

the Jackson City Council. Mr. Crisler continued his studies and received a Master of Public Policy and Administration from Jackson State University in spring 2007. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Urban and Regional Planning at Jackson State University and has completed his first year of study.

Mr. Crisler is also actively involved in numerous youth mentoring projects, including a pilot program he initiated and the Excel to Achieve Program which recognizes today's youth for their academic and civic achievements. Mr. Crisler is a member of several noteworthy civic organizations including the Community In Schools (CIS), NAACP, Masonic Order PHA/F&AM, Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, Inc., 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc., the Willowood Developmental Center Board of Directors, the Mississippi Police and Sheriffs Association, and the Hinds County Community College Dropout Recovery Advisory Board and VFV Post 9832.

Mr. Crisler has been married twenty-four years to the former Charlotte Nichols and they have three wonderful children. Mr. Crisler's goal is to contribute to the success of the generations that follow by setting a positive example and staying actively involved in the advancement and refinement of today's youth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Marshand Crisler for his dedication to serving others.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLINICA SIERRA VISTA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and congratulate Clinica Sierra Vista, a comprehensive health care organization, for 40 years of impeccable service to the people of Central California. For four decades, Clinica Sierra Vista has worked to provide all-inclusive, primary care to medically underserved populations, particularly migrant and seasonal farm workers.

Located in California's agriculturally rich San Joaquin Valley, Clinica Sierra Vista's health centers have served the people of the Central Valley since 1971. The health care network includes 23 primary care community health centers (14 in Kern County, 8 in Fresno County, and 1 in Inyo County); six dental centers; one medical mobile clinic; one dental mobile clinic; six behavioral health centers; and three Family Resource Centers. Clinica Sierra Vista has come a long way since its modest beginnings in a storefront warehouse in rural Lamont, California. Today, Clinica Sierra Vista has more than 900 employees and is one of the largest non-profit health organizations in the nation.

Clinica Sierra Vista has a reputation for providing high quality service, while efficiently managing costs. At Clinica Sierra Vista, no one is ever denied service based on their ability to pay and the patient's well-being is always Clinica Sierra Vista's goal. Accomplishing such a task requires innovative thinking and steadfast leadership. The board members, staff, and health care professionals who have contributed to Clinica Sierra Vista's success should be proud of their work, which is reflected in the health of the community.

In addition to providing primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care to Central California's urban and rural communities, Clinica Sierra Vista also provides lifesaving health education and health promotion programs. These initiatives are instrumental in ensuring that the Valley's communities can have healthy and productive futures.

Clinica Sierra Vista's board and staff recognize that obtaining a healthy community means working closely with external partners, including: government agencies, neighborhood groups, elected officials and community leaders. As one of the largest comprehensive community health centers in the state, Clinica Sierra Vista serves as many people as possible, while maintaining a clear and comprehensive understating of their patient's needs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Clinica Sierra Vista as it celebrates its 40th anniversary. The formation and success of Clinica Sierra Vista has been vital to ensuring that members of Central California's urban and rural communities have access to comprehensive medical, dental, and behavioral health care. By maintaining a steadfast focus on the health and future of the San Joaquin Valley and California, Clinica Sierra Vista has been a leader in health care and an asset to the people of the California's Central Valley.

RECOGNIZING JON SCHNEIDER

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Jonathan M. Schneider, my departing Deputy Chief of Staff who was recently appointed the Deputy County Executive for Intergovernmental Affairs for Suffolk County, New York.

Since he became one of my original staffers in 2003, Jon has distinguished himself as a public servant through hard work and dedication to the people of Eastern Long Island. His policy expertise in transportation and environment issues, skill in crafting effective public communications, and perceptive political insights have been invaluable to me over the past nine years.

As district director, Jon led a first-class constituent service program that has assisted thousands of veterans, senior citizens, and others in need of a helping hand. My constituents have also benefited from his skilled advocacy of infrastructure projects including the dredging of Lake Montauk and Shinnecock Inlets and environmental initiatives such as the federal Forge River Study and the Fire Island to Montauk Point Reformulation Study.

Guiding these projects through from conception to completion required close collaboration with officials at all levels of government as well as civic groups and community advocacy organizations. Over the years, Jon has built a sterling reputation for professionalism and collegiality that has aided my efforts to deliver federal solutions for local problems.

Given my first-hand knowledge of Jon's skill as an intergovernmental liaison, I am confident that the people of Suffolk County will benefit tremendously from his service as Deputy

County Executive. I am also pleased that his new role will allow us to continue working together, as my Congressional district is contained entirely within Suffolk County.

