

TRIBUTE TO DONNIE A. BRYANT

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON, of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Twenty two years ago a tenacious man of God accepted his calling to serve in the corporate world of South Central Bell, BellSouth and AT&T; and

Whereas, Mr. Donnie A. Bryant began his career in 1981 serving in various positions with the company and serving in various cities in the United States, cities such as Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana, Birmingham, Alabama, Conyers, Georgia and Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mr. Bryant has shared his time and talents, giving the citizens of our District a friend to help those in need, a community leader and a servant to all who wants to insure that the system works for everyone; and

Whereas, Mr. Donnie A. Bryant 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 Mr. Donnie A. Bryant on his retirement from AT&T and to wish him well in his new endeavors;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim June 5, 2011 as Mr. Donnie A. Bryant Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 5th day of June, 2011.

## RECOGNIZING DR. MARION J. BROOKS AND THE NAMING OF THE DR. MARION J. BROOKS BUILDING

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Dr. Marion Jackson Brooks, an individual fondly known as "Dr. Jack," a name not only synonymous with medical care among Fort Worth's African-American community, but also the community at large. As a lifelong resident of the City of Fort Worth, he was a devoted family man, a generous and caring physician, a tireless advocate for social justice and a steadfast friend. His legacy of community service has been immortalized in Fort Worth through the naming of the Tarrant County Health Building in his honor.

Jack Brooks was the third of four boys born to Roy and Eula Brooks, graduating from I.M. Terrell High School in 1936. A born leader, he became commander of the ROTC while attending Prairie View A & M College, a service that presaged his role in World War II as an army First Lieutenant.

On Christmas Day, 1945, Jack married the former Marie Louise Norris and shortly thereafter moved to Washington D.C. where he received an honorable discharge and enrolled in Medical School at Howard University. He graduated 5th in the medical school class in 1951 and returned to Fort Worth with his wife

and four children to begin practicing medicine in Fort Worth's black business district.

From this vantage point, he recognized the broad needs of his community beyond the delivery and access to quality health care and encouraged and helped politically organize the African-American community through dissemination of information, programs, voter registration and organization.

Dr. Brooks worked toward expanding access and equality for his community. Initiatives he worked and advocated for included integration of Fort Worth's hospitals and public school district, serving as co-founder and the first president of the Sickle Cell Anemia Association of Texas, and service on boards and commissions devoted to his alma mater, Prairie View. Additionally he worked to expand economic opportunities as head of the local Urban League chapter and toward expanding political empowerment as a founding organizer of the Tarrant County Precinct Workers Council.

He expanded his medical practice with his brother Donald through the establishment of the Brooks Clinic in Fort Worth's Morningside Community, a full-service medical facility in the heart of the African-American community. In this neighborhood he and his wife established a home for what had now expanded to a family of five children and organized the Morningside United Methodist Church in their living room in 1962. From this foundation he served over 30 years as Sunday school teacher.

Dr. Brooks also contributed to the McDonald Branch Y.M.C.A., Free and Accepted Masons-Prince Hall, Ft. Worth Chamber of Commerce, the Ft. Worth Symphony Orchestra and served as the first African-American member of the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Ft. Worth. He was also a professional affiliate of the Tarrant county Medical Society, American Association of Family Practice Physicians, and the National Medical Association. He was also a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, NAACP and SNCC.

Through his medical practice and his life, Dr. Brooks remained committed to the underrepresented and underprivileged. He accepted his role of service as a physician within the African-American community and broadened the responsibility to speak out for the rights of its citizens as an elder statesman, impacting the lives before closing his story of service to God, family and community on March 3, 2003.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Dr. Brooks contributions to the City of Fort Worth and to celebrate the naming of the Dr. Marion J. Brooks Building. He has enriched the city, county and state which I am honored to represent.

## HONORING SUKANYA ROY

### HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Miss Sukanya Roy, to celebrate her victory in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Sue, as she is more commonly known, is currently an eighth grader at Abington Heights Middle School. She lives in South Abington Township with her father Abhi Roy,

a professor at Scranton University, and her mother Mousumi Roy, a professor at the Pennsylvania State University.

Sue is an avid member of her school's Ecology Club and plays the violin in the school orchestra. Outside of academia, Sue enjoys indoor rock climbing, ice skating, and playing the piano. She is also fluent in Bengali and keeps in touch with her heritage by traveling to India every summer.

