

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID
BOSTON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Boston, a talented and respected builder from Crossroads, Texas. After many years of private custom home building, and ten years of employment with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Mr. Boston is retiring.

Mr. Boston was a sought-after custom home builder in Denton for many years. After retiring from that profession, he accepted a part-time position with FEMA in 2002. Four years later in 2006, Mr. Boston accepted a full-time position with the agency. He served as a National Hazard Mitigation Specialist where he investigated properties that were damaged by disasters like Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Ike. In his tenure at FEMA, he investigated over 46,000 sites.

Due to his prior experience building private homes, Mr. Boston was able to deal favorably with sub-contractors. Because of this advantage, he saved FEMA and American taxpayers nearly \$25 million. In addition to his commitment and dedication to FEMA, Mr. Boston was always equally dedicated to the home owners and businesses with whom he worked.

Mr. Boston retired in May, 2012 after ten years of service. Upon his retirement, he will serve as a Republican precinct chair beginning in August of 2012. As Mr. Boston retires from a long and dedicated career, I would like to recognize his accomplishment and service, as well as congratulate him on a job well done. His experience and skills are evident to all he worked with. It is an honor to have the opportunity to recognize and represent Mr. Boston in the U.S. House of Representatives.

RETIREMENT OF MAJOR GENERAL
GINA FARRISEE

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize the dedication and selfless service of Major General Gina Farrisee, who will culminate her 34-year Army career as the Commanding General of Human Resources Command in Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

As a Member of Congress, a Kentuckian, and a former Army Officer, it is an honor to recognize Major General Farrisee today before the United States House of Representatives. She is a native of Virginia, a 1978 graduate of the University of Richmond and the National Defense University in 1998. She was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, serving her career as an Adjutant General Officer.

Major General Farrisee's career highlights include a variety of command and staff positions at Army installations around the world to include Germany, Ft. Bliss, TX; Ft. Lewis, WA; Ft. Benjamin Harrison, IN; and Ft. Jackson, SC. During several key assignments in the Pentagon she worked for the Chief of Staff of

the Army, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy and four years as the Army's Director of Military Personnel Management. Her highly successful command assignments included battalion command at Ft. Lewis, brigade command at Ft. Benjamin Harrison and the Army's Soldier Support Institute at Ft. Jackson. Most recently, Major General Farrisee headed Army Human Resources Command, at Ft. Knox in my district. Her selfless service, professionalism and expertise were highlighted while assigned as the 61st Adjutant General of the Army.

Throughout her service, Major General Farrisee has been a shining example for our Nation. It has been my pleasure to highlight Major General Farrisee's long and decorated career today. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in commending and thanking Major General Farrisee for a lifetime of service during peace and wartime to her country. Her sacrifices and contributions will be forever remembered in the Soldiers and families she mentored and inspired. Those same Soldiers will miss her leadership, technical competence, mentorship and enthusiasm, as well as her daily inspiration—"It's a Great Day to be a soldier. . . . Hooah!"

For all she and her family have given to our country, we are in debt. We wish her and her husband David, all the best as they continue their journey.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION IN
SUPPORT OF THE XIX INTER-
NATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution in support of the XIX International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012), which takes place from July 22, 2012, through July 27, 2012, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. AIDS 2012 is organized by the International AIDS Society (IAS) and brings together more than 20,000 delegates from nearly 200 countries, including 2,000 journalists. My resolution supports a stronger international response to HIV/AIDS that seeks to prevent the transmission of HIV, increase access to testing, treatment, and care, improve health outcomes for all people living with HIV/AIDS, foster greater scientific and programmatic collaborations around the world to end HIV/AIDS, and protect the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS.

According to UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, there are approximately 33.4 million people living with HIV worldwide, and nearly 30 million people have died of AIDS since the first cases were reported in 1981. The United States is heavily engaged in both international and domestic efforts to address the HIV/AIDS pandemic, including the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. Taxpayers in the United States have paid more than \$45 billion through PEPFAR and the Global Fund, which have enjoyed broad bipartisan support in Congress.

