

Mummery traces its routes to the countless cultures brought to America by European immigrants. Mummies, as the performers are called, dress in elaborate costumes and perform choreographed musical numbers largely on brass and string instruments. The city of Philadelphia and the surrounding region has a vibrant history of mummery stretching back to colonial times. Today, this tradition is kept alive and showcased every New Year's Day in Philadelphia, an event that has happened every year for over a century.

Mr. Spencer became the Drill Master of Garden State String Band in 1981 and later led the band for six years. During his time with the Garden State String Band, Mr. Spencer helped the band receive their best drill points earning them 2nd prize.

Mr. Spencer united the string band communities of Pennsylvania and New Jersey as a delegate and later the first secretary of the Penn Jersey String Band Association. He also played a vital role in string band parades. Mr. Spencer revamped the Gloucester City String Band Parade by narrating the events as emcee and television correspondent. In 1989, he was nominated to organize the New Year's Day Parade as Director.

After his time as Master of Garden State String Band, he became a drummer in the Ferko String Band. He continued to prove his leadership skills serving as Director, Secretary, and Vice President for seven years, and later became President of the Ferko String Band. Mr. Spencer has dedicated forty-one years of his life to string bands and mummery in the greater South Jersey area. On April 6th, 2013, he was inducted into the Mummies Hall of Fame due to his outstanding efforts to promote and produce activities incorporating string band entertainment.

Mr. Speaker, the commitment of Mr. Spencer to the string band community should not go unrecognized. I join all of South Jersey in expressing our gratitude for Dan Spencer as he celebrates his induction into the Mummies Hall of Fame.

HONORING MARGARET HILLMAN-BRYANT

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 decent and authentic woman, Ms. Margaret Hillman-Bryant. Ms. Bryant has shown what can be done through dedication and a desire to serve others.

Ms. Margaret Hillman-Bryant is a lifelong resident of Yazoo City, Mississippi. She was born April 19, 1960 to Cethel Maples and Eddie Hillman Jr. She graduated from Yazoo City High School in 1978. After high school she attended Holmes Jr. Community College from 1978–1980.

Ms. Hillman-Bryant is the mother of three children: Nikini, Clifton and Yolanda and she is raising four of her grand children: De'Onne, Maia, Wanya and Yakaria.

Ms. Hillman-Bryant has worked for the State of Mississippi for almost twenty years. Currently, she is employed with the Mississippi Department of Human Services. Before going to work for the MS Department of Human

Services she worked at the MS Department of Public Safety from November 1993 to February 2006.

Ms. Hillman-Bryant is also a member of New Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church where she serves as assistant to the youth department, program guide assistant and church secretary.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Margaret Hillman-Bryant for her dedication to serving others

IN RECOGNITION OF KADVA PATIDAR SAMAJ 8TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the members, attendees and supporters of Kadva Patidar Samaj 8th National Convention, which will take place on Friday, June 14, 2013 through Sunday, June 16, 2013 at Shree Umiya Mataji Mandir, located at 4770 Raley Road in Macon, Georgia.

A Hindu place of worship and prayer, Shree Umiya Mataji Mandir, Kadva Patidar Samaj was established in Macon, Georgia in 2003. The first established Shree Umiya Mataji Mandir in the United States, the facility spans 32 acres and includes a 45,000 square foot cultural hall and temple. The temple was inaugurated on June 15, 2003. Approximately 5,000 people attended the grand opening of the temple held on June 13, 2003 to June 15, 2003.

There are many legends and theories that attempt to explain the history of Kadva Patidars. According to the most credible theory, the roots of Kadva Patidars go all the way back to the origin of Hindus. Called Aryans at the time, they worshipped life-sustaining elements such as the sun, wind, fire and rain. The Aryans migrated to India from the Pamir region on the Ayu River in central Asia, which is present-day Azerbaijan. They settled in the plains of a big river that they named "Sindhu", which means "big like an ocean," and over time, fully integrated with the natives living there. Between B.C. 7000 and B.C. 2000, the Sindhu Valley Civilization, also known as the Indus Valley or Harappan Civilization, was established. Covering 400,000 square miles from Kashmir in the north to the Godavari River in the South and from Delhi in the east to the Arabian Sea in the west, the Sindhu Valley Civilization was the largest known ancient civilization and a very advanced one thriving on agriculture, commerce, engineering and social amenities.

