

classrooms at Martins Creek School. It sets a high standard of environmental consciousness for other schools to study and consider.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to support and applaud this innovative Western North Carolina School for their monumental achievement. I ask my colleagues today to rise in support of solar research and environmental safety in our nation's schools, and to congratulate Martins Creek School on their environmental and educational accomplishment.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
BRANDON'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today and join with the members and staff from First Baptist Church of Brandon, Mississippi in celebrating 175 years of the ministry of the Lord's word.

Originally named Brandon Baptist Church in 1835, Brandon's First Baptist Church was established only four years after the founding of the City of Brandon. Early on, members would meet in each others' homes to listen to messages from their first pastor, T.S.N. King, before moving into a shared space at the Brandon Female Academy, where pastors would preach once a month. During this time, congregants sat under the preaching of twenty-five pastors, many of whom held other occupations such as gardening or serving in the Confederate Army. Others taught at local institutions of higher education, such as Warren S. Webb who served in 1871 as both pastor of Brandon Baptist Church and as president of my Alma Mater of Mississippi College, which is located in Clinton, Mississippi. A decade later, Pastor Lewis Carden Kellis led efforts to construct the first building, costing \$2,000, seating 250 congregants, and serving as the sanctuary until 1946.

Carl Joseph Olander carried Brandon Baptist Church through some of its more trying times. The Great Depression created economical challenges for families and businesses nationwide. One suggestion by Olander to overcome these struggles was for each family to "set a hen" and share the proceeds to help fund missions.

Pastor L. Gordan Sansing set in motion weekly worship and would guide Brandon Baptist Church to approve a building program. In 1945, the church exchanged properties with the Brandon Consolidated School District. Prior to constructing the new building, the members had met in the high school. Then, in 1948 the cornerstone for the first building on the new property was laid while Monte Davis was pastor—and the structure was dedicated in January of 1949. Pastor Carey E. Cox's leadership led to the purchase of a nearby house to alleviate space problems. The addition of a twenty-two room education and fellowship hall contributed to growth in the children's and youth activities. In June of 1965, a \$200,000 sanctuary seating 500 congregants was built, and it was during this time that the name Brandon Baptist Church was changed to First Baptist Church.

Numerous other pastors influenced the rapid escalation of First Baptist Church. Bill Duncan

focused on missions, evangelistic visitation and tithing. W. Thomas Baddley expanded the size and variety of the physical facilities, John Ashley piloted the purchase of land adjacent to the church and made plans to build a family life center, and Robert Jackson established a radio broadcast in August of 1981 and a television broadcast in April of 1984.

Dr. Gene Henderson delivered his first sermon in May of 1986. A visionary, his strong oratory skills led to the creation of a second Sunday School and a third worship service. The membership expansion led to plans for a three-phase building project in west Brandon, and construction of the new facility was completed in August of 2001. Dr. Henderson's successor, Dr. Scott Thomas, was introduced to the congregation in a series of personal meetings, and in November of 2005, Dr. Thomas introduced his wife and six children and began their pastorate at First Baptist Church. Dr. Thomas' compassionate management and pastoral skills have brought continued growth, increasing membership to First Baptist Church. In 2008, the church family purchased an additional 72 acres adjacent to their property ensuring room for future growth.

Over the past 175 years, thirty-four men have served as pastors of First Baptist Church of Brandon. Their passion, paired with the commitment of the church family, has resulted in what was originally a 43-person congregation meeting in members' homes, to a ministry today that serves hundreds from all over the Brandon community. The church founders served as pioneers for expanding God's word in Rankin County, and it was their shared vision that birthed a legacy for sharing Christ's love throughout the City of Brandon, the State of Mississippi, and throughout the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF TROPHY CLUB,
TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of Trophy Club, Texas and their 25th anniversary of township.

The vision of Trophy Club originated in 1972, when the legendary golfer, Ben Hogan, was contacted by John W. McMackin with the suggestion that he design a golf course. Subsequently, the first Municipal Utility District was created and 2,500 acres of land was obtained through negotiations with several land owners, including two critical tracts of land owned by Dallas businessman Nelson Bunker Hunt.

