

until he took a major risk and began an aggressive price cutting program. However, the risk paid off and the results were revolutionary. With the rallying cry of "Lowest Food Prices in North Carolina," Mr. Ketner went from having one store to owning one of the largest grocery franchises.

Even though his professional accomplishments are outstanding, Mr. Ketner's proudest achievements came in what he was able to give back to the community through his many philanthropic works. During his lifetime, he never forgot to thank those that made it all possible and helped whenever he could. After the success of Food Lion, Mr. Ketner donated millions of dollars to support various education projects including the development of the business school at Catawba College which now proudly bears his name.

Ralph Ketner was a remarkable man known for his dedication, passion, and kindness. You would be hard pressed to find anyone who does not speak of him with the utmost respect and admiration. I will always cherish the time I spent with Mr. Ketner. I will never forget his friendship, humor, and sound advice. While we mourn the loss of Mr. Ketner, there is no doubt that his legacy will live on through not only his professional success but also the countless lives he was able to touch.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in commemorating the remarkable life of Mr. Ralph Ketner.

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HONORING MARTIN GROCER  
PENNY STORE

**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 Vicksburg, Mississippi's tiniest and oldest grocery store, Martin Grocer Penny Store. Martin Grocer Penny Store has been a thriving force in Vicksburg, MS for nearly fifty years.

Martin Grocer Penny Store was a single-room grocery attached to Ms. Exelena Martin's home. The store remains mostly in its original condition. The loud clank of the cowbell alerted Ms. Martin when she had customers. The ceiling slants at a steep pitch and is less than 6 feet high at the northern wall. Two bare light bulbs provided all the light shoppers needed in the full service store which had no particular hours.

The 83-year-old Exelena Martin decided it was time to retire in November 2015. Martin's is an example of a small business weathering the test of time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Martin Grocer Penny Store for its longevity and dedication to serving Vicksburg, MS.

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RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2016*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Girl

Scout Gold Award, the highest and most prestigious award in the Girl Scouts organization, which has produced one million young women as leaders and change agents in their communities.

Since 1916, this award has honored high school-aged Girl Scouts who answer the call to "Go Gold" and put in years of research and hard work to facilitate large-scale community service projects. The impact these young women are having on the world around them far exceeds their average age of 17 years old.

As the Girl Scouts' highest achievement, Gold Award recipients who enlist in the U.S. armed forces may enter at one rank higher than other recruits. Universities and colleges around the country also offer scholarships to young women who receive this award.

Sarah Banach, of Enfield, Connecticut, created and implemented coding lesson plans for young women at her local middle school to help bridge the gender gap in STEM-related fields. Loren McClendon, of Jacksonville, Fla., trained almost 500 adults in her community on how to recognize warning signs of strokes. Kaitlin Greenough, of Zephyrhills, Fla., developed an entire curriculum to teach elementary school-aged children about the Florida water system and water conservation. These are just a few of the countless community service projects taken on by Girl Scouts from the illustrious ranks of Gold Award recipients.

As an organization, the Girl Scouts have allowed millions of girls nationwide to become involved in their communities and take on leadership roles while building courage, confidence and critical life skills. There are currently 3 million Girls Scouts nationwide and 50 million alumnae, a testament to founder Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low's original mission to empower girls with confidence, courage, and character.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to recognize this organization, particularly my local troop, the Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida, in Congress. I am inspired by what these esteemed Gold Award recipients have been able to accomplish in 100 years and look forward to seeing them succeed for many more years to come.

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TRIBUTE TO SHERRIE ADAMS

**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, our greatest and most valuable assets are our children. Our children are the future and are educated and shaped by our teachers; and

Whereas, Mrs. Sherrie Adams is a teacher in DeKalb County, Georgia and an educator at Smoke Rise Elementary School, who has demonstrated twenty-nine years of dedicated leadership and raising student achievement in my district; and

Whereas, Mrs. Adams has been awarded the honor of Teacher of the Year 2016, recognizing her exceptional teaching style at Smoke Rise Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman is active at Smoke Rise Elementary School, her soror-

ity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the YMCA in Decatur, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mrs. Adams can be described as a Proverbs 31 woman. She is the wife of Dr. Michael S. Adams, Sr., the mother of Michael, Jr., and Matthew. She is devoted to serving our community daily as an educator who imparts knowledge and skills for the overall success of our children. She is a motivator, an innovator and a model citizen who gives and ask for nothing in return; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Sherrie Adams for her leadership and service to my District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2016 Teacher of the Year at Smoke Rise Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 4, 2016 as: Mrs. Sherrie Adams Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of May, 2016.

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CELEBRATING THE HISTORY OF  
ST. LUCAS LUTHERAN CHURCH

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2016*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Lucas Lutheran Church in South Toledo. On Sunday, June 12, the church dedicated a state historic marker as part of its 130th anniversary celebration. The celebration began on Mothers Day 2016 with a concert featuring the Toledo Symphony's Brass Quintet.

St. Lucas is a progressive Lutheran Church wrapping itself around its congregants in their faith journeys. It describes itself as "a faith community of many ministries and many ministers. In all we do we strive to glorify Jesus Christ."

The church began on March 21, 1886 when a group of people met in the home of Louis Burman to discuss the formation of a Lutheran church in Toledo's southern neighborhood to serve the Germans settling there. Though first meeting in borrowed space, by 1887 the congregation had its own church building and parsonage on Walbridge Avenue. With both German and English services, a Ladies Aid Society, Young People's Society and choir, the church was well established. Though these organizations were briefly disbanded, by 1897 they were a permanent part of the mission of St. Lucas. That same year, a monthly paper was published in coordination with two other congregations, with an eventual readership in 1200 homes.

As it grew, the church outgrew its space and the last services in St. Lucas' first church building were held on May 8, 1910. The new building was a reflection of the church's origins as a German mission church and built in the Gothic revival style. During the 1911 dedication celebration of the new church building, the congregation received a German language Bible inscribed by Kaiser Wilhelm II. The dedication also saw the first English-speaking sermon, offered by Pastor Hugo Hamfeldt. Soon Sunday services were spoken in English. The church undertook renovations in 1931, 1945, 1961 and as part of its 1986 centennial celebration in order to "enhance and update the