

years ago which passed the House as the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA). I worked hand in hand with Members on both sides of the aisle to permanently authorize the LWCF when we passed the bipartisan John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation Management and Recreation Act (P.L. 116–9), in early 2019. I want to emphasize that a priority use of the LWCF funding, provided for in the enacted GAOA, is the consolidation of ownership and management of split estate federal and public lands, in appropriate circumstances such as that referred to in Section 1113, the “Chugach Region Land Study,” contained in P.L. 116–9 the “Dingell Act,” between willing private sector land owners and the United States, especially when such willing private sector land owners are Native American Tribes or Alaska Native Regional Corporations established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

It is important to clearly declare that the LWCF can, among and between willing parties, be used for this purpose of facilitating and executing recommended land exchanges per the Chugach Region Land Study provision, Section 1113 of the Dingell Act. This understanding and direction is completely consistent with that Act and the GAOA.

HONORING LELA HENDERSON-JONES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lela Henderson-Jones.

Lela Henderson-Jones was born March 11, 1970 to the late Robert and Lee Ethel Henderson in Tunica, MS. She is the eleventh of fourteen children (9 sisters and 5 brothers). Two siblings have preceded her in death but the remaining twelve continue to have a close relationship. She was a teenage mother, living in a poverty-stricken community with limited resources available. Today, whenever she gains the opportunity, she loves encouraging others to persevere regarding of what the circumstances may be.

Lela Henderson-Jones went to Rosa Fort High School in Tunica, Mississippi where she was in the top ten of her class. Before graduating high school, Lela was the mother of two children. Lela refused to allow her bad choices to affect her education. Once again, she is grateful for the support of her family that knew her potentials and wouldn't allow her to drop out of high school. She attended Northwest Community College to pursue a degree in nursing. One semester later, she left college to marry and raise her children. She realized that nursing is something she did not want to do. Lela spent years working in hotels to help support her family. She gained employment at the local factory (Pillowtex) in the town of Tunica.

In 1994, Lela and her family moved to Horn Lake, MS due to lack of housing in Tunica County. During this time, she was married, had three children (two girls and one son), and was about to give birth to another child. She commuted to Tunica daily to work and spend time with her parents. After the death of

her father and a brother, Lela obtained employment in Desoto County as a factory worker. After losing the desire for factory work and feeling unfulfilled, Lela made some major decision that would affect her role as a wife and a mother. She decided to return to college to work on a career.

Lela Henderson-Jones attended Northwest Community College to study sociology. She was employed by Tunica County School District as a Child Care Provider while attending Northwest. Her goal was to get back to Tunica. After her first year of college and help from her advisor, she decided to change her major to Social Work. She received her Bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of Mississippi. Mrs. Henderson-Jones obtained employment with Region One Mental Health Center as a Case Manager. This was the career path that she believed was her true calling in Tunica County. She had the opportunity of coordinating a Senior Program at Region One called “Silver Pathfinders.”

During her tenure with Region One Mental Health, Lela received her Master's in Social Work from Mississippi Valley State University. She received the position as County Coordinator that carried the roles of a certified therapist for individual and families, group therapist for anger management and A&D counselor, and case manager/ therapist for mobile Crisis.

Currently, she holds the position as Clinic Operations Assistant for Tunica County Healthcare Authority. She assists with the daily operation of the only two rural health clinics in Tunica County. She is a Board Member for Mid-State Opportunity (Community Action Agency), and a Board Member for Tunica County Community Development Coalition (TCCDC). She's on the ministerial staff at Holy Ghost Temple Church in Dundee, MS.

Lela Henderson-Jones credits all her achievements to God, her children (Camille, Damecos, Colundria, and Dijuan) and her family for supporting her and never giving up on her. She's dedicated to her community and the people in the community. Mrs. Jones is recognized for her services to her community and passion for her community and the people in the community is displayed daily.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lela Henderson-Jones for her dedication to serving her community and this great state.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF WARSAW

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring appropriate Congressional recognition to the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Warsaw.

In 1920 a young Polish Republic, that just regained independence after 123 years of foreign domination, faced an existential threat from a Soviet invasion. For Vladimir Lenin and the Soviet leadership, the conquest of Poland was to serve as a steppingstone for a Soviet advance into western Europe. On August 12, 1920, the Soviet Red Army began its assault upon Warsaw and for the next fifteen days,

the battle was fought not just for the future of the Polish Republic, but for all free societies in Europe. Under the unwavering leadership of Józef Piłsudski, the Polish army executed a brilliant counterattack and shattered the Red Army, forcing the Soviets to retreat. Lord DABernon, who was part of a British mission in Warsaw during the battle, wrote in the New York Times on its 10th anniversary that there were few incidents in the history of civilization of greater importance than the Battle of Warsaw. By winning the encounter, which since has been called “The Miracle on the Vistula,” the Polish army saved Poland and the rest of Europe from a Communist takeover and preserved freedom and democracy for millions. While we pay tribute to those who bravely fought to stop the Soviet invasion, it is important to recognize the role that was played in the battle by a group of 21 American pilots who formed a unit called the Kosciuszko Squadron and flew many missions during the battle providing critical aerial support to Polish ground forces.

