

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING SAM JOHNSON

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, our colleague from Texas, SAM JOHNSON, is an American hero. And today I join other colleagues in observing the fortieth anniversary of his release from a North Vietnamese prisoner of war camp.

In seven years of captivity SAM endured physical and mental torture. In fact, SAM was set aside for extra abuse because of his obstinate resistance to his Communist captors. At various points SAM spent 42 straight months in solitary confinement and was forced into leg stocks for more than two years.

But while SAM's jailors punished his body, they could not break his spirit; his love of God and country is a deep wellspring they could never penetrate. His scars bear witness to his tenacity and toughness.

SAM JOHNSON spent a total of 29 years in service to the United States Air Force. He flew combat missions during the Korean War and above Vietnam. He earned two Silver Stars, two Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Bronze Star, and numerous other awards. Since his election to this body in 1991, SAM has walked the halls of Congress with the highest levels of respect and admiration. He has grown to become this institution's living embodiment of cool-under-fire heroism.

In remembering the anniversary of his release and saying "thanks" to SAM JOHNSON, we also remember all those captured and imprisoned defending our liberty. In the Rotunda of Capitol hangs the famous black POW-MIA flag. It hangs there to remind all Americans that freedom is not free and is purchased only at the very highest of costs.

Mr. Speaker, it is impossible to calculate the value of the sacrifices made by war fighters like SAM JOHNSON. It is equally impossible to adequately repay them. We are simply left with words of gratitude for a job well done. I hope all Members of Congress join me in extending thanks and deep appreciation for our colleague, SAM JOHNSON.

HONORING MR. CEDRIC GEORGE GIVENS

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the continued achievements of Mr. Cedric George Givens, a native of my hometown of New Orleans, Louisiana. I have the distinct privilege of congratulating Mr. Givens as he is honored with the title of 98th King of Zulu, an organization that he has proudly served for nearly two decades. Mr. Givens has

been a continued leader in Zulu, reigning as Zulu Governor in 2005 and serving as a Board Member from 2008 to 2012. He has also served on and chaired several committees, most recently acting as the Chairman of the Zulu Anniversary Committee. Mr. Givens has been a leader in Zulu due to his love of bettering his community, and it is an example that we should all strive to follow.

In addition to his role as an active member and leader of the Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club since 1994, Mr. Givens has been a leader in business and in his community. For 17 years, Mr. Givens worked as a Plant Supervisor for Diversified Foods and Seasonings Inc. Currently, he is serving as the Vice-President of Operations of a financial firm, where he manages operations and transportation in over 20 countries. Outside of work, Mr. Givens leads an admirable life in his community, working with social groups like the Big Dawgs and the Go-Getters. His service to his community is an inspiration, and we are deeply grateful to him for his years of commitment.

A New Orleans native, Mr. Givens is the youngest child to Robert and Janice Givens. He is a product of the Orleans Parish Public School System, graduating from Alcee Fortier Senior High School in 1985. He also attended college at Southwestern Louisiana University, where he joined the Beta Phi chapter of the Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity. Mr. Givens and his wife, Zulu Queen Monica Veal Givens, have three children—Stacey Thomas, Ryan Williams, and Rayna Brantley. I hold Mr. Givens in the highest regard for his dedication to his family and friends. His commitment to the future of New Orleans brings hope and promise to our city. With the tireless work of people like Mr. Givens, New Orleans will continue to be one of the most empowered and unique cities in the world.

I wish to congratulate Mr. Cedric Givens on his coronation on February 8, 2013 as the 98th King of Zulu.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. BARBARA JEAN LEVETT

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman who has given of herself to her family, church, community, and nation; and

Whereas, Mrs. Barbara Jean Levett's good works are present in Conyers, Georgia as an exemplary mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, neighbor, community worker, business owner and friend; and

Whereas, this giant of a woman, who was raised up in Atlanta, Georgia, was born on

January 1, 1933, to the late Mrs. Lillie Frances Bailey Fears; and

Whereas, Barbara Jean Levett (faithfully known as Tootsie) was a virtuous woman, a woman of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of her community and family which in turn uplifted others; and

Whereas, she was an exemplary matriarch, serving as compass and wise counselor and bringing great joy to our district, her family and friends; and

Whereas, Mrs. Barbara Jean Levett loved her family, encouraging all of those around her to make a difference, be it her children, her elected officials, her neighbors and her church members at Rock Temple A.M.E Church in Conyers, Georgia where she was a faithful member; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, never asking for fame or fortune as she became a quiet storm, a spark that starts a flame; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional Recognition on Mrs. Barbara Jean Levett for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of Conyers and the nation;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR., do hereby attest to the 112th Congress that Mrs. Barbara Jean Levett of Conyers, Rockdale County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition" Mrs. Barbara Jean Levett, U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Proclaimed, this 9th day of November, 2012.

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

HON. RANDY HULTGREN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Marriage Week. I am proud to support this campaign to encourage marriage, reduce divorce rates, curtail poverty, and benefit children.

Marriage is a cornerstone of society and the foundation for happy, healthy homes and families. The proven benefits of marriage include economic stability, positive health and social advantages, emotional well-being and happiness, and children that perform better in schools.

This week celebrates love as well as commitment; it is a time for couples to reflect on their vows to each other and look forward to their future years together. National Marriage Week is celebrated globally, and is supported by private organizations and individuals who believe that marriage brings benefits to all people in society.

National Marriage Week celebrates healthy marriages, and making commitments based on love, trust, and admiration. It is an honor

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for me to be able to celebrate this week with my lovely wife, Christy, to whom I have been married to for 22 years.

RECOGNIZING THE NAVARRE HIGH SCHOOL LADY RAIDERS WEIGHTLIFTING TEAM AS STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Amanda Friar, Alyssa Jones, Chelsea King, Heather Lynch, Kylie Shelley, Morrigan Webb, Praise Pettus, Sarah Cox, Savannah Rodwell, Skye Barberi, Taylor Smith, and Coach Garrett Bagley of the Navarre High School Lady Raiders Weightlifting Team on earning their school's first state title.

On Saturday, February 9, 2013, under the coaching and leadership of Garrett Bagley, the Lady Raiders Weightlifting Team became Florida High School Athletic Association State Champions. After finishing in second place for the past three years, victory for the Lady Raiders was that much sweeter. This season, through the perfect blend of perseverance, discipline, focus, and desire, the Navarre Raiders were ultimately triumphant and defeated two-time defending state champion, Spruce Creak, for the title in a close 24–23 win.

A commendable eleven members of the lady Raiders team performed exceptionally well at the sectional competition and qualified for the State Championship. Of those eleven teammates, six lifters earned themselves individual medals with senior Amanda Friar leading the team as the 110-pound weight class individual gold medalist, followed by Skye Barberi and Praise Pettus finishing with second-place showings, Alyssa Jones and Kylie Shelley finishing fourth, and Chelsea King finishing sixth. I am certain that their impressive victory will continue to be a cherished moment in each of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize the Navarre High School Lady Raiders Weightlifting Team on their accomplishments and their continuing commitment to excellence at Navarre High School. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating them and everyone who has played a supportive role in guiding their team to victory. We wish them all the best for continued success.