I am also pleased that Jon will continue to reside in Port Jefferson Station with his wife, Mary Ellen, precocious daughter Ellie, his son future New York Giants linebacker Benjamin, and Boris, the famous tortoise.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my staff and the people of the First Congressional District of New York, I sincerely thank Jonathan M. Schneider for his efforts to improve the quality of life on Eastern Long Island and his continuing commitment to public service. I wish him and his family continued success, good health and the best of luck for years to come.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT GRIFFIN III

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

H. RES.—

Recognizing and commending Baylor University quarterback Robert Griffin III for winning the 2011 Heisman Trophy and for his academic and athletic accomplishments.

Whereas Robert Griffin III was born on February 12, 1990, to United States Army Sergeants Robert Jr. and Jacqueline Griffin in Okinawa, Japan;

Whereas Robert Griffin III's mother and father have instilled in him an unparalleled work ethic, outstanding leadership, discipline, and a desire to excel;

Whereas Robert Griffin III graduated No. 7 from Copperas Cove High School, in Copperas Cove, Texas, in 2008;

Whereas Robert Griffin III graduated from the Baylor University with a 3.67 GPA in Political Science in December of 2010;

Whereas Robert Griffin III is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Communication at the Baylor University;

Whereas Robert Griffin III became Baylor University's starting quarterback in 2008;

Whereas the University of Baylor football team finished the regular season with a 9-3 record, its best record since 1986;

Whereas the University of Baylor football team is ranked number twelve in the Bowl Championship Series and fifteen in the Associated Press rankings;

Whereas in 2011 Robert Griffin III completed 267 of 369 passes, for 3,998 yards and 36 touchdowns while throwing only 6 interceptions;

Whereas in 2011 Robert Griffin III lead college football with a 192.3 passing efficiency rating, which would break the single-season record in Football Bowl Subdivision history;

Whereas Robert Griffin III has accounted for 10,071 yards passing and 77 touchdowns, with only 17 interceptions, during his career at Baylor University;

Whereas Robert Griffin III is the Baylor career leader in most offensive categories, including passing yards, passing touchdowns, and rushing touchdowns by a quarterback;

Whereas Robert Griffin III was named the Big 12 Conference Offensive Player of the Year for 2011;

Whereas Robert Griffin III was named Academic All-Big 12, 1st Team for 2011;

Whereas Robert Griffin III received the Davey O'Brien Award for the best of all National Collegiate Athletic Association quarterbacks in 2011; and

Whereas on December 10, 2011, Robert Griffin III became the 1st Baylor football player to win the Heisman Trophy, college football's most coveted and prestigious award: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends Robert Griffin III for his academic and athletic accomplishments;

(2) congratulates Robert Griffin III for winning the 2011 Heisman Trophy; and

(3) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolution to Baylor University President Ken Starr and Head Football Coach Art Briles for appropriate display.

HONORING CAMERON L. MASON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cameron L. Mason. Cameron is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 249, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cameron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cameron has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Cameron has earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, led his troop in various leadership positions, and earned the Eagle Coup in 2011. Cameron has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Cameron removed and replaced the base for the sign for Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Weston, Missouri, as well as replacing and installing new landscaping around the church.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cameron L. Mason for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. TED CAIN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow veteran and treasured citizen of Rockwall, Ted Cain, who passed away on December 18, 2011, at the age of ninety-four.

Ted was born on March 18, 1917 in Rockwall, Texas, to parents Jessie Hubert Cain and Sadonia Estelle (Lillard) Cain. He grew up in the family home on Renfro Street and was one of eight children. Renfro Street bustled with not only the eight Cain children but with many cousins and friends. The home place along with the smoke house and tool shed is still standing.

Ted was preceded in death by his sisters, Lola Faye Phillips, Billie Raye Smith, and Thelma (Pickie) Tucker, and his brother, Hugh

Cain. He is survived by three devoted sisters, Jessie Mae Rives and her husband, Billy, of Odessa, Texas, Shirley Cupp and her husband, Danny, of Edgewood, Texas, and Nell Samples and her husband, Clarence, who reside near the old family home on Renfro Street in Rockwall.

During World War II, Ted proudly served as First Sergeant in the United States Army in Africa and Europe from 1942 to 1945.

He was always very active in the Rockwall community. He joined First Baptist Church on December 14, 1941. As an adult, Ted could be found at First Baptist Church on most Sundays, ushering and welcoming everyone. He served on the church building committee when the church moved its location from near the downtown Rockwall square to the current location on Goliad Street.

