

regular season and for bringing home the state title in the Class 2 126-pound weight class to his school and community. This is his third state medal and first state title.

I ask that you join me in recognizing Mr. Pae for a job well done.

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FLORIDA CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Calvary Episcopal Church of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, which I have the privilege to represent, will celebrate its 50th anniversary of service to our community next month and I would ask my colleagues to join me in saying congratulations to the members of this tremendous family oriented church.

The effort to establish this church began in 1954 and in April of 1962, this small church located on a beautiful piece of waterfront property opened its doors. With its mission statement expressing the congregation's belief that "God is calling us to make known His truth and to convey His love to all," Calvary Episcopal has become a key part of this beach community.

The church's energetic and beloved leader is Father Robert Wagenseil. Father Bob as he is affectionately called, traveled from New York 16 years ago to pay the church a visit, and never left. Together with the church's Deacon, The Reverend Melissa Sands, and Music Director and Parish Administrator Lynn Vera, Calvary Episcopal and Father Bob serve the church community in a combination of traditional and unique ways.

In addition to their wonderful music, Father Bob's inspirational messages, and the prayers they share together, the families of Calvary Episcopal reach out to help feed the hungry through an exceptional volunteer food bank. They teach our children through Sunday school programs and even a unique summer sailing school led by Father Bob. He tells me that one of his highlights every year is the graduation ceremony for his Intrepid Sailors.

They provide computer skills training in their church computer lab to help the unemployed and the underemployed. And Father Bob and the church have formed a special bond with the local fire fighting community and in particular Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue and the Indian Rocks Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the privilege to worship at Calvary Episcopal with my family and I can tell you that Father Bob and the members of his church always find new ways to amaze me both spiritually and through the compassion they show their neighbors in need. Please join me in saying congratulations to the members of Calvary Episcopal on their first 50 years of ministry and service.

RECOGNIZING THE TOWN OF LURAY, VIRGINIA AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Town of Luray, Virginia as it celebrates its 200th anniversary.

The Town of Luray was founded in 1812 and is the county seat of Page County, Virginia. Tucked away in the rolling hills of the Shenandoah Valley, Luray boasts of breathtaking views and is steeped in rich history.

Perhaps best known for the Luray Caverns, Luray is home to the largest and most popular caverns in the East. Upon its discovery by Andrew Campbell on August 13th, 1878, the Smithsonian Institute sent nine scientists to examine the caverns and reported the following: ". . . it is safe to say that there is probably no other cave in the world more completely and profusely decorated with stalactite and stalagmite ornamentation than that of Luray." Even today, this sentiment remains the same. The Luray Caverns now attract more than 500,000 visitors each year from around the world. Luray is lucky to be home to such a historic and significant token of natural beauty.

There is no doubt why the Town of Luray is such a popular attraction for those just passing through or visiting from many states away. When not touring the caverns, you can find visitors of Luray enjoying the 106-mile scenic Skyline Drive, or nestled into a cozy bed and breakfast. The Appalachian Trail also passes through Luray, where hikers can climb through the peaks and valleys of the Shenandoah region and explore the area first-hand.

Luray residents will celebrate and honor the Town's rich history with events and activities throughout the year, which began with a "Celebrate Luray" event back in February.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the citizens of Luray as they celebrate the town's bicentennial, and wishing them all the best for their continued growth and success.

HONORING ANDREW RODRIGUEZ, WINNER OF THE 2011 JAMES E. SULLIVAN AWARD

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alexandria, Virginia resident Andrew Rodriguez, on his receipt of the highly-esteemed Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) 2011 James E. Sullivan Award. The award honors the nation's outstanding amateur athlete and has annually been presented since 1930. Finalists were selected from personal nominations following a review by the AAU Sullivan Award Executive Committee. Renowned recipients of the Award include: Mark Spitz, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Florence Joyner, Peyton Manning, Michael Phelps, J.J. Redick, Tim Tebow, and Shawn Johnson, just to name a few.

As you may know, the AAU is dedicated to promoting amateur athletics throughout this nation and is one of the largest non-profit volunteer sports organizations in the U.S. For over 100 years, AAU has remained committed to helping young people develop as both athletes and as valued citizens of their communities. The Sullivan Award, which is in its 82nd year, making it even older than the Heisman trophy, salutes amateur athletes who not only succeed in sports, but who also exhibit strong moral character in their daily lives.

