

worked as an advocate for young African American men who are pursuing higher education, ensuring that they have the necessary resources available to them. In 1958, Ms. Hastings received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia. Additionally, in 1963 she was awarded her Master's degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education from Florida A&M University. She has consistently utilized her knowledge, experience, and education working with families living in depressed areas as well as children with special needs.

Madam Speaker, on September 10, 2010, Ms. Delores Hastings will be celebrating her 75th birthday with her son Jody, her cat Tranz, and her service dog Dolce. It is my distinguished honor to wish her a very happy 75th birthday.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF EDITH L. BORNN, A FEMALE LEGAL PIONEER, ENVIRONMENTAL VISIONARY, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND HUMANITARIAN

**HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN**

OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge a visionary female pioneer, Edith L. Bornn, Esquire, who has left the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands an enduring legacy, through her trendsetting in the legal field; her unending diligence in fighting for the protection of the environment; and, decades of humanitarian contributions.

Edith L. Bornn was born to an prominent merchant family on the island of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. She received a public education, graduating from the Charlotte Amalie High School before attending Barnard College and the Columbia University School of Law. She was one of five women in her law school graduating class.

For two years after finishing law school, she served as a librarian, legal research secretary and a Goodwill Ambassador for the Caribbean nations, on behalf of the Caribbean Commission, on the island of Trinidad. Returning to her home on St. Thomas, she served as a U.S. District Court Law Clerk to District Court Judge Herman E. Moore, before opening her own law firm in 1955. Attorney Edith Bornn was the first female to open a private law practice in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Her law practice specialized in family law, residential and commercial real estate, zoning law, probate, wills, and trusts. More than half a century later, the Bornn Law Firm continues its excellent representation in these fields of law.

The entire community of St. Thomas was most attentive to this audacious move by a young woman, competing in a small but powerful bastion of men; however, much to everyone's surprise, the established men of the legal profession were often found going to her office on Nye Gade for consultations. Her success had an immediate galvanizing effect on the women of the Virgin Islands. Edith Bornn led by example, in unequivocally demonstrating that gender was not a barrier and that women had an equal right to pursue their dreams and aspirations. It is not surprising that she was called the Matriarch of the Virgin

Islands Bar Association, an organization she helped to establish.

Edith Bornn was also a strong advocate for government accountability. She became a founding member of the Virgin Islands' League of Women Voters which electrified and energized women in the Virgin Islands, a quarter of a century before Women's Liberation became the issue in American life. The League began the practice of summoning and questioning political aspirants on their platform agenda. It also indirectly forced a dialogue for the aspirants to articulate their thoughts on various matters affecting the territory, the nation, and the world. The League has become an institution today and appearing before the League is a rite of passage for every Virgin Islands politician.

As a result, this political passage became a harbinger, in that the then prevailing custom of soap box oratory, in the Market Place and Emancipation Gardens, ended; and political parties, their organizations, and conventions began to achieve more prominence in Virgin Islands life. Attorney Bornn served as President for the League for several terms; she was a director of the National League of Women Voters for many years; and also served as Chair of its International Relations Committee. Attorney Bornn represented the United States at women's conferences around the world, helping them enter civic and political activity to direct public policy, through the International Federation of Women Lawyers and the World Peace Through Law Center. In the 1960s she was active in politics and participated in the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City.

Attorney Bornn was a pioneer in the field of environmental law, decades before the environment became today's cause célèbre. Attorney Bornn diligently fought to protect the pristine beauty of the Virgin Islands from runaway unplanned development; and, later served in key roles in the Save the Long Bay Coalition and the Virgin Islands Conservation Society.

While on the island of Trinidad working for the Caribbean Commission, she met Andrew Bornn, whom she later married. They had three sons, who followed their mother's stellar example. Edith Bornn was an encouraging and supporting mother of her sons' athletic and scholastic activities. Her sons carry on aspects of her legacy through their activism, dedicated public service, and legal representation. Her husband predeceased her by a decade.

The Territory of the Virgin Islands has lost a giant, whose intellect, influence, and presence will be deeply missed. May she rest in peace.

LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE

**HON. SPENCER BACHUS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, the August work period is a time for Members of the House to listen to their constituents back home. Last year, I was greatly inspired by the many people in Alabama and throughout our country who came out to publicly express their views on health care and other pressing national issues. It is my hope that the people will

be just as engaged this year. During the America Speaking Out meetings I held in Alabama last week, my constituents shared their concerns about the weak economy and the direction that Washington is headed with excessive spending and borrowing, high taxes, and dangerous deficits. My constituents know that our nation is on an unsustainable path and are worried about what that means for their children and grandchildren. This month, we all need to listen closely to what the American people are saying in town halls, corner cafes, and online democracy initiatives like America Speaking Out. The strength of our country has always been our people, and we in Congress would be wise to listen and learn in order to guide our proceedings when the session resumes.

RECOGNIZING 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF PASSAGE OF 19TH AMENDMENT GRANTING VOTING RIGHTS FOR WOMEN

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in recognition of the 90th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment of the U.S. Constitution on August 26th, granting voting rights for women. This day, also known as Women's Equality Day, marks a significant milestone in American history. I know that my colleagues join me in acknowledging the contributions that women have made to America and the importance of this landmark in history.

The 72-year struggle of suffragists, from the First Women's Rights Convention in July 1848 to the passage of the 19th amendment on August 26, 1920, bears witness to the sacrifice and dedication of the leaders of the early Women's Rights Movement.

We must thank Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, and the other courageous women who organized the First Women's Rights Convention in 1848. Their early advocacy for voting rights, protection from domestic violence, the right to own property, and other social reforms that promote equality are the same goals that we seek for women today. The "Declaration of Sentiments" speech that Mrs. Stanton delivered at the July convention called for "all men and women" to be recognized as created equal under the law. This is a sacred trust that we must continue to support.

On August 26, 1970—the 50th anniversary—the National Organization of Women (NOW) called upon women nationwide to strike for equality in protest of the fact that women still did not have equal rights. In New York City, 50,000 women marched down Fifth Avenue to demonstrate in support of the women's movement, as did women in 40 other cities across America that day. U.S. Representative Bella Abzug addressed the New York City crowd and was instrumental in getting Congress in 1971 to officially recognize August 26th as Women's Equality Day.

In 1776, Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams, sent an urgent message to her husband who was a delegate to the second Continental Congress. She stated, "In the new

Code of Laws, I desire you would remember the ladies." It took 144 years for women's equality rights to be sanctioned by Congress and I ask, Madam Speaker, that we take this opportunity to honor this 90th anniversary and the remarkable contributions that women have made to this country. The American people owe a debt of gratitude to the early suffragists for remaining steadfast in the face of overwhelming opposition to equal rights for all American citizens that our Constitution supports today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FLYING  
TIGER HISTORICAL ORGANIZATION

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the heroic Flying Tigers of WWII. In 1941 a group of former soldiers, under the direction of General Clair Chennault, formed the First American Volunteer Group of the Chinese Air Force twelve days after Pearl Harbor. I would note that the initial flight of the Flying Tigers took place at Half Moon Bay Airport which is now in my district.

Funded at first as private contractors by the Chinese government, the Flying Tigers were absorbed into the 23rd Fighter Group on the Fourth of July, 1942. The Tigers' shark-faced planes remain among the most recognizable of any WWII aircraft.

Some 300 Americans were members of the Flying Tigers, with 24 either killed in action, in accidents, captured or unaccounted for during the war. Comprised of three squadrons of 20 aircraft each, the Flying Tigers are credited with destroying 115 enemy aircraft.

In 2006 Retired Major General James Whitehead asked Chinese authorities to consider restoring the Tigers' decommissioned air base built inside a cavern that now serves as a public park in Guilin, China. The Chinese Government was receptive to the project and now has plans to commit \$23 million to a 300-acre resort that will include a museum, airfield and the original command cave used by General Chennault between 1941 and 1945. The Flying Tigers Organization has been asked to raise money for restoration of the command cave and construction of a museum that will inform visitors about the role of the Flying Tigers during WWII.

Madam Speaker, at a special dinner in San Francisco on October 26, 2010, the Flying Tigers Historical Organization will present Ambassador Gao, Consul General of the People's Republic of China, with Flying Tiger memorabilia to be placed in the museum in China. We should applaud this gesture and be supportive of this effort to restore a piece of American history in mainland China.