Madam Speaker, please join me in tribute to the sacrifice, courage, and heart of the Polish forces who bravely defended their homeland during the Battle of Warsaw. This was a striking example how yearning for freedom, justice, and independence can motivate in times of great peril and while facing seemingly insurmountable odds. In August 1920, the Polish army along with the help of U.S. troops, saved Europe from an evil totalitarian dictatorship. Today, we should honor and celebrate the Polish soldiers who bravely fought not for just the freedom of their homeland, but for the liberty and justice for all. We should also use this opportunity to recognize the strong friendship between the United States and the Polish Republic, who has been a loyal ally in Europe for the last three decades.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MICHAEL “MIKE” M. PADDIE

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Michael “Mike” M. Paddie a long-time resident of Warren, Texas, faithful educator, and servant of his community.

Mike was born on December 24, 1957 to Maurice and Lillian Paddie in Washington, D.C. Mr. Paddie was a long-time resident of Warren, Texas and spent over 40 years working for Warren Independent School District. Throughout the years he served the district in many capacities, as a teacher, coach, and counselor and most recently, as Assistant to the Superintendent. Mike oversaw at least a thousand students each year but was known for making each and every student feel valued and respected. He was loved by his former students, and many thought of him not only as a teacher and coach, but as a mentor, father figure, and dear friend.

Mike was also known as the “the voice of the Warren Warriors”, where he served as the announcer at the Warrior football games. In 2012, Warren ISD named the baseball and softball fields' press boxes after him in honor of his many years of service. The school district also has a scholarship named in Mr.

Paddie's honor and hosts the annual Mike Paddie Scholarship Rag Ball tournament to raise money for the scholarship.

Mr. Paddie also served his community in various capacities. He was a volunteer for numerous local causes and was elected the Republican Chairman of Tyler County and held that position for many years. He also served as a Rotarian in the Woodville Rotary Club, where he was the Director-at-Large. Several friends and colleagues of his often noted his kindness, generosity, and good humor in his work for the good of others. Mike embodied the Rotary motto, "Service above Self" in everything he did.

Mr. Paddie is preceded in death by his parents, Maurice and Lillian Paddie. He is survived by his sister, Kimberly "Kim" Work of Nome; niece, Sarah Thompson and husband, Johnathan of Nome; nephew, J. Tyler Work of Nome; friends, Nick Foret, Natalee Fore, Garrett Amadore, Andrew Gordon, Ginger Dixon, Colton Sonnier, Kacy Debney, Chuck Debney, and many more.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank Michael "Mike" M. Paddie, for his faithful service to his community and school district. My thoughts and prayers remain with his family, and friends, during this difficult time.

HONORING ERRICK D. SIMMONS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Errick D. Simmons.

After a historic landslide win for mayor in 2015, Mayor Errick D. Simmons, the first black male mayor of the City of Greenville, Mississippi, won re-election to his second term as mayor in 2019 without facing an opposing candidate. Mayor Errick D. Simmons began his career in municipal government as a city councilman in 2007, as the youngest to serve in the position at that time.

Before returning home to Greenville to start his legal and municipal government career, Simmons graduated salutatorian in his class at T.L. Weston High School in 1995, second to his twin brother and law partner, Mississippi State Senator Derrick T. Simmons, who is the Senate Minority Leader for Democratic Party. Simmons later studied at Jackson State University, where he received a Bachelor in Business Administration in Economics in 2000. In 2002, he received a Master's in Arts in Economics from Howard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and received his Juris Doctorate from Howard University School of Law in 2005.

While at Howard University School of Law, Simmons was team captain of the Howard University Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Team, the first HBCU law school to win the American Bar Association Competition, defeating two-time reigning champion Harvard University. This historic win was placed in the Congressional Record, and featured across national media outlets including but not limited to Chicago Defender, Dallas Examiner, Ebony, and Jet Magazine.

Currently, Simmons serves as a member of several local, state, and national boards and

organizations, to name a few: President, Mississippi Delta Mayors Association, 1st Vice President of Mississippi Municipal League (MML) (to be sworn in as President in June 2021), Vice President of Delta Council, Mississippi Economic Council Board of Governors, Boys Scouts of America, U.S. Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities, life member of NAACP, life member of Magnolia Bar Association, life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., board member of Mississippi Association of Justice, Mississippi Bar Association, and Chairman of Washington County Democratic Executive Committee.