This was the third consecutive year that Sue participated in the National Spelling Bee, having finished in the top twenty in previous years. This year Sue said she knew every word and did not guess once. Sue was crowned this year's champion after correctly spelling "CYMOTRICHOS," a word of Greek origin relating to having wavy hair.

Although she is just about to enter high school, Sue wants to pursue a career in International Relations and hopes to bring an end to world poverty and hunger.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sukanya Roy and ask my colleagues to join me in praising her achievement as the 84th Scripps National Spelling Bee Champion.

## IN HONOR OF JENNEFER LLOYD SANTEE WINEMAN

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jennefer Lloyd Santee Wineman. Jennefer was a gracious, loving and strikingly beautiful woman who generously gave her time and talents in an effort to better the lives of those around her whom she loved. She passed away on November 26, 2010.

Jennefer was born on May 15, 1931 in Montreal Canada, but soon moved to Carmel, California where she later became a proud U.S. citizen. In the beautiful backdrop of cypress trees and glowing sunsets, Jennefer flourished and graduated from Carmel High School in 1949 earning the "Gold C" award, which was given to an outstanding scholastic female student. It was during my years at Carmel High School that I really became close with Jennefer, through her younger sister Cindy. Following Carmel High, Jennefer attended Stanford University where she met Nathaniel Baylis and they soon were married. Jennefer and "Nat" were blessed with two wonderful sons, Owen and Lloyd. Those closest to her have said that her most natural and intuitive gift was that of being a wonderful, caring mother.

In addition to being a loving wife and mother, Jennefer helped pioneer a revolutionary form of education. She became a teacher at the Charles Armstrong School for the dyslexic, a school which specifically caters to the needs of children who require a different method of teaching. Education became Jennefer's passion and led her to play a pivotal role in the establishment of Chartwell School in Carmel. Through her dedication to improving the lives of her students and their families, Jennefer molded Chartwell school into one of the premier special education institutions. After completing her long held dream of providing Chartwell with its own independent campus, families from across America began to relocate to the Central Coast just to have their

children attend. Chartwell graduates have gone on to very successful careers in many fields, adding to the strength of our country. As Margaret Mead said, "never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever does". Jennefer and the Chartwell School did change the worlds of many young people for the better.

Not only a brilliant educator, Jennefer was the guiding light for the Lloyd family, a family which will be celebrating the anniversary of its 100th year in Carmel this coming July. She loved her family and cherished her family's history. She set to work tracing her lineage and eventually joined the Daughters of the Revolution, in which her membership remained an integral part of her life. She challenged her family just as she did her students, to overstep the insurmountable and to take what you want from life with tenacity; she was the catalyst that lit the fire.

Jennefer's bright smile and positive outlook helped her see the good in everyone around her and she had the ability to always bring the best qualities of a person to light. Her friends and family have many stories of how Jennefer encouraged them to try again, to gain new skills and reinvent themselves. As a friend of Jennefer's, I truly believe she took to heart the song, "Over the Rainbow." She believed "the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true."

Christmas was Jennefer's favorite holiday because it was a time for the entire family to be together and a special time to give thanks for the wonderful things in life. If you were to ask her what she wanted for Christmas, the answer was always the same, "peace on earth".

Mr. Speaker, Jennefer Lloyd Santee Wineman always put others before herself and dedicated her life to serving her community and family. She was so beautiful, caring and remarkable and I know that one day, on the other side of the rainbow, where skies are blue, and where troubles melt like lemon drops, that is where I'll find her.

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 2, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2055) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I thank Chairman CULBERSON and Ranking Member BISHOP for bringing the FY 2012 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill to the floor today. This bill provides funding that is critical to the strength and the well-being of our military, and supports the education and training of our veterans, construction of Department of Defense hospitals, schools and family housing.

The bill provides a total of \$143.9 billion in FY 2012, of which \$69.5 billion is mandatory funding for pensions and other benefits administered by the Veterans Benefit Administration. This funding will support service-connected compensation programs that help an estimated 4 million veterans, survivors and dependents and makes pension payments to 507,000 veterans and survivors.

