

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EXXONMOBIL RECEIVES 2014 W.O. LAWTON BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, March 31, the National Association of Workforce Boards will present its 2014 W.O. Lawton Business Leadership Award to ExxonMobil for its important contributions to our community. The W.O. Lawton Business Leadership Award aims to honor and recognize businesses that make valuable investments in a community to help meet its needs through workforce training, educational programs, and funding for similar services. ExxonMobil has long demonstrated its commitment to the greater Houston community but its particular work with the "Community College Petrochemical Initiative" deserves special recognition.

ExxonMobil is currently investing billions in capital investment to expand its petrochemical operations in the Houston area, including a new corporate 285-acre campus. This expansion will soon be home to 10,000 jobs. However, with the thousands of baby boomers within the petrochemical industry who are retiring, ExxonMobil recognized the need to proactively train and hire more skilled workers. Working with the Gulf Coast Workforce Board and the Texas Workforce Commission, ExxonMobil partnered with nine Houston-area community colleges to create a training and education initiative that will train and recruit new workers for high-paying jobs, helping to replace the continually increasing number of retirees from the industry. To do so, ExxonMobil committed \$500,000 to fund its Community College Petrochemical Initiative. In partnership with Lee College in Baytown, Texas, ExxonMobil leveraged equipment and provided volunteers to help the community college upgrade its labs with industry standard equipment. The company also served as a "gold sponsor" for the college's EnergyVenture Program, a 36-hour program or "camp" that teaches middle and high school students about careers within the energy industry. The company also provided paid internships to Lee College students. The results have been remarkable: 100 percent of the interns whom completed the program were hired by ExxonMobil.

Of course, in Texas we know that ExxonMobil's commitment to its community expands beyond this initiative. Last year, ExxonMobil also participated in a number of other community collaborations, including Partners in Education, a program that funds and provides volunteers to serve as tutors and mentors for students on STEM-related assignments; Introduce a Girl to Engineering, a program that provides 180 middle school girls with hands-on activities to learn and get excited about careers in the STEM fields; Ad-

vancement via Individual Determination (AVID), a program that has helped more than 400 students achieve their dream of attending college by improving their academic and organizational skills; Science Day, a program that has taught over 350 eighth grade students about the many daily uses for chemical reactions; Volunteer Involvement Program (VIP), a program that has donated \$580,000 to schools or nonprofits where ExxonMobil employees volunteer; Student Essay Contest, a contest sponsored by ExxonMobil for high school students to write about energy awareness; and paying for internships for students at Lee College, Texas A&M University and The University of Texas.

In addition, ExxonMobil's management and employees participate and provide leadership to local community economic and workforce development entities, serving on the boards for economic development associations, chambers and workforce committees. They also work closely with the Gulf Coast Workforce Board's career offices to help recruit and hire new employees.

These accomplishments are impressive in and of themselves, but they are only indicative of the long-lasting impact that this company's community collaborations will have down the road. ExxonMobil is setting the standard in how employers today can make meaningful investments to help prepare tomorrow's workers and to benefit local communities. And that's just the way it is.

HONORING MS. ROSA MARÍA PAYÁ ACEVEDO

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History Month, I rise today to honor Rosa María Payá Acevedo, an outstanding individual who has been a strong advocate for a democratic Cuba and an inspiration to women around the world.

Ms. Payá Acevedo was born on January 10, 1989 in Havana, Cuba. She graduated with a degree in physics and is an active member of El Cerro en La Habana, a Catholic parish where she participated in youth groups and parish activities in her childhood. Her parents, Oswaldo Payá Sardiñas and Ofelia Acevedo Maura, were the leaders of the Christian Liberation Movement, and she soon became very involved in the organization herself.

Ms. Payá Acevedo collaborated with Harold Cepero Escalante to coordinate the younger members of the Christian Liberation Movement and eventually published "Somos Liberación," a newsletter the group still continues to write. Unfortunately, her life took a tragic turn in July of 2012 when her father and Mr. Cepero Escalante were both killed in a car crash under suspicious circumstances. There is significant evidence, including statements

from Angel Carromero, the Spanish politician who was driving the car, that the Castro regime is responsible for the deaths of Mr. Payá and Mr. Cepero Escalante.

After her eloquent speech before the U.N. in February 2013 about the need for a formal investigation of the accident, she returned to Cuba and began receiving death threats. This has forced her to live in exile in the United States, where her relentless journey to achieve justice for the death of her father and Mr. Cepero Escalante continues. Her courageous and determined spirit is truly inspiring.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Rosa María Payá Acevedo for her continued fight for democracy and truth against the murderous Castro regime, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, Women's History Month is a time for all Americans to pay tribute to the generations of women who have made our world a better place in which to live. Today, it is my great honor to recognize Kalamazoo, Michigan's Lucinda Hinsdale Stone for her efforts to advance education reform and women's rights.

Lucinda was born 200 years ago this year, at a time in our history when women did not share the same rights as men.

Upon moving to Michigan in 1843 with her husband, Dr. James Stone, Lucinda became the first principal of the Ladies Department at the Kalamazoo Branch of the University of Michigan, which would soon become Kalamazoo College. Together, Lucinda and James Stone helped shape the school's direction, in part by introducing coeducation and promoting abolitionism and women's rights.

Lucinda flourished in her role and assisted in the education of a variety of professions and skills for women who came through her school. When Lucinda was ultimately forced to resign her office because of her advocacy for women's rights, she devoted her life to women's education and founded the Women's Club Movement in Michigan. As our country faced a turning tide of abolition and women's suffrage, Lucinda took it upon herself to educate and lecture from in her own home and doubled her efforts to give women everywhere a better chance.

Lucinda quickly became one of the foremost individuals in the state promoting women's rights and soon her tireless battle to bring higher education to women spread her reputation from coast to coast. Susan B. Anthony would share the works of Lucinda Hinsdale Stone and affectionately gave her the title, the "Mother of Women's Clubs in Michigan."

In the more than 50 years that she served as a leader in Michigan, Lucinda watched her groups expand as the rest of the country

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caught on to the women's rights movement. Twenty years before areas in the Northeast formed associations for women, Lucinda was leading the Kalamazoo Ladies' Library Association as a model for the rest of the nation. That Association and its present members like Betty Lee Ongley—the first female mayor of neighboring Portage, Michigan—have continued to play a major role in keeping Lucinda's legacy alive today.

Lucinda would go on to work in social reform movements and women's organizations throughout the state and became a pillar for American women to turn to for strength and guidance. Her life's work was recognized in 1890, when the University of Michigan bestowed upon Lucinda their first honorary doctorate to a woman.

She lived to watch her very own pupil, Madelon Stockwell, become the first woman to be granted admission to the University of Michigan, and watched as Kalamazoo College granted its first academic degree to a female student. The legacy of her work for women and education remains evident today.

Throughout her extraordinary life, Lucinda became friends with other suffragist and abolitionist leaders including Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Lucy Stone, Antoinette Brown Blackwell, and the Grimké sisters. She was also a lifelong friend and admirer of Helen and Frederick Douglass, and even played host to Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Lucinda Hinsdale Stone represents the strength that we all hope to have in the face of oppression and inequality. Her lasting impacts have motivated women for generations and her name lives on in Michigan lore as one of the finest Americans to stand up for what they believe in.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS, INC.

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Homeless Solutions, Inc., located in Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey, as it celebrates its 30th Anniversary.

Homeless Solutions, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is "to offer shelter, services, and supportive housing to homeless and low-income people." They help those in need to rebuild their lives and become independent.