In the Christian spirit of unity, Mayor Simmons pushed a message of "One People, One Goal, and One Greenville: We are One" to promote unity and foster togetherness when he became mayor in 2016. The community has taken on the call to unify and work more collectively for a better Greenville. Keeping God as the center of his administration, Simmons first initiative was a faith-based one entitled, "Worship on the Water" where faith-based leaders across the Mississippi Delta joined him for such an announcement. Worship on the Water is a nationally recognized, interfaith, interracial initiative that fosters community and promote unity on the fifth Sunday of every month purposed on bringing people together regardless of racial identity or religious affiliation. Simmons states, "Psalm 100 demands us to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. On the fifth Sunday of every month, residents and citizens come and worship at the water on our levee front to make a joyful noise together in corporate worship. Folks are not restricted by the color of their skin nor confined by their churches' addresses. We come to exalt God as one community." Worship on the Water received the U.S. Conference of Mayors' 2017 City Livability Outstanding Achievement Award presented by President Bill Clinton.

In the name of social justice, racial equity, and inclusion for all, the very first order of business for Mayor Simmons as Mayor of Greenville was the removal of the Mississippi State flag containing the confederate emblem from all municipal buildings in January of 2016.

Simmons later announced the City's first ever re-entry program entitled, Greenville Re-Entry and Training Program (GREAT), a program aimed to hire and train returning citizens throughout the City. The City of Greenville hired its very first returning citizen on March 1, 2018. Under his administration as mayor, Greenville has announced more than \$200 million in local, state, federal, and corporate investments including the announcement of a \$40.1 million new federal courthouse; a \$71.46 million Greenville Freight Corridor Bypass from the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America program; \$25 million MARS Uncle Ben's R & D Investment; a \$9.1 million redevelopment of the Sears, Roebuck & Company building to include a boutique hotel, microbrewery, downtown restaurant, and butcher shop.

In August 2018, an estimated 100 new jobs were announced through economic development projects. Nufarm announced 68 manufacturing jobs with a \$20 million investment, the first such announcement in Greenville since Textron in 2004. Tru by Hilton announced an 84 room hotel with 30 jobs with an estimated \$10 million investment.

Some other accomplishments in his administration are worth noting: "Announced the Reserves at Ed Gray, a \$6.1 million housing development project for low to moderate income families where the City donated a city park to create safe and affordable housing.

Held Model Contractor Development Program in collaboration with Congressman BENNIE G. THOMPSON, Mississippi Development Authority, Gene Finley with CompuRecycling Center, Inc., and other county and state partners.

Held first-ever Delta Emerging Small Business Conference in collaboration with U.S. Small Business Administration, Congressman BENNIE G. THOMPSON, and other county and state partners.

Held City's first ever Small Business and Brunch (B&B) in partnership with CompuRecycling Center, Inc., and other local, county, and state partners.

First in Mississippi to offer Manufacturing Skills Basic Course in high schools in collaboration with economic development professionals and educational institutions.

Announced Medical Pipeline with Greenville Public School District and Delta Regional Medical Center.

Held National Night Out in partnership with Rural USC and MACE.

Held Gas for Guns event in an effort to obtain as many guns off the streets.

Began Early College with Mississippi Valley State University.

Held Delta P2P, an 8th grade technology and career expo for over 2,000 public, private, and parochial school 8th graders in the Mississippi Delta.

Created the City's first-ever Homelessness Committee to address homeless in the community.

Formed Greenville Community Collaborative Volunteer Group to help raise awareness and provide support to residents in need.

Began 2nd Grade Extravaganza for second graders in public, private, and parochial schools to learn how your local government works for you.

Started city's first-ever reentry program in partnership with Rural USC and WCEA.

City has an EPA sanitary sewer project of more than \$100 million to fix aging infrastructure.

Spent over \$16 million on sewer and infrastructure repairs.

Began first-ever Fire and Police Junior Kids Academies.

Increased Parks and Recreation funding from \$190,000 in 2015 to \$600,000 in 2018, a 300 percent increase in his administration.

Received \$16 million dollars in airport improvements with roundtrip commercial air service to Dallas and Atlanta.

Simmons has been featured on local, state, and national media outlets and newspapers for his municipal work and activism, including the Washington Post, Washington Times, CNN, Wallstreet Journal, MSNBC, New York Times, Epoch Times, Mississippi Business Journal, Associated Press, Christian Unity (featured cover story), Delta Business Journal (featured cover story), Attorney-at-Law (featured covered story); National Public Radio, Mississippi Public Radio, SuperTalk Mississippi, WBAD 94.3, Delta Radio 97.7, Keep Hope Alive with Reverend Jesse Jackson, Delta Democrat Times, just to name a few.

Striving to bring consumers onto a level playing field with corporations and citizens