

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JESSE THOMPSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Jesse Thompson who graduated from Jackson State University with a B.S. degree in science education.

Mr. Jesse Thompson began his career with the Pollution Control Commission in 1976 as an environmental aide in the Air Division of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). While in the Air Division, he worked with the Minor Source Permitting, Compliance and Emission Management System. He was also the stack testing expert for Air Sampling. In 1995 he became the State's first Small Business Ombudsman. He was also responsible for managing the Mississippi Small Business Technical Program.

Mr. Thompson is currently the acting Director of the Environmental Resource Center, Environmental Assistance Division Director and the Diversity Coordinator.

Mr. Thompson is married to Judy G. Thompson of Jackson and they have a son (Jason) and a daughter (Janell).

Mr. Thompson is a member of the Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church where he is an Ordained Deacon, Chairman of the Trustee Board, Sunday School teacher and the Director of the church's television ministry.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Jesse Thompson for his dedication to serving others.

PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD
TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize President Gerald R. Ford's humanitarian involvement in Operation Babylift.

On April 5th, 1975, President Ford launched Operation Babylift, an initiative that rescued over 3,000 orphans from war-torn Vietnam. Throughout the Vietnam War, these children witnessed the destruction of their villages and saw their families torn apart. Thanks to the efforts of President Ford, those children were given the opportunity for a bright future.

This year marks what would have been President Ford's 100th birthday. During his presidency Ford faced many challenges under extraordinary circumstances, and through them worked tirelessly on behalf of the American people with the hope of peace in his heart.

During a time of great uncertainty and fear, President Ford restored faith in humanity as he made the call to commence Operation

Babylift, sending 30 cargo aircrafts to transport over 3,000 Vietnamese orphans out of war-torn Vietnam.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize President Gerald R. Ford and his efforts that saved the lives of thousands of children.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL KARL R. HORST AND 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major General Karl R. Horst, United States Army for his extraordinary dedication to duty and selfless service to the United States of America. Major General Horst will be retiring from his present assignment as the Chief of Staff, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa Florida.

Major General Karl R. Horst entered the United States Army in June 1973. He attended the United States Military Academy Preparatory School and went on to graduate from the United States Military Academy in 1978 and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer. After his first assignment as an Infantry Lieutenant in Germany, with the 3rd Infantry Division he commanded Infantry units at the Company, Battalion and Brigade levels with the 9th Infantry Division and the famed 82nd Airborne Division. He returned to the 3d Infantry Division in July 2004 as an Assistant Division Commander, serving at Fort Stewart, Georgia and in Baghdad, Iraq. Returning to Fort Bragg in September 2006, he assumed the duties as the Deputy Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg.

Major General Horst has served in a variety of Joint and Army Staff positions to include his most memorable assignments as an aide-de-camp to the Army Chief of Staff, and a Joint and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) assignment as the special assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. Major General Horst served as the Chief of Staff, 82d Airborne Division; then as the Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg. Karl also commanded the United States Army Military District of Washington and Joint Force Headquarters National Capitol Region. At the Combatant Command level, he served as the Director for Operations, Plans, Logistics and Engineering (J3/J4), United States Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia and his final assignment was as the Chief of Staff, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa Florida.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure to recognize Major General Horst's long and decorated career today and also the great benefit to the Nation he has provided as a General Officer for the United States Army. We have worked closely with Major General Horst to ac-

complish the toughest tasks for our Service Men and Women and Karl has always achieved excellence daily during his tenure. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Major General Horst for a lifetime of service to his country. For all he and his family have given and continue to give to our country; we are in their debt. We wish him, his wife, Nancy and their three children: Kaitlin, 26, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and also a Army wife and a graduate student at Gonzaga University; she lives in Vicenza Italy with her husband, Mason; son Paul, 23, graduated from North Carolina State University and is a graduate student at Embry-Riddle University; and daughter Megan, 21, is a senior at North Carolina State University, studying elementary education; she will spend this summer with the Teach for America program all the best wishes as he moves into retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during last night's three rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 876, H.R. 253, and H.R. 862.

HONORING PRINCESS DOE AND ALL MISSING CHILDREN

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to America's remembrance the plight of missing children across our nation. On July 15, 1982—just over 30 years ago—a homicide victim was discovered in Blairstown, New Jersey, which is in the 5th Congressional District. The young victim—just 13 or 14 years of age at the time of her death—was never identified. To us today, she is known as Princess Doe. But to her family and friends, she remains a missing loved one—and each and every day her family lives with the uncertainty of what happened to her more than 30 years ago.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, almost 800,000 children under 18 are reported missing each year—or an average of 2,185 each day. Some of these instances have happy endings, and the children are reunited with their families. Sadly, other instances have tragic endings. Princess Doe never came home.

I stand here today to draw attention to the plight of these missing children and their families. Each and every day, families across America pray for the return of their missing

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child. And each and every day, law enforcement professionals spend long hours and sleepless nights in search of these children.

May we never forget those children still waiting to be found. May we never forget those families still looking for their missing child. And may we never cease in our efforts to reunite children safely with their families.

CAT OSTERMAN—A TEXAS
SOFTBALL LEGEND

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize a talented Texas woman, Catherine “Cat” Osterman, a fast pitch softball legend. Born in Houston, Cat discovered at an early age that she wanted to be a pitcher. There was no denying that she was a natural athlete, but it wasn’t until the day that she filled in as a back-up pitcher for her Little League softball team that sparked the fire making her so successful in her sport.

Since that first taste of pitching, Cat’s love for the game blossomed. Through her hard work and determination, she became a star on her high school’s softball team. Her pitching is incredible: she has mastered six pitches, and she reserves her most famous pitch, the fast pitch, for critical moments on the field.

She graduated from Cypress Springs High School where she earned the Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year Award as well as her now famous nickname “Cat.” She went on to play softball for the Longhorns at the University of Texas at Austin when the softball team was only 5 years old. During Cat’s time in Austin, she broke every softball record at the University of Texas.

Cat’s talent and passion for the game took her and her team to 3 Women’s College World Series. She remains the only person to have ever won the national college player of the year 3 times. Because of her incredible talent and statistics, Cat was asked to play for Team USA in the 2004 Olympics in Athens. At only 21 years of age, Cat became an Olympic gold medalist, having pitched nearly 15 innings without allowing a run. Athens was not Cat’s only Olympic experience; she returned to the Olympic Games 4 years later in Beijing, once more pitching for the United States national softball team.

After the Olympics, Cat’s career in softball continued to be successful. She played for Team USA, winning 2 world championships, and she was the first draft pick for Connecticut Brakettes in the National Pro Fastpitch softball league.

This April, Cat announced that she will be retiring from pitching. But you can’t keep her away from the game that she loves. Her passion for the game has driven her all these years, and passion like that doesn’t just die. Cat’s passion is leading her to coach softball for St. Edwards University in Austin, Texas, and to help others to become passionate about the game themselves. People like Cat Osterman, who dedicate their lives to what they are passionate about, are the reason why this country remains great.

And that’s just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall votes 245–247. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted “yes” on all three.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND
MEMORY OF MR. JOSEPH A.
PINNOLA

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and memory of a marvelous Staten Islander, a model citizen, and a devoted family man, Mr. Joseph A. Pinnola, 83, who passed away on May 14th at his Dongan Hills home.

