

In Burnet County, she will oversee the public defender's office and hire two attorneys, an investigator and an office manager. The office is being created with a grant from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission.

"It's new territory," she said.

Dallas County prosecutor Cynthia R. Garza, who worked with Moore on several exonerations, said that Moore's efforts, along with those of the DA's conviction integrity unit, established in 2007 by District Attorney Craig Watkins, made an impact on how exonerations are seen locally and throughout the country.

"Her role was very important to her clients and to the whole movement" of post-conviction exonerations, said Garza. People are more open-minded now about exonerations, Garza said.

Moore also worked with legislators to bring about increased compensation for Texas exonerees and changes in eyewitness identification procedures.

"I was excited and relieved," Moore said about the changes to the law. "I'm proud to have been involved, however small, in changing the system."

AT A GLANCE—MICHELLE MOORE

Age: 46

Education: Law degree from University of Arkansas, 1990.

Career Highlights: Joined Dallas County public defenders office 16 years ago; has helped free 11 innocent Dallas County men from prison since 2001; former board president of the Innocence Project of Texas.

OPPOSE THE SIERRA JUAREZ CROSS-BORDER TRANSMISSION LINE

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the Energia Sierra Juarez cross-border transmission line between California and Mexico. I would like to insert into the RECORD Senate Joint Resolution 13, adopted by the California Senate.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13—RELATIVE TO CROSS-BORDER TRANSMISSION
[Filed with Secretary of State September 15, 2011]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 13, Vargas. Public utilities: cross-border transmission lines.

This measure would call upon the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy to reject Semptra Energy's application to construct the Energia Sierra Juarez cross-border transmission line between Mexico and California in order to preserve jobs in California, promote energy independence, and uphold California's labor and environmental laws.

Whereas, Cross-border transmission lines between California and Mexico would facilitate the exportation of American jobs by enabling energy companies to import electricity into the United States instead of building energy projects here, where the energy is being used, and thereby move our economy in the wrong direction at a time when we should be putting Americans back to work; and

Whereas, The Obama administration has emphasized the need for our nation to reduce our dependence on imported energy because our nation's economic future and security depend on developing energy infrastructure within our own borders; and

Whereas, A core component of President Obama's electoral campaign was his commitment to a green energy economy, which would usher in a period of environmental advancement and economic prosperity; and

Whereas, Constructing cross-border transmission lines would undermine the President's vision by enabling energy companies to deliver electricity to the United States from foreign facilities not built to American labor or environmental standards; and

Whereas, If we are to reclaim America's middle class, our nation must eliminate opportunities for corporations to export jobs, exploit workers, or raid natural resources: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly. That the Legislature, to preserve jobs in California, promote energy independence, and uphold California's exemplary labor and environmental laws, calls upon the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy to reject Semptra Energy's application for a Presidential permit to construct the Energia Sierra Juarez cross-border transmission line between Mexico and San Diego County, California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to the Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, to the Secretary of the United States Department of Labor, and to the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI- VERSARY OF THE ST. PETERS- BURG, FLORIDA ELK LODGE 1224

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of St. Petersburg, Florida Elks Lodge 124 which was established on February 16, 1911. Forty-two members started what would become the second Elks Lodge along the west coast of Florida.

By 1926, with a new three story clubhouse in downtown St. Petersburg, Lodge 1224 became the largest Elk's Lodge in Florida with 1,750 members. Throughout the years, the Lodge has moved several times but in 1970, under a stronger leadership, the post significantly grew and was able to purchase the building it now occupies on 66th Street in St. Petersburg.

Today with nearly 1000 members, the Lodge is very active in a number of important activities throughout the community. Along with many other Florida lodges, Lodge 1224 supports the Children's Physical Therapy Services Program. This program consists of 22 vans driven by physical therapists who offer free services to any child in need. The Lodge also welcomes our nation's veterans with open arms, proudly offering entertainment and meals in their lodge twice a month.

