

A highly decorated and distinguished leader, ADM Keating has served our country honorably for over three decades. I commend him for his invaluable contributions to our Nation's defense and know that U.S. Pacific Command will benefit from his extensive experience.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
SAMUEL CARLMAN BURTON

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Samuel Carlman Burton. As the first principal of Mattie T. Blount High School in Prichard, Alabama, Mr. Burton worked tirelessly for the growth and development of his students and of his school.

Mr. Burton served Prichard as the principal of Mattie T. Blount High School from 1957 to 1979, and before that was an employee of the Mobile County Public School System for eight years. He also served as principal of Mount Vernon Elementary School.

Fond of quoting from "The Bridge Builder" by Will Allen Dromgoole, Sam Burton often talked about the legacy teachers and educators leave for future generations. The poem's last lines read: "He, too, must cross in the twilight dim; Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

Mr. Burton is survived by his daughter Sallie Johnson of Mobile; his brother Frederick Burton of Atlanta; his granddaughter Carlee Johnson of Mobile; and two great-granddaughters, Adrian Johnson and Emily Johnson of Mobile. I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Samuel Carlman Burton, a principal who spent his life building bridges.

TRIBUTE TO THE 250TH BIRTHDAY
OF THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the 250th birthday of the Marquis de Lafayette, born 6 September 1757.

By the age of 20, Lafayette had already served for several years as an officer in the French army. Inspired by the concept of American independence, in 1777 Lafayette came to the United States to volunteer his services, and was appointed a Major General by the Continental Congress.

He became a stalwart friend of General George Washington, and also of future President James Monroe. Lafayette fought and was wounded at Brandywine, and wintered at Valley Forge.

Returning to France late in 1778 to rally support for the American cause, he was instrumental in France's decision to join the Revolutionary War in support of the United States. He returned to America in 1780 to help lead a new infusion of French troops.

Working closely with General George Washington, Lafayette led the French forces which helped to trap Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, and forced the British surrender there in October 1781.

After the victory at Yorktown, Lafayette returned to France, but came back to the United States in 1794 at the invitation of President George Washington, and again in 1824–1825 at the invitation of President James Monroe.

Declared an honorary citizen of both the United States and Virginia, the Marquis de Lafayette truly played a vital role in the American Revolution.

In Virginia, in celebration of Lafayette's 250th birthday, ceremonies will be held in Richmond by various historical and lineage societies on Saturday, September 8 at Mason's Hall, the State Capitol and the John Marshall House, all venues visited by Lafayette, to commemorate this anniversary.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Marquis de Lafayette on his birthday.

THE PRAIRIE ROSE CHAPTER OF
THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION SALUTES
CONSTITUTION WEEK

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, the week of September 17–23 has been officially designated as Constitution Week. This marks the 220th anniversary of the signing of our Constitution.

The guardian of our liberties, our Constitution established our republic as a self-governing nation dedicated to rule by law. This document is the cornerstone of our freedom. It was written to protect every American from the abuse of power by government. Without that restraint, our founders believed the republic would perish.

The ideals upon which our Constitution is based are reinforced each day by the success of our political system to which it gave birth. The success of our way of government requires an enlightened citizenry.

Constitution Week provides an opportunity for all Americans to recall the achievements of our founders, the nature of limited government, and the rights, privileges and responsibilities of citizenship. It provides us the opportunity to be better informed about our rights, freedoms and duties as citizens.

Madam Speaker, at this time I particularly want to take note of the outstanding work of the Prairie Rose Chapter of the Kansas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which is actively involved in the Third Congressional District in events this week commemorating Constitution Week. The Prairie Rose Chapter has been involved with this effort in our communities for a number of years and I commend them for doing so.

Our Constitution has served us well for over 200 years, but it will continue as a strong, vibrant, and vital foundation for freedom only so long as the American people remain dedicated to the basic principles on which it rests. Thus, as the United States continues into its third century of constitutional democracy, let us renew our commitment to, in the words of our Constitution's preamble: "form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the

Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity . . ." I know that the Prairie Rose Chapter of the Kansas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution joins with me in urging all Americans to renew their commitment to, and understanding of, our Constitution, particularly during our current time of crisis, when Americans are fighting overseas to defend our liberties here at home.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. SHAYS. Madam Speaker, on September 5, 2007, I missed 1 recorded vote. I take my voting responsibility very seriously. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on recorded vote No. 853.

CONGRATULATING HENRY L.
AARON ON HIS INDUCTION INTO
THE ALABAMA ACADEMY OF
HONOR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Henry L. Aaron on the occasion of his induction into the Alabama Academy of Honor.

Henry Aaron, who is better known to his fans throughout the world as "Hank," set more major league batting records than any player in the game's history and held Major League Baseball's record for home runs until just last month. The Mobile native was inducted into the baseball Hall of Fame in 1982, and played for the Milwaukee Braves, the Atlanta Braves, and the Milwaukee Brewers.

Created in 1965, the Alabama Academy of Honor was created to recognize living Alabamians for their accomplishments and service that greatly benefits or reflects credit on the state of Alabama. Ten members may be elected annually by the Academy of Honor with no greater than 100 living members at a time.

Madam Speaker, the following tribute was presented to Hank Aaron at his ceremony of induction into the Academy in 2007. With your permission, I would like to add this tribute to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HENRY L. AARON

Henry L. Aaron rewrote the hitting records book during a stellar career in major league baseball. Today he is senior vice president of Atlanta National League Baseball Club, Inc.—the Atlanta Braves—and is a successful businessman and civic leader.

Born in 1934 in Mobile, Aaron was a star student athlete in football and baseball, playing semi-pro in the latter sport while still in high school. He was later signed by the Indianapolis Clowns and helped lead that team to win the 1952 Negro League World Series. That same year he was signed by the Boston (later Milwaukee, then Atlanta) Braves. He dominated both Braves farm teams he was on, and by 1954 was in the major leagues, homering in his first spring

training game in a Milwaukee uniform. That was just the beginning.

Over the next twenty-three years, he set more major league batting records than any player in the game's history, including most home runs, lifetime, 755; most years with 30 or more home runs, 15; most extra-base hits, 1,477; most total bases, 6,856; and most runs batted in, lifetime, 2,297. On May 17, 1970, Aaron became the first player to achieve both 3,000 career hits and more than 500 homers. He was also an outstanding fielder, winning three Gold Gloves, and he was elected to a record 24 All-Star teams. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, New York, on August 1, 1982. His autobiography, *I Had a Hammer*, was published in 1990, and in 1997, a new minor league baseball stadium in his hometown was named in his honor.

Since retiring from playing, he has been an eloquent ambassador for baseball and sports in general, and has been an outspoken leader on the issue of minority hiring in baseball executive jobs. In the business world, Aaron developed a number of auto dealerships and still owns Hank Aaron Toyota. He is a long-time Church's and Popeye's restaurant franchisee and also operates Krispy Kreme franchises in Atlanta and Columbus, Georgia.

Aaron sits on the board of Retail Ventures, Inc., Medallion Financial Corporation, Atlanta Technical Institute, the Atlanta Braves, and Atlanta Falcons. He is a member of the Board of Governors for Boys and Girls Clubs of America and is a member of the Board of Councilors of the Carter Center. With his wife Billye, he is the founder of the Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation. Aaron has received numerous civic awards, including the Medal of Freedom, awarded by President George W. Bush, and the Presidential Citizens Medal, awarded by President Bill Clinton.

Throughout his life, Hank Aaron has been an outstanding role model for both children and adults alike. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating him on this remarkable achievement and extending thanks for his many efforts over the years on behalf of the citizens of the First Congressional District and the state of Alabama.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE PAUL E. GILLMOR, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF OHIO

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and colleague, the Honorable PAUL GILLMOR.

Throughout his life PAUL was a dedicated servant for the people of his home state of Ohio and his country. He proudly served in the United States Air Force, attaining the rank of Captain.