Since 1985, the now biennial International AIDS Conference has brought together lead-

ing scientists, public health experts, policymakers, community leaders, and individuals living with HIV/AIDS from around the world to enhance the global response to HIV/AIDS, evaluate recent scientific developments, share knowledge, and facilitate a collective strategy to combat the HIV/AIDS pandemic. AIDS 2012 is a tremendous opportunity to strengthen the role of the United States in global HIV/AIDS initiatives within the context of significant global economic challenges, reenergize the response to the domestic epidemic, and focus particular attention on the devastating impact of HIV/AIDS that continues in the United States.

The theme of AIDS 2012, "Turning the Tide Together," embodies the promise and urgency of utilizing recent scientific advances in HIV/AIDS treatment and biomedical prevention, continuing research for an HIV vaccine and cure, and increasing effective, evidence-based interventions in key settings to change the course of the HIV/AIDS crisis. AIDS 2012 seeks to engage governments, non-governmental organizations, policymakers, the scientific community, the private sector, civil society, faith-based organizations, the media, and people living with HIV/AIDS to more effectively address regional, national, and local responses to HIV/AIDS around the world and overcome barriers that limit access to preventive care, treatment, and other services.

My resolution supports the goal of bringing renewed awareness of, and commitment to, addressing the HIV/AIDS crisis in the United States and abroad. In particular, it recognizes that formulating sound public health policy, protecting human rights, addressing the needs of women and girls, directing effective programming toward the populations at the highest risk of infection, ensuring accountability, and combating stigma, poverty, and other social challenges related to HIV/AIDS are key to overcoming HIV/AIDS. It also encourages the ongoing development of innovative therapies and advances in clinical treatment for HIV/AIDS in the public and private sectors.

Mr. Speaker, 25 years after the III International AIDS Conference was held in Washington, DC, we are now at a point where we have the tools necessary to prevent the spread of HIV and bring an end to the crisis. Now is the time to commit. HIV/AIDS is not a partisan issue. But it will take a bipartisan effort to overcome HIV/AIDS as a nation once and for all. Continued commitment by the United States to HIV/AIDS research, prevention, and treatment programs is crucial to protecting global health. I urge my colleagues to support my resolution, which recognizes the importance of the XIX International AIDS Conference in the global effort to end the HIV/AIDS pandemic and create an "AIDS-free generation."

DAVID HERMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud David Herman for his service to our community.

David Herman, a native of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, is a world-class BMX rider and a

contender in the 2012 London Olympics. David has been passionate about BMX since he was eight years old, and received his first factory sponsor in sixth grade. He is currently taking time off from pursuing his college degree in Denver to focus on his Olympic career.

David has been a household name in the world of BMX since he burst onto the scene in 2007. He is known as one of the fastest starters in the sport, and has two World Cup wins under his belt. After placing 22nd in the 2011 World Championships in Copenhagen, David began pushing himself harder and harder toward his dream of joining Team USA in the 2012 Olympics. His hard work and dedication paid off in the 2012 World Championships in England, where he finished fifth to become the first U.S. BMX rider to book his place in London.

David's dedication to his sport is mirrored by his dedication to his family in Colorado. Though he prepares for the Olympics with his coach Greg Romero at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California, David makes sure to divide his time between California and the Denver area.

I extend my deepest congratulations to David Herman for his hard work and perseverance. It is an honor to see a native of Colorado rise to this Olympic level. David embodies the best our country could hope for in the next generation of Americans. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEORGIA PEANUT COMMISSION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to extend a heartfelt congratulations to the Georgia Peanut Commission as it celebrates 50 years of providing support to Georgia farmers. The Commission will be celebrating this great milestone with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Commission's new location in Tifton, Georgia on Tuesday, July 31, 2012.

The Commission, funded by Georgia peanut growers, began operations in 1961 and has represented farmers through programs in research, promotion, education, and communication. For 50 years, Georgia peanut farmers, through the Commission, have been successful in improving the profitability of peanuts and peanut products by reducing the cost of production through research and by working to promote and increase consumption. The Commission is recognized nationally and internationally by its little red bags of peanuts found in all Georgia Congressional offices on Capitol Hill.

When the Commission was first formed in 1961, farmers harvested 475,000 acres of with an average yield of 1,200 pounds of peanuts per acre. In 2011, farmers harvested 475,000 acres with an average yield of 3,520 pounds per acre, a 300 percent increase and a testament to the hard work on behalf of the Georgia Peanut Commission.

