

economic opportunity and improved quality of life. Lee College has never let our constituents down in this respect. Graduates of Lee College have become leaders in our community, in business, healthcare, education and many walks of life. I am proud to support Lee College in its continued efforts to develop first-rate affordable education in our area and know that they will continue to help build our workforce and community.

I congratulate the administration, faculty, staff, and students at Lee College for all of their hard work and dedication to academic excellence.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I want to state for the record that yesterday I missed the two rollcall votes of the day. Unfortunately I missed these votes because I was detained in my district.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 49, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—H.R. 4425—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, as the Martin G. Marty Mahar Post Office.

Lastly, had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 50, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—H.R. 4238—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 930 39th Avenue in Greeley, Colorado, as the W.D. Farr Post Office Building.

#### HONORING SHIRLEY ANN WILEY

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Shirley Ann Wiley upon being honored with the "Trail Blazers Award" by the African American Museum. Mrs. Wiley will be honored at the African American History Month Celebration and Banquet on Saturday, February 6, 2010 in Fresno, California.

Shirley Ann was born to Albert and Faye Jones in Sweetwater, Texas; she was one of nine children. She attended Booker T. Washington High School in Sweetwater, and was honored as a salutatorian of her graduating class. She graduated from Wiley College in 1960 with a Bachelors degree in music and a minor in history.

After completing college, Mrs. Wiley moved to California and worked as a social case worker for the Red Cross in San Bernardino County. While in San Bernardino, she began substitute teaching and discovered her passion for education. In 1965 she received a full time teaching position with the Earlimart School District. After marriage, she and her husband moved to Lancaster, where she taught for one year before moving to Fresno.

Mrs. Wiley earned a teaching position with the Fresno Unified School District and began

working towards a Masters Degree in education from California State University, Fresno. She completed the program in 1975, and in 1986 she earned a Doctorate from the University of La Verne. During her forty-year career, Mrs. Wiley was a classroom teacher, resource specialist, and served as Vice Principal in the Fresno Unified School District. Later in her career, Mrs. Wiley began working for the West Fresno School District and served as the Principal and Assistant Superintendent. In 1987, Mrs. Wiley returned to the Fresno Unified School District, where she completed her career and retired in June 2003.

During her forty-three years in Fresno, Mrs. Wiley has been involved with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, the Black Political Council and is a founding board member of the African American Historical and Cultural Museum. Mrs. Wiley and her husband have raised two highly successful daughters.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Shirley Wiley for her years of dedicated service to education in Fresno. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Wiley many years of continued success.

#### HONORING DORIS MURPHY

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with pleasure today to honor Doris Bailey Murphy of Occidental, CA, who marks her 100th birthday on March 11, 2010.

Doris, who lives in her mountain-top home surrounded by redwood trees and rhododendron bushes, was born in Portland, Oregon on March 11, 1910. At 100 she retains the spirit of adventure and independence she first demonstrated when she hitchhiked from Oregon to Arizona as a teenager.

She was married for four decades to San Francisco labor organizer Joe Murphy, head of Hod Carriers Local 36 and organizer for the Industrial Workers of the World. She wrote about their life in a memoir "Love and Labor." Published by Doris when she was 96, her book is peppered with smoke-filled rooms, night clubs and political drama, covering a rough and tumble time in California labor history and the colorful years in San Francisco during World War II and concluding in the coastal mountains of Sonoma County where she and Joe made their home for more than half a century.

Doris graduated from Reed College in 1938 with a psychology-sociology degree, followed by a graduate degree in social work from the University of California, Berkeley in 1956.

In San Francisco she was a welfare worker with the Traveler's Aid Society during the Depression and then with the Red Cross after World War II helping veterans, their families and other refugees of the era.

In Sonoma County she helped create the Sonoma County Council for Community Services which spawned various agencies concentrating on families and children. She worked as a therapist until she was age 90, explaining, "It was satisfying so why would I quit?"

In her adopted community of Occidental, where she has lived for more than 50 years,

she has been a vital community leader, helping to establish a senior lunch and rides program, a community health center, and the Occidental Community Council.

