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HONORING THE LIFE OF MILDRED
H. BURNETT

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mildred H. Burnett, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on March 11 this year. She is a woman who has spent her life giving back to her community through education and public service.

A native Texan, Mildred Burnett was born on March 11, 1911 to Ulta Thomas Herriage and Bessie Farmer Herriage at Prairie Point Community, south of Dodd City in Fannin County. She grew up with her parents and five siblings in Fannin County, Prairie Point Community, English Community, Flag Springs, and Dodd City.

Upon graduating from Windom High School in 1929, Mrs. Burnett went to East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce, Texas (now Texas A&M University at Commerce). In 1939 she began teaching at Flag Springs School in Fannin County—a profession she devoted herself to for over thirty-nine years, teaching grades first through fourth.

In 1934 Mildred married Noel Y. Burnett. The couple celebrated over fifty years of marriage and was blessed through the birth of their son, Lanny Joe Burnett, born in 1944. The family resided on a ranch in Fannin County, close to where Mildred and Noel had been born.

Mrs. Burnett is a lifelong Southern Baptist and is a member at the First Baptist Church of Bonham where she taught Sunday School classes and Vacation Bible School for over fifty years. Known for her charm, generosity of spirit and involvement in the community, Mildred is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Retired Teachers Association, Texoma Council of Governments, and is a certified Ombudsman for the Texoma Region. Mrs. Burnett volunteered for the Honey Grove Nursing home and was a pink-lady for the Bonham Hospital. In 1962, Mildred was presented with a certificate at the State FFA Convention for being the "Mother of the State FFA President."

Mr. Speaker, I ask those present today to join me in honoring Mildred Burnett as she celebrates her 100th birthday. She has used her years well as educator and public servant, and I wish her many more blessed years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, I missed rollcall votes No. 163 and No. 164 to attend to a family matter. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 163 and "yea" on rollcall No. 164.

EASTERN WASHINGTON RECOGNIZES CITY OF OMAK'S CENTENNIAL

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 100th birthday of the City of Omak—a wonderful community in Eastern Washington which I have the privilege to represent in Congress.

On February 11, 1911, the City of Omak was officially incorporated, and over the next century, this city would grow to be the largest in Okanogan County. To be sure, there are cities and towns across Washington State which have a remarkably rich history. But Omak—best known as the "Home of the Omak Stampede" and the world famous suicide race—has an especially rich character, reinforced by a hardy people living at the foot of the Okanogan Highlands.

The residents of Omak have already marked the centennial with a "Chronicles of the Okanogan" book release. And in the next few months, the Omak Centennial Committee will be organizing more special festivities including a "Paint the Town" interactive art event, the showing of the "Paint the Town" artwork, an all-class reunion, and a Centennial-themed Twilight Christmas Parade.

On this Centennial, we should all reflect on the hard work and dedication of the pioneering citizens who founded Omak and have helped sustain it for over 100 years.

Today, I thank and congratulate all of the organizers, volunteers, and residents for helping to mark this important milestone in the community's history.

In particular, I want to thank Mayor Cindy Gagne, City Administrator Ralph Malone, The Omak Centennial Committee—including the Committee Chair Corina Radford and Treasurer Debbie Lampe—and the event sponsors: Havillah Road Printing, RockWall Cellars, the Omak Chamber of Commerce, and The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle. Special thanks should also go to the Okanogan County Society and Heatherdale's Frame Shop.

Because of them—and many others—the future of Omak is in good hands.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall votes 163 and 164.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GLENDA
CULPEPPER

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Glenda Culpepper, who will receive the

2011 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Whitesboro Area Chamber of Commerce on March 25th, 2012.

Mrs. Culpepper's tremendous contributions to her community go above and beyond the call of duty. She began volunteering as a young wife and mother, serving in her church and multiple civic organizations. This is a lifestyle she has led for over forty years.

Glenda Culpepper has donated her own time and personal resources over the years, working with school organizations and booster clubs, even opening her home to host foreign exchange and college students. In her church, she served as a children and youth worker, camp counselor, Vacation Bible School coordinator, and volunteer in the church nursery.

