

member of the Missouri Synod, and the parish founded Emmanuel Lutheran School in 1945, with Mr. Al Wied as the first teacher. In 1960, Emmanuel Lutheran Church dedicated her new sanctuary across from the original sanctuary, where the parish continues to flourish today.

Today, Emmanuel Lutheran Church is led by administrative pastor Reverend Joel Basely and assistant pastor Reverend Paul Wolff who encourage all to life of faith, love, understanding, and trust, and Paul Berwolf serves as principal and teacher of Emmanuel Lutheran School. Emmanuel Lutheran Church has made a meaningful difference in the community by providing a breadth of programs and services for the benefit of all. Notably, the parish has developed a partnership with the St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf, which has been integrated with the parish school to provide a bilingual education to students and faculty.

Over the course of 125 years, Emmanuel Lutheran Church has become a pillar of the Dearborn community. The parish has demonstrated a true commitment to serving Dearborn and encouraging all to be passionate, devoted, and kind community members who strive to follow the Word of God. Emmanuel Lutheran Church continues to be a welcoming place for all to gather, worship, and develop the gifts God has bestowed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 125th anniversary of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We are all grateful for its service to the Dearborn community and wish it continued success and prosperity in the years to come.

REMARKS ON THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I recently had the opportunity to meet with India's Consulate General Dr. Swati V. Kulkarni to discuss the bilateral relationship between India and the United States, and I rise today to recognize the critical importance of this relationship with our ally, India.

In any part of the world, Madam Speaker, individuals and families need to feel safe when they leave their homes and go to work. Terrorist groups need to be strongly opposed in all forms. Without question, India is a strong partner in the fight against international terrorism. As a part of this pursuit, the Indian Government recently repealed Article 370—a temporary Article of the Indian Constitution that forced citizens of Jammu-Kashmir to live under different laws than all other Indians. It was meant to be a stopgap measure since this region's government had yet to be formed.

Madam Speaker, this measure hindered the application of progressive federal laws of the Indian Government. As a result, Pakistani-based terrorist organizations conducted terrorist activities that accounted for thousands of innocent lives being lost and detrimentally impacted economic opportunities in the region. In August of 2019, both Houses of the Indian

parliament voted to end the temporary status of Article 370 in order to bring peace, stability, and the opportunity to chart out better futures to the people of the region.

I applaud the current steps taken by Prime Minister Modi to boost economic development, fight terrorism, and fight corruption. These steps forward are good for the long-term stability of Jammu-Kashmir and we should support the Indian Government in this endeavor.

RECOGNIZING LARRY VIGNOLA AND HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor Larry Vignola for his 10 years of service to the City of Coral Springs, Florida. Larry moved to Coral Springs when he was 5 years old, where he received a public-school education, attending Coral Springs Elementary and Middle Schools, and Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

After graduating from the University of Miami, Larry decided to give back to the community where he grew up and was first elected to serve as City Commissioner in 2010. Larry also acted as Coral Springs Vice Mayor for two years, and is Chair of several key committees, including the Youth and Family Committee, the Principal Education Committee and the Teen Political Forum, where I have been a regular guest speaker, and have seen Larry's commitment to our future leaders firsthand.

As an alumni and City Commissioner Larry has always been there for the students, teachers and administrators of MSD before and after the tragedy in 2018. Through this dedication to public service, there is no doubt that Larry has made a significant positive impact on the Coral Springs community.

As an avid sports fan, Larry has also devoted much of his life to coaching and mentoring young athletes, serving on the Coral Springs American Little League Board of Directors and chairing the Coral Springs Sports Coalition. He is a proud family man and enjoys spending his free time with his wife Aimee and their three children, Madison, Ava and Aimee.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Larry Vignola and his service to Coral Springs and Florida's 22nd Congressional District.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRILLING CONTRACTORS 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the International Association of Drilling Contractors on its 80th anniversary as a trade association.

In 1940, the International Association of Drilling Contractors, commonly known as

IADC, was formed to address the need for a collective voice advocating for the interests of the oil and natural gas contract drilling industry. Since then, IADC has been the world's leader in developing drilling safety protocol and standard operating procedures.

