

He directed me, my staff, the country and the world, saving millions of lives in the process. For this, we are all deeply grateful.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual and a pioneering global health advocate, Mr. Michael Taylor Riggs. His invaluable service to the world will live on in the endless legacy of his life's work. I offer my sincerest condolences to his many loved ones, friends and colleagues. He will be deeply missed.

HONORING M. JUANITA SCOTT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Ms. M. (Mildred) Juanita Scott.

Ms. Scott is the 6th child of 9 to William Scott and Mattie L. Taylor Scott Pace. She was born, raised and currently lives in Sunflower County, Mississippi.

Ms. Scott received her early education at First Church/School Kinlock, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliff and later attended Sunflower County Baptist Association School under the leadership of Mr. N. A. Brantley, later named Carver Elementary School. She left Carver School in the 7th and graduated from the 8th grade at Magnolia Elementary, in Memphis, Tennessee, under the guidance of Mrs. Harry Mae Simon; attended Booker T. Washington High School, in Memphis, Tennessee, and graduated June 1958 with honors, under the guidance of Blair T. Hunt; attended Coahoma Jr. College and received an AA Degree in Library Science, with honors; she furthered her education at Delta State University, in Cleveland, Mississippi; and earned a special training certificate at Southern University, in Early Childhood Education, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Ms. Scott is one of the first pioneers of Child Development Group of Mississippi (CDGM), in Sunflower County and helped type the proposal for the Association Community of Sunflower County under the Directorship of Mrs. Cora Flemings and Mr. Frank Glover.

Ms. Scott worked with Fannie Lou Hamer helping people to vote in Sunflower County. She also served on the Bi-Racial Committee helping to integrate schools in Indianola. Her home was one of several homes who housed individual Freedom Workers who lived in Indianola. Moreover, Ms. Scott helped to boycott Indianola under the leadership of Willie Spurlock to see that blacks could be hired in banks, department stores and public facilities as cashiers in Indianola. She ended up being jailed because at that time, blacks could not use public library facilities. Authorities removed tables and chairs so blacks could not sit down at the Seymour Henry M. Library Facility.

Ms. Scott is a member of Bethlehem #2 Missionary Baptist Church, where she currently serves as church secretary/treasurer and Sunday school teacher. She is involved in many other activities/organizations like: being the secretary of the Sunflower County chapter of the NAACP; serving as the first black woman chairperson for Sunflower County Democratic Executive Committee; coordinated

President Barack Obama's campaign literature for Sunflower County in 2008 and 2012; served as den mother for over 32 cub scouts, from 1970 to 1985; she is pictured with an article in the book "Life and Death in the Delta" by Kim Lacy Rogers; she is a pioneer Civil Rights Worker in her town, county, and state; is presently employed part-time with the Bolivar County Community Action Agency; and worked 46 years as Administrative Assistant/Finance Department with this agency.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. M. Juanita Scott for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

EXPANDED BACKGROUND CHECKS
ON GUN PURCHASES

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it has now been six months since the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut—Six full months since Adam Lanza murdered six adults and twenty children in cold blood, devastated a small-town community, and broke millions of hearts all across America. And yet, the families of Newtown who lost loved ones and who are here today—and families all across America—are still waiting for us to act. Still, this House has taken no action.

Even though an overwhelming majority of Americans support background checks, the bipartisan King-Thompson bill to expand background checks on gun purchases, which has 180 co-sponsors, has not received a vote in this House. This is shameful.

Meanwhile, we have the highest rate of gun deaths per year in the industrialized world. 30,000 deaths and almost 75,000 injuries are caused by guns every year. An average of eight children and teens are killed by guns in America, every single day.

What are we waiting for? We have to find ways to move forward in a commonsense and responsible fashion to prevent gun violence in America. This is something the American people overwhelmingly support, and something the American people expect from us as their elected representatives.

In fact, the American people have already waited too long. Six months have gone by since Sandy Hook, and all the while more men, women, and children have been victims of gun violence on our streets and in cities all across the country. Just this week, a gun man killed six people in a shooting spree in Santa Monica.

It is time—now—to pass a stronger, more comprehensive system of criminal background checks for gun purchasers. It is time—now—to make gun trafficking a federal crime. It is time—now—to allow scientific research into how to mitigate gun violence. It is time—now—to ensure better access to quality mental health care for those in need.

There is no good reason for inaction. Not one. We know for a fact that commonsense, responsible policies like these make a difference. In fact, one recent study found that the ten states with the weakest gun laws collectively suffer from a level of gun violence that is more than twice as high than the ten states with the strongest gun laws.

In my state of Connecticut, the Assembly and Governor Malloy have stepped up to the plate, passing a comprehensive gun violence prevention bill that strengthens gun laws throughout our state. We should follow their example. At the very least, these commonsense proposals should get a vote in the House.

The longer we keep waiting, the more innocent victims will die, the more senseless tragedies we will have to endure. It is time to pass the commonsense, constructive measures that help prevent tragedies like Sandy Hook and the thousands of gun deaths we see every year across this country. Six months after Newtown, it is time for this House to show some leadership.

RECOGNIZING DON BRUNELL FOR
HIS NEARLY 30 YEARS OF SERVICE
AT THE ASSOCIATION OF
WASHINGTON BUSINESS

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to rise today to recognize my good friend Don C. Brunell, who has been a champion of business in Washington state for nearly 30 years, with an exceptional record of achievement at the Association of Washington Business, the fourth largest state chamber of commerce in the U.S.

Don Brunell came to the Evergreen State in 1978 from his native state of Montana to work in the forest products industry for Crown Zellerbach, combining his love of the outdoors with his interests in politics and business.

In 1981, Don was appointed to the Association of Washington Business Executive Committee and chaired the Association's Natural Resources and Environment Council until, in 1986, Don was appointed vice chairman of government affairs for AWB, and, a year later, president of AWB.

That's how we all know him, as the steady hand and leader of our business community. He has grown the organization from under 1,000 members to what is now the state's largest business advocacy organization with more than 8,000 private employers of all industries and sizes.

Under Don Brunell's 28 years of leadership, the Association of Washington Business has been designated as the state's manufacturing association by the National Association of Manufacturing and is twice recognized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as an Accredited Chamber with Distinction, and is currently one of just four state chambers "accredited with distinction".

But maybe his most enduring legacy is his extensive work with Washington Business Week and through the Don C. Brunell Scholarship that has helped encourage generations of high school students with an interest in business to achieve their entrepreneurial goals.

In his role as AWB President, Don Brunell has had the honor of working with five Washington governors, including Govs. Gardner, Lowry, Locke, Gregoire and Inslee, as well as the leaderships of Speakers Ehlers, King, Ebersole, Ballard, and Chopp. For hundreds of legislators, Don was the voice of experience,