Homeless Solutions, Inc. began as an emergency men's shelter in Morristown, through the help of local clergy and business people. Originally known as the Morris Shelter, the organization housed ten men in facilities at the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown. Today, Homeless Solutions, Inc. provides 85 emergency shelter beds for men, women, families, and the homeless that are mentally ill. Since its inception 30 years, Homeless Solutions, Inc. has not only increased the amount of beds offered, but has also created many support programs and services, established the Housing Development division, and opened the Furnishing Solutions store.

The Housing Development division was established in 2004 to provide permanent sup-

portive housing. Housing Development works with various municipalities to create attractive and cost effective housing. Due to its non-profit status, the organization is able to reduce building and project costs through grants, donations, and government project subsidies. The staff within the Housing Development division is selected based on their extensive knowledge and experience. Two of the most important qualities of the staff are their knowledge of green building and neighborhood context.

Homeless Solutions, Inc. opened Furnishing Solutions in 2012. Furnishing Solutions is a resale furniture and design store located in Morris Plains. People donate items they no longer need, and those items will either go towards shelter services, or can be purchased at reduced prices. Since the opening of the store, there have been over 100 volunteers who have helped to sell more than 10,000 items.

Homeless Solutions, Inc. has grown significantly since its start 30 years ago. With the mission to provide shelter and housing to those in need, the organization has helped thousands through the good work of its volunteers and supporters. As Homeless Solutions, Inc. continues to grow and help the community, it looks forward to the challenges and opportunities of the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Homeless Solutions, Inc. as it celebrates its 30th Anniversary.

IN HONOR OF MR. JOHN DI STASIO'S RETIREMENT

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer a tribute to Mr. John Di Stasio. On April 11, 2014, Mr. Di Stasio will retire from a long and distinguished career with the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, where he has served for 32 years, the last six as General Manager and Chief Executive Officer. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this individual who has contributed so much to the Sacramento community.

SMUD—which is the nation's sixth-largest public electric utility, providing affordable and reliable power to 610,000 customers in my district and California's capital region—has been a leader in the public power community and in energy efficiency and clean resource development nationwide.

Mr. Di Stasio's commitment to the Sacramento community and to the environment, coupled with his business sense, people skills, and personal integrity, have added to SMUD's remarkable reputation during a transformative time in the energy industry. Hundreds of thousands of Californians' lives have greatly benefited from his leadership and vision.

Under Mr. Di Stasio's leadership, SMUD has consistently earned the top customer satisfaction scores of any California utility, and is regularly ranked among the top three utilities in the nation, in terms of residential and business customer satisfaction. Mr. Di Stasio also recently received Electric Power & Light magazine's CEO of the Year honors for large utilities.

Mr. Di Stasio, a native Californian, played a key role as SMUD became the first large utility

in the state to have 20 percent of its power come from renewable resources such as wind, solar and biogas. And it is on track to increase its renewable portfolio to 33 percent by 2020, making it one of the greenest utilities in the country.

In 2009, SMUD received a smart grid infrastructure grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, the largest amount awarded to any public utility in the nation. SMUD used the smart grid grant money to augment its \$308 million SmartSacramento initiative that included a ground-breaking time-of-use pricing pilot program, and construction of a state-of-the-art control room in SMUD's new East Campus—Operations Center. The East Campus—Operations Center received LEED Platinum status from the U.S. Green Building Council.

In addition to his service in Sacramento, Mr. Di Stasio is active in national and international energy issues, serving as a delegate with the United States Energy Association, where he assisted in electrification operations in Bangladesh, Brazil, Botswana, India and Jordan. Mr. Di Stasio has also helped effectively communicate and advance important legislative policy issues by providing expert testimony to Congress in 2009 on protecting the electric grid from cyber attacks, as well as advocating on behalf of consumer-owned utilities on Capitol Hill and at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

My personal and professional respect and admiration for Mr. Di Stasio runs deep, and as his friend, colleague and a fellow Sacramento citizen, I wish him happiness and good health.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking and recognizing John for his many years of service.

THE PASSING OF MRS. MARIELLA UKINA AMA HOLMAN

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a wonderful and beautiful spirit; Mrs. Mariella Ukina Ama Holman was a friend, mother, wife, teacher, activist, and trailblazer.

A woman of the world, Mariella Ukina Ama was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 4, 1922 to Kiushu Amakaya and Ada Adams. Her father, an immigrant from Japan, changed his name to Frank Ama and worked as a cook and caterer, and her mother was a laundress. Mariella and her brothers—Charles, Lloyd, and Bobby—were expected to meet their parents' high standards and were determined to overcome all odds.

As a child of the Great Depression, she worked hard, stood strong, and held her head high as one of the few children of color at the historic Philadelphia High School for Girls. Mariella continued her education in Atlanta, where she graduated from Atlanta University Laboratory High School. She completed her formal education at the renowned Spelman College, where she truly found her voice. At Spelman, Mariella bloomed into a woman of culture and class—studying and excelling in French and the humanities—gradually becoming more socially and politically conscious and active.

While working at Hampton Institute, now Hampton University, she met her husband-to-be, M. Carl Holman. In 1945, Mariella and Carl married and returned to Atlanta to begin a family; they were proud to raise their children—Kerry, Karen, and Kent—in the heart of the Civil Rights Movement. Her husband, a professor at Clark College in Atlanta, helped co-found the Atlanta Committee for Cooperative Action (ACCA) and became the editor-in-chief of *The Atlanta Inquirer*, which developed into a leading, weekly journal and voice for equality and justice in our nation. In the 1960s when Carl joined the staff of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, the family moved to Washington, D.C., where he eventually served as the president of the National Urban Coalition.

Throughout their marriage, Mrs. Holman was the backbone of their beautiful family and home, while maintaining her own career as a skilled educator and an activist in her own right. She taught French at Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta, and continued to teach in Washington, D.C. at Hart Junior High School until her retirement in the 1980s. In her classroom, she opened the minds of countless young people to a global language and community beyond the United States; she brought Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean to their front door through her creative and passionate instruction.

For years, Mrs. Holman also provided wise counsel to the architects—the movers-and-shakers—of the Civil Rights Movement. She opened her home to organizers for strategy meetings, and her hospitality, cooking, and warmth fed stomachs and reignited spirits. When her beloved husband passed away in 1988, Mariella continued to be the grounding, central force of her family, friends, and community for 26 years. Last week, on March 17, 2014, Mrs. Mariella Holman passed away surrounded by loving family and friends. Although I know that she lived a long and full life, I was still heartbroken to hear the news.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to her children—Kwasi (Kerry) G. Holman, Kinshasha (Karen) Holman Conwill, and Kwame (Kent) Holman; grandchildren—Monifa, Kevin, Donovan, and Camille; seven great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchild; brother, Lloyd, and his wife, Muriel, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and countless loving family members and friends. They were guided and grounded by this beautiful and strong matriarch, and today each and every one of them is in my thoughts and prayers.

Mella—as she was called by all who knew and loved her—will be truly missed. She touched so many with her warmth, her spirit, her cooking, and her timeless class, and I am proud to have known and loved this great and wonderful lady.

HONORING MS. YRIS TAMARA
PEREZ AGUILERA

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month I rise today to honor Yris Tamara Perez Aguilera, an out-

standing individual and someone who has been an inspiration to the Cuban community.

Ms. Aguilera was born in Cuba, and joined the Pedro Luis Boitel National Civic Resistance Movement in 1999. This organization was formed by families of Cuban political prisoners to fight for their freedom. Ms. Aguilera's brother, Mario Perez Aguilera, was a political prisoner at that moment.

In 2009, Ms. Aguilera helped found the Rosa Parks Feminine Civic Rights Movement, and is currently the leader of the group. This movement carries out weekly public demonstrations in different provinces of Cuba to pray for the martyrs of the Cuban dictatorship. The movement also performs humanitarian campaigns to help homeless women and children. Through Ms. Aguilera's endless efforts, tenacity, and spirit the movement is able to find these homeless people food and shelter, despite resistance from Cuban authorities.