Today, IADC continues to exemplify the ideal model of leadership and remains committed to teaching the core values of safety, environmental stewardship, and continuous improvement of technology to generation after generation of America's energy workforce. Over the years, IADC has maintained 1,000 plus members worldwide, seventeen regional chapters, seven student chapters, and has accredited the training of nearly 2 million persons employed in the oil and gas industry, many of which have been hardworking Wyomingites. With six member companies operating in-state, IADC plays a critical role in the exploration and production of Wyoming's vast natural gas and oil reserves.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my gratitude to the International Association of Drilling Contractors for eighty years of unwavering competence, professionalism, and commitment in support of the transformational drilling industry that sustains the energy intensive demands of our modern society.

HONORING KRISTOPHER THIGPEN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Kristopher Thigpen, a native of Taylorsville, Mississippi. Football and athletics have always been a very important part of his life growing up. After having a stellar career in high school, he signed with Jackson State University and was a member of the football team. He then transferred and played at Jones College. He graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor's degree.

He has served as a middle and high school coach with stops in North Forest High School, Collins High School and Carver Middle School, Coffeerville High School and Ridgeland High School before going to Terry High School last year as offensive coordinator. Over the course of ten years as an educator and a coach, he has helped 33 football players receive college scholarships, was Head Coach of the Year at Ridgeland High School in 2019, and won a total of four state championships as a player and a coach.

He resides in Byram, Mississippi, with his wife, Mrs. Michele Thigpen, and has three children: Jekhyla, Krishna, and Kasen.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Kristopher Thigpen.

CITY OF JESUP 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Jesup's

Sesquicentennial, or 150th anniversary. Founded October 24, 1870, Jesup is a special place that started as a humble railroad town. Although there isn't a definitive historical document, it's long been debated what Jesup was named after. In honor of Jesup's 150th anniversary, a trial was recently held by Wayne County High School to determine who founded Jesup.

It was Jesup's first mayor, Willis Clary, who was influential in the growth of the town in its early years since he urged that the Macon & Brunswick railroad crossed the Savannah & Gulf line at Jesup in 1871. Movie stars and presidential candidates frequently visited Jesup to promote their movies and campaign from the back of the trains.

The long-seated history of Jesup helped make it the thriving city it is today.

I am thankful for the work of Jesup's current mayor, David Earl Keith, who works wholeheartedly for the people of Jesup every day.

HONORING ALAN TURING AS A
DISTINGUISHED MATHEMATI-
CIAN AND HERO

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Alan Turing was a brilliant English mathematician, founder of modern computer science and a World War II hero.

His contributions during the war, especially his work alongside others in cryptography, were hailed as "priceless" by our own President Eisenhower. By breaking German military-codes, Turing helped to quickly win the Battle of the Atlantic, without which the Allies may not have been able to launch D-Day in 1944. His efforts helped to shorten the war, possibly by years, saving incalculable human life.

Even today, our lives are impacted by his work. Turing is credited with creating the modern computer concept and helping to found computer science by theorizing a programmable machine capable of computing anything computable.

Yet Turing was more than just a mathematician, an inventor or a hero. Turing was a gay man. Because he was gay, he faced persecution for merely being who he was. In 1952, just seven years after he had helped defeat the Nazis, he was prosecuted for being in a gay relationship and forced to undergo chemical castration to avoid prison.

Two years later, in 1954, he died, possibly by suicide. He was only 41.

Turing's life is a reminder of how brilliant anyone could be, no matter what the world perceived them or of whom they loved. His life also serves as a reminder of the harm and costs that accompany discrimination and prejudice. We will never know what else Alan Turing might have discovered had he been accepted, and what he might have accomplished had his life not been cut so short. We do know that the world owes him a great deal of gratitude, and for that, we honor him for LGBTQ History Month.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF SID HARTMAN, MINNESOTA SPORTS COLUMNIST AND BROADCASTER, FOUNDER OF THE MINNEAPOLIS LAKERS, DEALMAKER, FAN, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, AND FRIEND

HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. PHILLIPS. Madam Speaker, it is with profound sadness and great affection that I rise today to celebrate the extraordinary life of Sid Hartman, a Minnesota sports pioneer and giant in journalism who passed away last week at the age of 100.

