

for praying and for gathering with family members. This still holds true today because African Americans continue to face many challenges that call for prayer and gathering together with one's family and community.

When the celebration of Juneteenth originated, a range of activities were offered to entertain the masses, many of which continue in tradition today. Rodeos, fishing, barbecuing and baseball are just a few of the typical Juneteenth activities that one may witness or participate in today. This is an historic and important commemoration for Texas but also for the Nation. This Holiday equals freedom. I applaud all of the events sponsored by Houstonians that seeks to inspire and educate our children and to respect the former slaves of Texas who suffered so much.

HONORING LYDIA ZUIDEMA

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Lydia Zuidema of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Lydia is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in the Workplace.

Lydia is the superintendent and a teacher at St. Joseph Christian School. She instituted the school's National Institute for Learning Development program and has traveled to Afghanistan and South Africa to train other teachers. In Afghanistan, she helped staff and faculty prepare to receive accreditation; in South Africa, she trained early childhood educators. She never wavers from her sense of peace and calm, which comes from her great love for and dedication to the Lord.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Lydia Zuidema. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

HONORING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON ITS 140TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res 1422, Honoring the Department of Justice on the occasion of its 140th anniversary. I would also like to commend Representative SENSENBRENNER for his commitment to recognizing the department for its many accomplishments.

The Department of Justice officially began operations on July 1, 1870 and has been responsible for the enforcement of law and administration of justice for 140 years. The Department of Justice was a major advocate and protector for voting rights in the Southern United States and Georgia during the Civil Rights Era. The Department used its litigators to fight racial injustice throughout the Southern

United States. The work of the Department of Justice served in part as inspiration for President Johnson to sign the Voting Rights Act of 1965 into law.

The Department of Justice is innately close to my heart. My father worked for many years in the Bureau of Prisons, a subdivision of the Department of Justice, and was the director of classifications and paroles. He was at that time the highest ranking African-American in the bureau. Today the department is headed by Attorney General Eric Holder, the first African-American man to hold this position in the department's 140 year history. It is ironic that the Department charged with justice for all people took more than a century in order to name an African-American citizen as its leader; however his nomination serves as an indication of progress and change.

The Department of Justice has championed many successful initiatives including Project Safe Neighborhoods, Project Safe Childhood, and the Presidents Corporate Fraud Task Force. Together these initiatives have resulted in increased protection and safety for our nation's children, as well as record convictions for financial crimes. The Department of Justice has made a significant impact in the state of Georgia through the Southeast Regional Fugitive Force operating out of offices in Atlanta and Macon, Georgia. The SERFTF is recognized nationwide as a leader in fugitive investigations.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today to applaud the accomplishments of the Department of Justice on the occasion of its 140th anniversary and I urge my colleagues to do the same. I challenge the Department of Justice to continue its mission of pursuing the administration of justice for all people in the United States.

HONORING PATRICK CREER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Patrick Creer upon his retirement from the California Highway Patrol, Oakhurst Area Office. Officer Creer will officially retire on June 30, 2010 after 28 years of service.

Officer Creer graduated from Simi Valley High School in 1972. He served in the United States Air Force from 1976 through 1982. After completing his service in the military, Officer Creer was appointed to the California Highway Patrol academy in 1982. Upon graduating from the academy, he was assigned to the Santa Cruz Area Office.

In 1988 Officer Creer was transferred to the Fresno Area Office. After serving 6 years in Fresno, he was transferred to the Central Division, where he worked in the recruitment unit for 9 years. In 2003, Officer Creer was transferred to the newly opened Oakhurst Area Office.

Officer Creer has been married to his wife, Vicki, for 34 years. They have 1 son, Matthew.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Patrick Creer for his tremendous service to the State of California upon his retirement from the California Highway Patrol. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Officer Creer many years of continued success.

HONORING LIEUTENANT ROBERT REYNOLDS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Lieutenant Robert Reynolds of the Worcester Fire Department. Lieutenant Reynolds is retiring after 24 years of dedicated service to the City of Worcester.

As with any public service profession, the nobility inherent in fire fighters should not be overlooked. These brave people, bound by duty and honor, risk their own health and safety in order to protect the lives and property of others. This sense of duty was undoubtedly felt by Mr. Reynolds when he joined the department at the age of 34, and certainly it continued to grow even after being promoted to Lieutenant.

Not only has Lieutenant Reynolds served his community during his career as fire fighter, he has served his country as a U.S. Marine. The leap from Marine to firefighter is no difficult to imagine; to be effective in either profession requires strength of character of immeasurable quantities. It is Lieutenant Reynolds's character that led him to his distinguished career, and it is that character that I would like to honor as he enters a well deserved retirement among his family—his wife Elizabeth and two children, Margo E. (Reynolds) Clark and Bridget J. Reynolds.

I know all of my colleagues join me in thanking Lieutenant Reynolds for his service to the City of Worcester and its citizens.

HONORING KARLI SAMPLE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Karli Sample of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Karli is active in the community through her school and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Future Leader Award.

Karli has held several leadership roles, has been involved in athletics and fine arts programs, is committed to being a volunteer, and has maintained a weighted GPA of 4.5, ranking second in her class. Karli's honors include being selected homecoming queen, a Drug Free Super STAR, a Cotillion for Achievement finalist, a DAR Good Citizen, and a Wendy's Heisman state finalist. She won six state engineering competitions and qualified for nationals each year.

Karli's nominator states, "Karli Sample has made the most out of her four high school years by staying actively and consistently involved in school and community activities. . . . Karli's spirit and positive attitude have inspired many to follow in the same footsteps, whether it be on the court, in the classroom, or out in the community."