During the public demonstrations of the group, Ms. Aguilera and other members of the Rosa Parks Movement have been brutally beaten and have suffered from arbitrary detentions and even death threats by the Castro regime. Ms. Aguilera herself has been threatened with sexual assault in Santa Clara by State Security agents. Ms. Aguilera has participated in conferences and meetings around the world in order to denounce human rights abuses on the island, and continues to work tirelessly for the freedom of its citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Yris Tamara Perez Aguilera for her continued efforts against the regime in Cuba, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF NANCY
ROBBINSON

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Nancy Robinson. A native of Orlando, Mrs. Robinson has served on the Orange County School Board representing District 6 since 2008. As a School Board Member, she serves on the Communications and Legislative Committees. She also represents the Central Florida School Boards Coalition on the Congress of Regional Leaders through myregion.org. Mrs. Robinson became a Florida School Board Association (FSBA) Certified Board Member in June 2010, and serves on the FSBA Board of Directors and Legislative Committee.

Mrs. Robinson grew up in the district she represents and attended Orange County Public Schools. She graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations/Speech Communications. She is also a member of the inaugural class of the Orlando Business Force's Central Florida Political Leadership Institute.

Passionate about serving her community, Mrs. Robinson is on the Board of Directors for the Urban Think! Foundation, which supports literacy programs for inner-city Orlando students. She has also served on the Destiny Foundation's Greater Orlando Food Outreach

Advisory Board, the Mayor's Education Action Council, Orange County Public School Foundation's "Count Me In" Steering Committee, and the Edgewater High School Task Force for Renovation. Mrs. Robinson has been involved in the schools that her children have attended for the past 19 years as both a PTA officer and mentor.

Mrs. Robinson's family lives in the College Park area of Orlando. She and her husband, Bill, have three children, one who recently graduated from the University of Georgia, one who attends Auburn University, and an Edgewater High School student.

I am happy to honor Nancy Robinson, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF KATHLEEN "KAT"
BUTLER GORDON

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Kathleen "Kat" Gordon. Mrs. Gordon is a former South Carolina and Orange County, Florida educator. She was elected to the Orange County School Board in November 2000 and became School Board Vice Chair in 2013.

Mrs. Gordon has been a resident of Orange County since 1968. She was a librarian and counselor in Orange County for 25 years. She has also taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Central Florida (UCF) and at Valencia College. In addition to her career in education, Mrs. Gordon worked full-time in the business world for six years as a licensed mortgage broker, life insurance agent, and a registered securities representative.

In 2005, she earned Board Member Certification from the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) and also served on FSBA's Board of Directors. Mrs. Gordon is a former Board Member of the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Black Caucus and is the former Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Gordon has been honored by numerous organizations. In 2006, she received the Junior Achievement's Educator of the Year Award. In addition, she received the Humanitarian Award at the 2006 Annual Scholarships and Volunteers Awards Dinner sponsored by Orange County Mayor Richard T. Crotty and the Board of County Commissioners.

In 2007, Mrs. Gordon was named Teacher of the Year for the New Beginnings Education Center in Osceola County. She also received the Distinguished Dove Award for being selected Osceola County's Vocational Teacher of the Year, the Denn John MS Minority Educator of the Year award, and Osceola County's Ida S. Baker Minority Educator of the Year award. In October 2007, the College of Education at UCF named Mrs. Gordon as one of its "Alumni of the Decades" as part of its 40th anniversary celebration.

In 2008, Mrs. Gordon received an award from the Osceola Classroom Teachers Association for her dedication and service to cultural diversity within Osceola District Schools.

Mrs. Gordon has served on the Governor of Florida State Dropout Task Force. In 2009, President Obama appointed her to be a member of the Selective Service System Local Board in the state of Florida serving Region II. Also in 2009, Mrs. Gordon received the General Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr. Four Star Major Award for community service.

In addition, Mrs. Gordon has been awarded by her church, Saint Mark A.M.E., and by the

Carter Tabernacle CME Church for her civic and social involvement.

Mrs. Gordon received her bachelor's degree in library science from South Carolina State University, and her master's degree in guidance and counseling and certification in administration and supervision from UCF. Mrs. Gordon is currently pursuing her Doctor of Philosophy in Education with a Specialization in Organizational Leadership.

Mrs. Gordon is the widow of the late Reverend James D. Gordon, Jr., and the mother of three Jones High School graduates.

I am happy to honor Kat Gordon, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Commissioner Tiffany Moore Russell. A native of Orlando, Florida and a product of Orange County's public school system, Commissioner Moore Russell is an alumna of Dr. Phillips High School. She received her B.A. in Political Science from the University of South Florida and a J.D. from Florida State University College of Law.

In November of 2006, she made history by becoming the youngest County Commissioner ever elected to serve on the Orange County Commission. In her role as the Commissioner for District 6, she oversees a budget of over \$5 billion and more than 8000 employees. Commissioner Moore Russell is committed to remaining accountable and accessible to each and every constituent, increasing recreational and career opportunities for youth, creating stable and viable neighborhoods, and strengthening Orange County's economy by increasing the availability of jobs and minority business opportunities.

Commissioner Moore Russell has been a community advocate for many years, both as an elected official and a private citizen. Prior to her role as Commissioner, she served on the Orange County Community Action Board, where she was elected Chairman and Vice Chairman. She also accepted volunteer appointments to both the Orange County Board of Zoning and Adjustments and the Orange County Citizens Review Board. She has also served on numerous boards including Orange County's Commission on Aging, Value and Adjustment Board, Youth and Family Services Board, the Downtown Orlando CRA/DDB Board, African American Chamber of Commerce, 2008 Electoral Canvassing Board, International Drive Master Transit and Improvement District, METROPLAN, and the Florida Association of Counties.

Her love for the Central Florida community is evident through her desire to initiate local community programs. Family Hope Day is a program designed to promote community partnerships, neighborhood unity, and a safer, more caring community for the residents of the Washington Park neighborhood. The Annual Summer Safety Event was established to prepare students for a safe, positive, and productive summer vacation. The Pine Hills Clean Sweep is organized to remove debris and trash from the streets in an effort to make the Pine Hills neighborhood a better place to live. The Commissioner's W/MBE Townhall Meetings are citizen driven forums that allow local business owners to discuss topics related to doing business in Orange County. In addition,

Commissioner Moore Russell initiated the E-Zone Workshop, "School Days Are Here Again" Back to School Rally, "Holiday Senior Brunch," and "Holiday Extravaganza" programs.

Commissioner Moore Russell is a member of the local chapter of the NAACP, the Florida Bar, the Orange County Bar Association, the Virgil Hawkins Chapter of the National Bar Association, the Paul C. Perkins Bar Association, the Central Florida Women's Lawyer Association, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Life Center Church of Eatonville, Florida. In addition to serving on the commission she is an Associate Counsel with the Law Offices of John DiMasi. Commissioner Russell is married to Anthony K. Russell, Jr. and they are the proud parents of Anthony K. Russell, III.

I am happy to honor Commissioner Tiffany Moore Russell, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF NANCY CAROLA PLATTE JACOBSON

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Nancy Carola Platte Jacobson. Nancy was born at the end of World War II. Her father, William Neal Platte, a metallurgical research engineer, worked in the aircraft industry. She is a first-generation German-American, as her mother, Ursula Carola Brunhilt Bruck, was born in Germany. Her German grandparents were present in her life for many years. From them, Nancy acquired a deep appreciation for our democracy and America's place in history.

