

to be a sincere man who stands against corruption and for inclusive growth and development. Shri Modi is a man of vision and he, together with each and every citizen of India, will create something special—an India that will assume its destined role.

Without a doubt, Prime Minister Modi will usher in India's new era. He will make the 21st century India's century. This is his destiny. And so, once more, I congratulate Shri Narendra Modi on his path-breaking campaign, and I praise BJP Party President Rajnath Singh for working shoulder-to-shoulder with Shri Modi to ensure that the spirit of democracy has triumphed. I also commend Mr. Sanjay Puri, Founder and President of USINPAC, for championing the cause and work of Shri Narendra Modi early on in the U.S. Congress when India's next Prime Minister was Chief Minister of Gujarat.

Above all, I praise Prime Minister Modi's parents who gave rise to him, especially his mother whose blessings he sought. From his beginnings as a son of a tea seller to a landslide and ground-breaking victor, I wish Shri Modi godspeed on his poetic journey forward as India's next Prime Minister.

HONORING THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF
ROLLA, MISSOURI

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Optimist Club of Rolla, Missouri. The Optimist Club was founded in April of 1964, and recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The Optimist Club is a non-profit service club that is dedicated to providing free programs to the youth of Rolla community. The Optimist Club's tagline is simply, "Friend of Youth" and they certainly have been fulfilling this tagline. Through their youth sports and academic programs, and scholarship funds the Optimist Club continues to impact the lives of thousands of children every year.

Over the past fifty years, the Optimist Club has undoubtedly made Rolla a better place for families I would like to thank the Club's volunteers for all of their hard work and dedication to our children by believing in them and empowering them to pursue their interests. It is my pleasure to recognize their efforts and achievements before the House of Representatives and I look forward to another fifty years of success.

HONORING PUBLIC SERVICE
RECOGNITION WEEK

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, our Nation has many citizens that work to make America a worthy instrument for good; and

Whereas, Public servants on the federal, state, county and local municipalities level,

keeps America moving; each individual being charged to bring community service, honor and excellence in government, education, health, public safety and military service; and

Whereas, these Public servants are promoting and providing the concept of One Community-One Goal by working with and for individuals in all walks of life to make our Nation a place where the needs of the people are met; and

Whereas, these Public servants give of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to serve our community and our nation by providing leadership and service; and

Whereas, the lives of many in our district are touched by the leadership and service given by these unsung heroes; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the millions of public employees for their outstanding service to America; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim the week of May 4 through May 10, 2014 as Public Service Recognition Week in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of May, 2014

ARKANSAS'S THIRD DISTRICT
TAKES LEAD ROLE IN GREAT
OUTDOORS MONTH 2014

HON. STEVE WOMACK

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, every year in June, America celebrates outdoor recreation during National Great Outdoors Month. Arkansas has proclaimed June to be Great Outdoors Month every year since 2008. This year is no exception, and I am pleased that the Third District played a leading role in the celebrations by hosting the 2014 kickoff campout at Pea Ridge National Military Park on the 16th and 17th of May.

Arkansas, known as the Natural State, is the perfect place to have kicked-off National Great Outdoors Month; we boast more than three million acres of federal lands—and many more of state and local lands—open for public enjoyment. This network of state parks and federal lands is great for swimming and fishing, hiking and biking, climbing and hunting, paddling and boating, and more.

As summer draws near, so do the sounds of outdoor recreation. As the weather grows warmer and the days grow longer, more than 730,000 citizens of northwest and north central Arkansas will take to our fields and forests, skies and waterways to enjoy clean, healthy outdoor fun. It began at the Pea Ridge National Military Park campout—which engaged our youngest generation in the preservation of our outdoors for the enjoyment and recreation of our citizens—and will end with the entire national following in the footsteps of Arkansas's Third District and supporting America's Great Outdoors.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 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 \$17,471,572,575,280.71. We've added \$6,844,695,526,367.70 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO METRO WASTE
AUTHORITY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Metro Waste Authority of Des Moines, Iowa for being named a 2014 Recycling Awards winner by the American Forest and Paper Association.

The coveted Recycling Awards from the American Forest and Paper Association recognize new and innovative programs that increase the amount of paper recovered for recycling across America. In April of 2014, Metro Waste Authority was announced as the community winner in the partnership category.

For decades, Metro Waste Authority has been the primary source of recycling education in the Des Moines Metro Area. Their curbside recycling program "Curb It!" was first unveiled to 20 communities in Polk County in 1994 and now services nearly 145,000 households. Since then, Metro Waste Authority has come to manage seven recycling and drop-off sites in the area and have developed a community outreach campaign to significantly increase the amount of mixed paper recovered for recycling.

Mr. Speaker, the great work done every day by the men and women of the Metro Waste Authority provides a crucial service to our communities and our environment. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Metro Waste Authority for receiving this prestigious award and thanking them for their invaluable efforts. It is an honor to represent the people who comprise this leading organization in the United States Congress, and I look forward to many more years of Metro Waste Authority's innovative and positive impact in Iowa.

