

Charles D. Barton and Larry H. Barton and one daughter, Edith Barton Bishop. Mrs. Barton now has three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Mrs. Barton worked at Bemis Mills for close to 40 years and has spent her life serving God and volunteering in her church as a Sunday School teacher, choir director and pianist.

On December 15th, her friends and family will celebrate her birthday in her room at Talladega Health Care in Talladega. Today I would like to wish Mrs. Ruby Hartley Barton a very Happy 100th Birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was not present during the rollcall vote No. 875, on December 1, 2011.

On rollcall vote No. 875 I would have voted "yes."

MERGER OF TRANSPORTATION COMMUNICATIONS UNION AND INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the January 1, 2012 merger of the Transportation Communications Union (TCU) and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW).

These two great unions, with railroad roots, are on pace to become one strong voice for hundreds of thousands of middle-class working men and women across our great nation.

It was in 1888 that 19 Machinists meeting in a locomotive pit in Atlanta, Georgia formed what is now the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, commonly known as the "Fighting Machinists".

Today's TCU is one union made of many. At its core is the Union founded in 1899, which became the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. Then in 1919 the name expanded, becoming the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees. To further reflect the diversity of the union's membership, the delegates at the 1987 Convention voted to become the Transportation Communications International Union (TCU).

TCU, joining the ranks of the Machinists, makes its membership and the labor movement that much stronger. Both of these unions are constantly fighting for the dignity, welfare and prosperity of their members. Workers are the foundation of our nation; they drive our economy and our country forward. TCU and the IAM understand the values of hard work, faith, family and community—they are the keys of success. These four pillars are what make TCU and IAM stronger.

This merger not only unites two unions but two dedicated union presidents as well. The

determination of these two men to fight for the rights for fair wages and working conditions for everyone has its roots in Tom Buffenbarger, who started out as a journeyman tool and die maker at GE's jet engine plant in Evendale, Ohio. In 1997 he was the youngest IAM President in its history. And Bob Scardelletti, a life-long railroader, started out as a yard clerk in Cleveland with the New York Central Railroad in 1967; in 1971 took on his first union position and by 1991 was elected president and has been re-elected by acclamation four times.

TCU and IAM were fundamental in building the American middle-class, and have a vital role today in preserving the American dream for working families. Their unions were unified by a common purpose: to do the very best they can—every single day—for the members they serve. The TCU/IAM merger now creates a powerful force representing close to a million active and retired Americans. Their combined strength will provide leadership throughout the labor movement; particularly, the transportation industry. TCU/IAM is now one of the largest rail unions in the United States.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this historic merger for the betterment of the hard-working middle-class men and women of our country.

HONORING THE SCOTLAND HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM ON ITS 2011 NORTH CAROLINA 4-A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Scotland High School football team in honor of the school's first-ever North Carolina 4-A State Football Championship. The Fighting Scots rallied for 35 points in the second half on their way to a 42-16 victory over a talented and determined Porter Ridge High School team, Saturday, Dec. 3.

Scotland finished the 2011 season with a perfect 15-0 record, the first undefeated season in school history. I congratulate Scotland head coach Chip Williams, who in his fourth year leading the program, posted an undefeated record, won the Southeastern 4-A Conference title and brought home a State Championship to Scotland County, the county's first football state championship since 1944, when Laurinburg High School captured the Class-A state title.

Game Most Valuable Player honors were awarded to Scotland quarterback Kwashaun Quick, who threw for 172 yards and two touchdowns in the second half. Running back Tony McRae, who received offensive MVP honors, rushed for 75 yards and two scores. Defensive MVP honors were awarded to nose tackle Kris Tyndall. Scotland's superb defense forced four Porter Ridge turnovers and allowed just 161 yards of offense.

I recognize the Scotland County community and congratulate them on the success of their team and the support they have given these young men throughout the year. In the days following his team's victory, Coach Williams has cited the community's support as a driving force behind this year's team. It is always

great to see a community get behind a program that supports and encourages young people and teaches them the value of perseverance and teamwork. Before Congress and our great nation, I am proud to recognize Coach Williams, his dedicated coaching staff and players, and the Scotland County community as a whole for their championship season. Thank you.

