

If Bishop Ross was the rock of Goldsboro, Leila was his rock.

The Bishop's funeral service was a sight to behold. The streets of Sanford were basically shut down for the procession. A soldier played "Taps" to honor his military service. His casket was transported on the back of a firetruck. Everybody was there. Black, white, young, and not-so-young, bound together by their affection for this extraordinary man.

He will be greatly missed, but he is now home. May God bless this trailblazer and may God continue to bless his beloved community of family and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 21, 2020

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I was unable to be present for votes on September 17, 2020.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 194.

CONGRATULATING MELISSA COLLINS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 21, 2020

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Melissa Collins, a second-grade science teacher at the John P. Freeman Optional School in the Whitehaven neighborhood of Memphis, who last week was inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame. This honor was just the most recent recognition of Dr. Collins' huge influence in the classroom as an Early Childhood educator and as a policy maker. She was also the winner of a 2010 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. During the East Room ceremony at the White House, President Obama jokingly asked Dr. Collins to consider tutoring his daughters. Among many of her accolades, Dr. Collins received the 2013 NEA Foundation's Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence, the 2014 West Tennessee Teacher of the Year Award, the 2015 Queen Smith Award for Urban Education from the Council of Great City Schools, the 2015 Kennedy Center-Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Award, the 2017 National Science Teachers Association Science Educator Development Award, and was one of six U.S. finalists for the \$1 million Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Award in 2018. Dr. Collins has taught at John P. Freeman for 21 years and has been a standout from the start. In 2007, she instituted the "Muffins with Moms" days to have students see their mothers read to their classes and, later, the "Dates for Dads" days for fathers to have lunch with their children at school. She also instituted the "Dress Up Friday" days so students could show off a little. In class, she has her students don lab coats to conduct their science experiments and has been known to incorporate music in her teaching, part of the rationale for the Sondheim award. "I learned to take a risk

for my students and myself. I allowed my students to drive their own learning and curiosity," she has said. "In the beginning, I would seek opportunities. Now, those opportunities seek me. I was chasing my dreams and now my dreams chase me." After graduating in 1992 from Whitehaven High School, where she played basketball and her father, Stanley, coached the football team, she earned a master's and doctorate from the University of Southern Mississippi while constantly giving back to her community. As a policy expert, Dr. Collins has travelled to India and Brazil and across the U.S. to confer with other recognized leaders, and to the Halls of Congress, where she has advised Senator ALEXANDER and me on best practices and good ideas. I value her insights and her passion for the students she loves. On Friday, students still learning from home will stage a drive-by parade in her honor outside the Freeman Optional School. She is a true inspiration, and I wish her well as she continues her astonishing career.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL AEROSPACE WEEK

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 21, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I along with Representative THORNBERRY, rise to recognize the United States aerospace industry. For more than 100 years, the American aerospace industry has moved, connected, secured, and inspired the modern world with countless technologies that play a role in our daily lives. The industry has made a tremendous impact, strengthening both America's economy and national security. The aerospace and defense industry's economic presence is felt in all 50 states, representing 1.8 percent of total U.S. Gross Domestic Product in 2019. And it's one of our country's best employers, supporting more than 2 million world-class workers in 2019 and providing them wages and benefits that are more than 40 percent higher than the national average. It also supports the U.S. National Defense Strategy by providing our military with the most advanced and effective platforms and systems in the world.

In keeping with industry's strong commitment to our country and its citizens, our nation's aerospace companies have answered the call to help assist with the public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Aerospace companies have used their unique skills and expertise to produce face shields, design and build portable ventilators, and deliver essential supplies to the front lines in effort to ensure our nation overcomes these unprecedented challenges.

While the history of the aerospace industry is filled with contributions to the technological advancement of humankind, from the development of flight to putting the first person on the moon, the future is just as bright. The industry is inspiring young Americans from diverse backgrounds to study and pursue science, technology, engineering, and math, so they can help drive future innovations. Through groundbreaking technologies like urban air mobility and planning the next great space

mission to Mars, the aerospace industry is working today to build a better, safer, and more successful tomorrow.

COMMEMORATING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRILLING CONTRACTORS ON THEIR 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 21, 2020

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker. I rise today to congratulate the International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC) on their 80th anniversary. Formed in 1940, IADC's roughly 550 U.S. member companies employ more than 70,000 hardworking men and women and have played an invaluable role in bringing American energy to individuals, families, and small businesses all across our country.

The thousands of people who work each day to bring energy to market are essential to the State of Louisiana and to American energy independence. Energy produced in the Gulf of Mexico and throughout the country is crucial not only here at home, but also to our friends around the globe. American energy exploration and production helps keep energy prices low for families and small businesses, provides millions of people with good-paying jobs, and prevents hostile foreign regimes from using their energy resources to harm our allies.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic and economic shutdown has hit energy-producing states, and the jobs and communities they support, especially hard. It has crushed energy demand, and a foreign price war earlier this year exacerbated an already dire situation. This combination resulted in devastating lay-offs, oil prices plummeting to negative for the first time in history, and billions of dollars of planned investments lost.

But America's oil and gas workers are extraordinarily resilient, and the industry will recover from this downturn. The United States has vast reserves of oil and natural gas, resources that are produced here at home with some of the highest standards and safest technologies for energy exploration and production in the entire world. IADC has been, and will continue to be, a large part of that success.

I applaud IADC and the women and men who work each and every day to bring energy to individuals and families all across our country. I appreciate their work to advance innovation with a focus on safety, and I wish IADC continued success and another fantastic 80 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 21, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, for the floor votes on Thursday, September 17, 2020, I regrettably erred when casting my vote for roll call 194, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 2694, the Pregnant Workers