Born in Brooklyn, Joseph Pinnola moved to Great Kills in 1966 and settled in Dongan Hills in 1974. In 1944, at the age of 14, Mr. Pinnola began working at a drugstore to support his family after the death of his father. He started his career with Brooklyn Union Gas Company about three years later, working as a messenger. Mr. Pinnola served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954, attaining the rank of staff sergeant during the Korean War. On guard duty one night, he sounded an alarm that alerted his company to a fire that had broken out in the compound where thousands of his comrades lay sleeping. He was also assigned to the Army Security Agency, working in cryptography and counter intelligence. On at least one occasion, he is said to have cracked a key enemy code.

On his return to civilian life, Mr. Pinnola continued working for Brooklyn Union while he took night classes at St. John’s University. He earned his B.A. in accounting from St. John’s in 1954, and was promoted to programmer at Brooklyn Union. He would go on to play a large role in the development and implementation of the company’s computer systems throughout the next three decades. In 1982, as he continued moving ahead with his career, Mr. Pinnola graduated from the executive program in business administration at Columbia University. He was named senior vice president and chief information officer at Brooklyn Union in 1991, and retired three years later.

Affiliated with several organizations, Mr. Pinnola served on the board of trustees of Brooklyn Hospital. He was also a member of Community Board 2 and involved with the Jacques Marchais Center for Tibetan Art in Richmond. In his leisure time, he enjoyed jogging, cooking, drawing and playing the piano. Above all, he cherished spending time with his family and he particularly loved taking vacations with his children and grandchildren to Long Beach Island. “He was happiest around his family and grandchildren,” said his son Joseph. He courageously supported his family after the tragic death of his grandson, Christopher S. Pinnola, in 2007. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, the former Anita Adinolfi; his sons, Joseph, Steven, Richard and Ken-

neth; his daughters, Mary Pinnola-Waring and Joyce Pinnola; a sister, Nina Perry, and 10 grandchildren.

In all, Mr. Pinnola led a full life, enjoyed a successful career, but above all, always made time for his greatest of all joys, his beautiful and loving family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to a family medical situation and was unable to vote on rollcall No. 245, rollcall No. 246, and rollcall No. 247.

Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 245, “yea” on rollcall No. 246, and “yea” on rollcall No. 247.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEPFAR: A CRITICAL PART OF THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, ten years ago Congress, with the leadership of the Bush Administration, enacted the bipartisan President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), an initiative which the Institute of Medicine in a Congressionally-requested February 2013 report called “globally transformative.”

In its 10 years, PEPFAR has saved lives, improved health care delivery systems and, as the IOM concluded, provided a “lifeline” that restored hope to areas devastated by the epidemic. Over the course of its existence so far, PEPFAR has spent \$46 billion to expand access to prevention, treatment and medical services. Through its contributions, new infections in sub-Saharan Africa, one of the hardest-hit areas, have dropped by 25 percent.

PEPFAR is a success story. It is part of the global effort to prevent, treat, and, soon I hope, find a cure so that we can end AIDS. We should celebrate PEPFAR’s decade’s worth of achievements, while we must also recommit to its goals. For, as the IOM report stated and all of us know, “substantial unmet needs remain across HIV services” both here and abroad.

PEPFAR itself is part of an ongoing effort to respond aggressively and effectively to HIV and AIDS. I would like to draw my colleagues’ attention to an article by Dr. Allan Brandt from the June 6, 2013 New England Journal of Medicine, outlining the ways that the effort surrounding HIV/AIDS has reshaped our vision of global health—both what is needed and what is achievable.

As we pause today to recognize the 10th anniversary of PEPFAR, it is also important to recognize the enormous work of AIDS activists and providers who have been leading this fight for decades. Their work, as Dr. Brandt’s article details, has had consequences that go far beyond combating AIDS—as critical as that is—

to shape the way we think about the right to medical care, health care justice, and our global relationships and responsibilities. It has also focused on the need to make essential medicines available—a matter of much attention in the ongoing Trans-Pacific Partnership trade discussions—and to build robust networks of medical professionals and community health workers.

Today, PEPFAR continues to partner with countries that rely on the United States to show leadership in meeting ongoing needs and challenges. While we can celebrate its successes today, we cannot be complacent. The fight against AIDS is a fight for global health, and it is one that we must continue to support.

[From the *New England Journal of Medicine*, June 6, 2013]

HOW AIDS INVENTED GLOBAL HEALTH
(By Allan M. Brandt, Ph.D.)

Over the past half-century, historians have used episodes of epidemic disease to investigate scientific, social, and cultural change. Underlying this approach is the recognition that disease, and especially responses to epidemics, offers fundamental insights into scientific and medical practices, as well as social and cultural values. As historian Charles Rosenberg wrote, “disease necessarily reflects and lays bare every aspect of the culture in which it occurs.”

Many historians would consider it premature to write the history of the HIV epidemic. After all, more than 34 million people are currently infected with HIV. Even today, with long-standing public health campaigns and highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART), HIV remains a major contributor to the burden of disease in many countries. As Piot and Quinn indicate in this issue of the *Journal* (pages 2210-2218), combating the epidemic remains a test of our expanding knowledge and vigilance.

Nonetheless, the progress made in addressing this pandemic and its effects on science, medicine, and public health have been far-reaching. The changes wrought by HIV have not only affected the course of the epidemic: they have had powerful effects on research and science, clinical practices, and broader policy. AIDS has reshaped conventional wisdoms in public health, research practice, cultural attitudes, and social behaviors. Most notably, the AIDS epidemic has provided the foundation for a revolution that upended traditional approaches to “international health,” replacing them with innovative global approaches to disease. Indeed, the HIV epidemic and the responses it generated have been crucial forces in “inventing” the new “global health.”

This epidemic disrupted the traditional boundaries between public health and clinical medicine, especially the divide between disease prevention and treatment. In the 1980s, before the advent of antiretroviral therapies, public health officials focused on controlling social and behavioral risk factors; prevention was seen as the only hope. But new treatments have eroded this distinction and the historical divide between public health and clinical care. Clinical trials have shown that early treatment benefits infected patients not only by dramatically extending life expectancy, but by significantly reducing the risk of transmission to their uninfected sexual partners. Essential medicines benefit both patients and populations, providing a critical tool for reducing fundamental health disparities. This insight has encouraged the integration of approaches to prevention and treatment, in addition to behavioral change and adherence.

The rapid development of effective antiretroviral treatments, in turn, could not

have occurred without new forms of disease advocacy and activism. Previous disease activism, for example, had established important campaigns supporting tuberculosis control, cancer research, and the rights of patients with mental illness. But AIDS activists explicitly crossed a vast chasm of expertise. They went to Food and Drug Administration meetings and events steeped in the often-arcane science of HIV, prepared to offer concrete proposals to speed research, reformulate trials, and accelerate regulatory processes. This approach went well beyond the traditional bioethical formulations of autonomy and consent. As many clinicians and scientists acknowledged, AIDS activists, including many people with AIDS, served as collaborators and colleagues rather than constituents and subjects, changing the trajectory of research and treatment. These new models of disease activism, enshrined in the Denver Principles (1983), which demanded involvement “at every level of decision-making,” have spurred new strategies among many activists focused on other diseases. By the early 2000s, AIDS activists had forged important transnational alliances and activities, establishing a critical aspect of the “new” global health.

Furthermore, HIV triggered important new commitments in the funding of health care, particularly in developing countries. With the advent of HAART and widening recognition of HIV’s potential effect on the fragile progress of development in resource-poor settings, HIV spurred substantial increases in funding from sources such as the World Bank. The growing concern in the United Nations and elsewhere that the epidemic posed an important risk to global “security” elicited new funding from donor countries, ultimately resulting in the establishment of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. In 2003, it was joined by the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), which, with bipartisan support, initially pledged \$15 billion over 5 years. Since PEPFAR’s inception, Congress has allocated more than \$46 billion for treatment, infrastructure, and partnerships that have contributed to a 25% reduction in new infections in sub-Saharan Africa.

