

And no one can miss those small red packs of peanuts. The Georgia Peanut Commission is recognized throughout the world by their red packages of Georgia peanuts. Annually, the Commission distributes 2 million of those little red packs, demonstrating their commitment to the peanut industry.

In addition, with farmers and ranchers being the true conservationists of America, the Commission, on August 1st, will open a net-zero energy building, which will serve as their new headquarters. During the construction of this new building, only local contractors and businesses were used and no government funding was provided, further showing their commitment to Georgia's agricultural future.

Mr. Speaker, with agriculture being one of the economic pillars of this great country, it is with pride that I congratulate the Georgia Peanut Commission on its 50th anniversary, and I look forward to working with the Commission for another 50 years.

CONGRATULATING QUINTIN SMITH

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Quintin Smith on his 200 Meter Dash State Title at the Missouri Class 4 State Track and Field Championships.

Quintin Smith, a senior at Parkview High School, took home first place for the Vikings in the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 21.50.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Quintin Smith on his 200 Meter Dash State Track and Field Title.

HONORING MILLENNIUM MOMENTUM FOUNDATION, INC. FOR THEIR STRONG PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Ms. BASS of California. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize an exceptional foundation in California's 33rd District—Millennium Momentum Foundation, Inc. (MMF). This Los Angeles based organization was formed on July 12, 2002 as a 501(c)(3) with the critical mission to increase the number of students and young adults from various backgrounds in the public service system through higher education, scholarships, mentoring, and leadership development training.

MMF empowers and encourages students to further develop their passion for service, commitment to change, and to become leaders within their communities. The program rewards exceptional student leaders with scholarships that are matched by their own institutions, providing more financial resources for students to complete their college degrees. Students attend life changing leadership development workshops focusing on important issues such as personal finance, professional communication, dispute resolution, and résumé and interview preparation. This foundation has an outstanding and effectual track record of equipping young people with the

tools and skills they need to reach success in public service.

Millennium Momentum Foundation, Inc. has become one of the premier providers of leadership development training in the nation with a 96 percent college graduation rate and an 85 percent employment matriculation rate among program participants completing service delivery from 2004 to 2011. MMF's capacity to effectively reach, educate, train, and professionally develop young adults was so impressive, it was selected by the Obama administration in 2012 to serve as a national partner to help implement the White House Young America Series, a non-partisan educational conference initiative aiming to merge President Obama's vision with young America's needs in 17 cities around the nation.

Mr. Speaker, we are very proud to have such an outstanding organization as part of the Los Angeles Community and California's 33rd Congressional District.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF SALLY WILLOUGHBY WILSON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate my son Julian Wilson and his wife Joy Wilson of Lexington, South Carolina, on the birth of their new baby girl. Sally Willoughby Wilson was born at 10:48 p.m., on Saturday, June 30, 2012, weighing 7 pounds and measuring 19 and 3/4 inches long. Sally joins an older brother, Jack Wilson. She has been born into a loving home where she will be raised by parents who are devoted to her well-being and bright future.

I would also like to congratulate Sally's grandparents Gary Strickland and Sherry Strickland of Nichols, South Carolina, and my wife, Roxanne Wilson of Springdale, South Carolina. I am so excited for this new addition to the Wilson family.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNEXATION OF ELSMERE CANYON IN SANTA CLARITA, CA

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Santa Clarita and its residents on the recent annexation of Elsmere Canyon. This annexation completes a 25-year journey to protect a beautiful canyon that provides outstanding recreation opportunities to residents of the Santa Clarita Valley and visitors from surrounding areas.

Elsmere Canyon serves as an important wildlife corridor and is an integral part of the City's greenbelt. The Canyon is a popular destination for hikers and outdoor enthusiasts, and greatly enriches the recreational opportunities available in our area.

I am proud to have fought for, and won inclusion of, a legislative provision that was written into law which will forever protect Elsmere Canyon from being developed as a massive

landfill. In February of 1995, I introduced H.R. 924, legislation that would prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from transferring any part of the Angeles National Forest from federal ownership to be used as a landfill. This language was included in the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, which was signed into law that year.

I would like to recognize the efforts of the Santa Clarita City Council, Supervisor Antonovich, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for working together to purchase the land in 2010, which helped to pave the way for annexation into the City this spring. It is my sincere hope that Elsmere Canyon serves as a reminder that when residents, elected officials, and community organizations come together, we can create great opportunities for the residents that live in our beautiful valley.