Growing up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Nancy received an excellent public education. She remains grateful to mentors like her world history teacher, Ronald Hoover, who recognized her capabilities and pushed her to achieve, and Frau Martha Rose, who taught Nancy her mother tongue, German, in high school.

Nancy went on to major in German, with minors in French and English, at the University of Pittsburgh, finishing Magna Cum Laude in 1966. It was her great good fortune and honor to be awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Germany for the year following her graduation. World War II had ended barely 20 years earlier, and the Berlin Wall had been up for only a few years. During her time in Germany, Nancy spent a life-changing week in East Berlin.

Nancy lived and worked in the Washington, D.C. area in 1968, a tumultuous time in American history. After moving to Florida in 1969, she became a certified paralegal and managed a law office. In mid-life, Nancy returned to school and obtained her law degree from the University of Florida in 1984.

Although Nancy acknowledges the fortunate circumstances of her birth, she has often said she was less fortunate to be born female at a time when women's choices were restricted by law and social convention. Nancy believes that we as a country lose when society stereotypes and restricts any segment of our population based on race, gender, ethnicity, orientation, or other labels.

Now retired, Nancy has devoted the past decade of her life to civic activism and citizen lobbying to achieve social and economic justice for all and to restore and strengthen our democracy. Galvanized by the contentious election of 2000, Nancy worked with many others on election integrity and protection

issues in Florida. She later worked to pass the "Fair Districts" amendment to Florida's state constitution in order to reduce the disenfranchisement of Florida's citizens through gerrymandering.

Nancy is also an elected member of the Democratic National Committee, representing Florida since 2008. Nancy has always been grateful to her husband, James R. Lussier, for his support of her civic and political activism. Without his support, Nancy would not have been able to accomplish a fraction of what she has achieved and what she hopes to achieve going forward.

I am happy to honor Nancy Carola Platte Jacobson, during Women's History Month, for her civic activism and efforts toward social and economic justice.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 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 \$17,555,984,029,917.02. We've added \$6,929,106,981,003.94 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.

THE INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO DIRECT THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY TO ACCEPT A STATUE DEPICTING PIERRE L'ENFANT FROM THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PERMANENT DISPLAY OF THE STATUE IN THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, in this month in which Pierre L'Enfant was hired to design the plan for the District for Columbia in 1791, I introduce a bill to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept a statue depicting Pierre L'Enfant from the District of Columbia and to provide for the permanent display of the statue in the United States Capitol.

Pierre L'Enfant was born in France in 1754. He was an engineer and an architect, and he traveled to the United States to serve with the United States in the Revolutionary War. In March 1791, L'Enfant was hired to develop the design for the District of Columbia. L'Enfant's design for the city was so remarkable that it remains and is cherished today in the nation's capital and throughout this country. L'Enfant's design envisioned a federal and residential city with diagonal streets propelling from Congress and the President's home, beautiful boulevards on local streets and neighborhoods, and open spaces for monuments, memorials and historical structures, all of which largely

remain intact, protected as a historical treasure.

In 2006, the residents of the District of Columbia chose L'Enfant as one of the top ten people that have given distinguishable service to the District of Columbia and the selection committee created by the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities chose L'Enfant as the second statute from D.C. to be placed in the United States Capitol. The District's first choice for a statute was Frederick Douglass, and I am pleased that the Douglass statue now sits in Emancipation Hall. Because the United States Capitol does not currently appropriately recognize the contributions of Pierre L'Enfant and because D.C. residents and stakeholders chose L'Enfant as a distinguishable Washingtonian, this bill would require the Joint Committee on the Library to place the Pierre L'Enfant statue in the United States Capitol.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING MS. NORMA WRIGHT

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues Congresswoman ZOE LOFGREN and Congressman SAM FARR to honor the life and contributions of our dear friend, Ms. Norma Wright, who recently passed away after a lifetime of serving her community.

Norma Wright dedicated her life to improving education and was respected by all who knew her. She initially became involved in the education system while raising her three children: Bill, Beth, and Nancy. Her passion for educating the children in her life inspired her to return to college to gain a teaching credential. Upon earning her credential, she served as a special education teacher in Gilroy, CA, and then became a Social Studies teacher. Not long after, her innovative and effective teaching style made her the Community Schools Director for the district.

After she married Mr. Kenneth D. Wright, she became more active in local politics and educational policy. For many years, both Norma and Kenneth were deeply involved in both the California Teachers Association and the National Education Association.

Eventually, Ms. Wright returned to school to obtain her Master's Degree in Public Education. With her degree, she became the Social Studies Coordinator at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. During her tenure, she established the Youth at Risk Program, a program that was recognized and replicated statewide. Soon after, she was asked to become the Assistant Director of the Community Juvenile Justice Program.

A few years later, Ms. Wright met two individuals who shaped the future of her career in education and politics. With Mr. Roy Erickson, she helped establish the Constitutional Rights Foundation's training programs. And with Mr. Chuck Quigley, she launched her career-long work with the Constitutional Rights Foundation, the Center for Civic Justice Education, and the Youth for Justice Network.

In 1990, Ms. Wright left her position as the Social Studies Coordinator at the Santa Clara County Office of Education and became the

Director of Justice Programs at the Center for Civic Education. In this capacity, Norma worked to influence education programs across the country to include civic education and high quality social studies programs. She also traveled internationally to share her ideas about democracy, justice, fairness, and equality. The California Council for the Social Studies honored her with the Roy Erickson Award for her work.

Through her law-related education programs and work with the Constitutional Rights Foundation, Norma helped establish the Youth for Justice Network, a coordinated law-related education program that helped promote professional development through a consortium of the Constitutional Rights Foundation, the Public Education Division of the American Bar Association, Street Law, the Center for Civic Education, and the Constitutional Rights Foundation-Chicago.

Her political activism and work to improve social studies programs in the Bay Area made her an asset to many of California's elected officials, including ourselves, Representatives Don Edwards and Lynn Woolsey, U.S. Senators DIANNE FEINSTEIN and BARBARA BOXER, and former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta. Through her dedication to the promotion of civic education, she also forged relationships with several federal judges and state legislators.

It is in thanks for, and in admiration of, Ms. Norma Wright's commitment to civic education that we offer these words today. We hope her commitment of public service continues to be an inspiration to the young people of generations to come. Thank you Norma, we will miss you.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE
KATHLEEN C. PASSIDOMO

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month I rise today to honor Representative Kathleen Passidomo, an outstanding individual and someone who has been an inspiration in the South Florida community, specifically in Naples.

Representative Passidomo grew up in New Jersey and received her law degree from Stetson University College of Law in 1978. She has been a member of the Florida Bar since 1979, and is a Florida Bar Board Certified Real Estate Lawyer. Rep. Passidomo has had a distinguished career in law, receiving multiple Attorney of the Year Awards and the 2010 Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for providing free legal services to the disadvantaged. She is also a past President of the Board of Directors of the Collier County Bar Association and of the Collier County Women's Bar Association.

Rep. Passidomo has served in the Florida House of Representatives since November 2010, representing District 106. She is currently the Chairman of the Ethics and Elections Subcommittee of the State Affairs Committee, and also serves on the Judiciary Committee as well as the Select Committee on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. She is also a partner in the firm of Kelly,

Passidomo & Alba LLP, and serves as the Vice-Chairman of the Collier County Foreclosure Task Force.

Rep. Passidomo has served in more than 60 leadership and membership roles in professional and community organizations and has been recognized with countless awards for her service within Collier County. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of Hodges University, and is a founding director of the Collier County Senior Resource Center, Inc. Rep. Passidomo has lived in Naples with her family for 34 years and in 2000 she, along with her husband were co-recipients of the Naples Daily News Collier County Citizen of the Year award.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Representative Kathleen Passidomo for her continued service to the Naples community and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

CELEBRATING 140TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE GREATER MORRISTOWN
YMCA

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Greater Morristown YMCA, located in Hanover Township, Morris County, New Jersey, as it celebrates its 140th Anniversary.