HIV has also attracted remarkable levels of private philanthropy, most notably from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. HIV funding led to new public private partnerships that have become a model for funding of scientific investigation, global health initiatives, and building of crucial health care delivery infrastructure in developing countries. These funding programs have fomented contentious debates about priorities, efficiency, allocation processes, and broader strategies for preventing and treating many diseases, especially in poorer countries. Nonetheless, they offered new approaches to identifying critical resources and evaluating their effect on the burden of disease. The success of future efforts will depend on maintaining and expanding essential funding during a period of global economic recession, as well as new strategies for evaluating the efficacy of varied interventions.

AIDS also spurred another related debate that continues to roil global health about the cost of essential medicines. Accessibility of effective and preventive treatments has relied on the availability of reduced-cost drugs and their generic equivalents. A recent decision by the Indian Supreme Court upheld India’s right to produce inexpensive generics, despite the multinational pharmaceutical industry’s claims for stronger recognition of patents.

Another central aspect of the new activism was an insistence that the AIDS epidemic demanded the recognition of basic human rights. Early on, lawyers, bioethicists, and

policymakers debated the conditions under which traditional civil liberties could be abrogated to protect the public from the threat of infection. Such formulations reflected traditional approaches to public health and the “police powers” of the state, including mandatory testing, isolation, detention, and quarantine. Given the stigma attached to HIV infection at the time, as well as ungrounded fears of casual transmission, affected people often suffered the double jeopardy of disease and discrimination. As a result, Jonathan Mann, the first director of the World Health Organization’s Global Program on AIDS, explained, “To the extent that we exclude AIDS infected persons from society, we endanger society, while to the extent that we maintain AIDS infected persons within society, we protect society. This is the message of realism and of tolerance.” Mann argued that HIV could never be successfully addressed if impositions on human rights led people to hide their infections rather than seek testing and treatment. Only policy approaches that recognized and protected human rights (including the rights to treatment and care, gender equality, and education) would permit successful clinical and population-based interventions.

These complementary innovations are at the core of what we now call “global health” which has demonstrated its capacity to be far more integrative than traditional notions of international health. It draws together scientists, clinicians, public health officials, researchers, and patients, while relying on new sources of funding, expertise, and advocacy. This new formulation is distinct, first of all, in that it recognizes the essential supranational character of problems of disease and their amelioration and the fact that no individual country can adequately address diseases in the face of the movement of people, trade, microbes, and risks. Second, it focuses on deeper knowledge of the burden of disease to identify key health disparities and develop strategies for their reduction. Third, it recognizes that people affected by disease have a crucial role in the discovery and advocacy of new modes of treatment and prevention and their equitable access. Finally, it is based on ethical and moral values that recognize that equity and rights are central to the larger goals of preventing and treating diseases worldwide.

For more than the past decade, major academic medical centers, schools of public health, and universities have created global health programs and related institutes for multidisciplinary research and education. Thus, the institutionalization of this formulation is not only affecting services worldwide, but also changing the training of physicians, other health professionals, and students of public health. When the history of the HIV epidemic is eventually written, it will be important to recognize that without this epidemic there would be no global health movement as we know it today.

HONORING MRS. JOSEPHINE
TILLMAN SINGLETON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable civil servant and extraordinary educator, Mrs. Josephine Tillman Singleton. Her service to education and the community spans over 35 years.

Mrs. Josephine Tillman Singleton was born October 1, 1940 to Mr. Earnest and Mrs.

Parthina Salone. Under the care and love of her grandparents, Mr. Spencer Graham and Mrs. Mary Tillman. Mrs. Singleton grew up in the St. Thomas community in Hinds County, Mississippi. She received a formal education at St. Thomas Elementary and Sumner Hill High Schools. She matriculated at Utica Junior College in Utica, Mississippi and later furthered her studies at Jackson State University. For all who know her, Mrs. Singleton is a true champion for early childhood education and her professional career speaks volumes of the works and contributions she has made on behalf of preschool aged children and individuals in her community.

In 1965, Mrs. Singleton began her career in early childhood education by becoming a volunteer at St. Thomas Elementary School. In June 1966, the federally funded Headstart programs were initiated in the St. Thomas community, allowing Mrs. Singleton to become an official teacher at the school. During her years as an educator, Mrs. Singleton was well known for her motherly, nurturing spirit and her love and willingness to help others. Her exceptional work as an educator granted her the opportunity to become the first appointed Center Administrator in the Hinds County Headstart System. She continued in that position until September 2004, distinguishing her as the oldest operating Center Administrator. During her tenure, she also served as the first officiating president for the district Association of Center Administrators for Hinds County Human Resource Agency (HCHRA).

Her influence in the community not only touched the children she educated, but also the parents and numerous close-knit community organizations. Her devotion to positive outreach inspired at least 20 parents of the St. Thomas community to ultimately serve as presidents of the HCHRA Policy Council. Mrs. Singleton was an integral part of the 4-H Club, which emphasized horticulture and other subject areas. The organization participated yearly in events on a state and national scale.

In order to help parents seeking a better future for themselves and their families, Mrs. Singleton used her influence as a board member for General Education Development (GED) with the Clinton Public School district by arranging class schedules held at the St. Thomas Headstart Center. She also assisted adolescents with employment opportunities through her coordinated efforts with the Neighborhood Youth Challenge.

Mrs. Singleton was instrumentally involved in various political campaigns. Her innumerable connections within the community were a tremendous asset to those seeking public office in and around Bolton, Clinton, Edwards, and Raymond, Mississippi. Her outreach efforts are also marked by her participation in the annual Christmas Cheer drive, which is geared towards delivering food items and holiday cheer to those who are homebound and elderly. She also served as president of numerous community outreach organizations, such as the Kitchen Ministry, the Neighborhood Watch, and the St. Thomas Recreation Association.

Currently, Mrs. Singleton enjoys her days spending time with her husband, Mr. Johnny Singleton, Sr., with whom she has been married to for almost 50 years, her five children:

Perry, Cathedral, Johnny, Jr., Shauna, and Shantae; and her grandchildren. She is a lifelong member of the St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church, where she serves as Sunday school teacher.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Josephine Tillman Singleton for her dedication and service as a respected educator and her commendable contributions made to early childhood education and the St. Thomas community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 245, I was at a funeral.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNITION OF THE TERRENCE M. RYAN AGRICULTURAL CENTER

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the Eleventh District of Ohio, I am pleased to recognize the opening of the Terrence M. Ryan Agricultural Center on June 14, 2013. Congratulations to all of the partners for their vision and determination in making this wonderful facility a reality.

As a strong supporter of Cleveland Crops and its initiative to build an agricultural center in Cleveland, Ohio, I am pleased by the overwhelming community support and the relationships and partnerships that grew out of this project. The opening of the Terrence M. Ryan Agricultural Center speaks to the importance of reforming our local food system, and I am pleased to be a part of these efforts.

I congratulate Cleveland Crops and the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities on the success of the opening of the Terrence M. Ryan Agricultural Center and the positive impact it will have on our community.

I am proud to support the constituents of the Eleventh District of Ohio and am a vigorous supporter of our thriving urban agricultural community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on June 14, 2013, I missed the following Rollcall vote: number 237 for the Smith of Washington Part B Amendment No. 20 to H.R. 1960. Had I

voted, I would have voted "aye" on this Rollcall vote.

