

leaders and servants to all; they are visionaries who have shared with their family and our community their passion to improve the lives of others; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Walter and Mrs. Miriam Henderson as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary, fifty (50) years in marital bliss; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 26, 2016 as Mr. Walter and Mrs. Miriam Henderson Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 26th day of March, 2016.

HONORING MARY DUBOIS IN CELEBRATION OF HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my congratulations to Mary Dubois in celebration of her reaching the milestone 90th birthday.

As she reflects on the great memories and milestones that have highlighted the past ninety years, I know she will think fondly on all that she's accomplished and the positive impact she's had on New Hampshire.

It is with great admiration that I congratulate Ms. Dubois on achieving this wonderful milestone, and wish her the best on all future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR MICHAEL SHINN

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

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

Whereas, Pastor Michael A. Shinn is celebrating twenty-five (25) years in Pastoral leadership this year at New World Harvest Church and has provided stellar leadership to the church on an international level; and

Whereas, Pastor Michael A. Shinn under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained New World Harvest Church as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Pastor Shinn is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared with his Church, our District and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Pastor Michael A. Shinn as he celebrates twenty-five years on his Pastoral Anniversary; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 18, 2016 as Pastor Michael A. Shinn Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of March, 2016.

SUPPORT FOR S. 2133, H.R. 4902,
AND H.R. 4639

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support the bipartisan legislation reported from the Oversight and Government Reform Committee for consideration today by the full House.

I urge my colleagues to support the Fraud Reduction and Data Analytics Act (S. 2133). I joined Chairman MEADOWS of the Government Operations Subcommittee to introduce the House companion, H.R. 4180. Our bipartisan, bicameral legislation will prompt agencies to become more pro-active in deploying best practices to continuously monitor their financial data to better detect and deter fraudulent activities.

The fight against fraud and improper payments is a long-standing challenge transcending Presidential administrations and affecting all federal agencies. Our Committee has investigated this issue in depth, and when it comes to rooting out fraud, we would be wise to heed Benjamin Franklin's famous axiom that, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

As my colleagues will recall, GAO earlier this year reported that improper payments made by the federal government totaled nearly \$137 billion in fiscal year 2015. Over a 10-year period, that's more than \$1.2 trillion dollars, or the equivalent of the spending cuts required under sequestration. Federal agencies ought to be doing more to stop these improper payments on the front end, and this should be considered low-hanging fruit in our ongoing effort to curb government waste.

In addition, I was pleased to collaborate with Chairman HURD of the Oversight and Government Reform IT Subcommittee to introduce the Air and Marine Officers Pay Reform Act (H.R. 4902) to improve the efficiency of the pay system for law enforcement officers of the Customs and Border Protection's Air and Marine Operations.

These officers are currently compensated for their overtime through a variety of systems including Administratively Uncontrollable Overtime, which according to the U.S. Office of Special Counsel has a troubling history of misuse. Our legislation harmonizes the pay systems to avoid situations in which employees of CBP are working side-by-side yet subject to different overtime calculations. This bipartisan legislation addresses that issue and clarifies agent payroll procedures. It is imperative that Congress create a new pay system for Border Patrol agents because there are still hundreds of officers and Internal Affairs employees operating under an older, abused system.

In addition to addressing inequities and saving the agency \$1.6 million in the first year, this legislation continues our effort to improve efficiency and interoperability across the federal government. Our bill reflects a collaborative effort with the majority and minority, and I urge all of my colleagues to join me in support of H.R. 4902.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support the legislation introduced by Reps. BLUM

and MEADOWS (H.R. 4639) to reauthorize the Office of Special Counsel. Mr. MEADOWS and I held a Government Operations Subcommittee hearing on this subject in December. At that time, we looked at the peculiar situation of the Office of Special Counsel, along with the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of Government Ethics. These three agencies are some of the smallest agencies in the federal government, but their work has a tremendous impact on the integrity of the federal civil service. Unfortunately, the authorizations for these agencies expired in 2007, yet they've been sustained by annual appropriations, so Congressional action is long overdue.

The Office of Special Counsel's primary mission is to protect federal employees from prohibited personnel practices, enforce the Hatch Act, and enforce employment rights under the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act for federal employees who have served in the uniformed services. It also serves as the front line of defense for whistleblowers who disclose government wrong doing.

The bill would reauthorize the OSC through fiscal year 2020. It would make several changes to OSC's statutory authority that would, among other things, enhance its access to federal agency information, increase agency accountability in whistleblower disclosure cases, and modify procedural requirements for certain prohibited personnel practice cases. For example, it would provide OSC with statutory authority to access agency information for the purposes of its investigations in a manner similar to Inspectors General. Another provision would require agencies to provide a description of the actions they have taken when OSC substantiates misconduct on the part of an employee.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the bipartisan spirit in which our Committee has worked to advance these bills, and I hope we can sustain this momentum to continue improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the federal government.

TRIBUTE TO YULINDA COOK

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

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

Whereas, twenty-eight years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Social Security Administration; and

Whereas, Mrs. Yulinda Cook begun her career as a Teleservice Representative in Birmingham, Alabama with the Social Security Administration, where she educated and mentored throughout her many years of service as a Technical Expert, providing stellar leadership and outstanding service to our community and ending her tenure as an Operations Supervisor in the Gwinnett Field Office in November, 2015; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents, giving the citizens of our District a friend to help those in need as a fearless leader and servant to all, who ensured that the system worked for everyone; and

Whereas, Mrs. Yulinda Cook is a wife, mother and grandmother; she is also a cornerstone in our community who has enhanced