The Greater Morristown YMCA was founded by Dr. Frederick Owen and Reverend Thomas Souper on Friday, January 2, 1874. The two founding fathers held their first meeting in the Baptist Church located on The Green of Morristown, lasting until midnight and resulting in the Morristown YMCA.

The original location for the YMCA was a rented second floor walkup. The organization moved in 1881 to provide better facilities. After the purchase of their new building, a night school was created for boys and men. The purpose of this school was to teach reading, spelling, and arithmetic. During this time, the YMCA was only open to males.

In 1883, Mrs. Jacob Sutplen began the Ladies Auxiliary to help raise funds for the facility. The group became an instrumental branch of the organization, both administrative and social, yet women were still not allowed membership. However, this changed around the time of World War I, when the organization decided to open its doors to women part time, offering classes and exclusive time in the gymnasium.

During this period, the gymnasium was described as one of the most complete gymnasiums in the country. Not only was the gym well ventilated and electrically illuminated, but it also offered adjoining bathrooms with hot and cold water for showers. At this time, the building also included classrooms, game rooms, and a bowling alley.

By 1888, the Board of Directors purchased a new lot and building due to the demands of growth. In 1909, the YMCA moved to its third home. Its fourth and current location opened in 1981, located in Cedar Knolls. This facility offers four locker rooms, four racquetball courts, a full gymnasium, an indoor track, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, and much

more. In 2001, with the help of donations, the Morristown YMCA was able to increase the functional space from 37,000 square feet to 48,000 square feet. In 2002, YMCA purchased the property next door, increasing its size to 13 acres.

The Greater Morristown YMCA currently offers more than ninety free fitness classes, child care, an up-to-date fitness center, conference center and library, and much more. The employees and volunteers at The Greater Morristown YMCA continue to focus on growing and improving the Foundation to meet the needs of the community, today, and in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating The Greater Morristown YMCA as it celebrates its 140th Anniversary.

WELCOMING JAMES W. WARHOLA

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome Dr. James Warhola to the Capitol. Dr. Warhola is the Chair of the Political Science Department at the University of Maine, where he has taught for more than three decades.

Dr. Warhola is an accomplished scholar who has written extensively on the relationship between the United States and Russia. Today, Dr. Warhola will share his perspective on our nation's still-evolving relationship with Russia at a briefing hosted by the U.S. Commission on Security & Cooperation in Europe.

As Congress continues to weigh the implications of the unfolding situation in Crimea, Dr. Warhola's lecture will provide critical insight to Members of Congress and their staffs who are monitoring this situation.

As the Ranking Member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, I would like to acknowledge and thank Dr. Warhola for his service in the United States Air Force and the Ohio Air National Guard.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in welcoming James W. Warhola to Washington.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE BATTLE OF HORSESHOE BEND

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Horseshoe Bend National Military Park on the bicentennial of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend.

The Battle of Horseshoe Bend took place during the War of 1812 in what is now known as Daviston, Alabama. On March 27, 1814, General Andrew Jackson led American troops into a day-long battle against a faction of the Creek Indians. Although the battle was trying, General Jackson and his troops defeated the Red Sticks.

March 27, 2014, will mark the bicentennial of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. The area

where the battle took place is now known as Horseshoe Bend National Military Park. From March 27th–29th, a celebration of the bicentennial of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend will be held. This event aims to recreate frontier life in the year 1814 and seeks to emphasize the importance of the battle in United States history. The Alabama Tourism Department named the event one of its Top Ten Events for 2014.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and the community of Daviston, Alabama, in celebrating the bicentennial of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend.

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH RATE

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people who are 65 or older, certain younger people with disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a transplant).

For the past 11 years, the Medicare sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula has impeded stability in the Medicare program for providers and beneficiaries. Congress has to fix the SGR and not continue to do short term fixes every 3 or 6 or 12 months. Physicians should and deserve equitable reimbursement and not a lower reimbursement rate for the services they provide to our seniors. This is one of the leading reasons why physicians are leaving their practice. We should repeal SGR and establish a legislative fix with a minimum five-year period of payment stability for our doctors. This period will allow doctors to develop long-term strategic planning for their practice and time to invest in electronic health information technology and other medical systems to improve access and quality care for their patients.

Now is the time to capitalize on the lower offset now projected for the permanent repeal of the SGR formula otherwise failure to do so may cause problems for many providers to see Medicare patients. Ten thousand new enrollees enter Medicare each day. Access to physicians will suffer for the Medicare population as the gap between payments and practice costs continue to grow.

We needed to pass H.R. 4015 without any poison pill provisions that will attempt to take pot shots to diminish the efficacy of the Affordable Care Act.

HONORING MS. KAMELA PATTON

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month I rise today to honor Dr. Kamela Patton, an outstanding individual and someone who has been an inspiration to the South Florida community.

Dr. Patton received her degree in Elementary Education from Messiah College in 1985. She later received her Master of Science,

Reading and Education from Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, and her Doctorate of Philosophy in Educational Leadership in 2003 from the University of Miami, Florida.

Dr. Patton had a 24 year career with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, one of the largest school districts in the country which serves over 300,000 students, before becoming Superintendent of Collier County Public Schools in 2011. Since becoming Superintendent, Dr. Patton has revised and improved existing programs by instituting new technological tools in order to increase student achievement. As a champion of technology in the classroom, Dr. Patton was one of a select group of educators invited to Washington, D.C. to speak with the Federal Communications Commission chairman to discuss the transition to digital learning.

Dr. Patton was recently named an eSchool Learning 2014 National Tech-Savvy Superintendent Award Winner. She also received the 2013–2014 Sunshine State School Public Relations Association Outstanding Superintendent Communicator Award. She was named by Gulfshore Business as one of the 41 People with the Most Clout in Southwest Florida and a Power Woman by Florida Weekly Magazine.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Dr. Kamela Patton for her continued service to the Collier County Public Schools, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

RECOGNIZING CHUCK LANZA

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of Chuck Lanza, the outgoing Emergency Management Director for Broward County, Florida.

Mr. Lanza is one of the exemplary professionals responsible for safeguarding the lives of the residents of Broward County, and our community will miss him dearly.

The goal of the Broward County Emergency Management Division is to provide effective emergency management by coordination of public and private resources, development of response plans, implementation of emergency operations, and preparation through training and education.

Chuck Lanza has been a fearless leader in ensuring that our South Florida community is always well prepared and his 28-year career reflects the best of what an emergency management professional should be.

He began his career in 1978 with the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department where he rose to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief.

In 1995 Chuck was named Emergency Manager for Miami-Dade County and remained in that position until 2003.

From 2005 to 2007, Chuck served as the Fire Chief for the Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue, a dual service Fire and EMS Department responsible for regional services including Hazardous Materials, Technical Rescue and Air Rescue.

Before taking over as Broward County's Emergency Management Director in 2008,

Chuck spent a year as Fire Chief for the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

I am particularly grateful for the years I had the opportunity to work directly with Chuck as he helped my constituents and South Floridians prepare for each new hurricane season through education, outreach and resources.

Chuck's commitment to his work and his community led him to the top of his profession. I thank him for his efforts to protect and save the lives of countless Floridians, and for a career dedicated to helping people and strengthening our resolve and our response in the face of natural and man-made disasters. I'm sure I speak on behalf of all South Floridians in wishing him well in his future endeavors.