HONORING JAMES ROMAN CUTSHAW

HON. PAUL C. BROUN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend, a selfless humanitarian, a loving son, brother, husband, and father—Mr. James Roman Cutshaw, better known as Roman.

In addition to his unwavering dedication to his family, Roman is also a lifelong Marine who served in World War II as an artilleryman. Roman's father taught him about how precious freedom and liberty are, as he served during World War I. He encouraged each of his sons to enlist as well. Not only did Roman make his father extremely proud, he also took away intangible life lessons about camaraderie, duty, and honor that are still with him today.

After the war Mr. Cutshaw continued his education and received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. He later moved his family from Greeneville, Tennessee, to Athens, Georgia, where he became a successful businessman, father to four boys, and pillar of the community.

After his retirement, Mr. Cutshaw has continued an active and engaging lifestyle all the while maintaining a constant drive to better himself in every way possible. At age 77 he returned to school to obtain a second degree in Heating and Air Engineering and at age 86 he received a third degree in Theology. Roman maintains a garden large enough to feed several families in his community and has done countless free repairs on refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners in the hot Georgia summers for those not fortunate enough to afford these costly services. He is truly an example of what it means to put others' needs before your own and to always trust in the Lord.

In 2011, Roman was diagnosed with cancer and is now in his hardest battle yet. Just last week, he turned 92 years old and days before was placed under the care of Hospice. Our thoughts and prayers are with him, but we know God has blessed and will continue to bless Roman. This is a man who has not been afraid to get his hands dirty or make sacrifices on behalf of his neighbors. He understands the value of a hard day's work, the loyalty it

takes to make 50 years of marriage work, and above all, the importance of prayer. He has touched many lives, especially those of his children, and he continues to be an inspiration to all who know him. Please join me in honoring Roman and wishing him a very blessed 92nd birthday.

ATTACKS ON CHRISTIANS IN NIGERIA: UNPROVOKED, UNCONSCIONABLE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week I held a hearing to examine U.S. policy and policy options for managing relations with Nigeria in light of concerns on terrorism and social and political unrest.

The stability and commitment to justice and the rule of law of the Nigerian government is critical to regional, continental and global economic interests. Nigeria is hugely important on many fronts. Nigeria, Africa's largest producer of oil and its largest democracy, is one of the U.S. government's key strategic partners on the continent. It is Africa's most populous country, with more than 155 million people, roughly half Muslim and half Christian, and its second-largest economy. Nigeria supplies nearly three times the volume of imports to the United States as Angola, the second leading U.S. import supplier. The United States receives nearly 20% of our petroleum exports from Nigeria.

Consequently, Nigeria's stability is of critical interest for the U.S. economy and American policy interests in Africa.

Attacks by the Nigerian Islamic terrorist group Boko Haram on Christians, including attacks launched this past weekend, are unprovoked and unconscionable. People of all faiths—and all people of goodwill—must demand immediate action against this terrorist organization.

According to Catholic News Agency/EWTN News:

"Archbishop Ignatius A. Kaigama is concerned over the seemingly endless violence against Christians that claimed at least 58 lives this past weekend and hundreds of others in recent weeks. It is 'our prayer that something definitive will be done to stop the situation that is inhuman,' the Archbishop of Jos, Nigeria and Nigerian Bishops' Conference president said. In a July 9 interview with Vatican Radio, Archbishop Kaigama said that the violence against Christian villages around Jos 'doesn't seem to stop.' Although he was recently awarded the Institute for International Research's annual peace building award, the archbishop said he and his priests are discouraged by the silence of foreign governments surrounding the violence in Nigeria. A peaceful resolution 'cannot be left to just one country,' the archbishop said, urging a, 'collective effort.'"

Boko Haram reportedly is in league with al-Qaeda in the Mahgreb and is involved at some level with Tuareg rebels in northern Mali, Islamists in Somalia and possibly even the Taliban in Afghanistan.

In addition to its well-publicized attacks on Christians in Nigeria, Boko Haram has been

involved in murdering those they consider moderate Muslims or Muslims collaborating with the central government or the West, including several Muslim clerics, the leader of the All Nigeria People's Party and the brother of the Shehu of Borno, a northern Muslim religious leader. There are reports that some northern Nigerian leaders may be supporting Boko Haram in some way as leverage against a government they oppose.

