

HAPPY 108TH BIRTHDAY MRS.
LUCY SPELLER

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Saturday, August 4, 2012, the 108th birthday of native Washingtonian, Mrs. Lucy Speller.

Affectionately known as "Aunt," and "Sister," Mrs. Lucy Speller was born in 1904, was married for 76 years, and is a lifelong resident of the District of Columbia. As a Sunday school and Vacation Bible School teacher at Calvary Episcopal Church, Lucy Speller demonstrated her love of the District's children by touching their hearts and cultivating their minds. Students of Mrs. Speller often recall her kind-hearted nature and the guidance and support that she offered through the years. Many residents also celebrate Lucy Speller's work as a professional planner for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and numerous other functions. She even planned her own golden wedding anniversary.

I ask the House to join me in recognizing the 108th birthday of Mrs. Lucy Speller, a special lady, whose service to our community is greatly appreciated.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, HURON, OHIO

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the centennial anniversary of Macedonia Baptist Church, located in Toledo, Ohio. The congregation will celebrate this milestone event on August 25, 2012.

Since its founding in 1912, Macedonia Baptist Church has served its congregation and its community inspired by Christ's teachings as recorded in Matthew 25:40 that, "Whatsoever you do to the least among you, that you do unto me." Its "rich history of service began on Yondota Street on the East side of Toledo" where the church originally stood and continues to the present day from its location in West Toledo.

Through a century of service the church has been a neighborhood mainstay. In addition to worship services, Macedonia Baptist Church members teach fellowship and provide services to families in need. Motivated by their servants' hearts and strong pastoral leadership, the church carries forth a tradition of reaching out. All are welcome into the faith-filled, inspired congregation. We proudly commemorate this 100th anniversary while looking forward to Macedonia Baptist Church's future.

HONORING GRAY'S GENERAL
STORE

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, since 1788, Gray's General Store has served customers in Rhode Island. For seven generations the Waite family has owned what is considered the oldest general store in the Nation. Gray's General Store closed its doors for the final time last Sunday.

This store has been a cultural cornerstone for more than two centuries in Little Compton, a town in my district which itself was established in 1682.

Since 1879, the Waite family has owned and operated Gray's General Store allowing generations of Rhode Islanders to have a place to share an ice cream and a laugh.

Despite the tremendous loss the community will face, I extend my well wishes to the present owner, Jonah Waite, as he transitions into a new chapter of his life.

I Honor Gray's General Store for its place in the history of Little Compton.

TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR E. "GENE"
GOLDMAN ACTING DIRECTOR,
NASA'S MARSHALL SPACE
FLIGHT CENTER

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2012

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Arthur E. "Gene" Goldman, Acting Director of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, on the occasion of his retirement from NASA and his 28 years of distinguished federal service. Mr. Goldman provided superb leadership to over 5,000 personnel across a wide variety of disciplines, and provided sound fiscal management of a \$2.5 billion budget. With those resources, he achieved cutting edge advancements in launch systems, spaceflight vehicles, and the supporting research and development efforts. All of these will shape our great nation's space program for years into the future.

Mr. Goldman was born and raised in Russell, Mississippi, where he was introduced and attracted to the awe of space when his father took him out one night and showed him the Echo satellite passing overhead. With that inspiration and desire to learn, he graduated from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and thereafter earned his Registered Professional Engineer-Civil certification, with the intention of building bridges. Although he never physically built a bridge, he certainly built, mended and maintained a multitude of bridges among NASA components, stakeholders and customers.

While at NASA, Mr. Goldman also held the positions of Deputy Director of Marshall Space Flight Center; Director and Deputy Director of Stennis Space Flight Center; Manager and Deputy Manager of the Space Shuttle Main Engine Project; and project engineer on the Marshall Shuttle Project Integration Office. He

was assigned to the Senior Executive Service in 2004. Prior to joining NASA in 1990, he worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority for 6 years and in the nuclear power industry.

During his tenure, Mr. Goldman was awarded the prestigious Presidential Rank Award in 2010, the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal in 2007, the Exceptional Achievement Medal in 2002, the NASA Certificate of Appreciation in 1997, and the Marshall Space Flight Center Director's Commendation in 1992. He also completed the Senior Executive Fellows Program at Harvard University.

Mr. Goldman is widely known and appreciated throughout NASA for treating every single person he encounters with utmost respect and value, regardless of their function. His strategic guidance, sage advice and leadership have brought him unqualified success and significant positive impact on NASA's mission. With extraordinary and sincere gratitude, I thank Mr. Goldman for his dedicated service and outstanding contributions to our country. I wish Mr. Goldman all the best as he retires from NASA, and may God bless him, his wife Nancy, his daughter Jennifer, and his entire family in the days ahead.

TRIBUTE TO FIRST SERGEANT
HECTOR SOTORODRIGUEZ FROM
THE UNITED STATES MARINE
CORPS HOUSE LIAISON OFFICE

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize and pay tribute to First Sergeant Hector Sotorodriguez United States Marine Corps, on the occasion of his transfer from the United States Marine Corps House Liaison office back into the Fleet Marine Force. First Sergeant Sotorodriguez has served our great Nation for many years, earning many decorations and awards. I, and many other members of this chamber, have had the pleasure of working with him over the past two and a half years that he has served as part of Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs, OLA, Fellow and as the Senior Staff Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge of the House OLA liaison office.