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Karli Sample. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in and beyond the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

HONORING JONATHAN K. PENEY

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Jonathan K. Peney, a citizen-soldier who gave his life June 1, 2010, during combat operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

As a member of the U.S. Army Rangers, Jonathan distinguished himself. After graduating from high school, Peney enlisted in November 2005 from his hometown of Marietta, Georgia. For more than two years, he served as a combat medic in 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. He was an expert in advanced medical treatment and selflessly dedicated to the care of others—even at the risk of his own life.

Sergeant Peney was born in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on July 1, 1987, but called Georgia home. He is survived by his wife Kristin E. Peney of Savannah, Georgia, and his mother Sue L. Peney of LaGrange, Georgia.

Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and admiration that I honor Sergeant Peney's sacrifice on behalf of our nation today. He is a hero to his countrymen, his family, and his fellow soldiers. He reminds us that America is blessed to have so many young men and women willing to stand up and fight to preserve our precious freedoms. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Peney family and all our military families whose selfless dedication to this nation is an inspiration to us all.

HONORING NEWSWEEK RANKING OF THE SCHOOL FOR THE TALENTED AND GIFTED AND THE SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING AT YVONNE A. EWELL TOWNVIEW CENTER

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the School for the Talented and Gifted and the School for Science and Engineering at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center for receiving the extraordinary honor of being ranked as the number one and number four public schools in the nation by Newsweek.

Each year, Newsweek ranks the top public high schools out of a possible 27,000 schools. This year, only the top 6 percent of schools made the final list, placing these two schools in the top four out of the 1,600 schools listed. For 2010 the Magnet School for the Talented and Gifted ranked number one, with the Magnet School for Engineering and Science ranking number four. I am delighted that these two schools have achieved such a distinction, placing them among the elite public institutions in this country.

Located in my district of Dallas, Texas, Townview Magnet is one of the most diverse

schools in the state, with minorities representing over half of the student population. Given the diverse nature of the City of Dallas itself, and the increased globalization of most industries, the students attending these two schools will have the opportunity not only to impact the future of the Dallas area, but on a worldwide scale as well. With this quality of education, Americans will be able to compete for success in this growing global economy.

This marks the fourth time in five years that the School for the Talented and Gifted has been ranked number one in the nation by Newsweek.

This honor shows the values of a good educational environment, as many of the students attending these two schools will have opportunities to be the future leaders of this country. This honor will serve as an inspiration to the faculty, staff and students of Townview Magnet School to maintain a high level of work. I extend my appreciation for the hard work of everyone involved in achieving this honor, and lend my support to the future success of Townview.

Madam Speaker, again, I congratulate the students, teachers, principals and parents of Townview Magnet School for the Talented and Gifted and the Magnet School for Science and Engineering on honor.

SMALL BUSINESS JOBS AND CREDIT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5297) to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, and for other purposes:

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5297, the Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010. First I want to thank President Barack Obama for his foresight and recognizing the crucial function small businesses serve in our economy. I also want to thank Speaker NANCY PELOSI and the Chairman of the House Financial Service Committee, Mr. BARNEY FRANK, for their leadership on this issue. This piece of legislation embodies a certain commitment to increase access to capital investments by a vital sector of the economy.

As a major source of employment, increasing lending to small businesses is essential to achieve full economic recovery. Data shows that small businesses created about two out of every three new jobs across the country and I am pleased that small businesses in the Territories are eligible for the Federal programs created under H.R. 5297.

Under Title I of H.R. 5297, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to establish a \$30 billion Small Business Lending Fund (fund) to make capital investments in eligible banks. Eligibility is limited to community banks with total

assets equal or less than \$10 billion and according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) call report data for banks in American Samoa, ANZ Amerika Samoa Bank (AS Bank), with \$132.884 million in total assets is a potential candidate.

Based on criteria specified in the legislation, the AS Bank is eligible to receive up to 5 percent of its risk-weighted assets, or about \$5 million. Instead of the 7 percent London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), AS Bank will pay a lesser rate of 5 percent, to be reduced further to 1 percent if AS Bank increases its small business lending by 10 percent or more.

In addition, under Title II of H.R. 5297, the American Samoa Government (ASG) is eligible to apply for a grant of no less than \$18 million to create a capital access program for small businesses in the Territory. As part of the grant application, ASG is to submit a proposal to the U.S. Treasury for approval that includes designs of a loan program and also designate a local agency to administer the program.

Mr. Speaker, as our economy continues to slump under the strains of unemployment and the loss of revenue, this piece of legislation will provide much-needed capital investments to increase lines of credit available to small businesses across the country.

I am pleased that the Federal programs will inject critical capital into the economy for small businesses to capitalize on. This legislation will go a long way to open up the flow of credit for small businesses that will help create more jobs not only across the country but also in the territories.

I urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 5297.

HONORING KIM ULMER**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kim Ulmer of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Kim is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in Support Services.

Kim has been an administrative assistant for 20 years, working with the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce for five years. In a responsible, efficient way, she has helped her organization become recognized as one of the best in its industry in this nation. She is always looking for ways to improve the process, makes sure projects get done, and works to see that everyone in the office succeeds. This fun-loving team player is known as the "resident counselor" who draws others to her as a listening ear. She creates a welcoming atmosphere for both co-workers and volunteers. Kim also inspires co-workers as she oversees care for a stepson who was severely injured in an accident. She is married, has three children, two stepchildren, and four grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Kim Ulmer. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.