TRIBUTE TO COMMAND SGT.
MAJOR GLENN B. ASHLEY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to sacrifice for our country through military service; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Glenn B. Ashley served in the United States Army, during the Occupation of Germany in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, he received numerous Military Citations such as the Purple Heart which was awarded to him in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Ashley has shared his time and talents as a family man, serviceman and mentor, giving the citizens of the United States a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all advancing the lives of others, through service to our country in the U.S. Army and being the ideal husband, father, brother and son; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Ashley is a remarkable and courageous man who gave of himself, in defense of this nation; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Ashley along with his family and friends are celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, his 85th Birthday, we pause to acknowledge a man who is a cornerstone in our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Command SGT. Major Ashley on his birthday and to wish him well and recognize him for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 4, 2014 as Command SGT. Major Glenn B. Ashley Day in Georgia's 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of May, 2014.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
HONORABLE CAROLYN HUGLEY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding public servant and dear friend to my wife, Vivian and me, Georgia State Representative Carolyn Hugley. Representative Hugley was honored for her distinguished service at the Columbus Community Center Annual Fundraising Dinner on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center in Columbus, Georgia.

Representative Hugley was born in Forrest City, Arkansas to Mr. and Mrs. Walker Fleming, Jr. She earned a degree in Political Science from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and a Master's in Public Policy and Administration from Mississippi State University.

Rep. Hugley was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1992 to represent District 136, which is located within the Second Congressional District of Georgia in Columbus and Muscogee County. She has been continuously re-elected and is currently serving her twelfth term. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to work closely with Rep. Hugley over the years and we have become great friends.

During her tenure, Rep. Hugley has built a repertoire of legislative accomplishments. She

currently serves as the Democratic Caucus (Minority) Whip. She is a member of the Ethics Committee, Rules Committee, Appropriations-Health Subcommittee and the Insurance Committee. She is also a member of the Women's Legislative Caucus and the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus.

Rep. Hugley loves her community dearly, and in addition to representing it in the state legislature, she is actively involved within it. She is a member of Franchise Missionary Baptist Church, where she serves as chair of the Hostess Committee and on the Deacon's Wives board. She is also a member of the Lower Chattahoochee Area Workforce Investment Board; Board of Directors of SISTERS, Inc.; Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc., Gamma Tau Omega Chapter; and the Columbus Chapter of The Links, Inc.

Rep. Hugley is a strong advocate for children and family issues both in the Georgia General Assembly and in the Columbus community. She has been recognized for her fine leadership numerous times and has received many awards and accolades for her work in public service.

Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm once said that, "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Rep. Hugley has paid her rent many times over and still continues to give a prodigious amount of love and service back to her community.

Rep. Hugley has accomplished many things in her life but none of this would have been possible without the enduring love and support of her husband, Columbus City Manager, Isaiah Hugley; their two children, Kimberly and Isaiah, Jr.; two adopted children, Jaaliyah and Zajaqi; and two grandchildren, Kandyce and Adam.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and my wife, Vivian, in honoring Georgia State Representative Carolyn Hugley for her dedicated service and exemplary leadership in the Columbus, Georgia community, the State of Georgia, and our country.

RECOGNIZING HEATHER BLANEY

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Heather Blaney, a sophomore at Westmont High School in my district. Heather is organizing a human trafficking panel at her school on May 14, 2014.

Human trafficking, also called modern-day slavery, is a major worldwide problem that the Polaris Projects, a leading anti-trafficking group, defines as "people [profiting] from the control and exploitation of others." It takes many forms, including forced sexual exploitation and forced labor. The hidden nature of the crime makes it difficult to get an accurate sense of its scope, but according to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, there are more than 20 million victims worldwide in this \$32 billion-a-year industry.

Heather is completing an assignment in her "Changemakers" class, where she researched the issue and talked with local law enforcement and health workers. The forum she organized will feature numerous speakers, includ-

ing the FBI, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Salvation Army, and other local groups who are active in the fight against human trafficking.

The Chicagoland area's position as a popular tourist and convention destination with one of the busiest international airports in the world unfortunately makes it a hub for human trafficking as well. Heather's forum will go a long way toward bringing much-needed awareness to the community about the evils of human trafficking.

Mr. Speaker, and my distinguished colleagues of the House, please join me in thanking Heather Blaney for taking the initiative to make her community better and help those in need and congratulating her for her hard work in organizing this important human trafficking forum at her high school.

NORTH CAROLINA TROOPERS ASSOCIATION AND HIGHWAY PATROL CAISSON UNIT

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the North Carolina Troopers Association and North Carolina State Highway Patrol Caisson Unit for their dedicated service to North Carolina. The Caisson Unit supports families in a time of need by honoring those who have bravely served our nation.

Established during the Civil War, Caisson Units across the country are called upon to transport funeral caskets of those fallen service men and women, most famously at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C.

Since 2006, North Carolina's Caisson Unit has been called to honor not only fallen military servicemen, but also emergency personnel, North Carolina Governors, and other elected officials of the state. Owned and supported by the North Carolina Troopers Association and the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, the unit is not reliant on state or federal funds, but donations from the community. Often times the unit has been activated with less than 24-hours' notice to fulfill their duties, even helping to serve surrounding states.

Recently, the Caisson Unit honored U.S. Forest Service Officer Jason Crisp, who was killed in the line of duty in Burke County. The unit's service to Officer Crisp is just one example of the many times it has helped to honor the lives of those who have served North Carolina.

The North Carolina Troopers Association and Highway Patrol Caisson Unit's commitment to excellence and service to the community should be commended. It is my honor to recognize the North Carolina Highway Patrol Caisson Unit.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, May 9, 2014, I was at home in Wisconsin taking care