TRIBUTE TO REV. TOMMIE L. LEWIS IN HONOR OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th pastoral anniversary of Dr. Tommie L. Lewis, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Since 1982, this dedicated servant has

led the congregation of Bethel Baptist Church to new horizons in ministry. I am pleased to honor Pastor Lewis and join with his congregation in celebrating 30 years of excellence in leadership and service to the Lord. Pastor Lewis answered his call to minister on January 6, 1973 at the Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church. For more than 40 years, Pastor Lewis has been led by his faith to minister and spread his message of service and commitment to mankind. While he has served at other churches, Pastor Lewis is most celebrated for all that he contributed to the Bethel Baptist Church family, affectionately known as "Bethel Nation". Under his 30 year leadership, Bethel Nation has grown to a membership of over 5,000 worshippers and currently stands as a beacon of hope and inspiration in the Pratt City community. Pastor Lewis has shaped a legacy defined by numerous ministries that reach far beyond the church sanctuary. In both his professional and spiritual life, his character has been defined by his willingness to serve, his unselfish generosity and his unwavering commitment to making a difference in the lives of others. He uses his clergy position as a powerful force for good throughout this world.

Pastor Lewis is an accomplished biblical scholar. He attended the Birmingham Easonian Baptist Bible College and the Universal Bible Institute in Brunswick, Georgia. Pastor Lewis is also the recipient of various honorary doctorate degrees as a result of his varied contributions to the ministry and public service. Through the years, in addition to his dedicated service to Birmingham, Pastor Lewis has also sought to share his spiritual teachings all over the world. He has ministered to and delivered sermons throughout the United States, South America, Europe, Africa and Asia. But no matter where his ministry has taken him, Pastor Lewis is forever committed to home. Pastor Lewis has led by example and displayed his commitment to public service through his affiliation with various religious and civic organizations aimed at empowering the lives of those that he serves. His involvement include but are not limited to: the Pratt City Ministerial Alliance, the Birmingham Metropolitan Baptist Ministerial Conference and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Pastor Lewis also worked to transform the trajectory of his community through his service as former Captain of the Bessemer Police and Fire Department Chaplaincy Corps and the former Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Jefferson County Transit Authority. Pastor Lewis currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Jefferson County Commission of Economic Opportunity and State President for the National Rainbow Push Coalition. In 1998, he received one of Birmingham's highest honors when he was inducted into the City of Birmingham Gallery of Distinguished Citizens.

In the aftermath of the April 2011 tornadoes, which completely destroyed Bethel Baptist Church, Pastor Lewis' faith and determination has been unwavering as he continues to minister to his congregation as they rebuild a stronger Bethel Nation. He continues to be grounded in God's mercy and grace giving hope to the hopeless and providing opportunities for the least amongst us.

While his contributions and accolades are large in number, I am especially grateful for the servant leadership that Pastor Lewis has

shown to the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. He has made an indelible imprint on the lives of so many of us through his ministries. We are blessed by his visionary leadership. Therefore, it is with pride and a humble heart that I pay tribute to Pastor TL Lewis in recognition and appreciation of his 30th pastoral anniversary at Bethel Baptist Church. And so it shall be transcribed in the annuals of the United States House of Representatives that special recognition be made to Reverend Dr. Tommie L. Lewis on behalf of a grateful nation.

HONORING CHIEF APOSTLE
ROBERT L. WILLIAMS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Bishop Robert Lee Williams, Sr., and Straight Life Church of God Pentecostal, Inc., are celebrating the elevating of Bishop Williams to Chief Apostle after years of pastoral and stellar leadership to his church and our community; and

Whereas, Chief Apostle Williams, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Straight Life Church of God Pentecostal, Inc., as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Chief Apostle Williams is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the nation his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and congratulate Chief Apostle Williams as he is elevated to this position of great recognition and great responsibility in pastoral leadership;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim November 11, 2012 as Chief Apostle Robert L. Williams, Sr. Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of November, 2012.

TRIBUTE TO HADIYA PENDLETON

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable young woman who had really just begun to embark upon her life's journey, but Hadiya Zaymara Pendleton was taken from us too soon on January 29, 2013 as a result of senseless gun violence.

No words can ease the pain of losing a child, Mr. Speaker. To Hadiya's parents and loved ones I can simply offer them a word from scripture. In Luke 18:16 the Bible tells us

"Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, 'Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.'"

Born June 2, 1997, Hadiya was loved by everyone who has encountered her since that summer day. A lover of Chinese food, cheeseburgers, ice cream, and Fig Newtons, Hadiya was active in extracurricular activities such as the CHI-TOWN Cheerleaders, Debate, Volleyball, Basketball, Mentoring Programs, and serving as Band Majorette where she proudly participated in last month's Inaugural Parade. In addition to her extracurricular passions, Hadiya was an honor student who began her academic journey at Small Stride Academy and continued her development at such schools as John D. Shoop Math-Science Technical Academy, Marva Collins School, the Carter G. Woodson School, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. College Prep High School.

These institutions were critical in creating a sound educational foundation for this well-rounded young woman. Hadiya had a high regard for academic success and higher learning. Her favorite class was Latin and she recently expressed how disappointed she was that the language program would end after this school year. Her love of learning drove her ambitions. One of her many aspirations was to major in pharmacology and journalism.

Mr. Speaker, though Hadiya's voice has been silenced far too early her memory and her spirit continue to live on through all of us. It now falls upon us, Hadiya's friends, family, neighbors, and community to speak out in her name, to strive for excellence in her name, and to build a better world in her name. I, Mr. Speaker, am one individual who pledges to do just that.

HONORING THE "GEMS OF 26"
MAINE MILITARY PROGRAM

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cyndi Robbins and the "Gems of 26" for their outstanding efforts to honor our nation's veterans. Over the last three years, Cyndi Robbins and the staff of the Poland Spring Inn welcomed more than 600 members of military and veteran families for short getaways in scenic Western Maine.

Thanks to a unique partnership formed between a group of unique sites along Route 26 called the "Gems of 26," military and veteran families have been treated to lodging, meals, boat rentals, and free access to a variety of activities and historic sites in Maine's western mountains.

In addition to the Poland Spring Resort, the generous "Gems of 26," include the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray, the Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village in New Gloucester, the Poland Spring Preservation Society in Poland Spring, and the grounds of the McLaughlin Garden in South Paris. The Maine Military and Community network has also played an important role in helping eligible families participate in the program.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Cyndi Robbins, the Poland Spring Resort, and these historic Maine attractions for their com-

mitment to serving our veteran and military families.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY
MONTH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and sincere admiration that I rise today to celebrate Black History Month and its 2013 theme—"At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality." This year's theme reminds us of two very important landmark events in American history, the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 and the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights March on Washington in 1963. This year we recognize the perseverance, sacrifice, and struggle of those who fought for the freedom and equality that has shaped our great nation.

This year's theme, "At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality," focuses on our nation's struggle for equality and civil rights, beginning with President Lincoln's issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 and the abolishing of slavery. Some one hundred years later, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led the Civil Rights March on Washington fighting for, amongst other ideals, meaningful civil rights legislation, including better employment opportunities and an end to segregation. These historic events have had an immense impact on our nation's fight for the equal rights of all human beings, regardless of race, gender, or religious, cultural, or social beliefs. Although there is still work to be done, we must take a moment to commend the many Americans who have, against all odds, strengthened our union, fought for our freedoms, and built a better nation. This month and always, it is important to remember the courage of inspirational leaders including President Lincoln, Dr. King, Rosa Parks, Thurgood Marshall, W.E.B. Du Bois, and the many others who have played such a critical role in changing the landscape of American society for the better.