Ted served many years as a member of the Rockwall Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce and was past-president of the Rockwall Rotary Club. Ted also helped establish the Rockwall Lions Club and was a member of the Board of Directors of the First State Bank and Independent Bank NA. A thirty-second degree mason, Ted was a member of the East Trinity Masonic Lodge #157 for over 50 years.

Ted served two terms on the Rockwall City Council during which time the first major industry, Texas Aluminum Company, was brought to Rockwall, providing many new jobs for the area.

Ted attended Rockwall schools and has always exemplified what it meant to work hard. From picking cotton and working at his Uncle Gus' gin as a very young boy, to owning and operating his own businesses, Ted's work ethic was unwavering.

All of his businesses were located around or near the downtown Rockwall square, the heart of his beloved hometown. Ted was successful in numerous businesses; from Ted Cain's Real Estate, where he bought and sold property throughout Rockwall County, to Mobile and Texaco service stations where he pumped gas, washed cars, changed countless tires, and distributed a piece of bubble gum with every "fill-up" to happy Rockwall children; from Cain's Variety Store where the shelves were lined with most anything one could want, to his last and perhaps, favorite business, Ted Cain's Used Cars.

Ted opened "the car lot," as it is still affectionately known, after his official retirement. Fulfilling his lifelong love and knowledge of everything pertaining to cars, Ted Cain's used cars were some of the best around. He bought and sold many cars and was always willing to offer the loan of one of the cars to a friend or family member in need.

Over the years, "the car lot" became less about the cars and more about the friends who arrived every morning for a cup of Ted's strong coffee and to share in the camaraderie of the lively conversations and tall tales.

I have met many Saturday mornings at the Ted Cain car lot, where several of us would get together to discuss everything from Rockwall High School football games to politics—local, statewide, and national. One day I prepared two pages of names I had forged on a petition to give us Members of Congress a fifty percent increase in our annual salaries—a raise in pay for Congress. I, of course, was joking, but most of those present were not buying it, and we quickly went back to bad-

mouthed all Congressmen! I had never heard so many "what the heck are you doing" and "hey—wait a dadgum minute," to "are you crazy?" We had new problems and topics to discuss every Saturday, and we all miss it now. Ted was a great host, and a man I admired and loved as a brother.

Ted courted and married the true love of his life, Maurine Williamson. They were married on June 8, 1941 in Holdenville, Oklahoma by Maurine's uncle. Ted and Maurine traveled from Rockwall to Holdenville for their wedding in a borrowed car with \$15.00 in Ted's back pocket. They have remained devoted to one another for 70 years.

Ted is survived by his wife, Maurine, and their son and daughter-in-law, Dewayne and Ann Atkins Cain. He adored his two grandchildren, Chris Cain and Amy Cain Cox, and Amy's husband, Wendell Cox, and three great-grandchildren, Jackson Luke Cox, John Nash Cox, and Virginia Ann Cox.

Ted's family thanks the wonderful group of ladies who have provided and continue to provide such kind and professional care: Miatta, Patricia, Jane, Esther, Maria, and Teresa. They are also grateful to everyone at Season's Hospice.

Ted's heart was made of gold. He never met a stranger. Greeting everyone with a smile and a kind word, Ted loved to share a laugh and a good story. "You've got to have a little fun every day," was his motto, and more often than not, a goal he met regularly.

Throughout the course of his long illness, Ted cherished his wife, his family, and his many friends. While mind and body grew weak, his kind and gentle disposition remained ever strong, and an occasional glimpse of his charming quick wit surfaced to warm the hearts of his family and remind them to "have a little fun every day."

Ted's son, Dewayne, served as a page with me in the Texas Senate, and I was always proud that he called me "Old Dad." Ted and Maurine were made for one another, and Maurine was there for him in his last days on this earth. There had never been a better guy—no better husband, father, and grandfather—and no better citizen than Ted Cain. We will miss him, and Mr. Speaker, I ask you to close this session of the House of Representatives today in his honor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. ANDRIANNA FERRI ON HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Andrianna Ferri, who will be celebrating her one hundredth birthday tomorrow. Throughout her life, Mrs. Ferri has been a great asset to the community, and truly deserved to be praised for her accomplishments.

Andrianna was born in New London, Connecticut, on December 21, 1911. She is the proud mother of three children and has also been blessed with nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Ferri has been a longtime resident of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in the 8th Congressional District.