

served as a focal point for community life near Adamsville. Just like its congregation, it has grown over the years to better serve its membership.

One hundred and fifty years ago, on September 15, 1866, Reverend Robert Young and approximately 70 people came together to organize the Mt. Sharon Society, Gilchrist Community of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Originally a log structure, the Church was located southwest of Snake Creek on land of Cornelius Gilchrist. Brother T. F. Wilson, Brother Cornelius Gilchrist and Brother John L. Groves were chosen as ruling elders.

In the 1890's the log structure was replaced by one made of lumber that included a bell tower and in 1957, a new brick structure was completed. The following year, the Church added a porch, and in 1959, a steeple.

At a dedication service in September 1959, the morning bulletin read, "Let us remember that the job was completed only through time, talents and love of over 300 people and gifts from Presbyterian churches from Tennessee, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Lansing Michigan and far beyond."

Forty years later, in 1989, the Church added additional dining space which still exists today and an outdoor basketball court was completed. Three years later, the Church purchased a manse with 4.5 acres.

The Church celebrates its anniversary on the third Sunday in September.

TRIBUTE TO DEBI DURHAM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Iowa Economic Development Authority Director Debi Durham for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Durham has devoted her life to confronting challenges many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or non-profit organizations and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Debi Durham has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does, and her exemplary work with the Iowa Economic Development Authority is a testament to that. Ms. Durham works with Iowa Governor Terry Branstad to maintain the Iowa Economic Development Authority as a public-private partnership to improve Iowa's delivery of Iowa's economic services. Prior to leading Iowa's economic development initiatives, Debi Durham served as president of the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce, serving communities in northwest Iowa. In all aspects of her life, Debi Durham is an example of hard work and service who makes Iowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Debi Durham in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Debi Durham on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Durham a long and successful career.

IN HONOR OF NEW MT. ZOAR BAPTIST CHURCH'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the New Mt. Zoar Baptist Church, which is celebrating 150 years since its founding, as well as its pastor, Reverend Spencer F. Isaac, who is celebrating his 20th anniversary of leading this great congregation. I would like to personally congratulate this institution for its continued role in fostering a sense of community in Manassas, Virginia. This Church represents our nation's values through dedicated worship, as well as willingness to serve the community.

The New Mt. Zoar Baptist Church has grown exponentially since its foundation in 1866, when a former slave followed the Union Army from Louisiana to Fairfax, Virginia. The once small congregation of 33 individuals has now flourished into over 300 members whom meet and worship together regularly. Pastor Isaac has been a staple to the church since 1996, guiding all those who seek a stronger spiritual purpose in life. This is a clear testament to the outstanding work and commitment to the community which is conducted by this admirable congregation and they are deserving of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me immense pride to recognize such a fine group, and I sincerely hope that we all can live up to their tremendous example. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the New Mt. Zoar Baptist Church for 150 years of existence and Reverend Spencer F. Isaac in his 20th year as Pastor of the church. I wish them all the best and hope that they remain devoted to their faith and Virginia's 10th District for years to come.

RECOGNIZING MRS. NATIVA WOOD UPON HER INDUCTION AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Mrs. Nativa Wood upon her induction as the president of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA). Nativa spent 35 years as a court reporter in the Dauphin County Courthouse in my district, serving as the chief court reporter for the last 11 years of

her service before retiring in 2015. Through her decades of public service and involvement with various associations and foundations, she has continually set an example of hard work and dedication for all professionals in my district and has helped to inspire the next generation of selfless public servants.

Nativa joined the Dauphin County Courthouse in 1977 after graduating from Central Penn College. She has been involved with the Pennsylvania Court Reporters Association since 1983 and was the president from 1990 to 1992. She served as the chair of the National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the charitable arm of the NCRA, which works to educate legal professionals with informational programs and introduce prospective court reporters to the profession. Nativa has also served as the chair of the Council of the Academy of Professional Reporters and the Committee on Professional Ethics.

Mrs. Wood also understands that her current endeavors can help leave a lasting legacy for future generations of court reporters. She is a proud member of the NCRF's Legacy Society, which coordinates estate planning so that the NCRF can act as a beneficiary of an individual's will in order to continue giving back to the profession for decades to come. Nativa's commitment to the profession and her community will always be remembered. February 18 has been declared "Nativa Wood Day" in Dauphin County in honor of her distinguished career and exemplary professionalism.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Mrs. Nativa Wood upon her induction as the president of the National Court Reporters Association. Her husband, Jerry, and son, Patrick, have played an important role in her success and continue to inspire her dedication to the profession. I wish Mrs. Wood the best in her new role and look forward to seeing her continued contributions to court reporters across my district, state, and our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUDDHIST CHURCH OF SACRAMENTO HONGWANJI BETSUIN'S ANNUAL BAZAAR

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70th anniversary of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento Hongwanji Betsuin's Annual Bazaar. As our community gathers to showcase and celebrate Japanese food and culture, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring this remarkable festival.

The Sacramento Buddhist Church is one of the oldest Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Churches in the continental United States and, as such, is one of Sacramento's richest cultural gems. In 1947, the church hosted its first bazaar in an effort to encourage strength and identity within the Japanese-American community. In its 70th year, the bazaar is now a treasured and highly-anticipated Sacramento summer festival. With attendance in the tens of thousands, the bazaar no longer attracts only the immediate community of the church's congregation, but serves to educate and engage the larger Sacramento community on Japanese culture.