U.S. policy toward Nigeria also must take into account ethnic, religious and political challenges the Nigerian government faces outside of the Boko Haram dynamic. Furthermore, development deficits in Nigeria have had unequal impacts on various minority ethnic groups, such as in Nigeria's Delta region. This lack of attention to equitable development in Nigeria has led to violent uprisings that do not appear to be resolved in any part of the country, certainly not in the Niger Delta.

In Nigeria, President Goodluck Jonathan is considered to be the personification of his name: a fortunate politician who has been in the right place at the right time to enable him to enjoy a meteoric rise in politics with no perceived political base or political distinction in his relatively brief career. He was an obscure government employee before he entered politics in 1998, and a year later, he was elected Deputy Governor of Bayelsa State. Except for his success in negotiations with his fellow Ijaws in the troubled delta region, he served without any special distinction until he became the Governor of Bayelsa State, after his predecessor was impeached on corruption charges in 2005.

Outgoing President Olusegun Obasanjo selected then-Governor Jonathan to be the People's Democratic Party vice presidential candidate with Umaru Yar'Adua, a presidential candidate from the north, in the 2007 elections. Yar'Adua was ill for much of his time in office, and Jonathan was called on to exercise presidential authority in November 2009 when Yar'Adua was unable to do so. Nigerian power brokers accepted Jonathan as official Acting President in February 2010. When Yar'Adua finally died in May 2010, these power brokers only accepted Jonathan to be sworn in as president because he was not considered a threat and likely wouldn't run for reelection.

However, Jonathan surprised them by announcing in September 2010 that he had consulted widely throughout Nigeria and would run for president. Jonathan won the presidential election convincingly, but his ruling People's Democratic Party lost seats in the Senate and the House of Representatives, and PDP now holds four fewer governorships—down to 23 of 36.

In October 2010, the Jonathan Administration called for the fuel subsidy to be removed. The government's decision was met with demonstrations and strikes by national unions. But while the unions agreed to end strikes and protests, the Joint Action Forum, a civil society affiliate of the unions, continued protests for a time throughout the country. The government responded with what human rights groups charged was excessive force. In northern Kano State, a student was shot to death in the course of breaking up a rally.

In addition to the resentment caused by government brutality in dealing with the largely youth-led fuel subsidy protests, high unemployment, resentment over perceived government corruption, and mismanagement and ex-

perience in organizing social protests may yet have a lasting impact on Nigerian politics and society.

The issues of excessive government force in the Niger Delta, northern Nigeria and other areas of the country over several past governments in Nigeria has fed resentment. Combined with the northern political opposition, the increasing resistance by minorities and the civil society political revolt, the Jonathan Administration faces significant forces arrayed against it. The questions our government must answer are: will this government withstand its opposition and what can we do to help Nigeria to remain Africa's essential nation?

A TRIBUTE TO SUSANNAH MUSHATT JONES ON HER 113TH BIRTHDAY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Susannah Mushatt Jones on the occasion of her 113th birthday celebration. Lovingly called "Miss Susie", she is a symbol of longevity and commitment to family for all New Yorkers and our nation.

Susie Jones was born July 6, 1899 in Lowndes County, Alabama and was the third of 11 children. Susie survives all of her siblings and is a firsthand historian of a unique quantity of our American history and growth as a country. She never had children but has more than 100 nieces and nephews. She is generous to the core paying for two nieces through college and lavishing gifts on the rest.

Miss Susie grew up in the segregated South and taught for two months after graduating high school. She then moved to New Jersey to work with a wealthy family in 1922. The following year she moved to work with a Westchester County family. Her work with various families over those years took her from the East Coast to the West Coast. At one point, Miss Susie worked for a prominent Hollywood family, socializing with movie stars and attending movie premieres. According to her, one time she was "close enough to Ronald Reagan to reach out and touch him." "Clark Gable, Cary Grant, I saw them all. George Raft was my favorite."

Miss Susie uses the word wonderful a lot, but about the only time she doesn't use it is in reference to her ex-husband, Henry. "We married in 1928, I think. He wasn't a mean person. He was a very good cook," she says. "But I don't know what happened to him."

Miss Susie retired in 1965 during the Civil Rights Movement and witnessed the continued change in the country through the following years. She lost her vision about 12 years ago and maintains her infectious laugh and upbeat attitude. Although she now has limited mobility, Miss Susie was an active member of the Vandalia Houses Senior Center tenant patrol well beyond her 100 years. Twice a day she sat in the lobby checking the guests as they signed in.

We can all learn from Miss Susie's secrets to a long life. She never smoked, drank. She works hard and loves faithfully. "I thank the Lord for the love I receive from my family," she says.