CELEBRATING 65 YEARS OF EXCEPTIONAL MEDICAL CARE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank OakBend Medical Center for providing quality healthcare for Fort Bend County for 65 years.

OakBend Medical Center is the largest full service healthcare facility in Fort Bend County. As Fort Bend County continues to grow, medical centers like this provide easy access to professional care. With the traffic congestion we experience as our region continues to grow, easy access to critical care is essential.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, thank you again to OakBend Medical Center for 65 years of service to the Fort Bend community. We look forward to many more years of exceptional medical care.

FOSTER YOUTH SHADOW DAY

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to talk a little bit about foster care. As many of my colleagues are aware, today is Foster Youth Shadow Day and this morning I had the pleasure of meeting with Dawna—a foster youth who spent 7 years in the foster care system of my home state of Washington.

Fortunately for Dawna, she was adopted when aged out of care. But for many foster kids this is not the case. In 2013, over 23,000 kids aged out without finding a forever family. And, even the kids that do find their forever families are often mistreated and even abused while in the system. Dawna was overprescribed psychotropic medications and forced unnecessarily into an adolescent psychiatric hospital. Her story is not the only one like it. When I was Chairman of the Human Resources Subcommittee of the Ways and Means Committee we held a hearing on this very issue and heard many other similar stories. This is a tragedy and it is unacceptable.

We can do more to help our youth in foster care, they are our responsibility and we cannot let them down. I will continue to fight to provide youth in the foster system the best possible care, and to help them find forever families, and I urge the rest of this Congress to do the same.

TRIBUTE TO ISAAC JOE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Isaac C. Joe on the occasion of his upcoming 100th birthday. As a soldier, educator, and civic leader, Mr. Joe has devoted his life to public service, and I join many in his community in wishing him a happy birthday.

Born on June 24, 1915, Mr. Joe grew up in Thomastown, South Carolina, a small town in Lee County. As an African American in the Jim Crow South, he had to walk five miles each way to a school that was only open seven months of the year, while the white schools remained in session for nine. He persevered to work his way through Morris College, from which he graduated in 1940. Mr. Joe has been dedicated to his alma mater ever since, donating 83 acres of land to the college in 2013.

Mr. Joe began his teaching career in Lee County immediately after college. But after just one year in the classroom, he put his teaching career on hold to serve in the United States Army. He was in basic training when Pearl Harbor was bombed and rose to the rank of Master Sergeant, working at regimental headquarters. Although Mr. Joe's six years in the Army took him away from his students, he put his teaching skills to good use, teaching some of his fellow soldiers how to read, write, and sign their names so that they could collect their paychecks.

In 1954, seven years after Mr. Joe returned to the classroom, the United States Supreme Court issued its Brown v. Board of Education decision outlawing segregation in public schools. Inspired by this decision, Mr. Joe returned to school himself, earning his master's degree from South Carolina State College in 1956. He returned to the Lee County school system in 1957 as principal of the newly built Mount Pleasant High School in Elliott, where he served until his retirement in 1977.

Mr. Joe's community involvement has continued in the decades since his retirement. In 1980, he was elected to a term in the South Carolina House of Representatives, serving from 1981 to 1983. He is an active member of St. Mark's Baptist Church in Bishopville where he has held various leadership roles and spearheaded numerous committees and projects.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in wishing Mr. Joe a very happy 100th birthday. It is a remarkable milestone befitting a remarkable man. I wish him good health and Godspeed.

HONORING DR. MARGARET ''PEG'' BURKE LEE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Margaret ''Peg'' Burke Lee for her distinct service to the people of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois and Oakton Community College. Dr. Lee will be retiring in June of this year, and I would like to congratulate her on 30 years of commitment to our community.

Since Dr. Lee became vice president of academic affairs at Oakton Community College in 1985, her achievements have captured national recognition for the College while serving 450,000 residents in 16 municipalities—including a salute by The New York Times recognizing Oakton as one of the top 10 community colleges in the nation. Dr. Lee's commitment and contributions to education and Oakton are immeasurable. She has been recognized by college staff members and community members as a relationship builder inside and outside of the college community, a legacy she is proud to share.

Dr. Lee was named one of the ''Most Powerful and Influential Women of Illinois'' by the National Diversity Council in 2012. In March 2011, Holy Family Medical Center honored her with its second annual C.A.R.E.S. Award for exemplifying Resurrection Health Care's Core Values: compassion, accountability, respect, excellence and service.

Dr. Lee has contributed to multiple educational events across the world, including in China, Netherlands, Thailand, and Spain. She was part of a diplomatic delegation to India where she traveled with Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Karen Hughes and five other college and University presidents to build bridges to American higher education through meetings with government, university, and business leaders. In addition, Dr. Lee is the author of several monographs on global education in community colleges and the critical role of language learning in developing cultural competence.

Dr. Lee holds a doctorate and a master's degree in English language and literature from the University of Chicago, where she was a Ford Foundation Fellow in the Humanities and a Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Scholar in Women's Studies. At the age of 17, she spent 8 years as a nun, a perspective and experience that she brought to her role as a college administrator. She has always taught with compassion and enthusiasm throughout her career to help those most in need. Dr. Lee is known to go above and beyond to improve the quality of life in the community and she has touched the lives of many people through her commitment to providing innovative educational programs at the college.

In January, the Margaret Burke Lee Science and Health Careers Center opened on Oakton Community College's Des Plaines campus. It is home to Oakton's anatomy and physiology, biology, chemistry, earth science, medical laboratory technology, nursing, physics, and physical therapy assistant programs. Dr. Lee's legacy will continue at Oakton not only through this new facility, but through the fabric of Oakton Community College. After she announced her retirement, dozens of posts were made on Facebook demonstrating how much she is loved by the people she mentored over the past 30 years.

I want to sincerely congratulate Dr. Lee for everything she has accomplished at Oakton Community College and for the people of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois. Your legacy will live on and will never be forgotten. May you enjoy this new chapter in your life including additional time you can spend with your nine children and 14 grandchildren.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING MARINE SERGEANT WARD MARK JOHNSON IV

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marine Sergeant Ward Mark Johnson IV, a fallen hero who died while on a mission