Over the years, some of the descendents of the Sindhu Valley Civilization spread to what is present-day Gujarat and Saurashtra and became known as Kadva Patidars.

The Kadva Patidar Samaj 8th National Convention is expecting about 5,000 attendees this year. Over the course of three days, participants will engage in social, cultural, educational and matrimonial events. Several dignitaries and political leaders from India have also been invited.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the members and supporters of Shree Umiya Mataji Mandir and the Kadva Patidar Samaj 8th National Convention.

I am proud that while the Hindu community of Middle Georgia is becoming more intricately woven into the fabric of our American tapestry, they are also coming together in observation and celebration of their vibrant culture, religion and values.

CELEBRATING DR. CARROLL ESTES ON HER 75TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague Representative MIKE THOMPSON to recognize Dr. Carroll L. Estes, PhD, on the occasion of her 75th birthday on May 30, 2013. Dr. Estes's many contributions as a distinguished scholar, inspiring teacher, influential policy advisor, institution builder, and advocate for the most vulnerable in our community have benefitted many community members throughout the Second Congressional District, the State of California, and the Nation.

Over her 40 year career, Dr. Estes has been passionately devoted to improving the health and economic security of vulnerable and underserved populations, with special concern for women, older persons, and ethnic and racial minorities. Through research, teaching, and public service, she has steadfastly worked to advance the public good and the interests of America's most powerless and disenfranchised populations. Fittingly, Dr. Estes was recently honored at a symposium celebrating her 40 years of policy research and leadership in health and aging.

Dr. Estes's service extends far beyond academia. She is a long-time member of many advocacy organizations, including the Gray Panthers, Responsible Wealth, and the Older Women's League. In 2006, Dr. Estes received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, where she is currently vice chair. She is also a current member of the Sonoma County Council on Aging.

Please join us in expressing deep appreciation to Dr. Carroll Estes for her long and impressive career, and her exceptional record of service.

IN MEMORY OF POLOSKO-KUMANOVSKI METROPOLITAN KIRIL OF THE MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Polosko-Kumanovski Metropolitan Kiril of the Macedonian Orthodox Church. His recent passing is a great loss for Macedonia, the entire Macedonian Orthodox Church and its followers, particularly those from the Polog/Tetovo region of Macedonia.

I had the privilege of meeting Bishop Kiril and can attest to the strength of his conviction as a member of the Macedonian Orthodox faith as well as his firm and unwavering commitment to the moral betterment of the Macedonian people. Bishop Kiril was a true advocate of both the Macedonian Orthodox Church

and the people of the Macedonian heritage worldwide and was instrumental in the development and growth of our Southeast Michigan Macedonian community.

Bishop Kiril played an integral role in resurrecting the Macedonian Orthodox Church—Ohrid Archbishopric, after two hundred years since its abolishment by the Ottoman Sultan, upon returning to Macedonia in 1967 after attending the Moscow Theological Academy. He was the only surviving signatory of the autocephalous declaration and a leading advocate for the establishment of an independent Republic of Macedonia.

Bishop Kiril founded both the American-Canadian and Australian Macedonian Orthodox Dioceses and served as a central administrator in each until 1987 and 1982 respectively. As a result of his steadfast leadership and resonant influence, Bishop Kiril catalyzed an international expansion of the Macedonian Orthodox faith throughout the course of his lifetime. The breadth of his legacy is confirmed in the more than fifteen cities in the world where he has been declared an honorary citizen.

Once again, I offer my deepest condolences for the passing of Bishop Kiril. His presence in the Macedonian Orthodox Church is irreplaceable and his manifold contributions to the people of Macedonia and Macedonians abroad, including in my district in Sterling Heights, Michigan, are of lasting value and cornerstone importance. I will cherish my acquaintance with Bishop Kiril, and am truly grateful for his years of service to his Macedonian Orthodox faith and people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROL SHEA-PORTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I will be absent from The House of Representatives on Thursday, June 13th, and Friday, June 14th, due to the wedding of one of my children. If I could vote, I would vote in favor of The National Defense Authorization Bill.

HONORING DARRIN D. ALLEN

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 civil servant, Mr. Darrin D. Allen.

