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200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FIRST COURT HELD IN SCOTT
COUNTY, VIRGINIA

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2015

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the 200th anniversary of the first court held in Scott County, Virginia. The community will celebrate this anniversary at the Scott County Courthouse on Sunday, February 15, 2015.

As noted in press reports by Wayne McClelland, president of the Overmountain Men Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, "It's important to understand this 200th anniversary commemorates the government actually forming in Scott County."

Governor Wilson C. Nicholas on January 4, 1815 signed a commission of the peace for Scott County, which was formed from parts of Washington, Lee, and Russell Counties and named in honor of General Winfield Scott, the most important American military figure of the War of 1812 (news of Colonel Jackson's victory in the battles surrounding New Orleans would not be known of for weeks after the signing of the commission of the peace). "Old Fuss and Feathers" served as Commanding General of the United States Army for twenty years, commanding forces in the Black Hawk War, the Mexican-American War, and the Second Seminole War. He was the leading military figure in the country up to the eve of the War Between the States.

The commission of the peace signed by Governor Nicholas authorized citizens to orga-

nize the first court and the first county government. The county's new court first convened on February 14, 1815, and met again the following two days. Governor Nicholas had signed a commission appointing John Anderson to serve as Sheriff and, after taking the oath of office, Sheriff Anderson on February 14, 1815 opened the Court of Scott County. William H. Carter was elected to serve as the first clerk of the court. The court appointed citizens to serve in county leadership positions, and also arranged for the county's first election.

I am proud to honor the history of Scott County and recognize all those who have served and continue to serve this community since it was founded more than 200 years ago.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2015

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 \$18,120,857,078,035.52. We've added \$7,493,980,029,122.44 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.4 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for roll call votes 79–80 due to a family emergency.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes on #79 and no on #80.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL AS-
SOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCE-
MENT OF COLORED PEOPLE ON
THEIR 106TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2015

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of the preeminent civil rights organizations in America, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, on their 106th anniversary. Widely recognized as the nation's oldest and largest civil rights group, this organization has been essential in helping African Americans find and maintain their voice since its founding in 1909.

Founded by W.E.B. Du Bois, Ida B. Wells and a host of other progressive and forward thinking leaders, the NAACP has always been on the front lines for Blacks in this country.