

are many who leave the emergency room less able to work and provide for their families because of the long-term impact of allowing untreated health issues to compound.

In addition to severe access issues, generations of men and women in Alabama's 7th District have been negatively impacted by the tortured legacy of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study. While I applaud decisions to provide medical benefits to the family members infected, and the apology issued by President Clinton in 1997, these actions only began to address the damage this 40 year experiment had on our most vulnerable communities.

There are decades of research that show that minorities often do not seek treatment for conditions because of distrust of health care providers regarding diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment. The mistrust the Tuskegee study generated interferes with attempts to combat HIV/AIDS, sickle cell anemia, uterine fibroids, prostate cancer and a myriad of other conditions that disproportionately impact minority groups.

If we are serious about addressing health disparities in rural and underserved communities, we must start by working to restore the faith all of our constituents have in the medical establishment, particularly public health programs, vaccinations, and clinical trials. We should view this as an issue needing as much intervention as drug abuse and inner-city violence.

I was sent to Congress by one of the most underserved constituencies in the country to build upon programs that work and craft new proposals to reverse this cursed course. I look forward to working with my colleagues to strengthen the Medicare and Medicaid programs, invest in health education and medical research, and incentivize providers to practice in rural and underserved communities.

RECOGNIZING BLUE MONDAY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF MEN'S HEALTH

HON. DAVID A. TROTT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on Blue Monday, to bring awareness to the health issues faced by men across the country.

The importance of striving for a healthy society is something we can all agree on. Despite the fact that one in seven men will be affected by prostate cancer, men's health doesn't always receive the attention it deserves. Men are more at risk for heart disease, cancer, diabetes, depression, and many more illnesses, yet nearly one in ten have not seen a physician in more than five years, and as many as 70 percent have waist sizes exceeding healthy standards. These issues affect not only men, but our whole families, and we should all work together toward healthier lifestyles.

I would like to recognize the efforts of the Men's Health Foundation in Southeast Michigan in helping men take steps to better health. Blue Monday kicks off International Men's Health Week which provides important educational opportunities to increase awareness for detection and prevention of the diseases that kill millions of our fathers, husbands,

brothers, and sons each year. I would encourage all men to celebrate Blue Monday by getting screened, exercising, and eating right to help reduce the risk of prostate cancer and other diseases.

I would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Michael Lutz for his efforts to address men's health issues in our community and wish everyone a happy Blue Monday.

HONORING EDNA BEVERLY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mrs. Edna Beverly.

Mrs. Beverly was born on a plantation in Sidon, Mississippi to the late Roosevelt and Betsy Oliver. Mrs. Beverly had to go to the field with her grandparents (the late Albert and Emma Oliver) and parents, where they were sharecroppers earning \$5 a week. She had to stay near the water truck because she was young. She would not be afraid because she could see and hear them singing spirituals, until they were out of site. She would then be there alone for hours until they returned. Her parents and grandparents encouraged her to do and be the best that she could be.

Mrs. Beverly attended elementary school on the plantation at St. John Baptist Church Elementary. The school consisted of only one classroom.

Her family decided to relocate to Chicago, Illinois when she was only 12 years old. Mrs. Beverly attended Marshall High School and Taylor Business Institute in Chicago, where she graduated with honors receiving a degree in Computerized Accounting.

She accepted her call to the Ministry in 1991, obtained her license in 1995 and was ordained in 1996.

Mrs. Beverly worked with the youth department, teaching Sunday School, Bible Study, and spiritual songs for many years.

She later moved to Ruleville, Mississippi in 2001, and married Mr. Marvin Beverly, who was a school teacher at Ruleville Central High School. They were happily married until his death in 2005.

She worked for several years as a remedial reading tutor at Ruleville Central Elementary School serving 437 students.

Mrs. Beverly has received several awards: a Certificate of Appreciation from Governor Haley Barbour; AmeriCorp Leadership Community Service; and Congressional Community Service.

She became the first black City Clerk/Tax Collector for the City of Ruleville in 2005.

Mrs. Beverly's greatest passion is her Ministry and her love for children. She is currently serving as Sunday School Superintendent, and assisting her Pastor, Rev. Claude Raine, at Mallalieu United Methodist Church in Ruleville.

Mrs. Beverly is the proud mother of four wonderful children, the grandmother of ten amazing grandchildren, and the great grandmother of one.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Edna Beverly for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL DANCE WEEK FOUNDATION

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

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

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, many individuals and organizations strive to bring awareness, enlightenment and entertainment to our community through culture and dance; and

Whereas, The National Dance Week Foundation was formed in 1981 to bring greater recognition to dance; giving us a unique opportunity for our nation to showcase the different musicians, writers, producers, promoters, performers and dancers who have contributed to making Dance a heavyweight in the industry of entertainment around the world; and

Whereas, today we celebrate the kickoff of National Dance Week in the Fourth Congressional District by witnessing performers showcase Dance to our community; and

Whereas, Mrs. Susan Winfrey Dupar of Covington, Georgia serves as an Ambassador for the National Dance Week Foundation, is promoting and instructing the young and old in dancing, she is giving of herself to make a difference in the lives of others. Our beloved District has found a jewel in the art of dancing, it promotes fun fitness and dance touches the minds and souls of untold millions; and

Whereas, our community has been strengthened in times of joy and sorrow through dance; putting rhythm in our feet, adrenalin in our blood and pizzazz in our spirits; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the gift of Dance as a unique and wonderful cultural contribution to our District, the Nation and the world; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 22, 2016 as National Dance Week Foundation Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 22nd day of April, 2016.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RALPH KETNER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Ralph Ketner, co-founder of the grocery store chain Food Lion, who passed away at the age of 95 on Sunday, May 29, 2016. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Ketner family as they mourn the loss of this great man.

Never one to shy away from a challenge, Mr. Ketner learned early on the value of a hard day's work, receiving a single penny for each chicken he plucked at his family's house. While it was far from glorious work, that never bothered Mr. Ketner and he used the lessons from those early days to launch one of the most successful grocery store chains in the country. In 1957, Ralph Ketner opened the first Food Town store in Salisbury, North Carolina. When the store initially opened, it struggled to differentiate itself from the competition