make, Mr. Watkins continued a four-generation story of a family and a city that loved and challenged one another. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Bruce Watkins, Jr. Let us all seek to emulate his example by preserving the stories that tell us who we are as a people and a nation and let one of those stories be his.