HONORING MR. LOUIS DRUMMOND ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend Mr. Louis Drummond for his 30 years of exemplary service to the United States Congress. Mr. Drummond has been an invaluable member of the Congressional Research Service (CRS) most notably while developing, supporting and maintaining the Legislative Information System (LIS), a vital legislative branch partnership. The Congress, the Library of Congress and the public have greatly benefited from his outstanding work.

Mr. Drummond came to the Library of Congress from library school in June 1983 for the nine-month Library of Congress Intern Program. After the Intern Program, he worked as a reference librarian in the Main Reading Room for two years. Due to his interest in automation and his work on the new optical disk program, he then moved to CRS.

His career at CRS has been notable for innovation, responsiveness to the needs of Congress, and his willingness to share his extensive knowledge with others. He was a leader in the introduction of the Internet into the services of the Library. He coordinated the planning, policy and development of CRS's first home page as well as the Library's first website. Mr. Drummond was a critical player in the Library's ability to adapt, master, and eventually take an international leadership role in the Internet. Other accomplishments include the development and support of SCORPIO, a 1970's mainframe program that retrieved legislative and public policy information, and MARVEL, the Library's first Internet Gopher system.

Mr. Drummond's devotion to the needs of congressional users for legislative information has defined his career. In 1996, Congress directed CRS to coordinate the creation of a single integrated legislative retrieval system (the LIS) that would serve the House, the Senate, and other congressional agencies. Mr. Drummond took responsibility for that directive and not only coordinated the development of the system, but also ensured that over the years it met the needs of the user community. Finally, he participated in the Legislative Branch XML Working Group which has been charged with improving the availability and exchange of legislative data amongst agencies and the public by publishing it in XML format.

On behalf of the entire congressional community, we extend congratulations to Mr. Louis Drummond for his many years of dedication, outstanding contributions, and service to the Congress and we wish him the very best in his retirement.

COMMEMORATING MARTIN J. (MARTY) LOMBARDI FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague MIKE THOMPSON to honor Martin James (Marty) Lombardi, an outstanding human being, committed youth advocate, consummate civic leader, and a model community banker.

A native of San Francisco, Marty was born of immigrant parents from Malaga, Spain, and Luca, Italy. A graduate of St. Mary's College, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics before moving to the northern California town of Ukiah in 1975. Exemplary as the consummate small town banker, Marty Lombardi earned the respect of home buyers as well as business leaders, small and large. During his tenure at the Savings Bank of Mendocino County where he is Senior Vice President, Marty has been a forward thinker supporting projects with far reaching beneficial effects.

Marty served as President of the California Independent Bankers and the Community Bankers of California and as chair of the Mendocino County Workforce Investment Board. He was President of the Ukiah Education Foundation and served on the Boards of Directors for the Ukiah Valley Medical Center; American Red Cross: Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake Counties Chapter; Mendocino County Public Safety Foundation; both Ukiah High and Mendocino Community College Mathematics, Engineer, Science Achievement (MESA) Board; Mendocino Community College Bond Oversight; Mendocino Winegrowers Foundation; United Way: Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake and Humboldt Counties Chapter; Tapestry (Foster Care); Ukiah Chamber of Commerce; Ukiah-Boys and Girls Club; and Nuestra Casa.

He has been a visionary who established the Mendocino Agricultural Families Scholarship, spearheaded the Ukiah Valley Cultural & Recreational Center, and was on the steering committee for Leadership Mendocino.

Marty, who is retiring as a banker, is regarded for his "kind and loving heart" by his family including his wife Kathleen, their six children, and by our extended local community and the hundreds of students who benefitted from his counsel.

The residents of California's Second and Fifth District are better off today thanks to the work of Marty Lombardi, and it is appropriate that we honor him as an energetic, gregarious, forward thinking and optimistic civic leader. He is a mentor to many and a model for all.

HONORING LOYDIE MARVINE GRIFFIN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public

servant, Mrs. Loycie Marvine Morgan Griffin, a Leake County native.

Mrs. Griffin was a member of Jones Chapel M. B. Church where she served as choir president and advisor, president of the mission board, a nurse usher, a member of the mother's board, and a culinary ministry member. She was a Headstart teacher, a nurse, and also served many years as the Most Ancient Matron of the Heroines of Jericho.

Mrs. Griffin's survivors include: two sons, J.C. Griffin and Lois L. Griffin; seven daughters, Almyrtis Henson, Marvis Smith, Pratmus Henson, Priscilla Rogers, all of Carthage, Mississippi, Gwen Davis, Desoto, Texas, Sylvia McKinney, Lancaster, Texas, and Sherry Harris, Terry, Mississippi; five sisters: Bernice Chambers and Bettye Morgan, both of Milwaukee, WI; Verline Gaines and Winnie Millsap, both of Chicago, IL, and Dealie Widler, Carthage, Mississippi; 36 grandchildren; and 43 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Griffin was definitely a pillar of her community by not only holding many reputable positions in her church, but by fostering positive images and reputations through helping others in her community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Mrs. Loycie Marvine Griffin for her dedication to serving others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 245, 246 and 247, due to weather delays in my travel, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEPFAR

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, December 18, 2002.

President GEORGE W. BUSH,
*1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, DC.*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following letter of Dec. 18, 2002, on the 10th anniversary of PePFAR

DEAR PRESIDENT BUSH, As members of the Congressional Black Caucus, we are writing to draw your attention to the growing spread of HIV/AIDS throughout the developing world. It would be impossible to overstate the devastation caused to date by the global AIDS pandemic, or the urgency of the need for a greater response from the United States and the global community. With 42 million people currently living with HIV/AIDS—29.4 million of them in Sub-Saharan Africa—14 million children already orphaned by the disease, and 70 million more people expected to die by 2020, we must do more now. We must respond on an appropriate scale to address the greatest plague in recorded history.

The United States, as the world's wealthiest nation, must take greater action by contributing its fair share, and in doing so we can help galvanize the global response that

we so desperately need. As you prepare to travel to Africa in January, and as you prepare your budget for fiscal year 2004, you have a remarkable opportunity to demonstrate United States leadership against AIDS at a moment when the world will be watching. We urge you to launch a major new US initiative to fight AIDS, as well as tuberculosis and malaria. TB is the leading killer of people with HIV, claiming 2 million lives each year despite the existence of an effective and inexpensive cure, while malaria kills nearly one million people each year, most of them young children in Africa.

An expanded US Initiative to fight AIDS must:

Provide at least 2.5 billion for implementation of global AIDS programs in 2004, as well as additional funds to combat TB and malaria. At least 50% of this should go to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.

Prioritize treatment, as well as prevention and care, for those affected—including an expanded mother-to-child transmission initiative that would detect and treat entire families, and including funding and personnel as needed to implement the WHO call to treat three million people with HIV by 2005.

Promote developing country access to sustainable supplies of affordable medicines for AIDS and other diseases such as opportunistic infections in accordance with the Doha Ministerial Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health and oppose any attempts to limit the scope of the Declaration.

Expand programs for children orphaned by AIDS.

Seek debt cancellation for impoverished countries, so they can invest in poverty reduction and AIDS programs.

Most importantly, a US initiative should consist of new monies and policies that complement existing US-supported programs and are additional to the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA). The MCA, however, also must help meet the Millennium Development Goal of halting and reversing the spread of these diseases.