First Sergeant Sotorodriguez distinguished himself through exceptional meritorious service while serving as the Senior Staff Non-Commissioned Officer In-Charge of the Marine Corps House Liaison office. Every day he served in direct support of not only the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs but in direct support of every member of Congress, every Marine and every American. His keen abilities in organization, interpersonal relationships, and communication were extremely critical to the successful accomplishment of the Marine Corps mission. His achievements and ability to get the job done have been understated but always effective and noteworthy. While serving in the Liaison office, First Sergeant Sotorodriguez was able to develop and execute legislative strategy for the United States Marine Corps. This strategy was instrumental in creating a shared understanding between congress and the Marine Corps, allowing leadership the ability to train and equip the Nation's most elite fighting force, ensuring their

success on the battlefield. He routinely turned broad guidance into action which energized the Office of Legislative Affairs and members of Congress alike. His actions allowed the Marine Corps to engage members of Congress and their staffs, directly facilitating the increased emphasis on improving Congressional relationships—a cornerstone of the CMC's strategic vision.

Throughout his service he consistently demonstrated his expertise and knowledge by providing timely and accurate information to the Congressional Members and their respective staffs. First Sergeant Sotorodriguez was a vital asset for all matters relating to the Marine Corps in the House of Representatives. Members and staffers alike respected and trusted First Sergeant Sotorodriguez's straightforward and dependable assistance. His forthrightness and knowledge were key attributes in maintaining the Marine Corps' superb relationships with the many Members of the House of Representatives.

Throughout his tour, First Sergeant Sotorodriguez personally responded to, or supervised hundreds of congressional inquiries, some of which gained national level attention. Through his exceptional inter-personal skills, broad knowledge in a wide range of military affairs, and personal efforts he assisted the Director, Marine Corps Liaison Office, in gaining the Members' support and trust on critical issues. First Sergeant Sotorodriguez's has contributed immeasurably as a member in the Marine Liaison Office here on Capitol Hill and to the Marine Corps as a whole. I wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SINES
NICKEL & DIME STORE

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Sines Nickel & Dime Store, a local institution in my home of Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

For 100 years, Sines has been family owned and operated, offering a chance for its customers to step back in time and find hundreds of antiques, many of which come right from the local community. As part of Sine's commitment to friendly and dependable service, breakfast and lunch are made from scratch and served daily at the Soda Fountain where friends and neighbors gather as they have for generations.

Today, Sines continues to sell novelties of the past as they cope with the challenges that many small businesses across our nation face.

The dedication and perseverance demonstrated by the Sine family in these difficult economic times serves as an example of the American entrepreneurial spirit which drives our economy. Sines Nickel & Dime Store is an example of dedication to serving its customers, I congratulate them on their 100 years of success and wish them many more to come.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL PAUL H.
GUEMMER FOR HIS SERVICE AS
COMMANDER OF THE 92ND AIR
REFUELING WING, FAIRCHILD
AIR FORCE BASE

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2012

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary service of Colonel Paul H. Guemmer, Commander, 92nd Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington.

After receiving his commission as a Distinguished Graduate from the Reserve Officer Training Corps, Col. Guemmer has held multiple flying assignments as an aircraft commander, instructor, and examiner pilot. Prior to assuming command at Fairchild, Col. Guemmer commanded at the squadron level, including a deployment as an expeditionary operations support squadron commander. His

previous staff experience also includes tours in the Air Staffs Joint Requirements Oversight Council Issues and Actions Division and the Joint Staff J-3's Readiness Division and Multi-national Operations Division. Col. Guemmer also deployed as the Vice Wing Commander for the 379 Air Expeditionary Wing.

Since assuming command at Fairchild two years ago, Col. Guemmer has overseen many improvements on the base. These improvements include completion of a nearly 14,000 foot runway, a new fitness center, and even more recently, ground breaking on a new wing command headquarters. Each of these improvements represents an investment in Fairchild's future. While the physical improvements cannot be understated, even more important is the investment Col. Guemmer has made to solidify the relationship between the Air Force's 92nd Air Refueling Wing and the Air National Guard's 141st Air Refueling Wing. Under Col. Guemmer's leadership, the association between the 92nd and the 141st Air Refueling Wings has become one of the gems in the Air Mobility Community when it comes to utilization, collaboration, deploying to common locations and maintenance.

Mr. Speaker, Col. Guemmer has made caring for Fairchild's airmen and airwomen and their families a top priority. Whether serving a Thanksgiving meal to those unable to make it home for the holidays or taking time to speak to the "Caring for People Summit", Col. Guemmer has tirelessly worked to improve the quality of life for Eastern Washington's servicemen and women and their families.

So, today I urge all of my colleagues to join me in thanking Colonel Paul H. Guemmer for his service to the United States Air Force and the 92nd Air Refueling Wing at Fairchild. I am grateful for Paul's unyielding dedication to our country and for all of his accomplishments as Commander of the 92nd Air Refueling Wing. While I look forward to hearing of his future successes as Deputy Director (Military) Strategy, Policy, Programs and Logistics Directorate at Scott Air Force Base, Paul and his family will be greatly missed in Eastern Washington.