HONORING RABBI DANIEL
MOSCOWITZ

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my condolences to the friends and family of a great spiritual leader and someone I am proud to say was my cherished friend, Rabbi Daniel Moscovitz. Rabbi Moscovitz passed away earlier this month, and his absence leaves an enormous hole to fill in our community.

Rabbi Moscovitz was born on the north side of Chicago and settled in Northbrook to raise his family. The impact that the Rabbi had on our local community is enormous, and the ripples of his influence will continue to be felt for years to come. He founded what is known today as the Tannenbaum Chabad House, which serves Jewish students attending Northwestern University in my home town of Evanston, Illinois. While he served as the Regional Director for Chabad-Lubavitch for the state of Illinois, the organization saw enormous growth—today, it encompasses dozens of centers in over twenty cities all over the state. Rabbi Moscovitz's efforts have meaningfully improved the state of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement in Illinois, in the United States, and around the globe. I am sure that his tremendous leadership will inspire others to continue working to further his vision.

Rabbi Moscovitz distinguished himself time and time again. He served as head of the Chicago Rabbinical Council, and he was an important part of Chabad-Lubavitch's educational division. Rabbi Moscovitz accomplished a great deal in his 59 years, always with a contagious spirit of job, enthusiasm and optimism. In the end, he was taken from us much too soon—I know that he had so much more planned. Rabbi Moscovitz leaves behind a loving wife and nine children, in addition to his parents and siblings.

On behalf of myself and a grateful nation, I want to thank him for all that he's done for the Jewish Community in Illinois and elsewhere. We will miss you, Rabbi.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLENE DILL
CAMPBELL

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce the passing of one of my constituents—Charlene Dill Campbell. She was a remarkable person who, sadly, leaves behind three beautiful children. Her passing is a tragedy that could have been avoided, and is one I wish I did not have to announce today.

Another one of my constituents, Kathleen Voss Woolrich, Charlene's best friend, wrote down some thoughts about Charlene. I'd like to submit them.

Born in Pennsylvania to a warm family, Charlene moved to Florida when she was 18 years old. She worked at fast food joints and Disney, cleaned houses and babysat, but through the years found herself as a single mother with 3 kids. She had heart issues that needed to be managed. Her teeth needed to be fixed and constantly had infections, but Charlene never complained. She made \$11,000 dollars last year—babysitting other peoples' children and cleaning other peoples' houses. She proudly paid her property taxes in February and took care of her little trailer, which she owned and took all three kids to school.

But, Charlene had no health insurance. Charlene was unable to get Obamacare, because she made too little to get the subsidies to purchase health insurance. She had no dental insurance. Her teeth hurt her at night and had so many cavities, but could not find a way to get the decay in her teeth fixed. She was denied Medicaid and when she went to get Obamacare she was told she could not get subsidies.

So she went to the emergency room 2012. She had heart issues and was told to get on medicine and be monitored. But, had no health insurance to do so. 2012 Obama won and we all were so sure. . . NOW Charlene would have health insurance. But the Republican Party of Florida and Rick Scott turned down Medicaid expansion. In December Charlene went to the emergency room with abscesses in her legs. Her teeth hurt her constantly. Charlene never complained. She took her two older kids to school each day and reported for work at her various jobs. Recently she began selling vacuum cleaners in addition to the babysitting and house cleaning. She took antibiotics. She got her healthcare at Florida hospital emergency rooms.

On March 21st, she was supposed to come see me—on my first day off in a while. She was excited about seeing my daughter who she had raised since she was 3. The kids were all going to play together. She had only 2 short appointments in Osceola County, to show the vacuum to customers. At about 4 pm, that afternoon, I got a message from her niece that she had died at the customer's house. They rushed her to Poinciana Medical Center and worked on her. They could not bring my best friend back. She died. She was 32.

You see, the main argument Republicans use is that it's some lazy person who needs Medicaid expansion. That, those of us living without healthcare or dental care are lazy. But my friend, a single beautiful mother, worked 3 jobs. She paid taxes. She paid her house taxes. And now she's dead.

Please think of Charlene when you decide who you are going to vote for in August and December. Please vote for people who want

people like Charlene and me to have healthcare—to have a fighting chance.

I am burying my best friend soon, because of Rick Scott and Will Weatherford. I am burying my best friend, because of the policies of the Republican Party. I am burying my best friend, because had Medicaid expansion passed her needs would have been met. She is one of the 7 people who will die each day, because the Florida House of Representatives, Republicans, and Tea Party decided that we are not worth living. We are not worth healthcare. We were not worth Medicaid expansion.

Please vote for Charlene.

I'll never have her back. I'll never see my friend again. I'll never have another day with her.

IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor and recognize the month of March as Women's History Month. The contributions of women to our history and society are too often ignored in favor of narratives that honor men alone. We must highlight the work and accomplishments of our women pioneers such that the next generation aspires to emulate them.

One such instance is the efforts of Lily Ledbetter and her fight against pay discrimination that culminated in President Barack Obama signing the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 into law on January 29, 2009. The law changed the 180-day statute of limitations for filing a pay discrimination lawsuit to reset with each new paycheck in which pay discrimination is alleged. The bill was ultimately passed after the Supreme Court sided with Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in Lily Ledbetter's pay discrimination suit against them. The act modified the law to clarify that pay discrimination occurs each time someone is subjected to pay discrimination, not just when the initial discriminatory decision is made. Lily Ledbetter's historic fight against pay discrimination ensured workers' would have a better chance to prove pay discrimination based on race, national origin, gender, religion, age, or disability.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, as we honor and recognize the month of March as Women's History Month, let us recognize the progress women have made and their myriad accomplishments. We must also rededicate ourselves to preserving and expanding this progress, as well as honoring our past and present female pioneers.

HONORING MS. CARRIE KERSKIE

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month I rise today to honor Ms. Carrie Kerskie, an outstanding individual and someone who has continuously supported the South Florida community.

Ms. Kerskie is currently President of Marcone Investigations, Inc. and is a highly

sought-after speaker, trainer and consultant specializing in identity theft protection, detection and restoration. Prior to her work with Marcone Investigations she worked for some of the top investment and insurance companies in the country. She is also an accomplished author, penning *Your Public Identity; Because Nothing is Private Anymore*.

On top of all this, Ms. Kerskie is the founder of the Association of Certified Identity Theft Investigators, and created the Certified Identity Theft Investigator Program. She developed this program after her years of experience working with identity theft victims had given her ample knowledge to develop procedures that greatly reduce the restoration process of these victims, saving them time and money.

Ms. Kerskie's expertise in the identity theft field has made her a featured guest on NBC News, ABC News, and Fox News. She has also written articles, and been highlighted, in *Gulfshore Business*, *Southwest Florida Business Today*, *PI Magazine*, and *Adverse Witness*. Her tireless efforts have also garnered her recognition, being given the 2010 American Business Women's Associations Neapolitan Chapter "Woman of the Year" award, the Harvey R. Morse Founder's Award given for outstanding service to the Florida Association of Private Investigators and the private investigation industry, and in 2009 was selected as one of *Gulfshore Business'* "Top 40 Under 40".

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Carrie Kerskie for her continued service to South Florida and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

PASSAGE OF H.R. 4278

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that I inadvertently voted "no" on H.R. 4278, the Ukraine Support Act. As such, my intention was to vote "yes." My "no" vote was made in error.

The United States has always stood for democracy, the rule of law and freedom. Passing actions such as H.R. 4278 sends a clear message to the rest of the world that we will not sit idly by and let Russian aggression go unchecked.

I support Ukraine's sovereignty during this turbulent time and sanction those who have sought to undermine its independence and stability. I support H.R. 4278.