We cannot win the war against AIDS without greater financial resources and a clear plan of action for the United States. Programs around the world are ready to scale up prevention, treatment, and care to save lives now, and to develop the systems needed to save tens of millions more in the future. Each day we delay in mounting a comprehensive—and compassionate—response to the global AIDS and TB pandemics, the cost in human, social, and economic terms grows. You will have our strong support and the support of the American people for a bold new initiative to save families and communities affected by the AIDS crisis, to extend the parent-child relationship, and to secure the future of young people.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lee; Donna Christian-Christensen; Edolphus Towns; Charles Rangel; Julia Carson; Juanita Millender-McDonald; Maxine Waters; Danny K. Davis; Robert Scott; Elijah Cummings; William "Lacy" Clay, Jr.; Stephanie Tubbs Jones; Eddie Bernice Johnson; Bobby Rush; Carolyn Kilpatrick; Diane E. Watson; Gregory Meeks; Major Owens; Harold Ford, Jr.; John Conyers; Alcee Hastings; Sheila Jackson Lee; Eleanor Holmes Norton; Donald Payne; Sanford Bishop; Bennie Thompson; Melvin Watt; Corrine Brown; Chaka Fattah; Jesse Jackson, Jr.; James Clyburn; Albert R. Wynn.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF JHPIEGO

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jhpiego, a non-profit, global health affiliate of Johns Hopkins University, on the occasion of their 40th anniversary. I would like to recognize the employees of Jhpiego for their tireless service in providing health care for vulnerable populations and preventing needless deaths throughout the developing world.

Headquartered in my hometown of Baltimore, Jhpiego has grown to become a force for good around the world. Founded in 1973 by Dr. Theodore King, Jhpiego initially brought healthcare professionals from Latin America, Asia, and Africa to Baltimore to learn the latest practices in women's health.

As time progressed, Jhpiego's leadership realized they could have a greater impact by bringing their medical knowledge and training to the countries whose populations they were trying to serve. In 1979, Jhpiego started in-country training programs on three continents. These programs were extremely successful and, in 1993, Jhpiego opened its first field office in Kenya. Today, Jhpiego operates field offices and clinics in over thirty countries providing invaluable medical services to people who would otherwise be without basic healthcare.

This focus on developing the capacity of countries to create their own healthcare network, combined with the delivery of extremely low-cost solutions to common health problems, has proven to be the great genius of Jhpiego. Jhpiego and its more than 1,500 employees have successfully brought the resources and expertise of Johns Hopkins to over 150 countries around the world. In the process, they have trained tens of thousands of people to be reliable healthcare providers.

This was no easy task. Over the past 40 years, Jhpiego has worked in some of the most remote areas of the world. Undaunted by this challenge, Jhpiego employees have learned to thrive under difficult and sometimes dangerous conditions.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me in recognizing Jhpiego and congratulating them on their 40th anniversary. This outstanding organization has made a tremendous impact, saving lives and improving quality of life around the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, due to my flight to Washington, DC arriving late yesterday, I unexpectedly missed the following roll-call votes:

On rollcall 245, passage of H.R. 876, Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall 246, passage of H.R. 253, Y Mountain Access Enhancement Act, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall 247, passage of H.R. 862, To authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners on an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday and missed roll Nos. 245, 246, and 247. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each of those votes.

HONORING LUTHER BUCKLEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Luther Buckley who was born and reared in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Buckley began his early education at the St. Marks Episcopal School, and completed his elementary and secondary school education at Smith Robertson Elementary School and Lanier High School.

Upon graduation from Lanier High School, Mr. Buckley enlisted in the United States Army, serving the majority of his enlistment in the European Theater of Operations. After completing his tour of duty, he returned to Jackson where he resumed his educational experiences.

Mr. Buckley received a B.S. Degree from Jackson State University and a M.A. Degree in School Administration from Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He has also done further study at the University of Oklahoma, Atlanta University, Mississippi State University and Mississippi College.

Mr. Buckley's professional experiences began as a principal in Leflore County Schools in 1948. In 1955 he moved to the Jackson Public Schools where he served one year as principal of Brinkley Junior High School and thirty-one years as principal of Lanier High School. He retired from then Jackson Public Schools in June 1987.

Throughout Mr. Buckley's career, he has maintained many professional affiliations: a long standing member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, Mississippi Association of Secondary School Principals and the Phi Delta Kappa Professional Education Fraternity. He has also served as Vice President of the Third District Teachers Association, and on the boards of numerous organizations such as: Mississippi High Schools Activities Association, Magnolia State High School Activities, Mississippi Secondary School Principals Association, American Red Cross, Crime Stoppers of Jackson, Jackson State University Athletic Affairs and Mississippi Retired Public Employees Association (PERS).

A highlight in Mr. Buckley's professional career was his selection as a member of the Danforth School Administrators' Fellowship program, a selection which enabled participating administrators to tour school districts of the program participants and participates in numerous out-of-state seminars.

On April 2, 1987 Mr. Buckley received the "Spirit of Mississippi Award" from Television Station WLBT for his educational contributions to the City of Jackson and the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Buckley is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Beta Alpha Chapter, and the Central United Methodist Church where he serves as a member of the Trustee Board.

Mr. Buckley has two children and six grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Luther Buckley for his dedication to serving others.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE ARLINGTON FOOD ASSISTANCE CENTER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). Arlington County is the third wealthiest county in the United States; amidst this wealth, many residents and their families do not have the resources to adequately provide nutrition for either themselves or their families. This group includes many different groups in our society—the disabled, elderly, unemployed, under-employed, and homeless students in Arlington public schools.

Hunger is the physical sensation that results from not having enough food to eat. However, when talking about "hunger in America," what is often meant is more accurately called "food insecurity." Food insecurity is defined as a lack of access to enough food to fully meet basic needs due to lack of financial resources. A recent survey of Arlington County residents found that more than 4 in 10 individuals making \$60,000 or less are having these struggles. Nearly 15,000 people in Arlington County currently suffer from food insecurity.

In early 1988, a small group of concerned citizens in Arlington County gathered together their resources to found an organization whose sole purpose was to alleviate hunger among their neighbors in need. This group was soon joined by six congregations, all of whom operated food pantries serving small groups of families. Since then, AFAC has grown into the largest food bank serving Arlington County and is the only organization in the County solely dedicated to alleviating hunger.

At the time of its founding, AFAC was serving approximately 200 families. AFAC has grown considerably since then. They currently distribute food to over 1,600 families and almost 4,500 individuals through 16 locations spread across the County. Over 35 percent of their clients are children. The elderly, who often have to choose between food or medicine, make up 30 percent of their clientele.

Annually, this organization seeks to lower the incidence of hunger in our community by distributing over three million pounds of fresh vegetables and fruit, meat, eggs, milk, bread, and other groceries.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to honor the Arlington Food Assistance Center as it marks 25 years of dedicated service to the residents of Arlington County.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE
DEFIANCE BULLDOGS

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school baseball team in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. The young men of the Defiance High School baseball team have represented their school ably on their way to achieving the Division II State Baseball Championship.

In their effort to surpass all other teams in the Division II State Baseball Championship Game, the Defiance Bulldogs overcame the challenges posed by intense competition.

In pursuing the State Championship, the Defiance Bulldogs defeated Plain City Jonathan Alder to claim their second state championship in their fourth appearance at the state baseball championship game. In winning the Division II Boys Baseball State Championship, the members of this very special team have shown that their sport requires an individual effort for a team result and great support from their community. As a direct outcome of their hard work and dedication on and off the field, their accomplishment is truly outstanding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the 2013 Defiance High School baseball team. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SALLY K.
RIDE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD
MEDAL

HON. SCOTT H. PETERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. PETERS of California. Mr. Speaker, today on the 30th anniversary of Dr. Sally Ride's historic journey into space, I am introducing the Sally K. Ride Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2013 because of what Dr. Ride meant to this country as a pioneer.

