

me to the jazz great himself. Later, he played in my in-laws' living room the song that gave him fame, "Red Top." Sadly, on July 5, 2012, Mr. Kynard passed away at the age of 92. He was survived by his wife Joyce, of fifty-nine years, their two children, Brett and Carmen, and their two grandchildren. I am proud to have known Mr. Kynard and have heard him—on a number of occasions—blow that sax.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commending Mr. Kynard for his contribution to the world of jazz and honoring his musical accomplishments as a jazz great. Mr. Kynard was an accomplished musician who left behind a rich legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come. His loss will be felt by many, not just in the Kansas City community, but also by those throughout the jazz world who miss this exceptional jazz talent. We wish his family the very best during this time of bereavement. We would also remind them that no one is dead who is remembered. To be sure, Mr. Kynard will, indeed, be remembered.

#### HONORING LUCILLE HOLMES

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable educator, Lucille Holmes.

Ms. Holmes is the second of four children born to the late Mr. Arthur D. Randle and Mrs. Josephine Randle of Starkville, Mississippi. Her maternal grandparents are the late Walter and her paternal grandparents are Earlene Franklin and the late Charlie and Lydia Randle. She was born in a small community known as Rock Hill and was a member of Rock Hill United Methodist Church. After marrying her husband Clarence Holmes, she joined Bethel A.M.E. Church in Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

Upon completing high school Lucille graduated from Mississippi State University in 1978 where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education. Upon graduation she obtained a position at Boswell Retardation Center, now known as Boswell Regional Center in Sanatorium, Mississippi, as a special adult education teacher.

Her goal early in her youth was to become an educator due to her second grade teacher Ms. Viola Johnson. Ms. Johnson's teaching techniques and methods impacted her decision to become an educator.

Mrs. Holmes educational philosophy is that all children can learn and they have the right to be taught the way they learn. As an educator she believes it is her responsibility to learn how each child learns and teach him or her accordingly. Furthermore, she is always willing to do the unthinkable to ensure that each and every life she touches is changed in a positive way.

In 1981 she began employment with the Cleveland School District at East Side High School, as a special education teacher. In 1983 she went to Delta State University and completed her Master Degree in Guidance and Counseling. After completion of her degree she went to work in the Shaw School District as an elementary school counselor at McEvans. She left Shaw to work in the Shelby school system as an elementary, middle

school and high school counselor. In 1997 Lucille returned to the Cleveland School District as a counselor at East Side High School. She has since received her certification in school administration.

Mrs. Holmes is the mother of two children, Cristal Arlette and Clarence Anthony Holmes Jr. whom she has instilled the importance of getting an education, just as she has for the students in her classroom.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that our colleagues join me in recognizing Mrs. Lucille Holmes for her commitment to education.

#### RETIREMENT OF DOMINIC ROMEO FROM NEW JERSEY FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

#### HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest appreciation to Dominic Romeo for the more than 50 years of service to the state of New Jersey as a law enforcement officer and advocate for the Fraternal Order of Police. The true embodiment of a public servant, Dom began his career in 1959 as a seasonal police officer in his hometown of Wildwood and rose through the ranks, including two stints as President of the Cape May County FOP Lodge 7. His leadership and commitment to the oath 'to serve and protect' are a model for current and aspiring officers. His advice and insight have helped me on Congressional issues related to law enforcement. On behalf of South Jersey residents and all those kept safe by his selfless actions, I wish Dom Romeo a very relaxing, rewarding retirement and thank him both for his steadfast friendship and service to South Jersey.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF EVERETT "BUD" RANK, JR.

#### HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to today to recognize the life and work of Everett "Bud" Rank, Jr., who passed away on June 3, 2012. He will not only go down in history as a former member of both the Nixon and Reagan Administrations' Agriculture Departments, but as an avid golfer, ardent family man, and long-time Valley rancher.

Bud was a lifelong Fresno resident. He was born on December 1, 1921 and attended Clovis High School before fighting in World War II for four years as a gunner's mate in the South Pacific. After the war, Bud returned to his roots in Fresno to help organize the Clovis chapter of the Future Farmers of America; where he later served as president.

Bud's passion for agriculture was reflected by the time and effort he contributed to the many organizations he was a part of. He was a member of the California Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers, the Clovis Grange, the International Cotton Advisory Committee, the Sierra Soil and Water Con-

servation District, and many others. Bud worked within the Agriculture Department, first as Western Regional Director of Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service, then as both head of the ASCS and Executive Vice President of the Commodity Credit Corp.

