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In making these five appointments, Public Printer Boarman noted the talent and expertise these outstanding individuals bring to the Depository Library Council. Nearly all of us have depository libraries in our districts providing our constituents with public access to Government information. I trust all Members will join me in congratulating the appointees to the Council, and wishing them well as they embark upon their mission to strengthen and improve the Depository Library Program for the benefit of all Americans.

HONORING ALLISON DAVIS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Allison Davis. Allison is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Allison's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Allison has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Allison can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Allison Davis for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

HONORING CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE W. DALE YOUNG

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to honor a legal legend from my District on the occasion of his retirement.

Circuit Court Judge W. Dale Young has served the citizens of Blount County, Tennessee, admirably and with humor and humility for 26 years.

I served as a state trial judge in nearby Knoxville for 7 years before I was elected to

Congress, and I was in private law practice 8 years before that. I do not know another person whose integrity honors the legal profession more than Judge Young.

At a recent reception in his honor, hundreds of people lined up to thank Judge Young for his service.

The Daily Times Newspaper in Maryville, Tennessee, reported, "Kind, fair, and the ultimate gentleman—that's how friends and admirers described Blount County Circuit Judge W. Dale Young . . ."

Judge Young has a long history of protecting and strengthening families, and his favorite part of the job was the many adoptions he helped finalize. He would often pose for photos with the families and showed great compassion during the process.

Judge William Brewer said, "He is a wonderful fellow. He's a gentleman."

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in recognizing Judge W. Dale Young's 26-year service to Blount County, Tennessee.

On the occasion of his retirement, I submit the Daily Times article offering tribute to Judge Young's service.

[From the Daily Times]

HUNDREDS ATTEND RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR JUDGE YOUNG

(By Chloe Morrison)

Kind, fair and the ultimate gentleman, that's how friends and admirers described Blount County Circuit Judge W. Dale Young Friday at his retirement reception.

"He has just been so good to so many people and I just feel like we should turn out and let him know how much we appreciate him," Louisville resident Sandra Stricklin said at the reception, which was on the third floor of the Justice Center.

Over a period of two hours, hundreds flowed through the reception, many stopping to shake the judge's hand, give him a gift or thank him for his service.

"He is a man of high integrity and character," Maryville Police Chief Tony Crisp said after the reception. "He has done a wonderful job for Blount County."

Young is retiring after 26 years at the bench. He is 72.

During decades of service Young has touched many area residents, such as Mike Everett, who came to Friday's ceremony to honor the judge.

Everett's granddaughter, Allie, 20 months, was the last adoption that Young finalized. Allie's parents—Morgan and Glenda Everett—couldn't attend the ceremony, but Everett said it was important for him to come and bring his grandchild.

"I was involved every step of the way," Everett said about the adoption process. "She's the only grandchild I have and will probably ever have, so I've been in the middle of it."

Everett also said that he heard that adoptions were Young's favorite part of the job, and he said the judge showed care and compassion for his family.

"He was so kind to us that day," Everett said of the day Young finalized Allie's adoption. "He made pictures and sent us copies."

Judge William Brewer summed up his thoughts about Young, keeping his words simple.

"He is a wonderful fellow," he said. "He's a gentleman."

At the retirement reception, Rick McNear, with the Blount County Sheriff's Office, also had praise for the retiring judge.

"He's a gentle, compassionate caring man," he said. "(He's) a loving man."

Former Blount County Mayor Jerry Cunningham said at the reception that he's known Young since high school.

He called the judge brilliant, compassionate—a gentleman.

"He brings dignity and fairness and equity to the bench," Cunningham said. "Anything he's every done, he's done it well."

Cunningham also said that Young has a good sense of humor and that the pair have had many fun times together. "Sometimes in court, things happen that you just have to stop and laugh," he said. "Then sometimes things happen that are funny but you are not supposed to laugh and he would always manage to drop his pencil and duck down behind the bench (to laugh). We've always teased him about that."

INTRODUCTION OF THE JERUSALEM EMBASSY AND RECOGNITION ACT OF 2011

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce The Jerusalem Embassy and Recognition Act of 2011. This legislation closes a loophole that has allowed the United States Embassy in Israel to remain in Tel Aviv, despite the passage of the Jerusalem Embassy Act in 1995 and the passage of multiple resolutions (passed with overwhelming and bipartisan support) affirming the U.S. commitment to relocate the embassy to Jerusalem.

The Jerusalem Embassy Act declared that it is the official position of the United States that Jerusalem is, and rightly ought to remain, the undivided capital of Israel. On June 4, 2008, while still serving as a United States Senator, President Obama pledged that: "Jerusalem will remain the capital of Israel, and it must remain undivided." United States officials do conduct diplomatic meetings and other business in the city of Jerusalem in de facto recognition of its status as the capital of Israel, but the Embassy remains firmly grounded in Tel Aviv.

Despite this declaration of support and due to presidential waivers, the United States has failed to carry out our promise to our Israeli friends and has never acted to move the United States Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Every sovereign country has the right to designate its own capital and the United States maintains its Embassy in the functioning capital of every country. Why is it then that we continue to delay the relocation of this, our most important embassy in the Middle East?