Dr. Ride was the first American woman to fly into space. Flying on the seventh space shuttle flight, which was launched on June 18, 1983, she helped deploy two communications satellites including piloting the shuttle's robotic arm to capture a satellite for the first time. Dr. Ride's flight into space came at a time when women in the United States were shattering the glass ceiling becoming leaders in science and math.

Dr. Ride's extraordinary courage and pioneering spirit paved the way for future female astronauts. Her ride to space was an inspira-

tion for young women to dream. As Gloria Steinem wrote at the time, "millions of little girls are going to sit by their television sets and see they can be astronauts, heroes, explorers and scientists." As the Associate Administrator for the Shuttle Program, Lieutenant General James Abrahamson stated in 1983, the next "milestone" would be "when ladies go into space and nobody notices, they just take it for granted." Thirty years after Sally Ride's historic flight we know that to be true.

What made Dr. Ride truly extraordinary was her work after 1983 to ensure that the children of our country would be able to follow in her footsteps and create their own legacies. After flying into space one more time in 1984, serving on the Rogers Commission investigating the Challenger disaster, and leading NASA's long range and strategic planning efforts, Dr. Ride left NASA in 1987. She received numerous awards including Jefferson Award for Public Service, the von Braun Award, the Lindbergh Eagle and the NCAA's Theodore Roosevelt Award. She has also twice been awarded the NASA Space Flight Medal. Dr. Ride was also inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame and the Astronaut Hall of Fame. She became a Professor of Physics and Director of the California Space Institute at the University of California, San Diego. While teaching college students, she also endeavored to reach out to young children. Dr. Ride and her life-partner Tam O'Shaughnessy co-wrote six children's books which focused on encouraging children to study science. Dr. Ride also founded EarthKAM (Earth Knowledge Acquired by Middle school students) in 1995, a NASA educational outreach program using cameras onboard the Shuttle and now the International Space Station to enable students, teachers, and the public to learn about Earth from the unique perspective of space. In 2001, she founded a company with the goal of creating entertaining science programs and publications for elementary and middle school students with a focus on girls.

As we look to honor Dr. Ride, it is important to note that Dr. Ride never let her symbolic accomplishments overshadow the importance of her life's work pushing our country to explore and continuing to lead the charge of getting more women into the sciences. Commenting on her inspiring flight in 1983, Dr. Ride stated, "It's too bad this is such a big deal. It's too bad our society isn't further along." This Medal is meant to serve both as a testament to the extraordinary American that Dr. Sally Ride was and as a reminder that we must protect her legacy by being forever vigilant to ensure that future Sally Rides are able to pursue their dreams.

The Navy recently named the next ocean-class auxiliary general oceanographic research ship after her to honor her legacy. As Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus said, "Sally Ride's career was one of firsts and will inspire generations to come."

In closing, I believe that awarding this congressional gold medal will be a fitting, though long overdue, recognition by Congress of all Dr. Ride contributed to our great nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 246 I was attending a funeral.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING VIRGINIA STEWART

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Virginia Stewart has led a full and productive life with a career in the health care system starting with her cum laude degree from the College of New Rochelle in Health Administration.

She was a community outreach worker at Harlem Hospital, the neighborhood where she was born, and was promoted to Assistant Director and then Administrator for Family Planning and Women's Health Initiatives. In time she became Director of Outpatient Services for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology until her retirement in 1991.

In 1971 she had moved to Co-op City and for the past 27 years has been a member of the Goodwill Baptist Church where she is Secretary of the Usher Board. In retirement she has not stopped becoming a community activist and an active member of several Co-op City community organizations. She has also become involved in politics, being elected several times as a Judicial Delegate for the 82nd Assembly District, and is currently an Election monitor for that District.

Among her many activities at Co-op City was Treasurer and Publicist of the Retirees of Dreiser Loop, as well as the second women president in the group's 40 year history, now in her second term.

She is a member of the Harriet Tubman Democratic Club, and served for several years as its Recording Secretary. She is also a member of the Co-op City and Williamsbridge Branches of the NAACP, the National Organization of AARP, and the Coalition of African American Churches and Community Organizations.

She and her husband Kenneth married in 1951 and have four children.

Virginia Stewart is that godsend to a community, someone who is caring and active in its many organizations. I am proud to join with the people and organizations of Co-op City in honoring her for her many contributions to her community and the people in it.

HONORING MARGARET ANN BEALE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Chaplain Margaret Ann Beale.

Chaplain Beale is the 4th out of 10 children. She was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, but was raised in Helm, Mississippi, where she has lived all of her life. She has 3 children: Steve, Felecia and Ashley; 4 grandchildren; and, 1 great-grandchild.

She is a 1966 graduate from Briech High School in Leland, Mississippi. After high school, she worked various jobs, but it was not until 2007, when she became a librarian assistant. As of today, she is still holding this position where she has to do clerical work, organizing, stocking, hosting events, and assisting the public with their needs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chaplain Margaret Beale for her dedication to serving others.

CELEBRATING DIA DE PORTUGAL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues Mr. VALADAO of California, Mr. CICILLINE of Rhode Island, Mr. NUNES of California, Mr. HONDA of California, Mr. LANGEVIN of Rhode Island, and Ms. LOFGREN of California to recognize Dia de Portugal and to again state the importance of a strong relationship between the United States and Portugal. Dia de Portugal celebrates the heritage of the Portuguese people and their descendants and is recognized around the world on June 10th.

Vibrant Portuguese communities are scattered across the United States from Massachusetts and Rhode Island to California and Hawaii. The latest census estimates that more than 1.3 million individuals living in the United States are of Portuguese ancestry, and they have been making positive contributions to our society for decades.

The ties between the United States and Portugal are critical and date from the earliest years of the United States. Following the Revolutionary War, Portugal was among the first countries to recognize the United States. On February 21, 1791, President George Washington opened formal diplomatic relations, and the oldest continuously-operating U.S. Consulate in the world, since 1795, is in Ponta Delgada on the island of São Miguel in the Azores.

Portugal is an integral member of the European Union, a founding member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and an important strategic partner in the Mediterranean and beyond. As such, the United States-Portugal defense relationship is strong and must remain so. Central to this relationship is the U.S. Air Force's 65th Air Base Wing at Lajes Field on Terceira Island in the Azores. Having bolstered the United States' and its allies' control of the Atlantic since World War II, Lajes Field is a valuable asset that must be maintained.

Mr. Speaker, we join with the people of Portugal and our Portuguese American constitu-

ents in wishing everyone celebrating across the globe a wonderful Dia de Portugal.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SALLY K. RIDE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT OF 2013

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, 30 years ago today, Sally Ride became the first American woman to travel into space. For that, she will be forever enshrined in history. But as impressive as that feat was, she made many other contributions to our country that were just as important. In recognition of all of her achievements, today I am pleased to be an original cosponsor of the Sally K. Ride Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2013, which was introduced by my colleague Representative SCOTT PETERS.

Sally Ride was a newly minted Ph.D. physicist when she joined the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1978. During her service in the astronaut corps, she participated in two Space Shuttle missions: STS-7 in 1983 and STS-41G in 1984. While training for her third mission, the Space Shuttle *Challenger* disaster occurred, which ended her service as an astronaut. In the aftermath of the disaster, Dr. Ride was selected to serve on the Presidential commission investigating the accident. She would later go on to serve as a member of the Space Shuttle Columbia Accident Investigation Board, becoming the only person to serve on both Space Shuttle accident investigation boards.