The visionaries desired to build a community centered on the ideals of, and participation in, the sport of golf. By 1977, the development included a community swimming pool, tennis courts, 18-hole golf course, club house, utilities and a few paved streets.

In 1985, the Town of Trophy Club was established with 3,700 residents, and elected its first mayor, Jim Carter. Since then, Trophy Club has grown to a population of over 8,000 residents with several schools, including the recently opened Byron Nelson High School. The additional parks, shopping, restaurants and investment in a new Splash Park and Fire

Station have served to make Trophy Club one of the most desirable Texas communities to call home.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize an outstanding community, Trophy Club, Texas. It is my honor to represent Trophy Club and its residents in the United States House of Representatives.

IN HONOR OF THE HAITIAN
FOUNDATION

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The Haitian Foundation of New Jersey and their outstanding charitable work on behalf of the Haitian communities in New Jersey and the people of Haiti.

Led by President Luna Cadley-Jeanty, The Haitian Foundation of New Jersey addresses the thoughts and concerns of the local Haitian Community, and performs charitable work which benefits the entire community. The foundation's membership represents various religious, professional, social, fraternal, educational, woman, youth, and senior citizen groups throughout the Garden State. The group's multiculturalism and tolerance has benefitted New Jersey innumerable ways.

This year when a disastrous earthquake hit Haiti, The Haitian Foundation quickly put together a large-scale local relief effort. As part of their efforts to aid the earthquake victims, they collected lifesaving supplies which went directly to the nation of Haiti. The Haitian Foundation also served as an invaluable way for Haiti to benefit from the New Jersey's generous spirit. The Haitian Foundation helped guide many organizations seeking to help the people of Haiti.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring The Haitian Foundation for their outstanding and dedicated service for those in the Haitian communities in New Jersey and in Haiti.

TRIBUTE TO DUSTIN SMITH

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great achievement by Dustin Smith of Decorah, Iowa. He was named overall high point individual in his age division at the 2010 National Junior Shorthorn Show and Youth Conference in East Lansing, Michigan.

The annual National Junior Shorthorn Show and Youth Conference, which was founded in 1981, is a weeklong event full of contests and educational activities. More than 300 junior shorthorn enthusiasts from 24 states competed in this year's conference. Dustin Smith accumulated the points from first place showings in his division in three categories: the arts and crafts contest, the livestock judging contest and the team fitting contest.

The example set by Dustin demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and determination. His triumph is an honor that we all can admire and be proud of.

I am honored to represent Dustin Smith in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Dustin and wishing him continued success in his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING DR. NANCY DICKEY, A 2010 INDUCTEE INTO THE TEXAS WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and congratulate Dr. Nancy Dickey, who was selected to be a 2010 inductee into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame. I consider Dr. Dickey a great friend, dating back to our time together at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston, and very deserving of this honor, which recognizes the state's most accomplished women.

Dr. Dickey has long been a leader in Texas medicine, as well as nationwide, holding the distinction of being the only female president of the American Medical Association. As an AMA member and former alternate delegate, I greatly value her leadership.

In addition to the AMA, Dr. Dickey is active in the Texas Academy of Family Physicians, the Texas Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the National Patient Safety Foundation. She was appointed to chair the Texas Health Policy Council, chosen for membership in the Society for Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine, and selected to be a member of the Institute of Medicine, a component of the National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Dickey's record of service in Texas medicine is long and distinguished. She is the founding program director of the Family Medicine Residency of the Brazos Valley, and created the Rural and Community Health Institute to address issues of patient safety and quality of care in rural Texas hospitals. In response to Texas' nursing shortage, Dr. Dickey oversaw the creation of a College of Nursing in Bryan/College Station, and chairs the Texas A&M System Council on Nursing, a statewide consortium of nursing programs designed to address the shortage. In 2001, Dr. Dickey was listed as one of America's "Best Doctors."

Dr. Dickey is president of the Texas A&M Health Science Center and vice chancellor for health affairs for the Texas A&M System. Previously, she served as dean of the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine, where she still serves as professor of family and community medicine.

