HONORING FRANKLIN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND THEIR ANNUAL WATERMELON FESTIVAL

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Franklin County, Alabama and their annual Watermelon Festival. The Franklin County Watermelon Festival began in 1981 with a group of local farmers gathering to sell their harvest of watermelons. This gathering created what is now the largest festival in Franklin County. This annual festival is organized by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Franklin County businesses and individuals. This two day event, on the third weekend of August, is held at the Franklin County seat in the City of Russellville.

Franklin County and Russellville welcome over 35,000 guests to this festival from neighboring counties and states each year.

Civic clubs and organizations participate with their own special watermelon events as a time of fund raising.

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce sponsors Watermelon Contests and the Watermelon Pageant which produces a Queen for the festival. The Watermelon Queen presents awards for: best dressed melon, seed spitting, best tasting melon, most unusual melon, and of course the largest, heaviest melon.

The Franklin County Watermelon Festival is made possible by volunteers who work year round to produce the best of entertainment, arts & crafts, food, activities and watermelon to please every palate.

Again, it is my honor to recognize Franklin County, Alabama as the Watermelon Capital of Alabama.

RECOGNIZING THE MOSES INSURANCE GROUP

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Moses Insurance Group and its members as they are honored by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce with the 2013 Family Owned Business Award.

The Moses Insurance Group was founded by Charles ''Herky'' Moses in 1955. Herky was a true community servant with an incredible work ethic. During World War II, he served his country by joining the Marines. Herky later continued his service as a volunteer firefighter, coach, and community youth mentor, in addition to being an active member of several service organizations including the Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America, George Lamm Post, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Moses Insurance Group remains a family-owned business. Herky's son Robert joined the firm in 1977, followed by his sons Ken in 1979 and Douglas in 1984. Robert and Ken remain with the firm to this day, serving as President and Vice President, respectively. Their sister, Carole, and brother, Charles Jr., came on board in 1988. Carole serves as the Human Resources Department and keeps the company's books, while Charles worked part-time as a sales producer. Jeffrey Moses, a member of the third generation of the Moses family, is the newest hire, after receiving his P&C Insurance Brokers' License in 2008.

Inspired by Herky's tradition of service, the members of the Moses Insurance Agency are active in many service organizations today. Agency owners are members of or volunteers with the Independent Insurance Agents Association, Trusted Choice Agents, Amherst Chamber of Commerce, Williamsville Business Association, Western New York Food Shuttle, Amherst Lions Club, Amherst Senior Citizens Foundation, several committees at St. Leo the Great and St. Gregory the Great churches, Sacred Heart Academy High School, American Heart Association Walk-a-thon, Cancer Diamond Society Ball, and the Boy Scouts of America Troop 431.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize the good works of this service-minded, family-owned business. I admire their commitment to our community and am grateful for their continued involvement.

NORTHWESTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL CEREMONY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize the Northwestern Wisconsin Regional Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony.

For over two decades law enforcement agencies from across Northwestern Wisconsin have held an annual ceremony during National Police Week to honor and remember those officers that were killed in the line of duty while serving their local communities. This year's ceremony commemorates 45 law enforcement officers from 20 Wisconsin counties whose names are among the over 19,000 inscribed in marble at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. Each one of these officers made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of our citizens.

The ceremony, which includes a vehicle procession, formal honor guard presentation, wreath laying, rifle salute, speakers, and music, will also be accompanied by a public screening of the documentary film, Heroes Behind the Badge. The film highlights the selfless acts of bravery committed by the men and women of law enforcement in the line of duty. The event will provide an opportunity for law enforcement officers to come together and interact with the public in order to heighten awareness of the dangers police officers face each day and the sacrifices they make to protect our communities. Proceeds from the event will go to benefit the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S), and the Northwest Regional Law Enforcement Memorial.

As a former prosecutor in western Wisconsin, I've had the honor of working closely with law enforcement officers. I am greatly humbled by the selfless service and bravery exemplified by these individuals, and it is with my deepest appreciation that I stand today to honor those who have given their lives to ensure the safety of our communities.

IN HONOR OF THE CENTRE SQUARE FIRE COMPANY'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Centre Square Fire Company (CSFC), located in Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, which is celebrating its centennial anniversary.

One hundred years ago, on February 21, 1913, a group of property owners of Centre Square, Blue Bell and surrounding areas met at the Centre Square Hotel to explore the establishment of a fire company. The 35 members of the founding group established the charter which reads, ''The said Company is formed for the purpose of the support of fire engine, hook and ladder, hose company, for the purpose of protecting life and property, in case of fire. The said Corporation is to exist perpetually.'' These words hold true today.

Over the years, the Centre Square Fire Company has served the residents of Montgomery County in fire protection and much more. Most recently, the Centre Square Fire Company took delivery of a 2013 Pierce Velocity 100 foot Platform ladder truck—capable of carrying 500 gallons of water. Although it remains a 95 percent volunteer service, Centre Square has grown over the years to better serve the residents of Montgomery County.

Once again, I congratulate the Centre Square Fire Company as they celebrate its one hundredth anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO GLENDA F. BRITTON

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

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

Whereas, a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System; and

Whereas, Mrs. Glenda F. Britton began her educational career in teaching in Georgia and this year she retires from teaching at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Elementary Theme School in Lithonia, Georgia, she has served the DeKalb County Public Schools System well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Mrs. Britton is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Glenda F. Britton on her retirement from the DeKalb County Public Schools System and to wish her well in her new endeavors; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 10, 2013 as Mrs. Glenda F. Britton Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 10th day of May, 2013.