In 1967 PAUL began what would become a long and successful political career. He served 22 years in the Ohio State Senate, and he served as Republican leader five times. A classmate of mine, in 1989 he began the first

of 10 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives serving the people of the 5th District in Ohio. PAUL was the senior member of the Committee on Financial Services and the Ranking Republican on the Financial Institutions Subcommittee. He also served as a member of the Subcommittees on Capital Markets and Housing. PAUL had a lot of responsibilities in serving the second largest district in Ohio, but he did so valiantly and with tremendous success, showing that he was a true leader. He served eight terms as a member of the Republican Whip Team, including serving as Deputy Minority Whip. PAUL was also unanimously elected to serve as Vice President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. His ability to lead earned PAUL great respect amongst his colleagues and his constituents.

His length and success of service was evidence of how he truly listened to his constituents and did all that he could to help them. He was the consummate professional—always putting the best interests of his constituents and his country ahead of partisanship by being willing to work across party lines to successfully achieve goals.

PAUL was a soldier, a state senator, and a congressman, but the roles he cherished most were that of husband and father. Few things meant more to PAUL than his constituency, but his family definitely ranked number one in his life. PAUL's five children were his pride and joy. His happiest times were spent with his wife and children.

My deepest heartfelt condolences go out to PAUL's wife Karen and his children Linda, Julie, Paul Michael, Connor, and Adam. My thoughts and prayers and those of my wife Dede are with them at this difficult time, and we thank them for sharing PAUL with us for so many years. He was a wonderful friend and colleague and will be sorely missed.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE JENNIFER DUNN, 1941–2007

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my fellow colleagues in mourning the passing of the Honorable Jennifer Dunn. My friend and an honorable representative for the people of the 8th district of Washington passed away on Wednesday. I was greatly saddened when I was told the terrible news of her passing. This Chamber, and the State of Washington has lost a friend and one of our most capable and dedicated former Members.

Words cannot fully express the sorrow that is felt by those who have known and loved Jennifer. My heart goes out to Jennifer's husband, Keith Thomson, her two sons, Bryant and Reagan Dunn, her stepson, Angus Thomson, and her two grandchildren during this difficult time. I will be keeping her memory and her surviving family in my thoughts and prayers. I pray for her former Washington, DC, and Washington State congressional staffers who served her and the people of the 8th Congressional District of Washington.

Congresswoman Dunn was a highly-respected Member of Congress, dutifully serving six terms before she retired in 2005. She

achieved an inspiring career of many firsts: first woman to chair the Washington State Republican party; first freshman woman to win a place in the House Republican leadership team; and the highest ranking Republican woman in leadership as the vice chair of the conference. More than anything, Jennifer will be remembered for her generosity and compassion for others. She is leaving us for a better place, but leaves behind a lasting legacy of service to this House. Words cannot fully express my sorrow in her passing. God Bless.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit a record of how I would have voted on Saturday, August 4, when I was tending to a family commitment, for which the timing was not flexible.

Had I voted, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 824; "yes" on rollcall No. 825; "yes" on rollcall No. 826; "yes" on rollcall No. 827; "yes" on rollcall No. 828; "yes" on rollcall No. 829; "yes" on rollcall No. 830; "nay" on rollcall No. 831; "yes" on rollcall No. 832; "yes" on rollcall No. 833; "nay" on rollcall No. 834; "yes" on rollcall No. 835; "nay" on rollcall No. 836; "yes" on rollcall No. 837; "nay" on rollcall No. 838; "no" on rollcall No. 839; "nay" on rollcall No. 840; "nay" on rollcall No. 841; "nay" on rollcall No. 842; "nay" on rollcall No. 843; "nay" on rollcall No. 844; "nay" on rollcall No. 845; and "yes" on rollcall No. 846.

CONGRATULATING LEAH RAWLS ATKINS ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE ALABAMA ACADEMY OF HONOR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Leah Rawls Atkins on the occasion of her induction into the Alabama Academy of Honor.

A student of history, Mrs. Atkins has cemented her own place in the history books of the great State of Alabama. A woman of firsts—she was the first woman inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame and the first recipient of a Ph.D. awarded by Auburn University.

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Madam Speaker, the following tribute was presented to Leah Rawls Atkins at her ceremony of induction into the Academy in 2007. With your permission, I would like to add this tribute to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

LEAH RAWLS ATKINS

Leah Rawls Atkins has spent her life teaching and writing about American and