Mr. Speaker, over the last 100 years the members of the Elk's Lodge 1224 have seen the city of St. Petersburg grow from a sleepy

little town of 8,000 to a bustling city of nearly 250,000. Like all Americans, they suffered through the Great Depression, comforted a community through two World Wars, and they continue to serve the community today by proudly offering essential services to our children and veterans. It is my hope that my colleagues will join me this afternoon in recognizing the 100th anniversary of Elks Lodge 1224 and their century of service to our community.

IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF DR.
RICHARD LEON HOOKS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the life of Dr. Richard Leon Hooks who passed away on October 29, 2011.

Dr. Hooks was born in Montgomery, Alabama, in August of 1943, and graduated from Alabama State University with a degree in Secondary Education. Dr. Hooks also attended the University of Alabama, where he earned a Masters of Arts and Doctorate of Philosophy in Education.

Dr. Hooks began teaching in 1963 at Cobb High School in Anniston, Alabama. Later in his career, in 1980, he began administrative work with Anniston City Schools. In 2003, he retired and in 2008, was elected to serve on the Anniston City Board of Education. He served two years as the school board president.

It is a sad day in Alabama as we have lost one of our great educators. We honor the memory of Dr. Richard Leon Hooks today.

TRIBUTE TO THE GENERAL PATTON MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND THE WORLD WAR II DESERT TRAINING CENTER

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mrs. BONO MACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the General Patton Memorial Museum located in the 45th Congressional District and in the center of the historic military landscape—General Patton's World War II Desert Training Center.

Through the hard work and dedication of local supporters, volunteers and donors, the museum preserves artifacts from the major conflicts of the 20th and 21st centuries and serves an important role educating the public on U.S. military history. In cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, this historically significant land will be protected for future generations to enjoy.

I want to especially thank Margit Chiriaco Rusche and her family who have given selflessly of their time, energy and finances to preserve the memory of General Patton's presence in our community. Generations of American families have been rewarded with a glimpse of America's military history through this unique facility, and our community has been enriched by the one-of-a-kind historical artifacts preserved at this site.

Located in the heart of the Desert Training Center, the General Patton Memorial Museum was established on November 11, 1988, to honor the memory of General George Patton. The museum contains exhibits ranging from World War I through the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars and honors the service and sacrifice of America's veterans.

In the early days of World War II, the greatest global conflict our world has ever seen, the War Department recognized the need to train troops to withstand the rigors of battle over rough desert terrain. Thus, the Desert Training Center, formally known as the California-Arizona Maneuver Area, was established in 1942. Led by Major General George S. Patton Jr., the training camp trained 1 million troops from 1942–1944.

When the direction of the war shifted to the Allies' favor in 1944, the camp was closed, ending the largest simulated theater of operations in the history of military maneuvers. While most of the structures were removed, much of the infrastructure, including rock-lined streets, staging areas, flag circles, and tent areas remain.

It is my hope that the General Patton Memorial Museum and the World War II Desert Training Center will serve as a powerful reminder of how our nation's freedom has been preserved by the dedication of our armed forces. While no single tribute can fully honor their sacrifice, this memorial offers a chance for our community to stand together in honoring the men and women who have fought under the Stars and Stripes. I am certain that any patriotic American would benefit from a visit to the General Patton Memorial Museum and I encourage all those traveling to this region to consider visiting.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the General Patton Memorial Museum and the World War II Desert Training Center.

NOVEMBER 2011 IS PULMONARY
HYPERTENSION AWARENESS
MONTH

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, November is Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month 2011 in the Second Congressional District of South Carolina. Pulmonary Hypertension, PH, is the condition of continuous high blood pressure in the arteries or veins of the lungs which can result in an enlarged heart, causing it to lose its ability to pump. PH symptoms are similar to common respiratory and cardiac ailments and is therefore difficult to properly diagnose. It often leads to life-threatening delays in treatment. Although there is no cure for the disease, there is hope. Unfortunately, the medications can be expensive and invasive, with some patients requiring continuous infusion pumps and oxygen.