I take much pride in the fact that Georgia leads the Nation in production of peanuts with

nearly 50 percent of the annual peanut crop. Georgia has 14,000 farms with peanuts and about 4,500 active farmers. Approximately 200 businesses in Georgia are peanut-related. Two million bags of peanuts are distributed annually and the industry contributes more than 50,000 jobs and an estimated \$2 billion to the economy of the State of Georgia.

Since George Washington Carver discovered the many uses for the peanut in the early twentieth century, peanuts have become a household food staple and a source of dietary fiber, protein and other healthy nutrients. Although peanuts are produced in other parts of the country, I am a firm believer that no peanuts are of higher quality or more delicious than Georgia peanuts.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Don Koehler, Executive Director of the Georgia Peanut Commission, and the rest of the wonderful staff as well as Chairman Armond Morris and all those who serve on the Board of Directors. Their hard work and dedication has contributed to the success of the Commission in many ways.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, the state of Georgia, and all those nationwide and worldwide who enjoy our tasty Georgia peanuts, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to the Georgia Peanut Commission for their exemplary services and dedicated efforts to support Georgia's 4,500 peanut growers over the past 50 years.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF CARL ADDISON

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to commemorate Mr. Carl Addison on the occasion of his 95th birthday, which he and his loved ones will celebrate on August 8. Mr. Addison has led an incredible life, truly worthy of this distinction.

In 1939, Mr. Addison joined the 6th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Oglethorpe, Georgia. The "Fighting Sixth" became an integral wing of Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army during World War II. Mr. Addison's group landed in France on June 8. This team served as a reconnaissance squad as they moved across Europe, and was there when Gen. Patton made his heroic run to Bastogne to rescue U.S. troops.

At Bastogne, Mr. Addison was wounded from a gunshot wound to the knee and was sent to England for medical treatment. Though scheduled to return to the United States for further treatment, he went back to France to rejoin his group. His superior officer ensured Mr. Addison could stay with the 6th Cavalry, where he remained until the allies claimed victory in Europe.

Mr. Addison returned home to Monroe, LA. in 1945 and married Bea Shamblin in the following year. They have one child together, Carl Addison, Jr.

As his family and friends prepare to join together to honor Mr. Addison, he continues to exemplify a strong character of leadership and dedication. I ask my colleagues to join me in

congratulating Mr. Addison on this truly significant birthday.

MISSY FRANKLIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Missy Franklin for her service to our community.

Missy Franklin, of Aurora, Colorado, will compete in seven events at the 2012 London Olympics and will be the first U.S. female to swim that many races at the games. Missy has been a competitive swimmer since an extremely young age, and qualified for her first Olympic trials at the age of 12.

In 2011, Missy competed at the first long-course World Championships of her career, and won a total of five medals, three of which were gold. Shortly after, Missy won the 100m freestyle and 100m backstroke titles at Nationals. Later in 2011, she broke her first world record at a FINA World Cup meet in Berlin.

Missy consistently impresses those around her with her tireless dedication to her sport. As a 17-year old high school student, Missy is faced with the formidable task of balancing high school life with a world-class athletic career. Her ability to stay grounded and focused in both aspects of her life shows incredible strength and maturity. Missy attributes much of her success to her wonderful parents in Colorado, who encourage her to make education a priority even after an exhausting day in the pool.

I extend my deepest Congratulations to Missy Franklin on your hard work and perseverance. It is an honor to see a native of Colorado rise to this Olympic level. Missy embodies the best our country could hope for in the next generation of Americans. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO BRITTANY WIEBBECKE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brittany Wiebbecke of Nashua, Iowa for being awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest award that a high school-aged Girl Scout can earn. This is an extremely prestigious honor, as less than 6 percent of all Girl Scouts will attain the Gold Award's rigorous requirements.

To earn a Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete a minimum of 80 hours towards a community project that is both memorable and lasting. For her project, Brittany assisted a local animal rescue center by providing supplies and learning materials for new pet owners. The work ethic Brittany has shown to earn her Gold Award speaks volumes about her commitment to serving a cause greater than herself and assisting her community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young woman and her supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication