

HONORING DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED GREENWOOD-ITTA BENA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Greenwood-Itta Bena Alumnae Chapter.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world.

A sisterhood sorority of more than 250,000 predominantly black college educated women and the sorority currently has over 940 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea.

The major programs of the Sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Programmatic Thrust:

- Economic Development;
- Educational Development;
- International Awareness and Involvement;
- Physical and Mental Health; and
- Political Awareness and Involvement.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University. These young women wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities.

Their legacy continues today in the Mississippi Delta through the Greenwood-Itta Bena Alumnae Chapter. With more than 50 years since its inception, the chapter has grown from 16 members in 1963 to 84 members in 2014.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Greenwood-Itta Bena Alumnae Chapter for its contribution to the black community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

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 \$17,550,128,150,467.43. We've added \$6,923,251,101,554.35 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, March 13 and Friday, March 14, 2014, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. I would have voted:

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 127 (on the Ellijay Amendment to H.R. 3973),

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 128 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 3973, with instructions),

"No" on rollcall vote No. 129 (on passage of H.R. 3973),

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 130 (on the Polis Amendment to H.R. 3189),

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 131 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 3189, with instructions),

"No" on rollcall vote No. 132 (on passage of H.R. 3189),

"No" on rollcall vote No. 133 (on the motion to table H. Res. 517),

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 134 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 4015, with instructions), and

"No" on rollcall vote No. 135 (on passage of H.R. 4015).

HONORING THE ACTIONS OF DANIEL AND GAGE STEPHENS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor two courageous young men in my district whose actions saved a woman's life during a recent winter storm.

16-Year-old Daniel Stephens and his younger brother Gage were hiking near their North Georgia home on January 28th when they saw a Ford F-150 slide off the side of a mountain.

The driver suffered multiple broken ribs, a broken hip, a lower-back injury, and a partially dislocated shoulder.

When she attempted to vacate the vehicle, she fell nearly 100 feet down the side of the mountain.

Thankfully, both Daniel and Gage are Civil Air Patrol cadets with the 507 Ellijay Composite Squadron.

These two young men sprung into action using training they learned in the classroom as well as field exercises.

Daniel scaled the terrain, stabilized the woman, and prevented her from falling nearly another 150 feet to the bottom.

First responders reported that Daniel was "a great asset to the EMS team."

Meanwhile, Gage quickly returned home to call 911 and bring blankets for the injured woman.

There is no doubt that these two brave Georgians saved a life last month, and

I join the entire Ellijay and Civil Air Patrol communities in commending Daniel and Gage Stephens for their heroism.

HONORING RHO LAMBDA OMEGA OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Rho Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated that was established on October 23, 1988 by thirty-two Alpha Kappa Alpha women who had a vision to expand and extend service to all mankind to a growing community in Jackson, Mississippi.

The chartering ceremonies are ceremonies that were conducted by then 18th South Eastern Regional Director, Mrs. Nancy G. Sewell. Since its inception, Rho Lambda Omega has experienced success by implementing many ongoing community service projects which fulfill tangible needs and make a difference in the lives of individuals in the Jackson Metropolitan Area.

Many of the chapter's initial community projects that are focusing on Education, Health, Government, Family, the Arts, and Economic Empowerment have been implemented continuously over the years. Other projects are added as we continue to assess and address the needs of our local community and support the Sorority's international program initiatives.

In a period of almost twenty years Rho Lambda Omega has grown from the initial thirty-two to an active membership of over one hundred.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Rho Lambda Omega of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated for their dedication to serving others in need.

A BILL TO AMEND THE SIKES ACT TO PROMOTE THE USE OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS UNDER SUCH ACT FOR LAND MANAGEMENT RELATED TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE READINESS ACTIVITIES AND TO AMEND TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, TO FACILITATE INTERAGENCY COOPERATION IN CONSERVATION PROGRAMS TO AVOID OR REDUCE ADVERSE IMPACTS ON MILITARY READINESS ACTIVITIES

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I have introduced a bill to amend the Sikes Act to promote the use of cooperative agreements for land management related to the Department of Defense (DoD) readiness activities. The bill provides common sense reforms to the Sikes Act. These reforms afford both programs with greater flexibility to leverage cooperative agreements and other federal funds to meet program requirements.

In particular, the bill would provide additional enhancements to the authorities provided to DoD under the Sikes Act and parallels a similar amendment made in the FY 2012 National