After her service at NASA, Dr. Ride became a professor of physics at the University of California, San Diego, as well as the Director of the California Space Institute. In addition to her teaching at UC San Diego, Dr. Ride was heavily involved with programs to increase science, technology, and mathematics (STEM) educational achievement in young women. To this end, in 2001 she co-founded a company that creates entertaining science programs for elementary and middle school students. Dr. Ride was also a prolific writer of children's books.

Sadly, in July of last year, Dr. Ride passed away after a battle with cancer.

During her life, Sally Ride was honored and recognized many times. However, she was never awarded a Congressional Gold Medal. I think we can all agree that this was an unfortunate oversight on the part of Congress, and we should expeditiously move forward with this legislation to posthumously recognize Dr. Ride's achievements.

I hope that as we work to pay tribute to this extraordinary woman, we also work to honor the legacy of her achievements. We can best honor that legacy by ensuring a strong and healthy space program, by rededicating our scientific and educational agencies to the cause of improving STEM education, and by striving to ensure that all young people, re-

gardless of race or sex or creed, believe that they too can reach for the stars.

COMMEMORATING GARY AND JUDI SAMUEL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 50th wedding anniversary of Gary and Judi Samuel.

Gary and Judi Samuel were married on June 1, 1963. Since then, Gary has served as the president of Portable Livestock Shelters and Judi is a partner at Debco Management, Inc. Gary and Judi are also members of Second Baptist Church in Springfield.

Gary and Judi have two children, a daughter, Sherry, and a son, Greg. They are also blessed with five granddaughters.

I am proud of Gary and Judi Samuel and am honored to call them my neighbors in the 7th Congressional District of Missouri. This milestone shows what true devotion Gary and Judi have to one another. I wanted to take this opportunity to commemorate their 50th anniversary. May God bless them with many more happy and loving years together.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTS MEMORIAL ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the National Patriots Memorial Act today, the anniversary of the start of the War of 1812, a war that was fought in the streets of Washington, D.C. The bill would authorize the establishment of a memorial on federal land in the District of Columbia to honor the patriots of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, as well as our international allies that fought in support of preserving our nation's freedom during these wars. Funding for the memorial will come entirely from private funds provided by the Benjamin Harrison Society, which suggested the memorial. The National Patriots Memorial will be an important addition to the nation and the District of Columbia alike. It will preserve and help educate the nation about both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and the link to our own city. The National Patriots Memorial would remind the nation that D.C. residents fought in the Revolutionary War, the war that created the nation itself, the War of 1812, and every war since. The memorial also will serve to educate visitors to the nation's capital about the early years of our country's issues, conflicts, and growth. I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 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 \$16,738,664,595,327.64. We've added \$6,111,787,546,414.56 to our debt in 4.5 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING DR. SANDRA CARR
HAYES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Dr. Sandra Carr Hayes.

Dr. Sandra Carr Hayes, a graduate of Tougaloo College, is the Executive Director of the Tougaloo College Health and Wellness Center and Interim Director for the Tougaloo College Institute for Bio Health and Informatics. In this capacity, Dr. Hayes works with national, state and local organizations to improve health and reduce health disparities. She also serves as the Principal Investigator of four federally funded grants and one state funded grant. Her programs reach as far as the Mississippi Delta.

Her work on health disparities has taken her to Kenya, Africa where she conducted research which resulted in the production of a book entitled, "The State of HIV/AIDS/TB Co-Infections in Kenya: The Impact of Environment, Resource Management and Culture." Her health disparities work has also resulted in the development of a chapter featured in the book entitled "Diabetes in Black America: Public Health and Clinical Solutions to a National Crisis."

Over 10 years, Dr. Hayes has co-authored numerous manuscripts that have explored health disparities related to the development of infectious and chronic diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, TB, diabetes, and asthma. In addition, she serves on the editorial board of the National AHEC Organization Journal and as a peer reviewer for Health Promotion and Practice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Sandra Carr Hayes for her dedication to serving others.

HONORING RETIRED BRIGADIER
GENERAL WALTER SCHELLHASE

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Brigadier General Walter Schellhase (Retired) for his service to his

country, community and fellow veterans as he retires as the President of the Hill Country Veterans Council.

During his nearly two decades as an officer and member of the Board of Directors of the Hill Country Veterans Council, General Schellhase has worked tirelessly as an advocate for the needs of veterans. In addition to his work with the Veterans Council, General Schellhase has served on the Boards of the Kerrville Economic Development Corporation, the Kerr County Historical Commission, and was named Citizen of the Year by the Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce.

General Schellhase's efforts on behalf of his fellow veterans and citizens are certainly commendable. We thank him for his many years of public service.

HONORING THE CITY OF
RICHMOND

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Richmond, Indiana.

This week, Indiana Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann announced the city of Richmond, joined by Bedford, Indiana, as the newest Indiana Stellar Community award winners. Launched in 2011, Stellar Communities is a collaboration among multiple State agencies that pool funding sources to assist winning communities in achieving their long-term comprehensive strategic goals for community development.

Richmond's winning proposal included positively enhancing the quality of life for residents through the addition of new senior housing, improved transportation and bike trails, downtown redevelopment, and increased Wi-Fi connectivity.

These grants are an excellent integration of local initiatives and state agency expertise to develop and build stronger communities. I commend the Richmond Mayor, Sally Hutton, and her office's leadership in developing a winning proposal for the City.

I ask the 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating the leadership, businesses, and citizens of the city of Richmond for their newest designation as an Indiana Stellar Community.

A FIRST SOFTBALL TITLE FOR
HIGH POINT CHRISTIAN

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, there is a school in the Sixth District of North Carolina that just won its first ever state softball title. I would like to take this time to congratulate all who contributed to this historic achievement.

High Point Christian Academy's softball team has exemplified determination and an exceptional work ethic in its quest for a state title. The HPCA Cougars placed second in the state tournaments of 2011 and 2012. Their continued hard work and perseverance, how-

ever, paid off even more in 2013. The team finished the regular season 20-3, and entered the North Carolina Independent School Athletic Association 3A Championship Tournament in Gastonia as the first seed.

Led by Head Coach Jeremy Cecil, the team defeated Wesleyan Christian Academy 10-8 in an elimination game on Friday, May 17, 2013. The Cougars needed three wins on Saturday to claim the championship, but they were not intimidated in the slightest. They began their Saturday win streak with a 14-4 win over Metrolina Christian. The Cougars then swept second-seeded Hickory Grove in a best-of-three final series to clinch the championship, winning 1-0 and 5-4.

The state champions include Lindsay Cecil, Austen Coats, Maddie Faulkner, Sydney Harris, Kirsten Hart, Ashlyn Kennedy, Abigail Lyle, Sloane McPeak, Rachel Norris, Lindsay Payne, Hannah Self, and Nikki Zittinger. Cecil, McPeak, and Kennedy were also named 2013 All-State Team Members.

It has been an exciting season for the students, faculty, staff, and families of High Point Christian Academy. On behalf of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate HPCA Headmaster Richard Hardee, High School Principal Keith Curlee, Athletic Director Corey Gesell, Head Softball Coach Jeremy Cecil, Assistant Softball Coaches Bryan Coats, Jessica Burcham, Shane Kennedy, and Brad Self. Congratulations to the 2013 softball team on its NCISAA 3A State Championship.