Not only have we not relocated the embassy but our President has seemingly weakened the United States' resolve to do so. Presidential Determination 2011-6, which was transmitted by the Administration to Congress just a few months ago, renewed a legally required waiver which allows the Administration to suspend the 1995 law requiring the U.S. Embassy in Israel to move from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. While the renewal of the waiver was not unexpected or unusual, the Obama Administration once again neglected to include a key sentence that the previous Administration had included in previous determinations; specifically: "My Administration remains committed to beginning the process of moving our embassy to Jerusalem."

During such an unstable time in the Middle East, it is more important that ever that the United States and this Congress stand firmly behind Israel. From the recent unrest in Egypt and the collapse of the Lebanese government, to the threat of Iran, Hezbollah, Hamas, and many other anti-Israel terrorist groups, Israel is constantly facing new challenges to maintaining its sovereignty and security. We must show that we are dedicated to our alliance and fulfill the commitments that we have made. In a country where security is an elusive goal, Israel should be secure in knowing that the United States will deliver on its promises.

I believe it is well past time to revisit the Jerusalem Embassy Act and close, once and for all, the loophole that has continued to allow the diplomatic embarrassment of not having our Embassy located in the capital city of Israel to continue for ten years. That is why I, along with a number of bi-partisan co-sponsors, am reintroducing this bill which mandates the relocation of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, and reaffirms U.S. policy that Jerusalem must remain the undivided capital of Israel.

I strongly urge my colleagues to co-sponsor this important bill.

HONORING SARAH HEAD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sarah Head. Sarah is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Sarah's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Sarah has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Sarah can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Sarah Head for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

HONORING LENORE CROUDY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the achievements of Lenore Croudy. A Birthday Tribute will be held on March 30th in Flint Michigan in her honor.

In addition to being a dear friend, Lenore Croudy is a tremendous asset to the Flint community. She was an educator for the Flint Community Schools for over 40 years. During that time she worked as a teacher, instructional specialist, assistant principal, assistant

dean, Director of the Reading, Language Arts and Humanities Department, and Steward for Resource and Information. Prior to her retirement she also served as President of the Congress of Flint School Administrators.

Lenore has also served as a member of the Mott Community College Board of Trustees for over 20 years. Re-elected to her 4th term in 2005, she has been the board chairperson since 1995. Recognized by her peers, Lenore has served on the National Board of Directors and as Central Region Chairperson for the Association of Community College Trustees. She is active with the YWCA of Flint, Center for the Visually Impaired, Salvation Army, Flint Rotary Club, Voluntary Action Center, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Boy Scouts of America Tall Pine Council, Hundred Club of Flint, and Flint Chapter of the NAACP. She is also the founder of the Youth Leadership Institute. In appreciation of her accomplishments, Lenore has received numerous awards including the Governor's Service Award in 2007—the George Romney Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding Lenore Croudy. I have known Lenore for many years and she is always compassionate, focused, faithful, and dedicated to improving the lives of those around her. Her enthusiasm for serving others is contagious and I am proud to call her my "lifetime" friend. I wish her a happy birthday and many, many more.

STATEMENT APPRAISING THE
ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PEN-
ALTY IN THE STATE OF ILLI-
NOIS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the enactment of Illinois Senate Bill 3539, which abolishes the death penalty in Illinois. As a lifelong resident of Illinois, I want to thank Governor Quinn and each and every state legislator who courageously voted for this important bill.

I strongly oppose the death penalty because I have always believed that the government should never take a person's life as punishment for a crime. This is especially true in our judicial system which is wrought with inequity and unfairness that can lead to the conviction of innocent people. In fact, since 1977, 20 people sentenced to death in the state of Illinois were ultimately exonerated. This is a shameful record that troubles me deeply. Imagine if any of these persons were executed before evidence could be presented to prove their innocence.

The enactment of Senate Bill 3539 in Illinois is a tremendous step forward for justice. Already, Illinois had set an important example for the rest of the country, when in 2000, it placed a moratorium on the use of the death penalty. Today, with the stroke of his pen Governor Quinn has helped turn the tide against the use of capital punishment in America and I sincerely hope that other states will soon follow.

Mr. Speaker, the existence of the death penalty is not necessary to ensure that the

most heinous crimes go punished and I will continue to fight for a fair justice system that does not use death as a means of achieving justice.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING THE RIGHTS OF
ALL WORKERS AND CALLING
FOR AN END TO THE RECENT
ATTACKS ON WORKERS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise, in advance of leading a special order this evening, to offer a resolution supporting the rights of all workers, including federal employees and other public employees, and calling for the end to attacks on their ability to organize and to collectively bargain. There are only a few salient rights recognized by every democracy, such as freedom of religion and freedom of speech, and on that list always appears the right for workers to organize in order to bargain collectively with an employer. It has long been recognized that individual workers have little, if any, bargaining power sitting alone with an employer who has hired or could hire her. When unions organize workers, the ground becomes more level and economic conditions decide the outcome.

Mr. Speaker, the American labor movement has been a major catalyst for the formation of a majority middle class in the United States by leading the way for improvements for all workers, which unions have gained through collective bargaining. I ask the House to join me in recognizing the American union movement and those who work in the public and private sectors.

HONORING ADRIEL BENNINGFIELD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Adriel Benningfield. Adriel is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Adriel's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Adriel has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Adriel can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Adriel Benningfield for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.