A child of Jewish immigrant parents who grew up in North Minneapolis in the 1920s, Sid sold newspapers on downtown street corners—unwittingly beginning what would become a 75-year career in the news business. His first column in the Star Tribune was published on September 11, 1945—just days after the end of WWII—and by the time he published his last column for the Minneapolis Star Tribune on October 18, 2020, his total number of bylines reached 21,235.

I was first introduced to Sid by my great-grandfather at a Vikings game at the old Met Stadium in the mid 1970s. I was a star-struck kid, meeting sports royalty that rivaled my idols, Fran Tarkenton, Chuck Foreman, and Alan Page. And from the time I could read, Sid's column was a staple of my mornings for my entire life.

Sid Hartman had the audacity to dream big. As an entrepreneurial young journalist, he helped bring the Detroit Gems to Minneapolis in 1947, where they became the Minneapolis Lakers and established a National Basketball Association championship dynasty—winning five titles in six years with such greats as George Mikan, Elgin Baylor, and future Vikings head coach, Bud Grant.

A superfan of all things Minnesota, Sid was our sports documentarian and historian, and saw teams, arenas and stadiums come and go over 75 years. He covered the Millers, the Twins, the North Stars, the Wild, the Vikings, the Lakers, the Timberwolves, and his beloved Minnesota Gophers. He taught us to love sports and sports personalities and reported with fairness and fortitude. Between the games, news conferences, and award ceremonies for Minnesota's sports teams, Sid was always easy to spot with his old black tape recorder and address book overflowing with numbers for his thousands of "close, personal friends."

Defying his age and ever adapting to new sports, new teams, and new technologies, he kept up his writing pace even after his 100th birthday. In a column celebrating his milestone birthday, he said, "I have followed the advice that if you love what you do, you never work a day in your life. Even at 100 I can say I still love what I do." What a lesson for all of us.

Sid was a loving father and grandfather. His son, Chad Hartman, followed him into the world of sports, and they served alongside each other at WCCO-AM radio for years. Friends, family and community meant the world to him, and his integrity and fairness opened doors and generated scoops that few could rival.

Sid's contributions to the sports culture of Minnesota are unmatched and indelible. He made the Twin Cities big league towns, and touched countless lives along the way. It was an honor and privilege to know him and to devour his column every morning for decades. Perhaps from heaven he can help the Vikings win the elusive Super Bowl he was never able to celebrate over the course of 60 seasons.

Minnesota and I will miss Sid Hartman, and our entire delegation joins me in sharing our heartfelt condolences with Sid's family, loved ones, fellow sports journalists, and friends.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION OF
MONICA KATRICE ROBERTS

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask for posthumous Congressional Recognition for Monica Katrice Roberts, a self-proclaimed proud, unapologetic Black transgender woman who spoke truth to power and told the often-neglected stories of the world around her. Monica Katrice Roberts was born on May 4, 1962, in Houston, Texas, to Mable and Rick Roberts; she is survived by her mother, one brother, two sisters, and a host of brothers, sisters, and gender nonconforming loved ones in the movement she courageously committed herself to.

Monica Katrice Roberts began her career as a writer and unwavering transgender activist, launching the TransGriot in 2006 and committing herself to her life's calling as a storyteller for transgender persons who often had no voice in media. Monica Katrice Roberts was especially committed to accurately capturing the stories of Black transgender women who are disproportionately brutalized and violently killed and are overlooked or often misgendered by mainstream media. Monica Katrice Roberts received many awards for her noteworthy journalism—as Founding Managing Editor of TransGriot and her work with the Bilerico Project, Ebony, Huffington Post, and The Advocate—as well as her extraordinary activism, including the Virginia Prince Transgender Pioneer Award, the Robert Coles Call of Service Award, the Barbara Jordan Breaking Barriers Award, and the 2020 Susan J. Hyde Award for Longevity in the Movement.

Monica Katrice Roberts will be greatly missed for her fierce leadership, unapologetic demeanor, storytelling, activism, and unwavering commitment to the transgender community. It is my honor to commemorate her life and legacy before this legislative body.

OVERDUE RECOGNITION OF VALOR
FOR VETERAN RENE TALBOTT

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, I would like to call attention to bravery that has gone unrecognized until now. Sergeant Rene Talbott served honorably in the United States Air Force from November 2, 1967 to November 1,