The Pulmonary Hypertension Association, PHA, a patient support charity group, raises funds for research, promotes awareness, and proves educational and emotional support to the estimated 30,000 diagnosed patients in

the United States. It has helped to establish 235 patient support groups throughout the nation, including four groups in South Carolina that serve over 150 patients, caregivers and family members across the state.

On behalf of the Pulmonary Hypertension patients in the Second Congressional District of South Carolina, I would like to bring awareness to their cause by citing November 2011 as Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month.

RECOGNIZING THE 109TH BIRTHDAY OF MR. ROOSEVELT LEE, SR. OF KOSCIUSKO, MS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Roosevelt Lee, Sr. of Kosciusko, Mississippi; as a father, husband and agricultural entrepreneur in recognition of his 109th birthday. Born October 23, 1902 to Mr. Tom Lee and Mrs. Mary Young Lee, Roosevelt is the eldest and last surviving of nine siblings. Mr. Lee is the father of eighteen (18) children, grandfather to sixty (60) grandchildren and great-grandfather to more than fifty (50) great-grandchildren.

During a period when educational resources for African Americans were slim to none, Mr. Lee managed to receive up to a third grade education which was offered out of a local church in Kosciusko where he is a native. At a very young age Mr. Lee committed his time and talent to working to help support his family; he worked as a farmer, mechanic, and raiser of cattle and other livestock.

He is a devote Christian and passionate steward of the Lord. He was a member of the Mount Ollie Missionary Baptist Church in Kosciusko, Mississippi for 67 years where he actively served as Sunday school superintendent, treasurer, head deacon, and trustee for the church. Currently, he is a member of the Bell Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Clarksdale and has been for the past eight years.

Mr. Lee is a member of the Sir Knight Masons of Clarksdale, Mississippi. He has selflessly devoted his time to helping other local farmers maintain and repair their farming equipment and vehicles. Mr. Lee's work ethic and commitment to making provisions for his family has allowed his family to keep its farm for 81 years.

In October of 2007, Mayor Henry Epsy of Clarksdale, Mississippi, declared October 27th as Roosevelt Lee, Sr. Day. At the seasoned age of 109, Mr. Lee does not suffer from high blood pressure, cholesterol, heart issues or diabetes but has most recently been diagnosed with Alzheimer disease.

Boxing and wrestling are two of his favorite sports. He has a passion for checkers and loves to travel. He has frequented many of America's most popular destinations such as Chicago, St. Louis, California, Atlanta and a host of others.

Out of his more than a century of life, Mr. Lee confirms that his commitment to Christ has been what has sustained him. He believes that if you serve the Lord and do the right thing regardless of what the next person does,

God will bless you. He is a true example of the wondrous works of the Lord and what it means to be a provider for your family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in celebrating a true champion of the life, Mr. Roosevelt Lee, Sr. for his tenacious and zealous works as a farmer, father and one fine American.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 816, I was attending the funeral mass of a family member and was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

A TRIBUTE TO JOAN SLAUGHTER

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Joan Slaughter for her service to the United States and to my home town of Philadelphia, PA. Joan began her career with the Federal Government on October 23, 1973. She started as a Sewing Machine Operator and the Directorate of Manufacturing at the Defense Personnel Support Center in my district. But, she would not remain in that post for long.

Her drive for excellence and her commitment to service led her to a constant string of educational certificates and degrees and promotions at work.

Providing the best product to the warfighter has been her guiding principal. That commitment resulted in a nearly 38 year career and the undying love and respect of her colleagues and friends.

Mr. Speaker, Joan's love of country is only exceeded by her love of her family. Her husband Gregory and children Gregory, Jr., Shirley and Karen, along with son-in-law Victor, daughter-in-law Nicole, and her grandsons, granddaughters and great grandson could tell us story after story illustrating how wonderful she is.

Joan is retiring now. But, DLA' loss is her family's gain. Our country's loss will be our community's gain.

I ask that all every Member of the House of Representatives join me in honoring her on the occasion of her retirement.

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 894, the Veterans' Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2011. This