HONORING ROBERT C. PENNY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert C. Penny upon his retirement as the Veterans Service Officer for Lake County, California, after nearly twenty years working in the Lake County Veterans Service Office. I thank Mr. Penny for his years of dedicated service to Lake County's veterans as well as their dependents and sur-

vivors. His commitment to advocating on behalf of our nation's veterans is both admirable and deserving of recognition.

A veteran himself, Mr. Penny served in the U.S. Navy between July, 1966, and January, 1969, before being disability retired due to injuries he sustained in combat while serving on a River Patrol Boat in Vietnam. For his service, Mr. Penny was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Two Bronze Stars, the Presidential Unit Commendation Ribbon, the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Medal Color with Palm), the Combat Action Ribbon as well as a Purple Heart.

Mr. Penny's career with the Lake County Veterans Service Office began in September of 1994, when he was brought in as an office assistant. While working in the office, Mr. Penny pursued a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Dominican University, which he received in 1997. It was then that Mr. Penny began to work full time in the Lake County Veterans Service Office, first as a Veterans Service Representative, and later as a Veterans Service Representative II, Assistant California Veterans Service Officer for Lake County and finally, as the Veterans Service Officer. His colleagues remember him as being not only extremely efficient, professional, and hard-working, but also as being unfailingly friendly and cheerful.

Outside of his official duties, Mr. Penny never ceased to serve the veteran community. He is the co-host of a bi-monthly radio show that aims to inform veterans about the benefits they are eligible to receive and to discuss veterans' issues. Mr. Penny also serves as the elected Commander for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2015 and the Educational Committee Chair for the California Association of County Veterans Service Officers. A tireless public servant, Robert Penny has volunteered extensively with his community's youth, through both the Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Mr. Penny for his invaluable service to Lake County's veterans, their dependents, and survivors. Robert Penny's unyielding dedication to advocating on behalf of our veterans is greatly appreciated by the entire Lake County community and we wish him a most enjoyable retirement.

TRIBUTE TO CELES KING IV

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Celes King IV, who passed away in San Diego.

Celes King was an independent and steadfast man of great fortitude. He was the first son of the prolific Civil Rights leader and successful bail bondsman Celes King III, from whom he drew much inspiration. However, rather than merely live in the shadow of his father, his entrepreneurial spirit drove him around the country to start and operate businesses.

Upon his parents' passing, Celes returned to Los Angeles and passionately carried on his father's great work. Despite losing a leg to diabetes, Celes drove his car to Sacramento

every week during the state capitol's legislative sessions to advocate for the advancement for his hometown. His leadership abilities then led him to become the President and CEO of the King Central Development Foundation, and the Phoenix Alliance.

In 2003 he was appointed to Congress of Racial Equality of California, the organization his father started nearly forty years ago. Celes served there until his passing. It was an honor to have a significant Civil Rights leader like Celes King IV living in the City of Angels. His legacy lives on and continues to inspire.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all members of the house, join me in a moment of silence to commemorate the life of Celes King IV.

HONORING MS. MARIA CORINA MACHADO

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month I rise today to honor Maria Corina Machado, an outstanding individual and someone who has been an inspiration to the global community, and Venezuelans everywhere.

Ms. Machado was born on October 7th, 1967 in Caracas. She earned a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Universidad Catolica Andres Bello, where she graduated first in her class. She obtained her post-graduate degree in Finance from the Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administracion. In 2009 she was invited to attend the Yale World Fellows public policy and leadership program in Connecticut. She was a professor of Human Resources Management at the Industrial Engineering Department of her alma mater and in 2005 received the Meritorious Achievement Award from the Ballenger Foundation.

Ms. Machado is currently a member of the National Assembly of Venezuela for the state of Miranda. She leads the Independent Parliamentary Faction and sits on the Interior Policy Committee. During her tenure as a Member of Parliament, she has been a firm critic of the Hugo Chavez-Nicolas Maduro regime and is a founding member of the opposition political movement, VENTE. She also co-founded SUMATE, Venezuela's leading watchdog for electoral transparency and civil rights. For her role in guiding SUMATE, she has been accused by the Chavez-Maduro government of conspiracy and treason, and was forbidden from leaving the country without judicial authorization for several years. In addition, Ms. Machado ran as an independent candidate in the 2012 Presidential Primaries and was subsequently named Chairwoman of National Movements for the campaign.

Most recently, Ms. Machado spoke at the Organization of American States detailing a firsthand account of the Venezuelan unrest. For this action she lost her seat in the legislature and is no longer immune from prosecution for her alleged role fomenting violence in anti-government protests.

Outside of her professional career, Ms. Machado was the co-founder of Funacion Atenea, a center for the care and rehabilitation of orphaned and at-risk youths. It was the first non-profit organization in Venezuela to employ

a model of public infrastructure and private sector management and financing. She also founded and directed Fundacion Oportunitas, a private organization that provides financing, technical and operational support to social development programs aimed at children in poverty. She has also sat on board of Siderurgica de Venezuela S.A., and is currently a member of the Venezuelan Chapter of the International Women's Forum.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Maria Corina Machado for her continued service to Venezuela. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual, and to continue to monitor the ongoing situation in Venezuela, and the tireless efforts of Ms. Machado.

31ST ANNUAL NATIONAL EYE DONOR MONTH—MARCH 2014

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor March 2014 as the 31st annual National Eye Donor Month, a month dedicated to recognizing the need for eye donations as well as honoring eye donors, corneal recipients and their families.

Corneal diseases hamper an individual's ability to see properly. Over time, eye diseases lead to vision impairment or, in the most severe of cases, total blindness. Unfortunately, due to higher medical expenses and lost hours of workforce productivity, eye disorders rank as the fifth costliest type of diseases in the United States.

Thankfully, since 1961 corneal transplants conducted by the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) have allowed over one million people to regain their vision—a success rate of more than 95%! In 2012 alone, 46,684 corneal transplants were performed.

Of the 97 EBAA eye banks, two—the Illinois Eye Bank—Chicago and Illinois Eye Bank—Watson-Gailey in Bloomington—are located in my home state. Because of their hard work, 2,632 corneal donations were made in Illinois in 2012.

One such individual I was made aware of is Caleb. When Caleb was 5 he was injured in an accident that caused him to lose sight out of his right eye. After working with an ophthalmologist, Caleb was able to undergo a corneal transplant that removed the traumatic cataract and restored sight to Caleb's right eye. According to Caleb's mom, "each new experience he encounters is special because someone had the courage to donate."

I encourage all Americans to register to become eye donors. Everyone is a universal corneal donor—regardless of age or blood type. Once registered as a corneal donor, one should notify their family of their wishes.

I also urge my colleagues to work with their local eye banks in order to promote the importance of eye donation.

During National Eye Donor Month all Americans should remember the sacrifices made by corneal donors and their families while also celebrating the gifts their sacrifices made to

thousands. Additionally, we should celebrate the work of the EBAA and its member banks as they continue to restore the sight of thousands more throughout the U.S.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. GAYLE GLENN

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Gayle Glenn for her outstanding service as the 2013–2014 president of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO). She completes her term as president of AAO in May of this year.

Born, raised, and educated in Texas, Dr. Glenn earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery at The Dental School at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and her Master of Science in Dentistry at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas. She began practicing orthodontics in Dallas in 1984 and, today, treats patients at her Dallas practice she shares with two fellow Baylor College alumni who are pediatric dentists. Dr. Glenn's practice focus is pediatric orthodontics. Her effective communication, kindness, and ability to put nervous patients at ease are some of what has contributed to her success treating children and adolescents.

Dr. Glenn has dedicated countless hours to enhancing orthodontics in Dallas, throughout Texas, and across the country over the course of her nearly 30-year career. She has promoted membership in organized dentistry and orthodontics and has helped to transform orthodontics from the perspective of women.