A charter member of a women's service organization in 1971, which was part of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Culpepper has held various offices within the club and has worked to raise money to provide scholarships for local students.

On the Whitesboro Library Board, which Mrs. Culpepper served on for twenty years, she provided input and direction, volunteered at book sales, summer camps, special presentations, and library events.

Glenda has also served on the Whitesboro Chamber of Commerce for over twenty-five years, where she has served multiple terms on the Board of Directors, been honored as a Lifetime Member of the Chamber, and named Director Emeritus. She has served several terms as the Vice President of Membership Development, and has served on most chamber committees at least once.

Glenda Culpepper's life reflects one of selfless dedication to the betterment of others and her community. She leads by example, both in the public eye and behind the scenes. Her initiative, patience, and tireless effort make her more than deserving of the Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Speaker, I ask those present today to join me in honoring this woman for her service and leadership.

HONORING THE YEARS OF SERVICE BY LILLIAN GATTIE TO THE
GUNNER FAMILY AND GEORGE
ANDROS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding service and dedication of Lillian Gattie, who has worked for the Gunner family in California's Central Valley for 75 years.

Born June 1, 1917 to Italian immigrants, Lillian was raised on a 20 acre farm outside of Clovis where she still resides to this day. It was on the farm that Lillian learned the values of hard work and loyalty that would serve her well in her future career. After graduating from Clovis High School in 1935, Lillian completed business school in Fresno.

Lillian began her 75 years of service to the Gunner family on March 1, 1936 in an office position with the Mission Bell Wine Company, where Vas Gunner was Vice President of Sales. Lillian continued to work for Vas Gunner when he later formed the Argun Wine Company, a successful wine distributor. Lillian

was essential in handling everything from orders to accounting. As Vas Gunner continued to expand his business, Lillian's responsibilities grew as well.

In the late sixties, Vas' son Richard partnered with George Andros to form Gunner and Andros Investments. Again, Lillian's duties expanded to meet the ever growing demands of the company. With Lillian's help and dedication to hard work, the company has grown into one of Fresno's leaders in commercial real estate construction and management.

In 2006, Lillian was quoted in the Fresno Bee, "Why would I want to quit? . . . I still really enjoy working, it keeps me going." As a testament to her work ethic, Lillian reports to work at 9 a.m. on the dot, just as she has for the past 75 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the hard work and dedication that Lillian Gattie has shown throughout her many years of service to the Gunner Family and George Andros. I congratulate her on her years of dedicated and successful work in our Valley.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LOCAL FUNDS CONTINUATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer the District of Columbia Local Funds Continuation Act, to permanently protect both the 600,000 residents of the District of Columbia and the Federal Government from an unintended catastrophe in any future Federal Government shutdown. The bill would allow the District to spend its local funds at the start of a fiscal year if Congress has not approved the District's budget by such time and thereby avoid a District government shutdown if the Federal Government shuts down. Although the District raises and manages its own \$8 billion budget, Congress technically appropriates these local funds back to the District, a hold-over and throwback to the pre-home-rule period. Several years ago, Republican appropriators and I reached a bipartisan agreement to approve the District's local budget in the first continuing resolution, CR, allowing the District to spend at next year's level, if Congress has not passed the District's regular appropriation bill by the start of the fiscal year. We are grateful that this agreement has held through Democratic and Republican congresses and administrations. This agreement has enabled the District to operate its complex big-city functions more effectively than during the many years when the city's local budget was only approved months after the start of the fiscal year.

However, this year we see the limits of even this helpful agreement. As I speak, if the Federal Government shuts down when the current fiscal year 2011 CR expires on March 18, 2011, the District government would shut down as well, even though the city's local budget was forwarded to Congress on time last year. I am working with our Senate allies to permit the District to spend its local funds for the remainder of fiscal year 2011, but, regardless of whether the Federal Government

shuts down this year, a permanent solution has become necessary to avoid disruptive, unintended consequences. The District of Columbia Budget Autonomy Act, to end the anti-democratic anachronism of Congress appropriating to the District its own local funds in the first place, is, of course, the best long-term solution, but today's bill is a critical stopgap measure.