The bill also provides \$60.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs and \$14 billion for military construction and family housing. This includes funds for inpatient care and treatment of beneficiaries in 152 hospitals, 101 domiciliary residential rehabilitation treatment programs, 133 nursing homes, 300 Vet Centers, 50 mobile Vet Centers and 807 outpatient clinics, which include independent, satellite, community-based and rural outreach clinics.

Our nation's servicemembers and veterans and their families deserve the best quality care and support available. This measure helps to fund the programs and benefits they have earned for their service and sacrifice.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in support of the bill.

#### THE BETHLEHEM GRANGE NUMBER 121

**HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bethlehem Grange on their 120th anniversary. The Bethlehem Grange Number 121 is one of nearly sixty National Grange chapters in the state of Connecticut. On January 6, 1891, the Bethlehem Grange was organized by 24 charter members. Through the years, the Bethlehem Grange has grown substantially, having at one point over 150 members. The Bethlehem Grange has maintained a strong commitment to the rural communities of northwestern Connecticut.

The Bethlehem Grange has a rich history of promoting family farming and community service in rural Connecticut. In 1891 the Bethlehem Grange sponsored their first Grange Fair in the Town Hall. The fair has grown and expanded since then, eventually becoming the popular Bethlehem Fair, which I've had the pleasure of attending numerous times over the years.

The Bethlehem Grange is committed to fostering a deeply-rooted sense of community. In addition to their monthly activities, the Grange supports their local food bank, donates dictionaries to the local elementary school, and provides scholarships to local high school students. Their dedication to civic responsibility doesn't end there: the Bethlehem Grange holds an annual community flea market and participates in the Adopt-A-Road program.

Over its 120 years of existence, the Bethlehem Grange has done its part to preserve the cherished historical character of northwestern Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I believe that we can all learn from the Bethlehem Grange's dedication to fellowship and service, and so I ask my colleagues to join with me, and the people of Bethlehem, in recognizing the Bethlehem Grange Number 121 on their 120th anniversary.

#### RECOGNIZING SAM GILLIAM

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Sam Gilliam, a world-renowned artist, an innovative leader in artistic expression, and a resident of the District of Columbia. Sam Gilliam's work has been acclaimed throughout our nation. We now ask the Congress of the United States to officially recognize Sam Gilliam as well.

Born in Tupelo, Mississippi, Sam has spent most of his distinguished career as a resident of the nation's capitol. Through the guidance and encouragement of his elementary school teachers, Sam discovered his interest in painting and artistic expression while growing up in Louisville, Kentucky. After graduating from Central High School in Louisville, Sam earned a bachelor of arts degree in fine arts and a master's degree in painting at the University of Louisville. He taught in Louisville public schools and served in the United States Army.

Sam Gilliam's work is distinctive in its creative artistry, using bright, piercing colors (which solidified his place at the Washington Color School), distorting geometric shapes, and displaying unframed painted canvases, enabling the work of art and background to blend as one.

As a member of the Smithsonian Art Collectors Program, Sam has produced several pieces to benefit arts education programs at the Smithsonian Institution, including *In Celebration*, 1987 and *Museum Moment*, 2009. In 2005, the District's prestigious Corcoran Gallery of Art honored Sam with a retrospective exhibition that highlighted his artistic achievements. Sam's first solo exhibition was featured in the District's Jefferson Place Gallery, and the current exhibition of his work at two premiere galleries in the city, the Phillips Collection and the Katzen Center at American University, indicate continuing appreciation of his unique pieces. Sam has been awarded numerous honorary degrees, and his work has been featured throughout the world, including the National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC; Tate Gallery, London; Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC; Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH; and the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris, France. Sam's new piece for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (Metro) Art-in-Transit Program, *From a Model to a Rainbow*, is being displayed at the Metro underpass at 4th and Cedar Street, NW near Takoma Station. I will be among the guests to recognize Sam on Saturday, June 11, 2011, at Takoma Station.

The District of Columbia and its residents are particularly grateful for Sam Gilliam's work in developing the next generation of artists by mentoring and teaching art classes to DC Public Schools students. His studio is located in the historic Shaw neighborhood, an area of the city known for its diverse forms of music, dance, and culture.

For a lifetime of achievements and for continuing contributions to the arts, as recognized throughout the nation and the world, I ask the House to join me in celebrating the uniquely distinctive place of Sam Gilliam in the arts.