HONORING ALAIN E. SHERMAN

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Roslyn High School student, Alain E. Sherman, from Roslyn, NY, in my Congressional District, who has been named a Presidential Scholar. Dedicated and talented young people like Alain reflect the exemplary work by the next generation that will lead our nation into the future. I am so proud to recognize him today and it is an honor to represent him in Congress.

I want to applaud Alain for his hard work and dedication, but also want to recognize his family and teachers, who have surely played a critical role in making this achievement possible. Only 141 students from across the country are given this esteemed honor of the thousands upon thousands of high school students nationwide.

Alain serves as Vice President of the Roslyn High School Honor Society and also sits on the school's Model Government Executive Board. During his senior year at Roslyn High School, Alain was a member of the competitive "Partners for the Future" program hosted by Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. Alain spent ten hours each week conducting biomedical research with a mentor scientist at the lab. Alain's hard work is truly emblematic of what it means to be a Presidential Scholar. I look forward to seeing what breakthroughs result from Alain's research in the future.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, appointed by President Obama, selects scholars annually based on their academic success, artistic excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as demonstrated community service, leadership, and commitment to high ideals. Of the three million students expected to graduate from high school this year, more than 3,300 candidates qualified for the 2013 awards determined by outstanding performance on the College Board SAT and ACT exams, and through nominations made by Chief State School Officers or the National YoungArts Foundation's nationwide YoungArts competition.

The 2013 U.S. Presidential Scholars are comprised of one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and from U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large and 20 U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

Since its creation in 1964, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program has honored more than 6,000 of the nation's top-performing students with the prestigious award given to honorees during an annual ceremony in Washington, DC. The program was expanded in 1979 to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, literary and performing arts.

Mr. Speaker, I again urge my colleagues to join me in commending Alain for all of his accomplishments and I look forward to seeing his continued academic success.

RECOGNIZING WAUKEGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR RECEIVING THE INSTITUE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES' 2013 NATIONAL MEDAL

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Waukegan Public Library and its staff for receiving the 2013 Institute of Museum and Library Services' National Medal. Waukegan Public Library is one of only 10 institutions nationwide that received this distinguished honor.

I attended the award ceremony last week at the White House, where First Lady Michelle Obama presented Waukegan Library with the medal. She praised the library for its innovation, its passion and its commitment to serving the community.

That commitment is exactly what Richard Lee, the library's Executive Director, wisely pointed out when he explained that success is no longer defined by "the number of books checked out," but rather it is measured by service to the community.

By this standard, the Waukegan Library shines. Their Conversational ESL Program helps create new opportunities for the 55 percent of Waukegan residents whose primary language is something other than English. Their programs do not merely teach skills, but they empower residents with the skills to achieve their own success.

We speak often of our communities and what makes them strong. Institutions like Waukegan Public Library make our communities strong. The library is a pillar of the Waukegan community, and it has enriched the Tenth District.

As doors of opportunity open to more and more residents, we will all prosper, and I congratulate Waukegan Library for helping pave the paths to that future.

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION OF THE ROSEVILLE FIRE STATION NO. 9

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the dedication of the Roseville Fire Station No. 9.

The Roseville, California Fire Department was first organized in 1907 with 16 volunteer firefighters staffing two hose carts to provide nearly 2,500 residents with fire protection. Today the Roseville Fire Department serves over 120,000 residents within 44 square miles. Whether it's a medical emergency, a fire, a hazardous material incident, or natural disaster, the Roseville firefighters are prepared to respond to the needs of their community.

The opening of a ninth fire station reflects the vision of the Roseville Fire Department to operate effectively and efficiently to protect and enhance the safety and well-being of its residents, businesses, customers and partners. The new facility is the result of a community effort that will provide for the advancement of public safety and the delivery of exceptional service for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is impossible to overestimate the necessity of fire protection or to measure the countless contributions these firefighters make to our community. It is with great pleasure that I rise today to thank the Roseville Fire Department for its great service and contributions throughout the region.

HONORING MR. ANISWORTH MALLETT, MRS. JACQUELINE MALLETT, AND MASTER DREW MALLETT

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

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

Whereas, our community has been blessed by the lives of Anisworth, Jacqueline and Drew Mallett; they have given of themselves daily to bring joy, service and the true meaning of friendship and family to our district; and

Whereas, Mr. Anisworth Mallett being a father, husband and business leader in our community established and operated two businesses in our district, A and J Lawn Care and Golden Krust, LLC, he was tenacious and successful in his home, his business and his community; and

Whereas, Mrs. Jacqueline Mallett being a mother, wife and Administrative Assistant in the DeKalb County Public Schools was very active and engaged in the affairs of the community, she was the walking definition of a Proverbs 31 woman, phenomenal in every way; and

Whereas, Drew Mallett was the ideal young man, a seventh grader at Stephenson Middle School in Stone Mountain, he was a young gentleman, an athlete, a musician; he loved cars, girls and bringing joy to everyone he would meet being an ambassador of goodwill, he enhanced our district with his charisma; and

Whereas, this remarkable family gave of themselves, their time and their talents; being leaders and servants in the Fourth Congressional District; and

Whereas, Anisworth, Jacqueline and Drew Mallett led by example, encouraging, motivating, serving and enhancing the lives of others; they are model citizens not only to our community, but to our Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional Recognition on Mr. Anisworth Mallett, Mrs. Jacqueline Mallett and Master Drew Mallett for their unyielding leadership, friendship and service;