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### HON. KATHLEEN M. RICE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2015*

Miss RICE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize retired United States Air Force Major General Joseph McNeil, a resident of New York's fourth congressional district who is being honored today by the Franklin Square Historical Society.

Fifty-five years ago this month, General McNeil was a 17 year old freshman at North Carolina A&T State University when he and three other freshmen entered a Woolworth's store in Greensboro, North Carolina and sat down at the whites-only counter. They were denied service and asked to leave, but they kept their seats until the store closed. The next morning, they came back with more students. Again they were denied service, and again they refused to leave. They were ridiculed and taunted, but they resisted provocation in their commitment to non-violence. By the fourth day, as news spread, hundreds of students had joined the sit-in, and soon, similar peaceful protests had begun in other towns across North Carolina and beyond the state's borders.

The young men who initiated this wave of civil disobedience live on in American history as the Greensboro Four. Their actions reflect the very best of the American character—the commitment to freedom and justice and equality, and the courage to confront injustice with the force of truth and disciplined nonviolence.

As Black History Month draws to a close, I wish to recognize General McNeil for his instrumental role in a movement that has made the United States of America a better nation and the American people a better people. I wish also to recognize his distinguished service as a decorated officer in the United States Air Force and Air Force Reserves for more than three decades. I am tremendously grateful for General McNeil's contributions to our communities in New York's fourth congressional district, and it is my distinct honor to serve as his representative in Congress.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL R. SCOTT  
JARVIS, USAF

### HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2015*

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, in a few short weeks an inspirational military leader will retire after serving his country proudly for over three decades. Today I recognize and commend

Colonel R. Scott Jarvis for his exceptional leadership over those 30 years, most recently as the Deputy Director for Installations and Mission Support, and Command Civil Engineer at Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

The son of a career Air Force officer, Colonel Jarvis graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and was commissioned a Civil Engineer officer in the United States Air Force in 1985. Throughout his career, he earned additional Masters degrees in International Relations, Military Operational Art and Science, and National Security and Strategic Studies.

An outstanding leader throughout his distinguished career, Colonel Jarvis' service has spanned the country with assignments in North Dakota, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Alabama, Rhode Island, and Washington, DC, and stretched across the world with tours in the United Kingdom, Japan, and Germany. He commanded at the squadron and group levels at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, and Kadena Air Base, Japan, respectively. Additionally, he commanded a 13-person deployed Civic Action Team in the remote location of Chuuk, Micronesia, with politico-military responsibilities. Early in his career, Colonel Jarvis also deployed to Turkey and northern Iraq as commander of a 19-person well-drilling team supporting Operation PROVIDE COMFORT I.

Colonel Jarvis has served at both major command and Air Force levels in the programming and housing arenas. Most notably, as Chief of the Unaccompanied Housing Program for the Air Force Civil Engineer, he was one of the original architects of the Air Force Dorm Master Plan, which served as the foundation for the Air Force initiative to replace or renovate every dorm in its inventory. The program vastly improved quality of life for over 70,000 Airmen living in 875 dorms throughout the Air Force.

Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Jarvis served as the Deputy Director for Installations, Logistics, and Mission Support, and Command Civil Engineer, at Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. In that capacity, he was responsible for all civil engineering activities for over 9,000 civil engineer personnel operating and maintaining USAFE's \$15.7 billion physical plant at 10 major installations and numerous smaller installations.

Colonel Jarvis has been recognized for excellence at all levels in the Air Force, to include accolades at the Squadron, Group and Wing levels. In addition to numerous military decorations, his significant recognition includes the 2008 Air Force Major General Robert H. Curtin Award for Most Outstanding Large Civil Engineer Unit, the 1996 Air Force Civil Engineering Staff Action Officer of the Year, and the 1991 Third Air Force Civil Engineering Military Manager of the Year. Additionally, Colonel Jarvis was recognized for invaluable contributions to the engineering profes-

sion in 2013, when he was named to the Society of American Military Engineers Academy of Fellows. This honor is bestowed to a select few engineers each year for dedication to mentorship and outstanding service to the Society and the military engineering profession.

Colonel R. Scott Jarvis epitomizes excellence, integrity and commitment to service. He has dedicated his life to serving our nation and advancing the engineering profession. I join my colleagues today in honoring his admirable service to our nation and all the Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers, Marines, and civilians who have served alongside him. We offer our heartfelt appreciation to Scott, his wife Meg, and their daughters, Maddie and Lucy, and hearty congratulations on his retirement from the United States Air Force.

HONORING MRS. ALMA WALTON  
UPON THE OCCASION OF HER  
90TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2015*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Alma Walton upon the joyous occasion of her 90th birthday, which was celebrated with her church family on February 22nd, 2015 at Mt. Zion Church of God Holiness in Buffalo, New York.

Mrs. Walton was born in Lexington, Georgia on February 28th, 1925, to her beloved parents Mrs. Annie Sue and Mr. Johnny Wymbs. In 1943, she married Thurmond Walton, and the couple settled in Buffalo the same year. Mrs. Walton has five children, three boys and two girls, and is the proud and adored grandmother of seven.

A longtime member of Mt. Zion Church of God Holiness, Mrs. Walton serves as "Mother" of the church, as well as president of the Sick Committee. She is deeply devoted to and valued by her church community, and is known as "Mother Walton" by her fellow members. Mrs. Walton attends Sunday school faithfully and formerly served as an usher.

Mrs. Walton is well-known for her generosity and spirit. She enjoys sharing her love of gardening and cooking, as well as community service. Mrs. Walton makes lap robes for patients at the VA Medical Center, and has volunteered at many food pantries in the city of Buffalo.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to celebrate the life of Mrs. Alma Walton. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Walton a very happy birthday and congratulate her for reaching this exciting milestone. I wish Mrs. Walton and all those who worship with her at Mt. Zion Church of God Holiness all the best for years to come.

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