In order to be considered, Sullivan Award nominees must demonstrate talent, excellent character, leadership and sportsmanship— all qualities that Andrew has certainly surpassed during his career at the United States Military Academy at West Point. He recently received the Army's first Campbell Trophy and the National Football Foundation National Scholar-Athlete award, which recognizes the nation's best in combined academic success, community leadership, and performance on the football field. Andrew currently carries a 4.14 GPA as a mechanical engineering major and ranks third academically in his class of 1,052 cadets.

In addition to his exemplar character and scholarly record, Andrew is a senior linebacker on Army's football team and delivered 140 career tackles in 23 career games. Andrew suffered what many thought was a career-ending injury and missed the entire 2010 football season, but through determination and hard work, recovered and returned for the 2011 season as team captain.

Andrew is an outstanding leader both on the field and in the classroom. He has been very active in giving back to his community and honoring our military by spending many hours visiting the injured at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He follows his father, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Forces Command David Rodriguez, and sister Amy, in a family tradition at West Point.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to ask my colleagues to join AAU and myself in congratulating Andrew on his outstanding achievement. We can all see that he is an exceptional, strong leader, and I very much look forward to following his continued success. It is truly an honor to represent Andrew and his family in the United States Congress, and I sincerely thank them for their commitment to our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF DR. J.O. "ROCKY" MAYNES JR. AND BEKI SIGWORTH-MAYNES

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate Rocky and Beki Maynes on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary—a milestone reached January 19, 2012 and celebrated by the couple's ten children, thirty grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and other family and close friends. Verma and I have known and worked with this wonderful couple for many years and we sincerely wish them our heart-felt congratulations.

Rocky and Beki met at Arizona State College, (now ASU), where Beki was studying

music on a scholarship, and Rocky was pursuing a degree in education and language studies. In their eventual careers that followed, Rocky became the Director of Migrant Children Education for the State of Arizona, a position he held for many years until his retirement in 1990. Prior to being Director, he served as a dedicated teacher to countless Arizona high school and college students. Beki's leadership as president of the Glendale Women's Club and Glendale Historical Society helped advance both organizations' important missions, yet her most valued role remained as a mother to her and Rocky's large, ever-growing family.

Anyone who knows Rocky and Beki can attest to their great love for all of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren—a love deeply rooted first in their devotion to one another. Yet, this couple, time and time again, looked to the larger community and its needs, prompting Rocky and Beki to be proactive in serving others and furthering access to high-quality education for all children. Such efforts have proven to benefit numerous Arizona families, a testament to Rocky and Beki and especially their marriage, a source of continued strength and support for both of them.

In celebrating Rocky and Beki's 60th Anniversary, we reflect on the life they have built with one another, and join in congratulating them on what truly is an accomplishment of great significance.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Dr. and Mrs. Maynes on their 60th wedding anniversary and join with their family in wishing them many more years of continued happiness, health, and innumerable blessings.

HONORING MRS. PATRICIA
ANDRADE

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month, I rise today to honor Patricia Andrade, a remarkable leader in the South Florida community.

Mrs. Andrade was born in Venezuela and has been living in the United States for more than 20 years. She holds both a law degree from Universidad Santa Maria and an International Diploma in Human Rights from the United Nations Association in Venezuela. These academic achievements have directly contributed to her campaign against human rights abuses by Hugo Chavez, following his rise to power.

In 2004, Mrs. Andrade founded the Venezuela Awareness Foundation, an organization whose focus is denouncing and defending human rights in Venezuela. Her commitment to democracy and respect for human rights around the world is a daily battle, yet she perseveres and finds motivation in all the Venezuelans living under oppression today. Mrs. Andrade works to keep close contact with political prisoners' family members and goes to great lengths to alleviate their economic hardships. Once a year, she works to promote education in Venezuela by providing political prisoners' children with school supplies including uniforms, books, and registration expenses.

Mrs. Andrade is also a weekly columnist in Miami's newspaper *El Nuevo Herald*, along with other Venezuelan online news sites. To further promote awareness of Venezuela's current situation and the abuse of human rights, she participates in different forums and conferences throughout South Florida and Germany.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mrs. Patricia Andrade for her continued service to the South Florida community and to all Venezuelans who continue to be oppressed daily by Chavez' fist. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual and wish her continued success.

HONORING GREENVILLE
INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an institution noted for its resounding leadership, the Greenville Industrial College of Greenville, Mississippi.

Greenville Industrial College was founded in 1904 by Greenville native, Reverend Dr. A.B. Bolden. Dr. Bolden, along with other community pioneers purchased the land for the Greenville Industrial College from Dr. E.P. Brown and his family in the early 20th century.

The two-story brick building was located in the African-American community of "Brown's Addition", named after Dr. E.P. Brown. It was under the leadership of Dr. Bolden that the first chapter of this dynamic organization's history began.

The mission of the Greenville Industrial College is to provide African-American students with the necessary skills to make a successful transition to post secondary education or work, and to prepare these students to successfully compete in a global market. Since the 1900s, the college has offered career and technology programs which include theology, masonry, carpentry and machinery.

The college has produced many prominent members of society which include the famous Bishop Clarence LaVaughn Franklin, Willie Richardson of the National Football League Baltimore Colts, and Walter Jake Turnbull, founder of the Harlem Boys Choir.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Greenville Industrial College for its remarkable work in developing our citizens, our economy, and the great state of Mississippi.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. MICHAEL
L. FOWLER, SR.—MORTICIAN OF
THE YEAR

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and honor to extend my personal and heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Michael L. Fowler, Sr., on being named Mortician of the Year for the 4th District of the Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association, Inc. A cele-

bration will be held in his honor on Saturday, March 31, 2012, at 7 p.m. at Albany Technical College in Albany, Georgia.

Mr. Fowler was born in Columbia, South Carolina, to Roland and Rosie Fowler. Following his birth, Mr. Fowler's family moved to Georgia where he was educated in the Dougherty County, Georgia Public School System and graduated from Dougherty Comprehensive High School. After graduating from high school, Mr. Fowler would go on to earn a degree in Mortuary Science from Gupton Jones College in Atlanta, Georgia.

A Certified Funeral Service Practitioner and a Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer, Mr. Fowler performs Trade Embalming for many funeral homes in Georgia and Florida. He also founded and currently owns Fowler's Removal Service. As a retired Death Investigation Specialist for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, he holds numerous certifications in the fields of Medicolegal Death Investigation, Death Scene Reconstruction, and Grief Management.

A strong leader with an exceptional work ethic, Mr. Fowler is the current President of the Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association. He also serves on the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service and is an active member of the Academy of Graduate Embalmers, Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice, Albany Chamber of Commerce and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Of his many commendable qualities, one of the things I admire most about Mr. Fowler is his altruistic willingness to volunteer his time and lend his professional services to needy families who have lost loved ones to tragic accidents and natural disasters. As a member of the National Disaster Medical System's Disaster Mortuary Team (DMORT) and Kenyon International Service, Mr. Fowler has assisted in the morgue operations of mass fatalities associated with the Albany, Georgia floods of 1994 and 1998; the 1997 crash of Korean Airlines Flight 801 in Guam; the 9/11 World Trade Center terrorist attacks in 2001; the 2004 tsunami in Asia; Hurricane Katrina; Hurricane Rita; and the 2010 Haiti earthquake.

In conjunction with his professional accomplishments, Mr. Fowler lives a life of service and faith. He has been a member of Evangelical Faith Ministries, Inc. for 45 years and has served as a Deacon for the last 33 years. Additionally, he founded the S.O.L.A.C.E. (Stretching Out Loving Arms Creating Encouragement) Program for impoverished and at-risk youth in Southwest Georgia. Moreover, he co-facilitates the Let's Stay Together Marriage Enrichment Program; is Board Chair of Love and Mercy Outreach Programs, Inc.; and serves on the Community Development Council for the City of Albany.

Michael L. Fowler, Sr., has accomplished many things in his life but none of this would have been possible without the enduring love and support of his loving wife, Rosa, and wonderful children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mr. Fowler for his outstanding professional achievements, dedicated community service and many good deeds on behalf of families all around the world who have lost loved ones to unforeseen tragedies.