Mr. Allen started his career in law enforcement with the Belzoni Police Department in 1997 under the administration of former Police Chief, Steve Bingham. He attended the Mississippi Delta Community College (MDCC) Law Enforcement Training Academy in Moorhead, Mississippi, in 1998. Upon completion, he worked for five years with the City of Belzoni.

In 2003, Mr. Allen moved to Clarksdale, Mississippi, and assumed a position as patrolman/SWAT with the City of Clarksdale. In 2005, he returned to Humphreys County and was employed with the Humphreys County

Sheriffs Department under the administration of former Sheriff, Wayne Holloway.

In 2008, Deputy Darrin Allen was promoted to Captain under the leadership of the current Sheriff, J.D. "Bubba" Roseman. Captain Allen has received numerous awards to include, "Officer of the Year" in 2009, for heroism during a fatal domestic confrontation in which his quick action saved the life of another upon apprehending the suspect.

Captain Allen also serves as a member of the Force Protection Unit under the direction of the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security and Special Response Team (SRT) with the North Central Narcotic Task Force. His official capacity as Captain is comprised of many responsibilities including but not limited to: performing second-level management to direct, assign and supervise subordinate officers and personnel; having the authority to give oral and written reprimands to its officers and personnel; providing assistance to the Chief Deputy in the formulation of policies and goals for the Sheriffs Department; evaluating the performance of subordinate officers/personnel and recommending appropriate action to the Chief Deputy; attends and/or conducts staff meetings along with in-house training sessions; and Supervise the development of the Departmental training program.

Captain Allen is definitely a man with a lot of heart. He shows a great deal of passion for the department and the community he works for. He is very modest when it comes to achieving merits for a profession that can be extremely demanding. Captain Allen has molded himself with the four D's: drive, determination, discipline and dedication. All of which are required in an occupation that can go from harmless to hurtful in a matter of seconds.

Captain Allen is dedicated to a job that requires him to put his life on the line daily for the citizens of our community. His family at the Humphreys County Sheriffs Department likes to call him their HERO, not for his bravery or heroics shown during the February 6, 2009 shocking incident involving the fatal death of one home-health nurse and the saving of a life of another nurse, but because of his Humane and Eminent Rationalization of Observation that took place to obscure a perpetually dangerous situation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain Darrin D. Allen for his dedication to serving others and giving back to his community.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOSEPH S. FRANCISCO

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Joseph S. Francisco, the William E. Moore Distinguished Professor of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and Chemistry at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Dr. Francisco, who also is the associate dean of research and graduate education for the College of Science at Purdue, will be inducted into the National Academy of Science next April in recognition of his distinguished and continuing achievements in original, pioneering research. His research has revolution-

ized the understanding of chemical processes in the atmosphere and its ability to break down and remove pollutants. He solved a 40-year search for an unusual molecule essential to the atmosphere's ability to break down nitric acid, a compound that causes acid rain. He also mapped the atmospheric breakdown of chlorofluorocarbons, chemical compounds that destroy the Earth's ozone layer, and leads research into the design of environmentally benign materials to replace these compounds.

His recent work focuses on understanding the effect of water on fundamental chemical reactions in the atmosphere. Dr. Francisco discovered that clouds significantly affect levels of important atmospheric free radicals and identified a new type of chemical bonding, radical-hydrogen bonding.

Dr. Francisco is a past president of the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society, and served as president of the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious honorary societies, and is a fellow of the American Physical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Chemical Society. He has received four honorary doctorates from other universities.

President Barack Obama appointed Dr. Francisco as a member of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science in 2010 and reappointed him this year. This committee is responsible for evaluating nominees and selecting recipients of the National Medal of Science, the highest honor awarded by the U.S. government to scientists, engineers and innovators. He also currently serves on the National Research Council Board of Science Education. Dr. Francisco co-authored the textbook "Chemical Kinetics and Dynamics," published by Prentice-Hall, and has published more than 450 peer-reviewed publications in the fields of atmospheric chemistry, chemical kinetics, quantum chemistry, laser photochemistry and spectroscopy. He becomes only the second African-American inducted into the academy from the field of chemistry.

In light of this career accomplishment, I ask the 4th District and all Hoosiers to join me in congratulating Dr. Francisco for this great honor and achievement.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,738,704,836,178.59. We've added \$6,111,827,787,265.51 to our debt in 4 and a half years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.