allowing leaders from all over the world to see his amazing artwork. Kenya continues to work tirelessly as he continues to create beautiful designs as the Creative Director, often with his children by his side. In appreciation for all of the incredible work by Kenya R. Taylor, I am proud to honor him today in Congress and look forward to his future artistic and creative achievements.

HONORING DOUBLE DY EXPRESS FOR ITS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ITS COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a minority-owned business, Double Dy Express of Tutwiler, Mississippi. Owned and operated by Ms. Diana Pimpton, this establishment has provided great services to the Tutwiler community for years.

As a lifelong resident of Tutwiler, Ms. Pimpton wanted to introduce something new to her community; therefore she combined the likes of a convenience store and soul food restaurant. Bringing Double Dy Express to Tutwiler not only provided the community with its first soul food eatery, but also helped bring new jobs to the area. Pimpton's restaurant provided jobs to residents as cooks, cashiers, and maintenance workers. In addition, she gave students within the community their first job experience.

Pimpton's will to give back and help her community is credited with inspiring other minorities in the area to open up their own businesses. Ms. Pimpton, credits her own family and friends to her survival as a business owner. She has said, "This has not been an easy task but I am grateful and thank God for what I have already accomplished and continue to strive towards in future."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Double Dy Express for its contributions to the community.

TRIBUTE TO KELLY MISSELWITZ

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of my Congressional Staff who have served with me over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide exceptional constituent services and my team is second to none in providing the best assistance to all in our District. My Washington, D.C. office is also tasked with researching, processing, analyzing, and making recommendations on an infinite number of reports, policies, and legislation. I could not ask for a more talented or dedicated team, and I take great pride in the work that each staff member has done not only on my behalf, but also on behalf of the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina and the United States.

My team has shown a strong sense of dedication to meeting the needs of our constituency. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Kelly Misselwitz joined my Washington, D.C. staff in January of 2011. I often receive thousands of pieces of constituent correspondence each week, and with Kelly's care and correspondence management, we were always able to ensure that constituents received responses to their ideas and concerns in a timely, thoughtful and thorough manner. I cannot count the number of times constituents approached me on the sidewalk, in church or at local events to express their gratitude for the personal and comprehensive responses they received. I was always quick to brag on Kelly's critical role in making our constituent correspondence program a success. Kelly also served as a Legislative Assistant, proving herself to have excellent research and analytical skills, key to advising any Member of Congress. What Kelly may be known for most, however, is her sharp sense of humor that we all have truly missed since her departure in August of this year.

Kelly should be proud of the service she has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with her and as I retire from office I wish her the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of her efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Kelly and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Kelly Misselwitz for her hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

HONORING WORK OF DISTRICT II SUPERVISOR, LYLE TURPIN

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated work of District II Supervisor, Lyle Turpin. Lyle served as Mariposa County District II Planning Commissioner from 2001–2007. He was elected and served as District II Supervisor from 2005–2012 and was acting Chair in 2008. Lyle's list of service accomplishments attests to his commitment as a distinguished member of our community.

Mr. Turpin was a member of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) and served the county as a member of the following committees: Coulterville Service Area Number One Advisory Board, Coulterville Town Planning Advisory Council, Greeley Hill Planning Advisory Committee, Lake Don Pedro Service Area 1–M Advisory Board, Local Transportation Commission Technical Advisory Committee, and Pedestrian and Equestrian Trails Advisory Board.

In addition to his tireless work on various county committees, Lyle served on the following agencies and Board of Directors: Calaveras-Mariposa Community Action Agency, Mountain Counties Air Basin, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Area, Tuolumne/Mariposa County Resource Advisory Committee, and Agriculture and the Natural Resources—CSAC.

Mr. Turpin has spent his time as Supervisor dedicated to the following county projects: The General Plan; Coulterville and Mariposa Town Drainage Study; Yosemite West Community Plan; SilverTip Resort project amended site plan, Catheys Valley Community Plan; construction of the new Human Services facility; zoning amendments; the acquisition of new fire trucks and water tenders; construction and funding for three new fire stations; obtaining a Fixed Base Operator to oversee the Mariposa/Yosemite Airport operations; construction of the Red Cloud Library; improvements to the Midpines Park; Airport improvement projects; the Seventh Day Adventist Camp project; Lake Don Pedro Wastewater Treatment Facility; the MOU with the Administrative Office of the Courts and the County of Mariposa for the continued use of the historic Mariposa County Courthouse Superior Court; completion of the Solid Waste Compost facility; fuel load reduction projects; road maintenance projects; Agrinature and Agri-tourism policy; Foresta Community Wildfire Protection Plan; Williamson Act/historical parcels; and the AB 885 statewide issue relative to well and septic inspections.

Lyle remains active in the community, attending many local community organization events and fundraisers. He has helped the community contend with the impacts of the Ferguson rock slide disaster of 2006, the horrific Oliver and Telegraph Fires of 2008, the Big Meadow Fire of 2009, the 2011 Motor Fire in El Portal, and damages associated with the rains in late December 2010—including Ben Hur Road. He also helped to establish the separate Human Services/Risk Management department and implement the paperless agenda management system for the Mariposa Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring District II Supervisor Lyle Turpin for his outstanding commitment to serve his community. Mr. Turpin is a true public servant, and I wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO GARY A. WRIGHT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Mr. Gary A. Wright. It is an honor to represent Mr. Wright in the House of Representatives and I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to such an outstanding citizen.

Mr. Wright was born in Brooklyn, NY. He was the 3rd of six children of the late George Wright and Jerline Wright. He attended and graduated from Boy's High School. Following graduation, he took an interest in photography which gave him the opportunity to work in such communities as Brownsville, East New York and Bedford Stuyvesant. He also joined the New York City Auxiliary Police Force. In 1968, he joined the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and worked at Kennedy Airport.

He received certificates of appreciation for providing technical instruction during the General Maintainer and Driver Training (CDL) programs, a world trade center award for exceptional service and the world trade center 9/11