While his commitment to the San Joaquin Valley agricultural community was unmatched, Bud's commitment to education was equally impressive. He wanted each student to have every opportunity to thrive in school and reach the highest level of education possible. He did this by serving three terms as the President of the Clovis Unified School District Board of Trustees in the 1960s and early 1970s. His contribution and impact on the community are now honored and remembered though the Bud Rank Elementary School in Clovis.

Bud was a legendary community leader. He cared greatly about the future of the San Joaquin Valley residents and youth. He leaves behind a legacy that will be hard to equal. The people of Fresno will miss Bud for years to come, but will never forget all that he gave and did for the people of Fresno County.

#### L.J. FERDINAND HAZLETON GROUP OF THE MEN OF MALVERN

#### HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the L.J. Ferdinand Hazleton Group of the Men of Malvern who will be attending its 72nd annual retreat at the Malvern Retreat House on July 20, 2012.

The L.J. Ferdinand Hazleton Group began in 1941, when nine men from Hazleton, Pennsylvania, traveled from Hazleton to Malvern, Pennsylvania, to seek spiritual guidance and inspiration. Founded in 1912, the Malvern Retreat House is the largest and second oldest Catholic retreat house in the United States. This year, the Malvern Retreat House celebrates its 100th year anniversary. For the last one hundred years, the Malvern Retreat House has been a place of reflection and sanctuary for over one million men and women from all fifty states and abroad.

As a Catholic, it is an honor to recognize the L.J. Ferdinand Hazleton Group of the Men of Malvern, an organization that has given so much back to the community. On a personal note, I have had the esteemed privilege of attending the annual Malvern Retreat a number of times in the past.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the L.J. Ferdinand Hazleton Group of the Men of Malvern for all they do for Northeastern Pennsylvania and I congratulate the Malvern Retreat House on celebrating its one hundred years of dedicated service to our country and its citizens.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise regarding my absence from rollcall votes 469–470 on Tuesday, July 17, 2012. I was attending a funeral.

I would have voted aye for rollcall vote 469, on motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill H.R. 6018 "Foreign Relations Authorization Act", which would authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes.

I would have voted aye for rollcall vote 470, on motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill S. 2009, "Insular Areas Act of 2011" which would require a study of possible health risks to people living on an atoll in the Marshall Islands, and also delay an increase in the minimum wage in American Samoa, and require those increases to take place every three years instead of annually.

#### RECOGNIZING LOCAL 2012 OLYMPIANS

#### HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate seven remarkable athletes who are competing in the Summer Olympic Games in London later this month. Of the 530 Americans participating in the Olympics, these 7 will proudly represent my district. I wish them the best of luck in each of their respective sports.

Through dedication and determination, Ryan Lochte from Canandaigua, Abby Wombach, Iris Zimmermann, and Jason Turner from Rochester, Meghan Musnicki from Naples, Molly Huddle from Elmira, and Henrik Rummel from Pittsford achieved their goal of competing for the U.S. Olympic team. Lochte, Zimmermann, and Turner head to London as veteran Olympians in swimming, fencing, and shooting, respectively, while the other four will compete for the first time in various events including soccer, rowing, and track and field.

Qualifying for the Olympic Games is one of the highest athletic honors the world has to offer. The countless hours these seven athletes sacrificed practicing and perfecting their skill set exemplifies the true American spirit. I will proudly watch these seven Olympians compete for a Gold Medal in London and I hope they attain the success they deserve.

#### HONORING SHUNDRARIA RONEISHA TRIBBLE

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a remarkable young woman: Shundraria Roneisha Tribble. Shundraria is the only daughter of Michelle Tribble of Falcon, Mississippi.

She graduated as an outstanding scholar of Madison Shannon Plamer High School. Throughout her high school career she has remained on the Principal and Superintendent Lists. She was a member of the Beta Club, the Student Council, and the United States Achievement Academy. Shundraria was also elected as Miss Madison Shannon Palmer High School 2011–2012.