During her tenure as president of Texas A&M Health Science Center—the University System's first female president—she has chaired the state's formula funding advisory committee, and advocated increased funding for health-related educational programs. As a result of her leadership, she helped establish the Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy in Kingsville, the first professional school in South Texas.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor my good friend, Dr. Nancy Dickey, the newest member of the Texas Women's Hall of Fame. Her service to the

state of Texas will be highlighted in a permanent exhibit honoring the inductees, which is housed inside Hubbard Hall on the campus of Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. Dr. Dickey has positively impacted countless lives in Texas and around the country, and paved the way for women to continue to make invaluable contributions to medicine.

VOTING RIGHTS ACT 45TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a great sense of honor to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the enactment of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on August 6, 1965, it is important for us as a group to honor this important piece of legislation that helped America fulfill its promise.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 ensured that African Americans' 15th Amendment rights were protected and enforced. The 15th Amendment guarantees every American their right to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any other State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. Before this piece of legislation was passed African Americans in many parts of the country were unable to exercise the most fundamental right of a democracy.

This historic piece of legislation was too meaningful to be forestalled by the habitual partisan fighting that has historically come to define Congress. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 32 to 74 and the Senate by a vote of 79 to 18. These margins evidence the fact that the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was a bill that didn't just protect the rights of minorities in America, but helped the country heal past injustices and become closer to reaching the ultimate promise of ensuring equal freedom to all.

Although we have come a long way to ensuring the equal protection of rights of every single American, we must never stop fighting against the forces of hate and ignorance that exist. Much remains to be done before true equality can be found in both Northwest Indiana and America as a whole.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commemorating the Voting Rights Act of 1965. When we feel like today's struggles for equality are too much to handle, we must take the time to look back on how far we have come and find the strength to fight on from the advances in freedom and liberty that have occurred in our not so distant past.

RECOGNITION OF THE TRI-VILLAGE LIONS CLUB ON ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Tri-Village Lions Club. On Sep-

tember 25, 2010, the Tri-Village Lions will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of their club. The Tri-Village Lions Club provides an important service to the community by assisting the blind and diabetic residents of central Ohio. This mission is keeping with the challenge Helen Keller issued to the association in 1925 to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

Founded in 1917, there are now approximately 45,000 Lions clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Under the motto "WE SERVE," the Tri-Village Lions Club was chartered on September 8, 1950, becoming the 8,448th club in an organization that now has 1.3 million members. The Tri-Village Lions Club encompasses the communities of Grandview Heights, Marble Cliff, and Upper Arlington.

Among many charitable services, the club conducts vision screenings, equips hospitals and clinics, distributes medicine, and raises awareness of eye disease. In 60 years of service, members of the club have raised more than \$1.1 million that they have funneled directly into charities and offered countless hours of service to the Tri-Village community. The Lions Club also supports children and schools through scholarships, recreation programs, and mentoring.

I am pleased to recognize the Diamond Anniversary of the Tri-Village Lions and proclaim September as "WE SERVE" month in the state of Ohio. I would like to thank the Tri-Village Lions club for its dedicated volunteer work and commitment to ending preventable blindness worldwide. The club has worked hard to identify and address community needs in the Grandview, Marble Cliff, and Upper Arlington area.

I am filled with immense pride to recognize and proclaim September as "WE SERVE" month in honor of such a valued and noble organization within the Columbus area. The Tri-Village Lions Club has been an inspirational leader in the fight against preventable blindness and has proudly demonstrated an unwavering commitment to helping others.

HONORING FIVE MACON GEORGIA GREAT CITIZENS

HON. JIM MARSHALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today to honor five of Macon, Georgia's great citizens: R. Kirby Godsey, Robert F. Hatcher, the late William S. Hutchings, the late Charles H. Jones, and Juanita T. Jordan. Each has earned the respect and admiration of Central Georgians by building coalitions to improve communities and institutions throughout the State of Georgia.

Individually, these citizens of Georgia have accomplished great deeds. They have risen to the highest levels of their chosen professions and are held in the highest esteem by their colleagues and professional organizations. Each has contributed visionary leadership, perseverance and untold hours to civic and charitable endeavors.

These five individuals have also shared a love of their hometown, Macon, Georgia and a passion for improving the quality of life and