FIRST TO FIGHT, A POEM TO  
HONOR TYLER SOUTHERN, U.S.  
MARINE CORPS

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero, United

States Marine Corps (USMC) Corporal Tyler Southern of Jacksonville, Florida. CPL Southern was born in Anderson, South Carolina and moved to Jacksonville in 1991. After graduating from Mandarin High School in 2007, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps. CPL Southern chose the Marines because they are "First to Fight." He turned 18 in USMC basic training and celebrated his next birthday deployed in Iraq. He was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his outstanding performance. For his 20th birthday, he was training for his next combat deployment at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twenty-nine Palms. Before CPL Southern could celebrate his 21st birthday, he made a sacrifice for our nation that we will never be able to repay. While on patrol in Afghanistan on May 5, 2010, he stepped on an IED. He lost both his legs, his right arm and severely damaged part of his left arm and hand. However even with these catastrophic injuries, he clung to life! He has been awarded the Purple Heart for his valor and combat injuries by the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps. He comes from a long line of family members who have served our nation. His father was in the Navy, and his brothers are currently serving. With the help of his family and the men and women of Bethesda Naval Hospital and Walter Reed Army Medical Center, he continues to make incredible progress. Each day, he teaches us with his courage, faith and can do attitude! On August 22, 2010, he turns 21 and in celebration of his birthday I ask that this poem penned in honor of Corporal Tyler Southern, his family, his incredible courage and the United States Marine Corps by Albert Caswell be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

FIRST TO FIGHT

First . . .  
First To Fight!  
Brilliant men who bring their light!  
Who go out on point, who evil must fight!  
All with hearts of courage full, oh so very bright!  
To win that day, to win that night! All out there in the night!  
Magnificent Men in green, who upon battlefields of honor . . .  
all of those wrongs so right!  
As all throughout our Country Tis of Thee, have but come such fine sons indeed . . . so bright!  
Who for all of us, so die and bleed . . .  
to give to this our nation, all of what she so needs! To Be Free . . .  
Yes, you Tyler our fine Southern Son . . . all in your short life, so much you have done! One of Florida's  
Brightest Son!  
As on that morning when you awoke,  
and saw all of the heartache that which this war had invoked . . .  
You had a choice, give up . . . or listen to your fine soul . . . your most inner voice!  
And as the tears rolled down your fine face,  
you did not so hesitate . . . all in what your heart, would create!  
Watching your courage, The Angels began to cry and sing!  
For you Marine, are but the most splendid of all things!  
While, all in such a short time . . . somehow your great heart has found the strength to find!  
To find your way back home, To Teach Us . . . all in what your strong soul now so owns!

To Beseech Us All, showing us what courage can now so conquer . . . can so own!  
Because, Marine's Do! Marine's Lead!  
HOORAH JAR HEAD in what your life's said!  
Are First To Fight!  
Whether, on battlefields of honor . . . or against all odds to death so cheat!  
For some men are but put upon this earth . . . to inspire us all, in their fine worth!  
Who live by a code, of Strength in Honor So . . .  
Who go out into that night, all in their most brilliant shades green to fight!  
So our children may awake, all in a world of freedom that they for us so make!  
For as long as we have such Strong Sons . . . Southern Men as you Tyler, who for us so do what must be done!  
Then, this our Nation's Flag of Freedom . . . shall forever wave against the sun!  
And if I ever had a Son, I but hope and pray that he could but be as fine as you the one!  
Who against all odds, all in the darkest of sun's!  
Will Always Be First To Fight! As Thy Will Be Done!  
For you see in Heaven, you need not arms or legs . . .  
And where, I pray to join you one day!  
Amen!

HONORING MS. PATRICIA E. MAY

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

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

Whereas, Thirty-seven years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, Ms. Patricia E. May began her educational career in teaching, she rose to the rank of Principal and has served the Lithonia Middle School well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator, Principal and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who wants to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Ms. May is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Patricia E. May on her retirement from the DeKalb County Public Schools System and to wish her well in her new endeavors;

Now therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 4, 2010 as Ms. Patricia E. May Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of June, 2010.