As a freshman, Shundraria set a goal to graduate in the top ten of her senior class,

and through hard work and determination she was named class Salutatorian on May 12, 2012. Shundraria aspires to enter the medical field as a Registered Nurse to later venture on to become a physician.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Shundraria Roneisha Tribble, Salutatorian for Madison Shannon Palmer High School Class of 2012.

#### HONORING THE SIXTH CONGRES- SIONAL DISTRICT OF GEORGIA'S OLYMPIC ATHLETES

#### HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor two constituents from the 6th Congressional District of Georgia, Kathleen Hersey and Eric Hurd, who will compete in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. Kathleen Hersey will be participating in 100m/200m butterfly, while Eric Hurd will be in the Slalom Double Canoe event.

By taking second place in the 200m butterfly, Kathleen qualified for her second Olympic games. Last year Kathleen won a national title and a gold medal at the Duel in the Pool, both in the 200m butterfly. She finished eighth in the same event in Beijing four years ago. Kathleen has shown amazing dedication, discipline, and devotion to swimming, training roughly 9,000 yards per day, six days a week.

Eric earned a spot on this year's Olympic team by winning the Gold earlier this year at the 2012 Pan American Championship in Brazil. Eric also finished first at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Teams Trials in Charlotte, North Carolina. Eric's paddling career began at Atlanta's "Waterworks"—a single Class II rapid with gates set up for training purposes. Since then, he has been preparing rigorously ahead of this year's games by training at the U.S. National Whitewater Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for all Members of the House in wishing these two outstanding individuals the best of luck. Their exceptional commitment to athleticism is an inspiration to us all. I know Kathleen and Eric, along with a multitude of other exceptional athletes across this great land of ours, will be a wonderful illustration to the world of American strength and perseverance.

#### IN MEMORY OF A HOOSIER HERO, SPECIALIST NICHOLAS ANDREW TAYLOR

#### HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, as flags fly at half-staff in northeast Indiana today, I rise with a heavy heart to remember and honor a constituent, Indiana National Guard Specialist Nicholas Andrew Taylor, an American hero who lost his life while courageously supporting combat operations in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, on July 16, 2012. He served with the 713th Engineer Company of the Indiana

National Guard based out of Valparaiso, Indiana.

Army Specialist Nick Taylor was from the small town of Berne, Indiana. Despite receiving several offers to play college football after graduating from South Adams High School in 2010, Specialist Taylor signed up to serve his country in the Indiana National Guard. He was a hard worker and a man of integrity. He excelled in everything he did, whether it was being a three-sport athlete or his involvement in First Missionary Church.

Specialist Taylor wanted to follow in his father's footsteps. His father, Timothy Taylor, is Berne's chief of police and those who knew Nick said he wanted to continue his public service after his deployment by applying to the Fort Wayne Police Department. He also planned to use the money he earned from his military service to enroll in college and study criminal justice.

Specialist Taylor was an outstanding citizen-soldier who, along with the other brave members of the 713th, was assigned a dangerous mission and performed courageously on behalf of a grateful state and nation. Our hearts in Indiana are heavy as we remember one who lost his life wearing the uniform of the United States, and those he left behind.

On behalf of the people of the Sixth Congressional District and my wife and children, I extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Specialist Nick Taylor, including his father, Timothy Taylor, his mother Stephanie, brother Drew, and sisters Holly and Sophia. The Bible tells us, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted," and that shall be our prayer. May God bless the memory of this brave young man. The name of Specialist Nicholas Andrew Taylor will be forever enshrined in the hearts of a grateful state and nation.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF SHIRLEY E. COVERDALE

#### HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Shirley E. Coverdale, First Lady of the First Baptist Church of Riverhead, New York, who is being honored on July 21st for thirty years of service to her church and community.

In her tireless work on behalf of others, Mrs. Coverdale has come to embody the mission of the church where her husband, Charles Coverdale, serves as pastor. As a faith community, First Baptist seeks to offer hope and service to both its members and the community at large. Mrs. Coverdale's hand and heart have been instrumental in almost every aspect of the church's work.

Specifically, Mrs. Coverdale has served as Sunday school superintendent; director of an after-school mentoring program in collaboration with the Riverhead School District; developer of a computerized membership and financial management database for the church; project manager for C.A.R.E., which established a volunteer corps of senior citizens; grant writer; fundraiser; and catalyst for legislation that improves the quality of life for ordinary people.

Furthermore, Mrs. Coverdale is committed to social justice, care for the elderly and infirm,