I would be remiss if I did not also pay tribute to one of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens, who passed away only a few weeks ago. As the representative of the First Congressional District of Indiana, I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Quentin Smith. Born in 1918, Mr. Smith saw firsthand the great injustices faced by African Americans throughout our country's history, as well as the courageous strides made toward equality and civil justice. A member of the heroic Tuskegee Airmen, Quentin's service in the 99th Fighter Squadron will forever be remembered in working to conquer America's racial divide. In a time when segregation existed not only in our communities but in the military as well, the Tuskegee Airmen are now rightfully remembered as one of the most successful units in our military's history, not only for their bravery and sacrifice in the air, but for the position they played in the progression of the military and American society as a whole. As a civilian, Mr. Smith continued to serve his community as an educator, counselor, and principal at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, as well as a professor at the collegiate level. Held in ex-

traordinary regard in the educational community, Mr. Smith was able to utilize his vast experiences to positively influence generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating Black History Month and honoring those who fought, and those who continue to fight, for civil rights. Let us also remember the selfless and brave Quentin Smith. We are forever indebted to him for his contributions toward freedom and equality, and Northwest Indiana is proud to have been his home.

HONORING MR. LEE VAN OLIVER

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, One hundred years ago a tenacious man of God was born in Screven County, Georgia on November 8, 1912; and

Whereas, Mr. Lee Van Oliver was blessed to have ten siblings, he grew up in Georgia attending school in the local school system and moved to Savannah, Georgia at an early age; he worked in several industries in Savannah; International Paper, the Shipyard, Sears & Roebuck, Smith & Kelly; and

Whereas, Mr. Oliver has shared his time and talents as a Husband, Long Shore man, Uncle, Brother and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all who wants to advance the lives of others; and

Whereas, Mr. Oliver has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Mr. Oliver along with his family and friends are celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, his 100th Birthday, we pause to acknowledge a man who is a cornerstone in our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Oliver on his birthday and to wish him well and recognize him for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim November 8, 2012 as Mr. Lee Van "L.V." Oliver Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of November, 2012.

AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK
TINIAN ANNEX ACT

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the American Memorial Park Tinian Annex Act. This bill directs the Secretary of the Interior to develop, maintain, and administer on the island of Tinian in the Northern Mariana Islands an extension of the existing

American Memorial Park on the neighboring island of Saipan.

American Memorial Park was established to honor the 5,204 U.S. military personnel and Northern Mariana Islanders, whose lives were lost during the Marianas Campaign, one of the most strategically significant events of World War II. The Park houses a museum that affords residents and visitors alike an opportunity to learn about the vital role of the Northern Mariana Islands in the United States' successful effort to bring World War II to a close.

The Marianas Campaign was so important because capture of the islands placed U.S. bombers within range of the Japanese homeland. B-29s were deployed from both Saipan and Tinian; and, eventually, the atomic bombs that ended the War in the Pacific were launched from the airfield on Tinian, which was at the time the largest facility in the world.

Despite the critical role of Tinian and its airfields, today there is no repository on the island for artifacts recovered from the vast military sites that were quickly abandoned at the end of the conflict. Nor is there any location at which residents and visitors to Tinian can obtain adequate information about the historically significant events that occurred there.

The proposed Tinian Annex would fill this gap. The Annex would have both a curatorial and an interpretive function. And, as conceived, the Annex would accomplish these purposes by building on National Park Service resources and infrastructure already established to manage the American Memorial Park and largely supported by a trust fund. Although the Department of Defense has said that it will seek additional funding to support a historical center on Tinian, the proposed Act also respects the limitations on federal financial resources by encouraging the use of public lands, provided by the local government, as the site of the Annex.

The need for the Tinian Annex is pressing. For decades after World War II the historically significant areas of the island remained relatively undisturbed. The U.S. military leased two-thirds of Tinian and there were only occasional training exercises on these lands. But more recently, as U.S. forces have begun to be reconfigured and realigned in the Pacific region, the tempo of activity on Tinian has increased. Lands are being developed for firing ranges, encampments sites are being enlarged, and the airfields of the 1940s are being reconstructed as part of the military's on-going readiness exercises.

Although the people of the Northern Mariana Islands certainly support this increased activity and are proud to have a role in our Nation's defense, we are also concerned that historically important artifacts that may be unearthed over the coming decades of stepped-up training will be discarded and lost without a nearby repository for their preservation. We are concerned, too, that because this military activity will at times necessarily limit physical access to large parts of the island Tinian residents and visitors will need some alternative, virtual means of learning about the role of Tinian North Field, where the atomic bomb carrying B-29s, Enola Gay and Bock's Car, lifted off and about other sites of historic significance. We are concerned that we may be losing a little bit of our Nation's and our islands' history, day by day. The purpose of my bill is to remedy this.

This is not solely the concern of those of us who live in the Northern Mariana Islands. I

would like to share with you the perspective of U.S. Marine Corps Chaplain Lt. David Jeltema who was on Tinian last September. He accompanied a Marine expeditionary unit training there. Lt. Jeltema said the visiting Marines were in awe to be in such a historically significant location and viewed Tinian as "hallowed ground." Tinian's North Field is one of those places he said he wished more people could see, "so that we can remember the tremendous power the military has and realize what an incredible responsibility it also has."

That is certainly one of the many important lessons that could be drawn by any visitor to the Tinian Annex of the American Memorial Park, which the bill I introduce today would authorize.

I want to thank the House Natural Resources Committee, which favorably reported this same legislation in the 112th Congress. I thank all those Members who are original co-sponsors of the measure today. And I ask the House to move quickly to approve the American Memorial Park Tinian Annex Act for the benefit of the future and in honor of the past.

HONORING THE LONG ISLAND REGIONAL SCIENCE BOWL WINNERS FROM HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a team of talented and dedicated students from Huntington High School in my Congressional District that recently won the Long Island Regional Science Bowl held at Brookhaven National Laboratory. These students are the future of our nation's excellence in the sciences and I am so proud to recognize them today.

Captain Brian Gilbert and teammates Aron Coraor, Marc Feldman, and Jacob Roday attend Huntington High School in Huntington, NY and on Saturday January 26, 2013 were named the Long Island Regional Science Bowl winners. The young men competed against twenty other teams from high schools around the region in a Jeopardy style contest. These students will compete in the National Finals for the Science Bowl in Washington, DC in April 2013.

This success reflects the hard work of these students, but also of their mentors, Huntington High School teachers, Ms. Dame Forbes and Ms. Lori Kenny. Ms. Forbes and Ms. Kenny coached the team and helped make this success possible. It is dedicated teachers like them that make a difference in lives of students and the well being of this country. I am sure there were many long days and hours of practice that made this all possible so both of these women deserve credit for their contribution to the team as well.

The National Science Bowl is one of the largest science competitions in the country and being recognized as a finalist is an extraordinary honor. I know that Brian, Aron, Marc, and Jacob have a bright future ahead of them and I wish them nothing but success in the National Finals this spring. They should be proud of all they have achieved so far and I know they will continue to excel.

JAMIE STRONG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Jamie Strong for receiving the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce Young Professional of the Year Award.

Jamie, the Event Designer at Three Tomatoes Steakhouse and Club at Fossil Trace, was elected as Chair of the 2012 Golden Young Professionals and did a superb job in overseeing the development of the organization, particularly focusing on professional development and community service for members. Her dedication and ability to work with Chamber staff was fantastic.

When not at work, you will find Jaime involved with the Golden Chamber, at the Golden Community Center, or enjoying all the local hiking trails.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jamie Strong for her well deserved recognition from the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING MRS. ERMA MABRY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, eighty years ago a virtuous woman of God was born in Gwinnett County, Georgia on October 29, 1932; and

Whereas, Mrs. Erma Mabry was born Erma Lyons to Mr. Willie Golden and Mrs. Bessie Ragsdale Lyons, she was educated in the local school system in Georgia, married Mr. German William Mabry and through their union was blessed with three children, one daughter-in-law, two grandchildren, and one great grandchild; and

Whereas, this Phenomenal Proverbs 31 woman has shared her time and talents as a Wife, Mother and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all who wants to advance the lives of others; and

Whereas, Mrs. Mabry has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Mrs. Mabry along with her family and friends are celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, her 80th birthday, we pause to acknowledge a woman who is a cornerstone in our community in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Mabry on her birthday and to wish her well and recognize her for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim October 29th, 2012 as Mrs. Erma Mabry Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 29th day of October, 2012.