FIGHTING MALARIA: PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, which I chair, held a hearing on malaria, one of the most serious health issues facing the developing world, and particularly Africa, today.

For the last century, America has been a leader in the fight against malaria. While the United States and several other countries have been able to eliminate malaria, this deadly disease still presents a serious challenge to other parts of our world.

The World Health Organization estimates that 781,000 people died from malaria in 2009 and that 225 million people suffered from infection. Malaria is the fifth leading cause of death from infectious diseases worldwide. It inflicts a particularly severe toll on the people of sub-Saharan Africa, where ninety percent of deaths are caused by malaria. Moreover, approximately 85 percent of malaria deaths occur in children under 5 years of age. Every 45 seconds, a mother and father in Africa lose their child to malaria.

There is also a far-reaching impact on the wealth and development of countries with endemic malaria. Africa may lose up to \$12 billion in productivity due to malaria each year due to the disease, while the disease in turn consumes about 40 percent of Africa's public health expenditures. These numbers and statistics are staggering, but they have a greater impact when one has been to Africa and met the individuals who must live with the disease.

Anyone who spends any meaningful amount of time in Africa and mingles with the African people will soon notice the prevalence of malaria. When you ask someone whether he or she has ever had malaria, they likely will respond not with a yes but with the time that has passed since they last suffered from it.

More astounding than the sad reality that malaria is killing or harming so many millions of people is the reality that malaria is preventable and treatable. The world has the tools to prevent and treat malaria. No one in the twenty-first century should have to suffer from it, let alone die from it.

When I last visited Uganda, I visited several homes, including a home in the remote region of Bushenyi. The three-room dwelling of white-washed walls and dirt floors was practically empty, and this made the insecticide-treated mosquito net over the floor mats all the more striking. These nets may seem like insignificant items when listed on paper, but they are noticeably visible in the modest homes of those families who rely on them for protection from this ravaging disease.

What began for the United States as an effort to protect our troops abroad and citizens here at home has become for us a larger global health objective.

In the last decade we have seen a renewed commitment by the United States, international organizations, and private foundations to eliminate all malaria deaths. The effort received a notable boost in 2007 when Bill and Melinda Gates renewed the challenge of worldwide malaria eradication.

While much progress has been made in combating malaria, as we have seen from past eradication efforts, malaria can resurge when treatment becomes ineffective through drug resistance. While the global commitment remains to beat this disease, and to beat it as soon as possible, the stakes are too high to bet it all on doing so before the tools we have lose their impact.

At yesterday's hearing the subcommittee received an update on the progress toward malaria elimination in the most endemic countries with a focus on the vitality and effectiveness of the treatment component. The hearing examined the future of anti-malarial drug and vaccine development, and challenges in ensuring an adequate supply of effective medicines. We also heard about the continued availability, affordability, and safe distribution of quality anti-malarial medicines.

Our distinguished witnesses explored means for achieving the immediate goal of saving lives, and the ultimate goal of eradicating malaria from our world.

A TRIBUTE TO IRIS ROBERTSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Iris Robertson for her contributions to her community in the role of mentor, educator and community coordinator.

Mrs. Robertson was taught at an early age to treat people with respect and integrity, and to approach any task with rigor and importance. Her mother and grandmother instilled this discipline upon her. These pillars allow her to impact the community in a positive way through growth and development.

Mrs. Robertson devotes herself to several charitable and educational organizations and sits on the board of directors for Brownville Heritage House Inc. (BHH) as secretary. Since joining BHH in 1995, Mrs. Robertson and her fellow board members worked tirelessly to bring forth the vision of founder Mother Rosetta Gaston to form an intergenerational exchange in order to teach African American children of their heritage.

Mrs. Robertson is a member of and has been recognized by the National Association of Professional Women (NAPW) as Woman of the Year for 2009, 2010, and 2011 for excellence and proficiency in her work as an advertising executive. She has also received high achievement award from the National Association of Hispanic Publishers in 1994 for her work with AT&T.

