

family not only serve the church and its members, but also work hard to serve the surrounding community through an active and expansive outreach ministry.

The story of Bethel Baptist Church, which began as a small group of people worshipping in a brush arbor 150 years ago and has grown into an expansive and successful church, is truly an inspiring one of the dedication and perseverance of a faithful congregation of people who put all their love and trust in the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the membership of Bethel Baptist Church in Vienna, Georgia for their long history of coming together through the good and difficult times to praise and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and for serving the community through Him.

COMMEMORATING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONTINENTAL TAVERN

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 9, 2014*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today we commemorate the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the Continental Tavern, Yardley Borough, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Restoring the tavern to its historic state has been a passion shared by the Lyons family. Frank Lyons' enthusiasm for America history has lead him, for more than a decade, to spend his Christmas mornings volunteering in the annual reenactment of General George Washington's Christmas Day Crossing of 1776. Families and history buffs gather at the spot Durham boats left quietly taking soldiers across the Delaware River and on to fight heroically in the battles of Trenton and Princeton. Frank Lyons has said, "Reenacting is a progressive disease, the more you do it, the more you want to do it, the more you want to learn, the more things you want to do."

Frank was compelled to do more things which included restoring an old tavern on Main Street, Yardley Borough, known by locals as "The Continental." Joined by his wife Patty and daughter Kelly Lyons Vliet, they lovingly restored the 19th century tavern and created a gathering place for our community.

Once just an outbuilding on the estate of Thomas Yardley, over the centuries, the Continental Tavern has been a restaurant, tavern, home, hotel, library, speakeasy and perhaps even a destination point for runaway slaves traveling on the Underground Railroad. Speculation about unsolved mysteries, ghosts and infamous hotel guest John Wilkes Booth continue to fuel local legend and add to the character of The Continental.

Renovations have unearthed 5,000 empty whiskey bottles from the Prohibition era, children's toys, coins, old light bulbs, scraps of newspaper from the early 20th Century and even a bloody corset riddled with bullet holes. Many of these items are currently displayed throughout The Continental and will be part of the tavern's third floor museum.

Today, I would like to thank the Lyons family for their hard work, commitment to history and our community and congratulate them on the 150th Anniversary of the historic Continental Tavern.

CONDEMNING THE KIDNAPPING OF NIGERIAN SCHOOLGIRLS BY BOKO HARAM

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 9, 2014*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my outrage over the brutal assaults on human dignity and freedom committed by the Boko Haram, a militant group that has no respect for the rights of women and girls.

Since 2013, more than 4,400 men, women, and children have been slaughtered by Boko Haram.

The victims include Christians, Muslims, journalists, health care providers, relief workers. And schoolchildren.

I rise today to urge our government, the United States of America, to assist the Government of Nigeria, working through the African Union, to rescue the more than 200 schoolgirls who were kidnapped from the Chibok School for Girls in Borno State on April 15, and the 11 schoolgirls kidnapped last night in the Warabe community of Borno, and reunited with their families and loved ones.

Boko Haram's reign of terror must be brought to an end.

I call upon the international community to work in concert to detect, disrupt, and dismantle Boko Haram's funding sources derived from other Islamist groups, including Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) and to al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), the Al Muntada Trust Fund, and the Islamic World Society.

I commend President Obama on his decision to deploy American security experts and equipment in Nigeria to help locate and rescue the abducted schoolgirls and we applaud Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan for accepting that assistance.

The leader of Boko Haram has threatened to ransom or sell the abducted schoolgirls into the human trafficking market for about twelve dollars each (\$12.00 USD).

I say to him: "Don't you dare."

Boko Haram's outrageous conduct will be tolerated or overlooked for not only is it a violation of the girls' human rights, it is also contrary to United States policy which supports and promotes equal access to education and economic opportunity for women and girls.

As the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

So we will not stand idly by.

But we do stand in solidarity with the good people of Nigeria and especially those beautiful and courageous schoolgirls who wanted nothing more than to get an education to make life better for themselves and their beloved country.

We will not forget or forsake you.

This is what I think we should do.

Since we know that terrorist groups cannot operate effectively without reliable and steady funding to support their criminal acts, the United States should work with the international community to detect, disrupt, and dismantle the funding networks financing Boko Haram, which published reports indicate has received as much as \$70 million from other Islamist groups, including Al-Qaeda in the Is-

lamic Maghreb (AQIM) and Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), the Al Muntada Trust Fund, and the Islamic World Society.

Additionally, the United States should work with the Government of Nigeria to develop its own capacity to deploy specialized police and army units rapidly to prevent and combat sectarian violence in cities and around the country where there has been a history of sectarian violence.

The creation and deployment of an elite highly-trained rapid response unit was used to successful effect by the Indonesia Government in 2004 to neutralize the Laskar Jihad terrorist organization.

The United States should also take appropriate action to help the Government of Nigeria establish a Victim's Fund to provide humanitarian relief and economic assistance to the victims of attacks by Boko Haram so that they can rebuild their lives and communities.

"People are the great issue of the 20th century," declared, then-Senator Hubert Humphrey in 1948.

Mr. Speaker, the well-being of people remains the great issue of the 21st century.

And there is no better measure of any society than the way it treats its women and girls.

Boko Haram understands that when Nigerian girls are educated, Nigerian women can succeed; and when Nigerian women succeed, Nigeria succeeds.

And that is why it is so important that the United States help Nigeria ensure that Boko Haram fails.

HONORING GWEN MOFFEIT'S DEDICATED SERVICE TO HENDERSON COUNTY

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 9, 2014*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, Gwen Moffeit has served Henderson County for over thirty-five years—twenty-four of them as County Clerk. She was elected to the position in 1990 as the first Republican candidate to win a county-wide election. During her tenure, she converted the process of recording documents from the traditional hardback books to the new technology of digital imaging. Gwen has had the pleasure of working with many elected officials during her tenure, including five County Judges: Winston Reagan, Tommy Smith, Aubrey Jones, David Holstein, and Richard Sanders.

Gwen has been very active in the community and has recently served on the I.T. committee, the Henderson County Elections Committee, the Bail Bond Board, as well as many other county committees throughout the years. She has also been a member of the Athens Kiwanis for over twenty years—serving as secretary for almost ten of those years. She is a member of Lone Star Republican women, Henderson County Republican Women's Club and the Cedar Creek Republican Club.

Ms. Moffeit has been married to her high school sweetheart 43 years. They have two daughters: Misty Wilmeth and Amy Cooper, with four grandchildren: grandson Bailey and granddaughters, Allie, Bradie, and Gracelyn. Ms. Moffeit and her husband are longtime members of Leagueville Baptist Church.