CONNIE TYSDAL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Connie Tysdal for receiving the Charlie O'Brien Award from the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce.

This award goes to members who are well respected within the organization and are motivated by an unselfish desire to contribute to the community for the betterment of greater Golden.

When Connie moved to unincorporated Jefferson County in 1979 she hit the ground running. Among her many accomplishments Connie served on the Colorado PTA Leadership Commission, was elected President of the Leadership Golden Alumni Association, Chair of the Visitors and Convention Council and worked as a philanthropic researcher for the Colorado School of Mines.

I extend my deepest congratulations and gratitude to Connie Tysdal for this well deserved recognition by the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce. Your commitment has made our community a better place for all of us to live.

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S NEGLIGENCE OF FORT HOOD VICTIMS
HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit a report that will air on ABC News tonight about the Obama Administration's negligence of the Fort Hood survivors and their families.

This was clearly a terrorist attack and while the administration has designated this attack as "workplace violence," the survivors cannot access assistance. We are not treating these people fairly.

[From ABC News, Feb. 12, 2013]

FORT HOOD HERO SAYS OBAMA 'BETRAYED' HER, OTHER VICTIMS

(By Ned Berkowitz and Brian Ross)

Three years after the White House arranged a hero's welcome at the State of the Union address for the Fort Hood police sergeant and her partner who stopped the deadly shooting there, Kimberly Munley says President Obama broke the promise he made to her that the victims would be well taken care of.

"Betrayed is a good word," former Sgt. Munley told ABC News in a tearful interview to be broadcast tonight on "World News with Diane Sawyer" and "Nightline."

"Not to the least little bit have the victims been taken care of," she said. "In fact they've been neglected."

There was no immediate comment from the White House about Munley's allegations.

Thirteen people were killed, including a pregnant soldier, and 32 others shot in the November 2009 rampage by the accused shooter, Major Nidal Hasan, who now awaits a military trial on charges of premeditated murder and attempted murder.

Tonight's broadcast report also includes dramatic new video, obtained by ABC News,

taken in the immediate aftermath of the shooting, capturing the chaos and terror of the day.

Munley, since laid off from her job with the base's civilian police force, was shot three times as she and her partner, Sgt. Mark Todd, confronted Hasan, who witnesses said had shouted "Allahu Akbar" as he opened fire on soldiers being processed for deployment to Afghanistan.

As Munley lay wounded, Todd fired the five bullets credited with bringing Hasan down.

Despite extensive evidence that Hasan was in communication with al Qaeda leader Anwar al-Awlaki prior to the attack, the military has denied the victims a Purple Heart and is treating the incident as "workplace violence" instead of "combat related" or terrorism.

Al-Awlaki has since been killed in a U.S. drone attack in Yemen, in what was termed a major victory in the U.S. efforts against al Qaeda.

Munley and dozens of other victims have now filed a lawsuit against the military alleging the "workplace violence" designation means the Fort Hood victims are receiving lower priority access to medical care as veterans, and a loss of financial benefits available to those who injuries are classified as "combat related."

Some of the victims "had to find civilian doctors to get proper medical treatment" and the military has not assigned liaison officers to help them coordinate their recovery, said the group's lawyer, Reed Rubenstein. "There's a substantial number of very serious, crippling cases of post-traumatic stress disorder exacerbated, frankly, by what the Army and the Defense Department did in this case," said Rubenstein. "We have a couple of cases in which the soldiers' command accused the soldiers of malingering, and would say things to them that Fort Hood really wasn't so bad, it wasn't combat."

A spokesperson for the Army said its policy is not to comment on pending litigation, but that it is "not true" any of the military victims have been neglected and that it has no control over the guidelines of the Veterans Administration. Secretary of the Army John McHugh told ABC News he was unaware of any specific complaints from the Fort Hood victims, even though he is a named defendant in the lawsuit filed last November which specifically details the plight of many of them.

"If a soldier feels ignored, then we need to know about it on a case by case basis," McHugh told ABC News. "It is not our intent to have two levels of care for people who are wounded by whatever means in uniform."

Some of the victims in the lawsuit believe the Army Secretary and others are purposely ignoring their cases out of political correctness.

"These guys play stupid every time they're asked a question about it, they pretend like they have no clue," said Shawn Manning, who was shot six times that day at Fort Hood. Two of the bullets remain in his leg and spine, he said.

"It was no different than an insurgent in Iraq or Afghanistan trying to kill us," said Manning, who was twice deployed to Iraq and had to retire from the military because of his injuries.

An Army review board initially classified Manning's injuries as "combat related," but that finding was later overruled by higher-ups in the Army.

Manning says the "workplace violence" designation has cost him almost \$70,000 in benefits that would have been available if his injuries were classified as "combat related."

"Basically, they're treating us like I was downtown and I got hit by a car," he told ABC News.

For Alonzo Lunsford, who was shot seven times at Fort Hood and blinded in one eye, the military's treatment is deeply hurtful.

"It's a slap in the face, not only for me but for all of the 32 that wore the uniform that day," he told ABC News.

Lunsford's medical records show his injuries were determined to be "in the line of duty" but neither he nor any of the other soldiers shot or killed at Fort Hood is eligible for the Purple Heart under the Department of Defense's current policy for decorations and awards.

Army Secretary McHugh says awarding Purple Hearts could adversely affect the trial of Major Hasan.

"To award a Purple Heart, it has to be done by a foreign terrorist element," said McHugh. "So to declare that soldier a foreign terrorist, we are told, I'm not an attorney and I don't run the Justice Department, but we're told would have a profound effect on the ability to conduct the trial."

Members of Congress, including the chairman of the House Homeland Security committee, Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, say they will introduce legislation to force the military and the Obama administration to give the wounded and dead the recognition and honors they deserve.

"It was clearly an act of terrorism that occurred that day, there's no question in my mind," McCaul told ABC News. "I think the victims should be treated as such."

Former Sgt. Munley says she now believes the White House used her for political advantage in arranging for her to sit next to Michelle Obama during the President's State of the Union address in 2010.

Munley says she has no hesitation now speaking out against the President or taking part in the lawsuit, because she wants to help the others who were shot that day and continue to suffer.

"We got tired of being neglected. So this was our last resort and I'm not ashamed of it a bit," she said.

THE LARIAT LOOP**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor The Lariat Loop for receiving the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce Civic Award.

This award is given each year to an organization or individual that has contributed greatly to the quality of life in Golden.

The Lariat Loop website captures the spirit of this 40-mile route connecting the cities of Golden, Morrison and Evergreen. "You can retrace the motoring adventures of the early 1920s and experience the thrill of foothills exploration at the dawn of the Age of Motorcars. Colorado's first gateways to the mountains still have sharp curves, winding roads, spectacular views, and waysides to refresh and delight the traveler." This byway is a combination of two historic routes: the Lariat Trail Scenic Mountain Drive ascending Lookout Mountain and the Bear Creek Canyon Scenic Mountain Drive. In combination, these routes were part of several of the "scenic circles" developed and promoted by Denver in 1915 to help Coloradans experience the mountains in proximity to the Denver Metropolitan area. These roadways were designated to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976."

I extend my deepest congratulations to The Lariat Loop for this well deserved recognition from the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce. I am proud to have this historic byway in my community.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. DANNIE G.
HOLLIS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Ninety years ago a virtuous woman of God was born in rural Georgia on October 24, 1922; and

Whereas, Mrs. Dannie G. Hollis was born to inspire and motivate, she was educated in the local school system in Georgia, obtained secondary educational degrees from West Georgia College, Georgia State University, Piedmont Hospital/Emory University and the University of Georgia; and

Whereas, this Phenomenal Proverbs 31 woman has shared her time and talents as a Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Medical Technologist, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all who wants to advance the lives of others; and

Whereas, Mrs. Hollis has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to helping others through her service in her community and profession; and

Whereas, Mrs. Hollis along with her family and friends are celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, her 90th Birthday, we pause to acknowledge a woman who is a cornerstone in our community in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Hollis on her birthday and to wish her well and recognize her for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim October 24th, 2012 as Mrs. Dannie G. Hollis Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 24th day of October, 2012.

ERA, A WATERS COMPANY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor ERA, A Waters Company, for receiving the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Award.

ERA moved into their new facilities in Golden from another metro community in December of 2011, but it didn't take ERA long to get involved in Golden. In addition to contributing a great deal to the overall economic vitality of the Greater Golden Area, ERA has a real passion to help others, and Soles4Souls became a project Carl Craig, ERA President, stepped forward to assist. He offered Soles4Souls, a

charity that collects and distributes shoes to people in need, room in their warehouse at ERA to store shoes. Well, 110,000 pairs of shoes later, the offer still stands with great gratitude.

I extend my deepest congratulations to ERA, A Waters Company, for their well deserved recognition from the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce. I have no doubt they will exhibit the same integrity and dedication in all future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO TONI CHILDRESS

HON. PAUL C. BROWN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Toni Childress, a compassionate advocate for children and families in northeast Georgia. For seven years, Ms. Childress has served as executive director for Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Stephens County, Incorporated. The mission of the organization is simple—to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

Under her leadership, Family Connection and Community In Schools, FCCIS, has encouraged children to accomplish more than they ever thought possible through effective literacy and tutoring programs, as well as a powerful mentoring program. Of the latter, one student shared, "My mentor has helped me to follow my dreams and keep my goals high." This sincere expression of one student is reason enough to honor Ms. Childress. However, she is one who goes above and beyond the required assignment.

Where Ms. Childress sees a need, she will rise to the occasion to find a solution. When a social worker approached her about the lack of warm winter clothing for several students, Ms. Childress organized a successful coat drive. Now, in its fourth year, FCCIS distributes more than seven hundred coats to children and adults throughout Stephens County. Similarly, when Ms. Childress learned that there is an alarming rate of child abuse and neglect in her community, she quickly organized monthly workshops with the acknowledgment that change begins with awareness.

For this reason, it is my honor to acknowledge Ms. Toni Childress for the significant contributions she has made to her community. Whether it is providing gift certificates for student vision exams or welcome bags for newborn babies, Ms. Childress is passionate about making a difference. On behalf of the United States Congress, I applaud her great work and wish continued success for Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Stephens County, Incorporated.

CHRIS QUOYESER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Chris Quoyeser

for receiving the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year Award.

This award is given each year to an individual who is a member of the Chamber Ambassadors. This individual has been very active in promoting the Chamber in several ways such as attending ribbon cuttings, grand openings, ground breakings, mentoring new Chamber members, attending Chamber functions, helping at the Chamber Back Yard BBQ, and the list goes on. Chris has been a Chamber Ambassador for several years and accepts all challenges with a positive attitude and a can do spirit.

In addition to running a very successful business, Chris is always available when called upon. His dedication to the Golden makes him a real asset to the community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Chris Quoyeser for his well deserved recognition from the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

IN MEMORY OF OUR MOTHER:
MRS. BARBARA JEAN LEVETT

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

One of God's greatest gifts is to know your mother

For she loves you, guides you and molds you like no other

Her wisdom that she bestows on you is that from Heaven above

The serenity you have by being in her presence is that of a dove

Our mother has that joy that touches everyone she meets

Her kindness is so precious and her love is oh so sweet

To hear her voice in a time of need seems to make everything alright

It's nice to know that she has your best interest by sending up prayers at night

Being a mother, grandmother and a great grandmother

Our family was blessed to receive a love like no other

A Proverbs 31 woman best describes our mother to us

Always so giving, always cheerful and never making a fuss

The quality times that she shared with us are priceless moments in time

She will always be in our hearts, near us in spirit and in our thoughts when we reminisce in our mind

The bond that she has with her family is that like no other

We pray for God to comfort us in understanding and peace during the home going of our dear Mother

For the Family of Mrs. Barbara Jean Levett.

For Mrs. Barbara Jean Levett.

Sunrise: January 1, 1933—Sunset: November 3, 2012.

Penned November 4, 2012 by Eric Charles.

DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF
INTERSTATE 80 IN MEMORY OF
HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER RAY-
MOND CARPENTER

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the city of Rocklin in dedicating a portion of Interstate 80 in memory of Highway Patrol Officer Raymond Carpenter.

This dedication is meant to pay tribute to Ray's life and his long service to our nation and our community.

His great sense of duty and commitment came as no surprise to those who knew his story; in fact it was a testament to his humble upbringing. He was born in a small cabin and raised on the Sullivan Ranch in Auburn, where he learned the long hours and hard work of a ranch hand. This hardy experience taught him the uniquely American values of hard work and the freedom that self-reliance provides. That same tenacity and perseverance would lead him to later become an Alaskan homesteader while stationed there as a Technical Sergeant with the U.S. Air Force, building his own cabin on the frontier of our nation, like his forebears before him had in the rugged wilderness of northern California.

It was to the blessing of his native state that Ray was called to return home in 1956, where his love of the outdoors, motorcycles, and his passion for service led him to the California Highway Patrol. His kind disposition made him friends easily, and he was always fast in offering a helping hand. Whether in his time with the Air Force or as a Highway Patrol Officer after returning to California, Ray had spent the better part of his life in service to his fellow Americans. It was in that service that Ray surrendered his life when he was shot and killed in the line of duty on February 17, 1970.

Mr. Speaker, while Ray's life was cut short, we must celebrate his contributions, for as General Patton said "it is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived." I am proud today to rise to honor his memory and in grateful recognition of his many years of service and sacrifice.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAWRENCE S.
SYKOFF, ED.D.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Lawrence S. Sykoff, Ed.D., on his retirement as Head of School of Ranney School in Tinton Falls, NJ. Dr. Sykoff has served as Ranney School's Head of School for 20 years, and his accomplishments are to be celebrated.

Much of Dr. Sykoff's 35 years within the education field have been spent at Ranney School. He has been a dedicated and involved Head of School throughout his tenure. He has been a hands-on administrator, giving lectures; playing guitar along with the music students; and rooting on the athletic teams. His

commitment to the families of the school was exemplified in the wake of Superstorm Sandy. Dr. Sykoff ensured that those displaced found places within the community to stay days after the storm hit. The school has also helped support local charities that help the many residents affected by the storm.

In addition to his involvement with Ranney School, Dr. Sykoff is an active member of the community-at-large. He is a member of the Board of Trustees at the Riverview Medical Center Foundation in Red Bank and the American Cancer Society, where he also serves on the Eastern Division's Board of Directors. He also served on the Board of Trustees of Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank and was recognized for his ongoing support of the arts. Dr. Sykoff has received numerous commendations for his work in the community and his commitment to education. He was honored with the 2012 Quarter Century Award by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, CASE, and received the Crystal Star Award from the nonprofit Holiday Express.

During Dr. Sykoff's tenure, Ranney School has expanded enrollment and completed an accreditation process. He has also overseen the expansion of school buildings and modernization of athletic facilities. The improvements to Ranney School have helped highlight the school's merit.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Dr. Lawrence Sykoff on his retirement and thanking him for his service and commitment to education.