HONORING SISTER SHEILA LYNE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sister Sheila Lyne, RSM, who is retiring after decades of service to Mercy Hospital. She is a recognized leader in the effort to improve the health and wellness of the residents of the city of Chicago.

Sister Sheila was born and raised on the South side of Chicago. She got her MBA from the University of Chicago, and joined the community of Sisters of Mercy in 1953. After earning her Psychiatric Nursing degree, she began her tenure at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center in 1970. In 1976, Sister Sheila assumed the role of President and CEO at Mercy.

In 1991, Sister Sheila was appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley as Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Chicago. Under her leadership as Commissioner of Public Health, the city saw the infant mortality rate decrease by 6% and immunization rates rise to 73% from 27%.

In 2000, she returned to Mercy to resume her former role of President and CEO and face a challenging turnaround effort. Each year over the past 12 years, Mercy has made significant strides forward in serving our community, and now boasts a nationally-recognized Heart & Vascular Center, one of the city's few Certified Stroke Centers, eleven medical satellite centers, and a completely state-of-the-art digital Breast Care Center, all under Sister Sheila's distinguished and direct leadership.

Sister Sheila has been a leading voice for quality health for all people and an inspiration

to those of us working to shape policy in a humane and comprehensive way.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 247 I was attending a funeral.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

CELEBRATING DIXON LONG ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize Mr. Dixon Long on the occasion of his 80th birthday on June 21, 2013. Mr. Long's many contributions as a board member and donor of the Strybing Arboretum in San Francisco, supporter of the Holden Arboretum in Mentor, Ohio, and supporter of the Trust for Public Land, have been a great benefit to our Nation's environment.

In addition to his extensive involvement in these organizations, Dixon was also a professor of Political Science and dean of Western Reserve College, helping to educate the next generation of political thinkers and office holders. During his academic tenure, Mr. Long wrote extensively about the intersection of science, technology and public policy.

Dixon's passion for writing moved beyond academia. He published a number of novels, short stories, and travel guides since returning to Mann County. His love of learning, passion for teaching, commitments to public engagement, and preserving the environment are worthy of commendation.

Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to Mr. Dixon Long for his long and impressive career, and exceptional record of service.

HONORING TOREY BELL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable civil servant, Mayor Torey Bell.

On March 29, 1996, Torey ran for the Office of Aldermen and was sworn in and appointed as the Vice-Mayor of the Town of Doddsville, MS on July 2, 1996. He was overwhelmingly elected on June 2, 2000, garnering nearly 90 percent of the vote. During his campaign, he pledged to help reunite the town by: focusing on cleaning up failed State's reporting; documentation; seeking a stable building for operation and town business; community beautifi-

cation; gaining a collaborative approach to water and sewage; having safer streets in all neighborhoods; and restoring fiscal responsibility to city government.

Mayor Torey Bell Administration began the task of moving forward in accomplishing the Mayor's four top priorities: improving community education and awareness for all elderly and children; creating better water control procedures and policies; providing economic development opportunities for all town residents, and making sure residents feel safe in the neighborhood in which they live by ensuring that the city is fiscally sound. Mayor Bell also is focused on achieving self-sufficiency and full democracy for Town of Doddsville and taxpayers and improving their health outcomes.

A native of Sunflower County, Mayor Bell has tirelessly advocated for the residents of the Town for more than 20 years. His dedication to children and their families has been the hallmark of his service in both city government and the non-profit sector. His lifetime of public service to the Sunflower County can be best summed up by a singular governing philosophy—"that a man's heart plans his way, but God directs his footsteps."

His disciplined approach to public service was born from humble beginnings. He grew up in a single parent home and some apartment life in Sunflower, Mississippi until marriage brought James R. Haywood, Sr. in his life. Although his parents were limited to the things they could offer the family of four boys, they instilled in their sons a solid work ethic, strong community ethics and deeply rooted values. Mayor Bell attended East Sunflower Elementary and Ruleville Junior High Schools, and graduated at the age of 17 from Ruleville Central High School, where he excelled in school social relations, High School pride support and sports.

Despite his athletic talents in basketball and baseball, the Mayor chose to continue his education and service by joining the Army during the Gulf War. After returning home, Mayor Bell became an Orderly and an Ambulance Driver at the South Sunflower County Hospital. While serving the community in the medical field, he went to Mississippi Delta Community College where he graduated from the Emergency Medical Technician program. He later went to work for the Northern part of the county community by joining the North Sunflower County Hospital team, where he worked with many others as well as the Walter B Crook Nursing Facility, X-Ray Department and surgery team. He later joined the ranks of Sunflower County Sheriff Department to continue his county-wide service. Subsequently, he was accepted and admitted into the 10th District Masonic Fraternity and later, joined the Order of Eastern Stars.

Mayor Bell began his community service career with local summer baseball teams and basketball leagues. In Sunflower County, he successfully advocated for innovative policy initiatives on behalf of children with very little resources, limited positive mentoring and recreational events and chaired the initiative that lead to the uncovering of abusive administrative powers, fraudulent spending, poor child educational environment and unfair labor within the County school institution.

In 1999, Mayor Bell was appointed to serve as mentor and supporting counselor for the

Collaborative Mayor's Initiative for Sunflower and Bolivar County small towns. He spearheaded the implementation of several initiatives to address the developmental needs and community awareness to help direct Mayors to productive partnerships and implement policies that would support overall growth and developments.

In his first term as Mayor, he helped lead a successful campaign to purchase and renovate a real estate office to become Doddsville first official City Hall. Within that same year, he joined others to improve water quality and replace out dated equipment to improve the water and sewage system. Later, he began another campaign to rescue nine lots seized by Mississippi Home Corp in the NR Subdivision to help build single family homes with a multipurpose community center in the Town of Doddsville.

Mayor Bell's dedication to his community and the residents inspired a successful campaign for re-election to office in 2004, with no challengers in the primary. During his second term as mayor, he collaborated with Special Committees throughout the State to help educate and bring awareness to help control and Prevent Youth Violence, and supported HIV/AIDS initiative. While working to establish this support, Mayor Bell worked to obtain enough funds through MDA to rehab all senior citizens owned homes in Doddsville to Energy efficacy homes.

Mayor Bell worked long hours to lead the community into efforts to improve the Council's operations, transparency and oversight for capacity, and was a true champion for positive quality of living for kids and senior citizens. Eventually, the Mayor worked to help improve fire protection in the community by obtaining land to construct a fire truck's house and a fire truck for the community. The Mayor's diligence resulted in those goals being met in September of 2007. Later, Mayor Bell worked with others to help gain funds to improve streets throughout the community. His love for his community allowed him to start community property clean ups, advocating for the saving of the town's post office and jobs, obtain funds to meet the state's mandates for sewage system by-waste products and is currently working to establish partnership to help residents with home purchasing, financing and credit management.

Mayor Bell has lived in the Doddsville neighborhood for more than 17 years. His wife, Lisa, is an outstanding public school accountant in the Cleveland Public Schools and currently seeking office as town Alderman for the 2013–2017 term. He has four children, Torey Bell Jr., Simeon, Nathan and Nigel. Mayor Bell is the oldest of four sons of Deloris Jean Haywood and James R. Haywood Sr. He gives credit to his success as a public servant to God first, teachings from his mother and father, support from his wife and family, a trusting and dedicated board of aldermen, Gregory Associates, Gardner Engineering, a faithful city clerk and a supportive Mentor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mayor Torey Bell for his dedication to serving others and giving back to his community.