The District urgently needs relief now because even more is at stake than the cessation of vital municipal services. If the District shuts down, it could default under certain financing agreements and leases. When Congress cannot reach agreement on regular appropriation bills, it often operates under successive CRs to avoid a Federal Government shutdown. However, successive CRs greatly hinder the operations of the District. Not only do they make it difficult for the city to plan its activities for the year, successive CRs greatly increase the city's costs of doing business. The city's partners, from Wall Street to small vendors, may charge it a risk premium due to the uncertainty created by successive CRs.

Members who were not here during the last Federal Government shutdown are probably unaware that the District government was forced to shut down, too. The District government had passed its budget months earlier, but Congress had not yet voted for final approval. I am grateful that after the first of several government shutdowns and partial shutdowns, Speaker Newt Gingrich and I worked together to ensure that the District remained operating.

Disputes over the Federal budget have nothing to do with the District's local funds. I do not believe that any Member wants to shut down the D.C. government and bring a large, complicated city to its knees because of a purely Federal matter. Moreover, D.C. residents are not alone in relying on vital District services. Federal officials, including the President, Federal buildings, foreign embassies and dignitaries, and businesses rely daily on the city's services, as well.

It is time we remove the District and the multiple, unintended consequences of a District government shutdown from Federal Government shutdown controversies. I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNTAIN LAKES, NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2011.

From its inception, Mountain Lakes, a community in my congressional district, has promoted family life and interaction with nature.

In 1910, Mountain Lakes was just rural woodland owned by a handful of families. The following decade, however, changed Mountain Lakes forever. Developers urbanized the hills, woods, swamps and boulders of Mountain Lakes to create a neighborhood where families could enjoy the nature, recreation and simple pleasures of life. The plan also in-

cluded two manmade lakes, to provide outdoor swimming and boating for the community. By late 1912, the railroad station was completed and with a train line to New York, growth and prosperity soon followed.

Unusual about this community is the nearly 500 homes that were built by one developer. Today, 454 of these homes remain standing, making them one of the largest collections of Craftsman-influenced houses in the United States.

Along with their respect for their architectural history, comes Mountain Lakes' appreciation for education. Its schools provide area students with the foundation they need for a successful future. Mountain Lakes High School is often ranked as a top school by New Jersey Monthly. The Lake Drive School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Craig School are two schools that offer education to students with special needs.

The developers' vision for this community has survived to the present. The natural and architectural character that was constructed in the early 20th century is still a key feature "Lakers" appreciate today. And, with its natural beauty, picturesque location and charm, Mountain Lakes still attracts residents who enjoy outdoor activities and community involvement.

Today, the grand gardens have been simplified, houses renovated, but still the essential character remains. The rustic suburb of Mountain Lakes has maintained its unique character and environment created in the two decades following its founding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Borough of Mountain Lakes as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CLIFFORD O. POUNDS

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Clifford O. Pounds of Emory, Texas, who passed away on July 31, 2010 at the age of eighty-nine. My staff and I are saddened that we were unable to obtain a Purple Heart medal for Mr. Pounds. He is among an unknown number of veterans who sustained serious injuries on the battlefields of the world, yet did not receive the medal—some because a tragic fire at the St. Louis, Missouri National Personnel Records Center burned 80% of the veterans' records and thereby erased the proof of them having earned the proper award—or some, like Clifford Pounds, who didn't complain of serious injuries sustained in battle, especially during the battle for control of North Africa against a German commander dubbed the "Desert Fox" who led the then great and feared "Afrika Korps"—one of the greatest battles of WWII.

Clifford was born to John Clovis Pounds and Mary Oneida Pounds on September 10, 1921 in Yantis, Texas. He attended school at Emory High School before attending the Sheet Metal Workers Trade School in Corpus Christi. The skills he developed there were something he would continue to use for the benefit of others his entire life.