She was recently elected the 2013–2014 president of the AAO, the oldest and largest dental specialty organization in the world. Dr. Glenn is the first female to hold the position of AAO president in the organization's 113-year history.

Dr. Glenn is also a member and past president of the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists and the Texas Association of Orthodontists, and is a member of the American Dental Association, the Greater Dallas Association of Orthodontists, the Texas Orthodontic Study Club, the Texas Dental Association, the Dallas County Dental Society, and the American Association of Women Dentists.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in commending Dr. Glenn for her service to her patients, her state, to the orthodontic, dental, and medical communities, and, specifically for her service as the first woman president of the AAO.

HONORING UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES ON ITS 120TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor UL on their anniversary of "making

the world safer for 120 years." Based in Northbrook, Illinois, in the heart of the district I represent, and with more than 10,000 employees in 40 different countries, UL certifies, validates, tests, inspects, audits, advises and educates. Billions of products bear the universally recognized UL mark.

From humble beginnings in 1894, fire-testing non-combustible insulation materials, UL has grown to encompass seven distinct businesses that industries and governments around the world rely upon to enhance product safety and provide safer work places.

UL's has stayed true to its founding principle to "promote safe living and working environments" while achieving consistent growth through innovation and dedication to excellence. In 2013, UL evaluated over 20,000 types of products, produced by 70,000 manufacturers. UL supports approximately 1,500 published safety standards, and UL safety messages reach almost 700 million worldwide.

Through innovative testing, training, research, design, study and outreach, UL strives to make our world a little safer and give workers and families greater peace of mind.

UL works with stakeholders across an impressive breadth of industries, demonstrating the true extent of its reach in promoting and enhancing safety. I am proud that UL calls the Tenth District home and hope they continue to set the global standards for safety for another 120 years.

HONORING THE INCLUSION OF THE WORD "YOOPER" IN THE MERRIAM-WEBSTER DICTIONARY

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steve Parks and proud "yoopers" everywhere. Mr. Parks' tireless efforts in Michigan's First Congressional District recently culminated in the addition of the word "yooper" to the Merriam-Webster dictionary. A "yooper" is a nickname for a native or resident of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Mr. Parks started the campaign to have the word added to the dictionary back in 2002, and his 12 years of writing to the editors finally paid off this week.

Being from the U.P., or Upper Peninsula, I am proud to share in the history that is "yooper." The U.P. has a rich history of mining and logging. It accounts for 29% of the landmass in the state of Michigan and is the only part of Michigan's First Congressional District that has coastline on three of the five Great Lakes. The beauty that is the U.P. can be found in the large number of state and national parks that make up the area, which is why many Michiganders have made it a vacation destination.

I want to thank Mr. Parks for his persistent efforts and local Upper Peninsula pride and congratulate him on having the word "yooper" officially added to the dictionary.

CONGRATULATING DR. FAY LOMAX COOK ON HER APPOINTMENT TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE DIRECTORATE FOR SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL & ECONOMIC SCIENCES

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Fay Lomax Cook on being selected by the National Science Foundation to serve as the assistant director for the Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences. Dr. Cook will make an excellent addition to the National Science Foundation where she will help to promote the understanding of people and their lives by supporting research that reveals basic facets of human behavior and helps provide answers to important societal questions and problems.

Dr. Cook is a professor at Northwestern University, where she is a faculty fellow of the Institute for Policy Research and a professor of human development and social policy in the School of Education and Social Policy. From 1996 to 2012, she acted as the director of the Institute for Policy Research, one of America's leading centers of nonpartisan, interdisciplinary, policy-relevant research. Her research focuses on the interrelationships between public opinion and public policy, the politics of public policy, how Americans come together to discuss policy issues, and the dynamics of public support for Social Security and other social programs.

During her time at Northwestern University, Dr. Cook has published many scholarly articles in addition to authoring and co-authoring five books. While actively producing her original contributions to her field she has been the president of the Gerontological Society of America, a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, and a visiting scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the tremendous accomplishments of Dr. Fay Lomax Cook and to congratulate her on being selected to serve as the assistant director for NSF's Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences.

HONORING THE REV. CHARLES A. LETT, JR.

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy

of the Rev. Charles A. Lett, Jr., an Alabama native and exemplary public servant who passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2014. While we mourn the loss of this passionate man of faith, we are comforted in knowing that his lasting contributions to the state of Alabama and this nation will resonate for generations to come.

Those in my home state will remember Rev. Lett for his role as a timeless pillar in the Selma, Alabama community. As one of our most visible figures, this man of God was a constant source of wisdom and guidance to those he served. Throughout the duration of his extraordinary life, he was forever guided by his faith and his call to ministry.

Rev. Lett was born on September 25, 1914 in Florida to Charles A. Lett Sr. and Mrs. Elizabeth Lett. He was the couple's eighth child and was affectionately known as "Little Charlie." He answered his call into ministry at an early age and went on to attend Selma University where he later earned a Doctorate of Divinity as he continued to grow in his faith and the word of God. He also obtained a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Divinity and a Doctor of Law at Selma University.

Rev. Lett was also a dynamic educator. He earned his teaching certificate from the Alabama State Teachers College before launching a successful career with Baldwin County schools that would span ten years. During that time, he also served as principal of Douglasville High School in Bay Minette, Alabama. He later taught at his beloved Alma Mater, Selma University and was eventually named chairman of the school's board of trustees. He was also a past member and president of the Selma City School Board.

Rev. Lett never relinquished his passion for ministry. Over the course of his influential lifetime, Rev. Lett served as pastor to churches in Baldwin, Monroe and Escambia counties before his journey led him to Green Street Baptist Church in Selma. At the time of his death, he was Pastor Emeritus of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Selma where he spent many years growing and nurturing his congregation and his lifelong ministry. His commitment to faith and service allowed him to ascend to various leadership positions. He served as president of the Southwest District State Convention for more than 48 years and was past executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Beyond the walls of the church, Rev. Lett contributed greatly to his community through his work as chaplain of the Selma City Council, president of the Selma Interracial Alliance, and a lifetime member of the local chapter of the NAACP. Rev. Lett was also a member of the board of directors and vice president of Citizens Federal Bank in Birmingham, Alabama.

As we honor this American hero we are reminded of the indelible mark he has left on this nation. We pay homage to his legacy by

saluting his notable contributions. This trailblazer taught us that leadership through faith and service can leave a lasting impact. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and legacy of the Rev. Charles A. Lett, Jr.

A TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH GARO—
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Elizabeth Garo of Echo Park.

For more than two decades, Elizabeth Garo has worked both inside and outside of the music industry. Her love, curiosity and interest in music have been a focus throughout her career, where she has held positions as a band manager and tour manager. Since 2002, she has been a Senior Talent Buyer for the venues Echo and Echoplex in Echo Park and Spaceland Presents. Ms. Garo also curates the music programming for the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County's First Fridays series, the Getty Center's Saturdays Off the 405 Series and is part of the booking team for the Santa Monica Pier's Twilight Concerts series.

In 2008, Elizabeth and her business partner opened Stories Books and Café in Echo Park, where they sell new, used and rare books. Since then, it has become a central gathering spot for the Echo Park community. In addition to literature and fiction, they have strong sections in music, poetry, non-fiction and astrology. They also hold launch parties for small literary publications, storytelling events every month, and showcase art by local artists.

In 2011, Elizabeth and others started the neighborhood festival, Echo Park Rising. Echo Park Rising is launching its fourth year with a strong sense of celebrating the Echo Park neighborhood, its people, music, art and small businesses. Ms. Garo is a member of the Echo Park Chamber of Commerce, and also serves on the Board for Dublab, which is a non-profit web radio collective, devoted to the growth of positive music, culture and arts.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Elizabeth Garo.