REMEMBERING CHARLES "CHUCK"
ALBERT POLAND, JR.

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic actions of Mr. Charles "Chuck" Albert Poland, Jr., a school bus driver from Southeast Alabama who died protecting the lives of the children in his care.

Tuesday, January 29, started out just like another day for Mr. Poland, who had worked as a school bus driver for the Dale County Schools system since 2009. However, that afternoon while completing his route, an armed man entered Mr. Poland's school bus and demanded to take children hostage. Faced with this perilous situation, Mr. Poland rushed the children out the bus emergency exit and to safety. Standing between the gunman and the children, Mr. Poland was shot four times and killed. There is little doubt that Mr. Poland's actions saved lives.

This, of course, began the week-long hostage standoff, which, thankfully, ended with the amazing rescue of the child hostage. But who knows how the situation might have ended had Mr. Poland not bravely stood in the gunman's way.

Mr. Speaker, as a mother of two young children, I am particularly moved by the actions Chuck Poland took to protect the children in his care. It is difficult to even imagine our children being in such danger. How heartening to know that—whether in a classroom or on a school bus—people like Mr. Poland are looking out for students and protecting them.

Those who know Chuck Poland best speak to his quiet, humble spirit. They note that he

would likely shy away from the attention. Born in Idaho, Mr. Poland made Southeast Alabama his home in the 1960s. He served in the Army before settling down as a diesel mechanic. When he retired, he took up a part-time job as a bus driver. Ultimately, Mr. Poland was asked to become a full-time bus driver in 2009.

Mr. Poland was a beloved husband to Jan, his wife of over 40 years; a loving father to his son, Aaron, and daughter, Lydia; and doting "Paw-Paw" to his three grandsons, Timothy, Ryan, and Blake.

Mr. Poland and his wife shared a favorite Bible verse, which, in this moment seems very fitting. "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."—2 Timothy 1:12

According to his son, Mr. Poland viewed his students as his own children, and he looked after them as though they were his own. Chuck Poland would be proud to watch them grow up; to see the men and women they become.

One of the children might grow up to be a scientist who makes the next big discovery or cures a disease. One might start a major company that employs thousands. One might be a soldier who fights valiantly for our country. One might be a teacher, a nurse or a firefighter who makes a difference in the lives of others. But one thing is for sure—they each have the chance to live a full and happy life because their bus driver, Mr. Poland, was willing to give his life for theirs.

The author Joseph Campbell wrote, "A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."

Mr. Speaker, today we recognize a true hero. Chuck Poland gave his life so that others may live and, for that, he will always be remembered.

HONORING MR. JOHN OSCAR
BOONE, SR.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, our nation is blessed to have this innovator and pioneer touch the lives of thousands through his leadership and service; and

Whereas, Mr. John Oscar Boone, Sr.'s legacy is present throughout the nation and the world for all to see, being the first African American appointed to head a major state prison in the United States, serving many roles in the American Correctional System: Commissioner, Superintendent and Director; he valiantly served our country in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II; and

Whereas, this giant of a man transformed the American Correctional System, he was instrumental in the implementation of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1965 and he represented our nation on an international level, he inspired elected officials, motivated the young and the old, as he accomplished so much during his time on this earth; and

Whereas, this remarkable man gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life; Mr. Boone inspired others to do the same by witnessing him walk the walk and talk the talk, he opened doors for others to enter; and

Whereas, Mr. Boone led by doing behind the scenes and on the front lines for many; Mr. Boone was a husband, a father, a grandfather, a brother and a friend; he was our warrior, our patriarch, a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of the community until his end; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow an honorable distinction and recognition on Mr. John Oscar Boone, Sr., for his leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of Georgia and throughout the Nation; as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby attest to the 112th Congress that Mr. John Oscar Boone, Sr., of Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honorable Distinction"—Mr. John Oscar Boone, Sr., U.S. Citizen of Distinction, in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of December, 2012.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MICHAEL DAVID VARNER

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Northwest Florida's beloved Michael David Varner, who passed away on February 6, 2013. During his long and distinguished career in education, Mr. Varner served as a mentor and an inspiration to countless individuals throughout Northwest Florida. After an arduous battle with brain cancer, the loss of a great man and unparalleled public servant and educator is felt not only here at home, but across the state of Florida.

Mr. Varner was born on October 8, 1953, in Highland Falls, New York. Upon graduating in 1971 from Niceville High School in Northwest Florida, Mr. Varner attended Okaloosa-Walton Community College, as well as, the University of South Florida. He continued his education at the University of West Florida, where he earned a Bachelors of Science and Masters of Science in Teaching.

Mr. Varner's passion for educating led him to Tate High School, where he taught biology for 35 years. He also served as an adjunct professor at Pensacola State College for ten years. During his years as an educator, his commitment was always to the students and helping them reach their goals, both in and out of the classroom. Mr. Varner coached soccer, sponsored Student Government and Exchange Club, and served as sponsor to both the sophomore and senior classes for students at Tate High School.

Mr. Varner has been widely recognized and honored for his years of teaching and service to the community with "Who's Who Among Teachers," Florida Biology Teacher of the Year, and most recently with the Escambia

County Teacher of the Year award in 2011. While the list of Mr. Varner's achievements extends far beyond what is noted here, they all highlight his unwavering devotion to improving the lives of those around him and to bettering his community through service.

In addition to his devotion to his students, Mr. Varner was a man of faith and committed to his parish. For nearly 20 years, he assisted Youth Ministry with planning, organizing, and assisting in many diocesan youth events. He was also a talented musician, who used his gift of music to write and play songs for church services and school functions.

Northwest Florida, Escambia County, Florida, and the many students whose lives were touched by Mr. Varner, mourn the loss of an exceptional man. His contributions and service to the community and this great nation will forever be remembered.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the exemplary life of Michael David Varner. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers to his wife Kathleen, his sons Jason and Brian, his parents Richard and Madeleine, his siblings Valarie and Richard, and Mr. Varner's entire family and friends. He will be truly missed by all.

HONORING DAVE OWENS

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Dave Owens, a Colorado businessman with a strong commitment to his community. As the owner of FASTSIGNS Greeley, Dave has built a business that has created jobs and provided economic value to Greeley and beyond. Small businesses throughout the area have come to rely on FASTSIGNS and the services it provides.

In addition to growing and managing a successful business, Dave has invested both time and resources into the community.

Dave and his company have sponsored countless events, charities, youth groups, and causes. His support has benefited the children of the Boys and Girls Club of Weld County, the survivors of domestic violence at A Woman's Place, and the countless many who depend on the services of the United Way. And when the men and women of the armed services return home from abroad, they often see a welcome home banner donated by Dave.

On February 7, 2013, Dave was honored at the Greeley Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards. He was recognized for his creativity and imagination as a business owner as well as his leadership and involvement in support of his community.

I join the Greeley Chamber of Commerce in congratulating Dave Owens, and I wish him continued success in business and his many civic involvements.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION
FOR UNITED WAY OF TUCSON
AND SOUTHERN ARIZONA

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, which has been recognized as a leader among its peers.

The United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona is in the top 2 percent of all United Way organizations in the country, according to a new business performance index developed by United Way Worldwide. This special status is based on leadership abilities, engagement in the community and for developing and implementing community strategies that get results.

That means that they are among the top 24 United Ways in the country—and I couldn't be prouder to have them serving Southern Arizona.

The United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona serves a community of more than 1 million residents. Only 55 of the 1,215 United Way organizations in the nation are that large.

The United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona was recognized for its impact promoting early literacy skills, engaging youth in afterschool programs, helping families become more financially stable and helping seniors remain healthy and active.

I especially want to recognize the accomplishments of Tony Penn, president and chief executive officer of the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona. As a leader in his field, Mr. Penn and the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona will be asked to share their best practices with other United Way organizations around the country.

Mr. Penn and his organization are deeply committed to getting more children into high-quality childcare, providing mentors for underserved teens, preparing free tax returns for low- to moderate-income families and providing volunteer opportunities to seniors to keep them healthy and engaged in the community.

I know firsthand the impact that the United Way can have on a community, having had the honor to serve on the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona's board. Southern Arizonans are lucky to have the dedicated and talented staff of the United Way helping to strengthen our community each and every day.

I am proud to recognize the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona as well as its board members and its staff under the direction of Tony Penn for their significant contributions to our community.

REMEMBERING EDWARD L.
MAXWELL

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to learn this week of the passing of Edward L. Maxwell, an old friend who was a community

leader in Prince George's County, Maryland. He was 80 years old when he lost his battle to cancer on January 29.

Born in 1932 in Phenix City, Alabama, a stone's throw from Fort Benning, Edward dreamed even as a boy of serving his country in the U.S. Army. At age 13, he rode a freight train to Washington, DC, with his older brother Stephen to chase the dream of a better life, and he attended Spingarn High School. In 1950, at age 18, Edward volunteered for the U.S. Army and was sent to Korea, where he was wounded in both legs and expected to be paralyzed permanently.

With grit and hard work, Edward spent time in rehab at Walter Reed Army hospital and was able to walk again. Following his military service, he studied at the Veterans Vocational Institute, the Cortez Peters Business School, the LaSalle School of Accounting, and the George Washington University. With a penchant for math and a love of learning, Edward embarked on a career in business that would eventually lead him to become a successful small business owner and founder of the Best Value and Allen's Discount retail stores. He started it all by selling encyclopedias, vacuum cleaners, and insurance policies—and working at fast-food restaurants—until he could afford to start his own businesses.

Later, Edward started other successful businesses, including a casino that contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to help individuals in the community afford college and pursue opportunities for their families. He launched a non-profit to help disabled veterans like himself access their earned benefits and find jobs, and he donated so much food to the needy over the holidays that, over the years, he became known locally as the "Turkey Man."

I first came to know Edward in the 1970s, when I was working as a lawyer in Prince George's County. He was a cherished member of the community who was not only a man of business but a man of deep faith in God and faith in his fellow men and women. Edward was also a loving husband, father, grandfather, and uncle.

Edward married his wife Freida in 1962, and after 50 years together, she survives him. So does their daughter Gene and four sons: Kermit, Zach, Edward Jr., and Mike. He was also blessed with six grandchildren.

I join in mourning Edward's passing and in offering my condolences to Freida and their entire family. He will be missed by the entire Prince George's County community, and his generosity, big heart, and warm spirit will be long remembered.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, due to airplane mechanical difficulties, I missed two recorded votes on February 4. I would like the Record to indicate at this point how I would have voted had I been present for those votes.

On Roll Call No. 31, H.R. 225, the National Pediatric Research Network Act of 2013, I would have voted "yea" to allow the National Institutes of Health to establish a national pe-

diatric research network dedicated to finding treatments and cures for pediatric diseases and conditions, especially those that are rare. This legislation will only help to build upon a strong body of existing pediatric research to help our nation's children lead full, healthy lives.

On Roll Call No. 32, H.R. 297, the Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013, I would have voted "yea" to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend and reauthorize appropriations to children's hospitals for expenses associated with graduate medical residency training programs. This legislation will help provide ongoing and consistent training of doctors and build our nation's pediatric physician workforce.

HONORING MR. JOHN EVANS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, a tenacious man from Nashville, Tennessee utilizes his gifts, talents and wisdom everyday to ensure that citizens are provided helpful resources in the state of Georgia; and

Whereas, Mr. John Evans is a renowned leader not only for the DeKalb County branch of the NAACP, but as a father and community leader in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mr. John Evans has served in many different roles throughout his life being a former DeKalb County Commissioner, a former Marta Board of Directors, a former player in the Negro Baseball League with the Indianapolis Clowns; he has worked in Corporate America as well as Main Street America being a strong advocate of justice, education, equality and family; and

Whereas, he has shared his time and talents for the betterment of his community and his nation through his tireless works, words of encouragement and inspiration that have and continues to be a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize John Evans for his outstanding leadership and service to the citizens in the state of Georgia, his community temperament is to be acknowledged and his commitment to the citizens throughout the state continues to touch the lives of citizens in our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim October 27, 2012 as John Evans Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 27th day of October, 2012.

MARKING ARCHBISHOP COLEMAN CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 15th anniversary of Archbishop

Coleman Carroll High School in Miami, Florida. Founded in 1998 and administered by the Carmelite Sisters, Carroll offers its students the opportunity to pursue a rich academic curriculum in an environment that fosters both intellectual and spiritual strength.

Archbishop Coleman Carroll High School has established itself as a school with a challenging and thorough academic program while forming a partnership between students, parents and teachers. This has fostered a family-centered environment that extends beyond the classroom and leads to the success of its students. As such, Carroll's alumni have gone on to some of our nation's most prestigious universities and are leaders in their communities.

Part of what has made Carroll such a successful school is its faculty's focus on ensuring that its students excel both inside and outside of the classroom. In addition to its robust academics, Archbishop Coleman Carroll is home to an outstanding athletic program that has earned the Bulldogs numerous district and regional championships. Moreover, students at Carroll can participate in 18 different extracurricular clubs, nine honor societies and a campus ministry program designed to nurture faith and good values.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored that Florida's 26th Congressional District is home to Archbishop Coleman Carroll, as well as most of its students and ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating its students, faculty and parents on its 15th anniversary.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF RAILWAY HISTORY IN MAGNOLIA

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great community in my district. Magnolia, Texas, is celebrating 150 years of railway history with a new title—Train Town.

This designation from the Union Pacific Railroad will be official on Tuesday, February 12 when Union Pacific officials present the award to the Magnolia Historical Society, the City of Magnolia and the Greater Magnolia Chamber of Commerce.

It's fitting that the presentation will take place at Magnolia's historic Depot. While it may only be 110 years that the town has been officially called Magnolia, this community's rich history dates back to the mid-1800s. By the roaring twenties, Magnolia was a rail shipping center for everything from lumber to livestock and just about anything you could send on the rails.

Thank you, Union Pacific, for your efforts to recognize America's train history and these amazing train towns like Magnolia. Keeping a connection to our past is so important for our future.

Magnolia's historic Depot is located right in the heart of downtown at 426 Melton Street. In 2005, rather than tear it down to make way for a road expansion, it was carefully moved so it can continue to be a tangible link to Magnolia's rich heritage and a big part of the community we love.

Thanks to the Magnolia Historical Society, everyone who comes to the Depot can enjoy what the train city must have looked like and

enjoy getting away from the present and immersed in history. From the solid plank wood floors, exposed wood trusses, and sliding freight doors, the Depot and its adjacent railroad tracks that were such a part of Magnolia's early days are preserved for future generations so they too can enjoy a real Train City. Their efforts to revive a piece of Magnolia's past for all of us to enjoy deserve this honor.

As Magnolia continues to grow, I am confident it will never lose its Train Town heritage and how Magnolia's Depot connected Montgomery county to the world.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "END BIG OIL TAX SUBSIDIES ACT"

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, in the midst of budget turmoil, the upcoming debt ceiling limit, and looming sequestration cuts, I am introducing legislation that could save American taxpayers almost \$40 billion over the next 5 years.

Right now, Americans are subsidizing some of the largest and most profitable companies in the world with their tax dollars. Taxpayers currently subsidize oil injection, extraction, exploration, drilling, injection, manufacturing, pricing, and inventory valuing, by offsetting foreign taxes, providing generous credits and deductions, and offering tax shelters.

