

spans fifteen years and includes: Fort Sill, Oklahoma—Clerk Typist; Fort Jackson, South Carolina—Drill Sergeant; Fort Bragg, North Carolina—Drill Sergeant; U.S. Army Base Zweibrücken, Germany—Administration; U.S. Army Base Busan, Korea—Staff Sergeant; Jackson, Mississippi—Receptionist; Jackson, Mississippi—Armed Forces Recruiting Station; 71L30 Administrative Specialist—10 years; and 71N30 Traffic Management Coordinator—5 years.

Lucille went to Jackson, Mississippi in 1977 and remained until 1979. While in Jackson, she was invited to a revival at Greater Bethlehem Temple Church. Little did she know that this revival would change her life. In October 1979, she was baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and received the gift of the Holy Ghost, evidenced by speaking in tongues as the spirit gave utterance.

Lucille's other work experiences were: Krystal's Restaurant—Management 1980–1982; W.H. McCoy Federal Building 1982–1983; Mississippi Veteran's Medical Center 1993–1998; Greater Bethlehem Temple Church—Food Service 1993–2011; and Jackson Public School District—Special Education Transportation Attendant 2012–Present.

Lucille also has many honors and recognitions: National Defense Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Good Conduct Medal—4TH Award; Expert Badge M–16 Rifle Bar; Army Service Ribbon; NCO Professional Development; Overseas Service Ribbon; after all her successes she was also a cancer survivor—5 Years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Lucille Shirley for her dedication to serving others and giving back to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND
ROBERT OSHITA AND REVEREND
PATTI OSHITA

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of my good friends, Reverend Robert “Bob” Oshita and Reverend Patti Oshita, of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento Hongwanji Betsuin. As the community celebrates the departure of two excellent leaders, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their remarkable contributions to the Buddhist Church of Sacramento and the greater Sacramento community.

It is a great pleasure to recognize Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti, as Reverend Patti had served as Executive Assistant for my late husband, the Congressman Robert T. Matsui. Reverend Bob began ministering at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento in 1984 after completing both undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of California, Berkeley and ministerial training in Kyoto, Japan. Two years later, Reverend Bob married Reverend Patti, who attended California State University, Sacramento and also studied in Japan for her ministerial ordination. Together, they have become an institution at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento. Reverend Bob was the 36th minister of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, and has served the church for 32

years. Reverend Patti was an assistant minister of the church and taught Sunday Dharma School classes. Both have proved to be excellent community leaders, leading with humility and providing comfort and guidance for those in need.

It is under the leadership of Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti that the membership of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento has grown to just under 1000 households. Through seeking out genuine human connections, Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti have promoted a more unified community, both within the Buddhist Church of Sacramento and beyond. The dedication Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti have demonstrated is exemplary and the wisdom they have spread in the Sacramento area is truly invaluable.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to exceptional community members Reverend Bob Oshita and Reverend Patti Oshita as they celebrate their service to the Buddhist Church of Sacramento and the Sacramento community. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their outstanding work and wishing them the best in retirement.

TRIBUTE TO AFRICAN AMERICAN DAY OF PRAYER

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, citizens of different cultures strive to bring awareness and enlightenment to our community; and

Whereas, the African American culture has been and continues to be a great gift to our nation through its inventions, music, literature, dance, food, art, native crafts and religion; and

Whereas, the power of prayer has sustained the African American race through generations. It continues to be a great tool in breaking bondages, bringing blessings and strengthening communities. Prayer brings about change to deliver, restore, build and resurrect; and

Whereas, our beloved District is blessed to have citizens that believe in the power of prayer; and

Whereas, our community has been strengthened in our awareness, our lives have been touched, and our spirits uplifted through the prayers that go up daily for the benefit of our District and our Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize all of the individuals that give of themselves for the betterment of others and to recognize this sacred day of prayer in the African American Community; now therefore, I, HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 4, 2016 as: The African American Day of Prayer Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of June, 2016.

BLUE SKY FOUNDATION—BOOTS ON THE COURT PROGRAM

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dick Stockton and his wife Liz of Wellington, Florida for their continuous support for our men and women in uniform and their families through their charitable non-profit the Blue Sky Foundation.

As avid tennis players with successful careers on and off the court, Dick and Liz's passion for the game of tennis and community has resulted in a combined 40 years either playing the game, teaching the game, or giving back to their community through the game of tennis.

It was this mutual love of tennis and community that led Dick and Liz to establish Blue Sky Foundation, Inc. in 2008. This non-profit charitable organization was originally established with the goals of raising funds for different children's charities in order to give them a hope for a better tomorrow through sporting event fund raisers.

However, also seeking a way to pay tribute to past and current service members for their sacrifice to our country, Dick and Liz created the “Boots on the Court Program” which offers free tennis clinics from former tour players and certified teaching professionals to active service members, spouses, children, veterans, and wounded warriors.

Since their first clinic in July of 2013, Boots on the Court has traveled to 12 different locations and put on more than 18 different events across the nation and touched countless numbers of lives.

This month, on June 18th, Boots on the Court will be hosting their next event right here in Washington D.C. at Joint Base Andrews.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to encourage all military men and women in the area to attend this fantastic event and once again thank Dick and Liz Stockton and the staff at Blue Sky Foundation for their continued support of communities and military men and women across the nation.

HONORING L'DINA ROBINSON

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, Ms. L'Dina Robinson, the Daughter Ruler and State President of the Greystone Temple of Daughter Elkton's. Ms. Robinson has held this position since 1957. Ms. Robinson has been a daughter member of the L. K. Atwood Elk's Lodge Number 518 located on Lynch Street since 1952, some 59 years.

Ms. Robinson is a product of the city of New Orleans, Louisiana. She attended and graduated from Gilbert Academy High School. She also attended and graduated from Dillard University located in Louisiana. Ms. Robinson's work histories include: Office manager for the Historical Edward Lee Hotel of West Church