Working in the advertising industry for more than 30 years, she currently holds the position of media supervisor at UniWorld Group Inc, a multicultural agency owned by Mr. Byron

Lewis Sr. In this capacity, Mrs. Robertson has had the privilege of working with fortune 500 companies, recommending media strategies that best showcase their products.

In 1965, Mrs. Robertson met and married her husband Larry Robertson. She is the proud mother of six children. She attended New York City School of Technology and is currently enrolled at Kaplan University.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Mrs. Iris Robertson.

A TRIBUTE TO KITTY O'NEAL ON THE OCCASION OF BEING NAMED PERSON OF THE YEAR BY THE CARMICHAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kitty O'Neal on being named Person of the Year by the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce.

Over the last 20 years, Sacramentans have known Kitty as the voice of our afternoon radio. With exceptional class and professionalism, Kitty has given us the news on our drive home from work, anchoring the award winning KFBK Afternoon News. As an ambassador of Sacramento, she has represented us at the Grammy Awards, Academy Awards and on national programs such as A&E Channel's Biography.

Those of us who live in the region know Kitty as more than simply the voice coming through our speakers; she is a pillar within the Sacramento community. Her roots run deep there as she donates much of her time and talent to community events and charitable organizations. Growing up, Kitty's father was the Base Commander at Mather AFB in the 1970's, and before embarking on her path in radio, Kitty attended Sacramento State graduating with a degree in Communications. Along with being one of the Sacramento region's most notable figures, Kitty is married to restaurateur Kurt Spataro, and together they are partners in several well known Sacramento area restaurants.

If you have ever dined, listened to Sacramento radio or have been involved in our surrounding community, more than likely you have benefited from Kitty's legacy. The Carmichael Chamber couldn't have chosen a better person to recognize and again it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Kitty O'Neal on her achievements and recognition as Person of the Year by the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF GEORGIA FAYE BAKER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Georgia Faye Baker who passed away on November 24, 2011 at

the age of 95. Georgia was a loyal friend, loving mother, and respected community leader who touched the lives of many in the great San Joaquin Valley. Georgia was born on March 30, 1916 to James and Susan Herd in Ozark County, Missouri.

Georgia made her way to Madera, California in 1938, where she quickly became an icon and a source of inspiration due to her involvement in the community. On April 14, 1946, Georgia married Aubrey Baker, the love of her life. Together they worked on several projects to improve the quality of life in Madera, the place they called home. They were married for 55 years until his passing in 2001.

Through her leadership and willingness to serve, Georgia became a role model for her friends and neighbors. For 33 years, she was a committed and reliable member of the Madera Community Hospital Board. Her membership demonstrated her dedication to fostering and preserving the health and safety of residents throughout Central California, and her compassion and concern for our community served as a testament to her extraordinary character.

A principled and engaged citizen, Georgia was very active in local, state, and national elections. She served on a number of state committees and boards, including the Madera County Fair Board. In addition, Georgia was also an energetic member of the Democratic Party. In 1960, her wisdom and capability allowed her the opportunity to campaign with President John F. Kennedy during his bid for the presidency.

In 1991, the State of California honored her strength of character and zest for life when she was recognized as "Woman of the Year."

A generous and graceful woman, Georgia was a faithful parishioner at the Madera Trinity Episcopal Church and would often be seen attending weekly services at the historic site. Her long-lasting participation in our community and commitment to the well-being of future generations will ensure that her legacy lives on for years to come.

Georgia lived an exemplary life and will undoubtedly be missed by many. She is survived by her daughter, Claudia Steinauer; her sister, Mable Russell; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Georgia Faye Baker, a beloved leader and true champion for the people of Central California.

TRIBUTE TO THE HAZARD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM 2011

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 2011 Hazard High School Football Team, who captured the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Class 1-A State Championship Title for the first time in history. This group of student-athletes should be proud of this remarkable achievement and I am honored to recognize them as champions.

The State Championship title has been a highly coveted achievement for the Hazard