The "End Big Oil Tax Subsidies Act," would end 10 of the most egregious tax loopholes enjoyed by the oil industry—tax loopholes that have helped BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil and Shell make a combined profit of nearly \$1 trillion over the past decade. The legislation is modeled on President Obama's proposal to eliminate oil and gas tax preferences in his FY 2013 Budget.

Extremely profitable, well-established, large corporations do not need enormous subsidies from the government and we simply cannot afford to let them continue. It is well established in a global petroleum market that this subsidy has zero impact on reducing prices for American consumers. Instead of padding the bottom of oil companies, this money could be better spent renewing and rebuilding our nation's infrastructure. It could be used to stave off some of the most draconian cuts that families will face this spring if Congress does not act on sequestration. Finally, the resources could be redirected to level the playing field for emerging technologies like wind and solar.

I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this important legislation.

TRIBUTE TO P/SGT. WILLIAM P. TUGGLE

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Eighty years ago on October 31, 1932 a tenacious man of God was born in Monticello, Georgia; and

Whereas, P/Sgt. William P. Tuggle was trained as a Combat/Recon Military Engineer, he served in the United States Army, received numerous Military Citations such as the Combat Service Award, the Bronze Star, the Combat Service Award, the Army Commendation Award and an Appreciation Certificate from President Richard Nixon; and

Whereas, P/Sgt. Tuggle has shared his time and talents as a family man, serviceman and mentor, giving the citizens of the United States a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all advancing the lives of others, through service to our country in the U.S. Army and being the ideal husband, father, church member and grandfather; and

Whereas, P/Sgt. Tuggle has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, P/Sgt. Tuggle along with his family and friends are celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, his 80th Birthday, we pause to acknowledge a man who is a cornerstone in our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside these days to honor and recognize P/Sgt. Tuggle on his birthday and to wish him well and recognize him for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim October 31, 2012 as P/Sgt. William P. Tuggle Day in Georgia's 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 31st day of October, 2012.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RACHEL CARSON NATURE TRAIL DESIGNATION ACT OF 2013

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I introduce the Rachel Carson Nature Trail Designation Act of 2013, to recognize Rachel Carson, an environmental pioneer and inspiration for environmental consciousness best known for her groundbreaking book *Silent Spring*. In September 2012, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the publication of *Silent Spring*, which has been translated into more than a dozen languages. The idea for my bill, which designates a National Park Service trail in the District of Columbia in honor of Ms. Carson, was brought to me by Glover Park residents.

Ms. Carson was born on May 27, 1907, on a farm in Springdale, Pennsylvania, graduated magna cum laude with a biology degree from the Pennsylvania College for Women (later Chatham College), and received a full scholarship that enabled her to obtain a master's degree in marine zoology from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. A world-renowned environmental scientist, writer, and educator, Ms. Carson worked as a federal employee for most of her professional life as a writer, editor, and ultimately, Editor-in-Chief for the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife Service's publications department.

Ms. Carson accomplished much of her seminal professional work as a federal employee at the U.S. Department of the Interior in the District. She often used Glover Archbold Park in the District as a site from which she drew

observations about nature and the environment. She performed research on the dangers of pesticides, and her findings were sustained by the Science Advisory Committee, created during President John F. Kennedy's administration. As a result, federal and state legislatures enacted pesticide legislation. Her work also paved the way for groundbreaking environmental protection legislation throughout the world. Ms. Carson was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters and received many other honors. She died on April 14, 1964, in Silver Spring, Maryland, leaving a rich legacy that will continue to benefit present and future generations well beyond the 50th anniversary of *Silent Spring*.

Last year, I testified at a meeting of the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission on the bill. The commission asked for additional information on Carson's work in the park. We are providing the commission with such information, and would expect its support for the designation at its next meeting.

My bill serves to commemorate Rachel Carson for her tireless efforts to make the District of Columbia, the United States, and, indeed, the world a better and safer place for us all. The trail designated by the bill, located in the NPS's Glover Archbold Park in the District, will be known as the "Rachel Carson Nature Trail." The bill ensures that Rachel Carson's contributions will be remembered and treasured for years to come.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support the legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF ARTHUR N. COSENTINO

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chief Arthur N. Cosentino on his retirement from the West Long Branch Police Department. Chief Cosentino has dutifully served the Borough of West Long Branch for over 35 years.

Chief Cosentino began his law enforcement career in 1976 when he was hired as a patrolman with the West Long Branch Police Department. He served as a criminal investigator in the Detective Bureau for over 15 years, when he was promoted to Sergeant in 1997. He quickly advanced the ranks, earning promotions to Lieutenant and then Captain in 2004 and finally Chief of Police in 2006.

In addition to his career with the police department, Chief Cosentino was actively involved in the community. He has been involved with the West Long Branch Fire Department, West Long Branch First Aid Squad, West Long Branch Office of Emergency Management, Amerigo Vespucci Society, West Long Branch Lions Club, and the West Long Branch Sports Association. He is also Past President and a current member of the Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 141, a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and a member of the Monmouth County Police Chiefs Association, serving as its President in 2012.

Chief Cosentino earned his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Brookdale Community College in 1991 and later returned to

school at Fairleigh Dickinson University in 2010, graduating as a Certified Public Manager. He has also earned several certificates for continuing education classes related to his police work.

Throughout his law enforcement career, Chief Cosentino has been the recipient of various awards and commendations recognizing his dedication and achievements. He has been presented with the Meritorious Service Award for heroic actions during a fire in 2000, the Unit Citation Medal for detection and apprehension of two armed robbers in 2004, and the Outstanding Achievement Medal for substantial burglary clearances in 2004, among many others. A graduate of Shore Regional High School, Chief Cosentino was also inducted into the High School's Hall of Fame in 2006.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Chief Arthur Cosentino on his retirement from the West Long Branch Police Department. His selfless commitment to the community is deserving of this body's recognition.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER
COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special school in the congressional district that I am honored to represent. For 55 years, Christopher Columbus High School has instilled in its students strong values and served South Florida as an institution of academic excellence and athletic achievement. Columbus has educated thousands of fine young men and community leaders, including my brothers, some of my close friends and members of my staff.

Established in 1958 in the spirit of St. Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers, Columbus' teachers and staff work tirelessly so that its students can achieve their full potential across every facet of their lives.

Columbus Explorers excel both inside and outside of the classroom. The school's award-winning academic curriculum is tailored to meet the individual needs of its students and equips them with the tools they need to lead successful lives. It also boasts an athletic program that competes across 15 different sports and has earned dozens of district and state championships.

Columbus works to develop young men of good social conscience and social responsibility, offering its students daily morning masses, weekly youth group meetings and opportunities for community service.

Among Columbus' alumni are some of America's leading entrepreneurs, elected officials, distinguished scientists and doctors, professional athletes, high ranking officers in our armed forces, a Pulitzer Prize winner, a Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient and the poet at the 2013 inauguration of President Barack Obama.

Mr. Speaker, for all of the achievements that I have cited and those that time constraints do not allow me to list, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Christopher Columbus High School. It is only fitting that Columbus' motto be *Adelante*, for this school has certainly been moving South Florida and America forward for over half a century.

TRIBUTE TO SOLID ROCK
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county for the past twenty years; and

Whereas, Pastor Christopher C. Alikah and the members of the Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our county; and

Whereas, the Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church family has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our District; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past twenty (20) years; and

Whereas, this Church has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with DeKalb County their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church family for their leadership and service to our District on this the 20th Anniversary of their founding;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim November 11, 2012 as Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of November, 2012.