In recent years she has been a tireless champion and leader of efforts to create a home for the growing arts community in western Sonoma County and will celebrate her 100th birthday at the newly opened Occidental Center for the Arts.

A formidable woman with a keen wit, zest for politics and a passion for dogs, horses, the arts and social justice, Doris opens her house regularly for community meetings and social gatherings. She has continued to host the annual Labor Day picnic begun by her and her late husband. Last year she helped launch a writing workshop in her living room.

Doris is a woman who likes California white wine but prefers a good scotch. When her house isn't filled with friends and admirers, you can find her throwing logs into her stone fireplace to settle in with the evening news, her dog Matilda and her cat, Rebel.

Madam Speaker, here's to Doris Murphy and her 100 years of community leadership and good living. In the words of her friend Bob Klose, she's a pretty classy dame!

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 17 I was unable to vote because my arrival in Washington from Iowa was delayed by severe winter weather.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

#### HONORING THE UNI-CAPITOL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

### HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, The United States and Australia share a longstanding relationship that has allowed the two nations to cooperate on many international issues. Due to the strength and depth of this relationship, the United States has relied on the support of our ally Australia in many of our mutual international objectives. This relationship continues to be strengthened through the cooperation of our two governments and through the cultural exchanges that occur between our nations.

Developed by Erik Federer in 1999, the Uni-Capitol Internship Program enables a select group of young Australian students to experience the work of the United States Congress. It is through Mr. Federer's tireless efforts that this year, twelve exceptional Australian students are participating in internships in different Congressional offices. I have had the opportunity to work with three Australian students during the past five years and their professionalism and work ethic has been extraordinary.

This year my office worked with another student from the Uni-Capitol Internship Program,

Matthew Robertson. Matthew is a third year law student at Deakin University in Melbourne Australia. He applied to the program with the hope to learn more about the American government. Matthew's extensive knowledge of the Australian government and legal system enhances his understanding of the American legislative process. During his time at my office he had the opportunity to attend Committee hearings, briefings, perform legislative research, and prepare memos for my staff and myself. His professionalism in the office and willingness to handle any task that was assigned to him were outstanding. It has truly been a pleasure to have Matthew in the office.

I am certain that my colleagues were similarly impressed with the work done by the eleven other Australian students in the program. I rise to commend the Uni-Capitol Internship Program for its work to strengthen the relationship between the United States and Australia; and offer Matthew my thanks for a job well done.

#### A TRIBUTE TO T.J. PATTERSON

#### HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, in celebration of Black History Month, I would like to recognize Thomas James "T.J." Patterson for his dedication to the 19th Congressional District of Texas, as well as his leadership in honoring Black History Month in Lubbock, Texas.

Born in Waxahachie, Texas on June 29, 1937, T.J. was raised in Wichita Falls and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1954. He then went on to attend Bishop College and in 1958 received a degree in Physical Education. After graduation, T.J. came to Lubbock where he met and married his bride of over 50 years, Bobbie Gean.

In 1961, T.J. was drafted into the U.S. Army where he valiantly served his country. After an honorable discharge, T.J. spent several years teaching at the Texas Tech University. In 1977, T.J. co-founded the Southwest Digest, a newspaper that has served as a strong voice for Lubbock's African American community for over 30 years.

In 1984, T.J. was elected as the first African American to serve on the Lubbock City Council, breaking down barriers for others to serve in public offices throughout the community, and I had the honor of serving with T.J. on the City Council. After 20 years of serving as the representative for District 2, T.J. retired from the Lubbock City Council in 2004 as the longest serving council member in Lubbock's history. In addition to this service, T.J. was elected president of the Texas Municipal League in 1998, becoming the first African American president in that organization's history.

T.J. is an active member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a legend in Lubbock's fight against illegal drugs. Over the past several years, T.J. has organized and participated in countless marches against drugs and violence. T.J. is an incredible role model for not only African American children, but all youth.

T.J. and his wife have a branch of the Lubbock Public Library named after them, the

Bobbie Gean and T.J. Patterson Library, and the library hosts annual events in honor of Black History Month. They are pillars of the community and can be found visiting inmates in the local jail on Christmas Day offering messages of encouragement.

I am honored to know T.J. His message to us is that Black History is every day, not just one month out of the year. He is a hero, a public servant and a dreamer; a man of character and a faithful man of God. On behalf of the 19th Congressional District, including myself, I thank T.J. for all he has given and continues to give our community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during Monday's two rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 4425 and H.R. 4238.

HONORING GEORGE CROUSE FOR BEING NAMED THE UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION'S NEW ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR

#### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate George Crouse for being named the New England High School Coach of the Year by the United States Tennis Association (USTA). This is a fitting title for a man who has served as a tennis coach at Stonington High School for 37 years and has amassed more than 600 wins in the process.

George Crouse is a consummate professional and enthusiastic coach whose achievements continue to amaze his colleagues both in Connecticut and around the country. His commitment to the academic success of his student athletes in the classroom, exceed only his record on the court. Since 1973 he has coached boys and girls teams at Stonington High, with the girls team having achieved a 341-96 record while reaching four consecutive Class S state championships. He was named the Connecticut Coach of the Year for both boys and girls tennis in 1998 and 2008, respectively.

The dedication he shows to his athletes is matched only by his passion for the sport of tennis. He is a member of the USTA Connecticut board of directors and operates the Stonington-Eastern Connecticut Community Tennis Association. In addition to coaching the teams of Stonington High, George coaches squads on the USTA Jr. Teams, leading them to state and sectional championships. George is also a public servant, serving in numerous volunteer roles and also as a member of the Stonington Board of Selectman.

I am grateful for Mr. Crouse's service and dedication to the town of Stonington. I am proud to call him a constituent and a friend.

The years of hard work that he has dedicated to improving the lives of countless athletes and members of his community will continue to define his life and his work.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RELEASE OF NELSON MANDELA AND HONOR HIS LIFELONG DEDICATION TO BUILDING A MORE EQUITABLE AND UNITED WORLD

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution that celebrates the 20th anniversary of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela's release from prison and honors his lifelong dedication to building a more equitable and united world.

On February 11, 1990, Nelson Mandela exited Victor Verster Prison in Paarl, South Africa, after 27 years of imprisonment. Years of international pressure from activists, artists and politicians in South Africa and the international community had finally convinced the South African government to reinstate the African National Congress (ANC) as a legitimate political party, and release Nelson Mandela.

In the hours following his release, tens of millions around the world watched as Mandela stood at the City Hall in Cape Town and proclaimed his commitment to abolish apartheid and institute a system of government that protected the rights and freedoms of all people. For over 40 years, racial segregation was enforced under the law of apartheid, and severely restricted black South Africans and other people of color from basic human rights and social and economic equality.

Madam Speaker, Nelson Mandela never wavered from his commitment to combat apartheid and create a free and democratic country whether he was rallying support for the ANC as a young lawyer and activist, or serving as an inmate at the infamous prison on Robben Island. Decades of menial work and degrading conditions in South Africa's prisons did not make Nelson Mandela's drive to achieve a more just and equal society any less potent. Once released, 71-year-old Nelson Mandela and his ANC colleagues continued their efforts to dismantle apartheid until it finally ended in 1994.

More than four years after his release, 20,000,000 South Africans of all colors lined the streets to vote in South Africa's first election that was held under a law of universal suffrage. The people of South Africa elected Nelson Mandela as the first President of the fully representative democratic state, a man whose resilience, humility and eloquence symbolized a new era in which South Africa strove to achieve equality, communication and cooperation within its government and communities. The newly elected President Mandela addressed the world and pledged to lead a "united, democratic, non-racial and non-sexist government" for all people of South Africa.

Madam Speaker, 20 years after his release, Nelson Mandela's wisdom, strength and work continues to inspire people of all walks of life. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution