

TRIBUTE TO OLYMPIC GOLD
MEDALIST GABRIELLE DOUGLAS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gabby Douglas of West Des Moines, Iowa for her outstanding accomplishments in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games. Gabby will be remembered by history as the first African-American individual all-around champion and as the first American gymnast to earn a gold medal in both the individual all-around and team competitions in the same Olympics.

Gabby has been training in West Des Moines under former University of Iowa gymnastics coach Liang Chow for nearly two years. Originally from Virginia Beach, Gabby has dedicated her life to gymnastics since enrolling when she was just six years old. In 2010, Gabby felt it was time to take her training to the next level and moved halfway across the country to train under Coach Chow and make her Olympic dreams a reality. While Gabby's move was not an easy decision for her mother Natalie, or her two sisters Arielle and Joy, Gabby's move to Iowa has been a wonderful experience thanks to her host parents, Travis and Missy Parton of West Des Moines. Gabby quickly became another daughter to her host parents and another sister to their four daughters, Hailey, Leah, Lexi, and Elissa. In London, Gabby's two mothers stood side by side as they cheered Gabby to a first place finish and into the history books.

Gabby Douglas has shown America, and the world, that anything is possible through hard work and dedication. She has taken her newfound fame with elegance and humility, attributing her success to her supportive families and unwavering faith in God. It is no surprise to those who know Gabby that her infectious positive attitude and incredible athletic ability has captured the nation's attention. Gabby returns to America both as a champion and as a role model for millions of young Americans.

Mr. Speaker, witnessing the historic achievements of Gabby Douglas has captivated the nation and the world. Miss Douglas has represented the very best of Iowa's work ethic and people on the international stage, and it is a great honor to represent Gabby and the Partons in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating Gabby, thanking her supportive families, and welcoming all of our athletes home from a truly historic Summer Olympics in London.

HONORING ELIZABETH AND
HENRY SNIPES

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, the union of Elizabeth and Henry Snipes has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; One such descendant being Mr. Maceo Snipes who was a World War II veteran; and

Whereas, their union produced many well respected citizens, today we honor all of the matriarchs and patriarchs, who are pillars of strength for the Snipes and Turner families; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Snipes and Turner families, whom are some of our most productive citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Snipes and Turner families have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Snipes and Turner families;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim, July 7, 2012 as Snipes and Turner Family Reunion Day in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 7th day of July, 2012.

THE GREATER KANAWAH VALLEY
FOUNDATION

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation on obtaining their National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations™ accreditation from the Community Foundations National Standards Board.

The Community Foundations National Standards Board was established as a supporting organization of the Council on Foundations, a nonprofit membership association of grant making foundations and corporations, to administer the National Standards. This board is responsible for upholding the quality, value, and integrity of the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations™, the first and only accreditation program of its kind.

In the United States, community foundations serve tens of thousands of donors, administer more than \$40 billion in charitable funds, and address the core concerns of more than 700 communities and regions. With such a presence—nationally and within local communities—comes responsibility.

Achieving confirmation and reconfirming compliance with National Standards is a rigorous process, guaranteeing that every community foundation that receives the designation has adhered to excellent philanthropic practice. This program requires community foundations to document their policies for governance, donor services, investments, grantmaking, community leadership, and administration.

The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation of Charleston, West Virginia has obtained its National Standards accreditation by demonstrating a commitment to operational quality, integrity, accountability, and adherence to the highest standards for grantmaking.

On behalf of the residents of Charleston, I congratulate The Greater Kanawha Valley

Foundation on receiving its National Standards accreditation and commend the foundation's dedicated service to Charleston and communities in West Virginia.

HONORING CAPTAIN JOE MORRIS

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Joe Morris, who retires from law enforcement after having completed over 40 years of outstanding service to his community and Western North Carolina.

Joe has shown devotion to upholding the rule of law and ensuring the safety of our mountain communities throughout his career. He began in 1964 as a Highway Patrol Officer, a position in which he excelled until he retired as a Master Trooper in 1985.

He later served as a Captain for Sheriff Homer Holbrooks at the Macon County Sheriffs Department until 2002. Joe once again returned to service the same year, working as the Jail Administrator and as a Captain at the Cherokee County Sheriffs Department. It is from this position that we can celebrate his retirement.

Through literally decades of service, Joe has shown extraordinary dedication to law enforcement in Western North Carolina, and as has had a particularly important impact on Macon and Cherokee Counties. As his nephew, I could not be prouder. Thank you, Uncle Joe, for all of your service to Western North Carolina.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JOHN
BOULÉ II

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and service of a friend and constituent, Colonel John Boulé II of Plattsburgh, New York, and to congratulate him on his upcoming retirement. Col. Boulé has a long and decorated career, rising to his current position as Commander of the New York District for the Army Corps of Engineers. This country and the State of New York are fortunate to have benefitted from his years of dedicated service.

Col. Boulé graduated in 1986 from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He went on to earn two Master of Science degrees from Stanford University, and later used those skills to help further the careers of fellow soldiers by teaching at West Point. Col. Boulé also served the Army in a variety of operational, command, and staff assignments in the U.S. and overseas including in Iraq, Somalia, and in New York at Fort Drum with the 41st Engineer Battalion, 10th Mountain Division. His decorated career includes the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, six awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Ranger Tab, and the Combat Action Badge.

In addition to his work overseas, Col. Boulé has been a positive force for change in New

York and in my congressional district. Since coming to Congress, I have benefited from his knowledge and experience in our efforts to improve Plattsburgh Harbor, attend to the district after Hurricane Irene, and strengthen Fort Drum. His dedication to these efforts has always helped to keep New York moving forward, and I am proud to have worked with him.

It has been a pleasure and honor to work with Col. Boulé. On a personal note, I am glad to have John as a friend and look forward to seeing him in Plattsburgh visiting with his family in the years ahead. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating him on his retirement and wishing him well in whatever comes next.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF THE ROCHESTER GIRL SCOUT
TECH TEAM, THE HIPPIE PAN-
DAS

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Emily Sabo, Carolyn Grant, Ashley Stafford and Jodie Reese—members of the Hippy Pandas Girl Scout team of Rochester, NY. Along with their coaches Cheryl and Christa Lawniczak, the Hippy Pandas recently pioneered an invention that is preventing disease, and saving lives.

The young ladies of the Hippy Pandas recently partnered with engineers at the Rochester Institute of Technology and Eastman Kodak Company to design and build a device to change the world. Through extensive research and hard work, the young women created a solar-powered pasteurization system that processes raw milk. As I write, this invention is providing women in developing countries with an easy and inexpensive way to access safe milk for themselves and their families.

This invention was spurred by a desire to help women in Nicaragua, where unpasteurized milk has caused women to suffer from higher-than-normal rates of miscarriage and disease. They've done exactly that, as their invention has already been put to use in Nicaragua, and requests have come in to expand its use to other countries.

Across the world, women face the tremendous challenge of accessing safe, affordable and secure health care. Indeed, in many countries, lack of resources and gender discrimination conspire to leave women vulnerable to contracting preventable disease. Every day, some of the most accomplished and heralded professionals in the world work to address these challenges. Yet, quietly, a small group of dedicated young women in Western New York solved one such challenge with an incredible invention.

Through their hard work, the Hippy Pandas have helped change the course of life for women a world away. In the process, they have shown this Congress, and this country, the important role that science and technology play in making our world a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent such intelligent, innovative, and accomplished young women. Through their work, the Hippy

Pandas have shown the best that the Rochester area has to offer. Their scientific and technological knowledge, together with a deep passion for serving a greater good, embodies the values that serve as a foundation for my hometown and our Nation.

In honor of the Hippy Pandas' service to the global community, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Emily, Carolyn, Ashley, Jodie, Cheryl and Christa, and their mentors at Rochester Institute of Technology and Eastman Kodak Co. for their innovative work and dedication to science and technology. I speak for all of Western New York in expressing our pride and gratitude for the life-changing work the Hippy Pandas have done.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD AND
DARLENE LUNDQUIST

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Edward and Darlene Lundquist on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. Their milestone took place Saturday, September 8, 2012.

Mr. and Mrs. Lundquist have been a happy couple since their days as high school sweethearts in Corning, Iowa. Never ones to waste time, Edward and Darlene eloped in neighboring Missouri on September 8, 1942 and haven't looked back.

Edward and Darlene have resided in Osceola, Iowa since 1959 when they purchased a lumberyard that is now in its third generation. In addition to building their successful business, Mr. and Mrs. Lundquist have also raised three children—Nancy, Jim and Alan—who have blessed them with eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, with another on the way. The Lundquists continue to be a visible and important part of their community, and it is an honor to represent them in the United States Congress.

Edward and Darlene's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. I salute this lovely couple on their 70th year of life together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

DR. MURTAZA BAXAMUSA—FEL-
LOWSHIP HONOREE OF THE
YEAR!

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to proclaim that there are several unsung community leaders in our nation that deserves our utmost admiration and recognition.

One such leader hails from my 51st Congressional District, Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa, the Director of Planning and Development for the Family Housing Corporation of the San Diego County Building and Trades Council, as well as an Adjunct Faculty with the Sol Price

School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California. He is a certified planner by the American Planning Association. He has over 10 years experience in economic development and sustainable urban planning and works with several non-profits to expand affordable housing in the San Diego area.

Dr. Baxamusa is a founding board member of the Middle Class Taxpayers Association and serves on the Board of Directors of the San Diego City-County Reinvestment Taskforce, Utility Consumer Action Network, and Cleveland National Forest Foundation. He writes the blog, Middle Class Thinker for VoiceofSanDiego.org and serves on the real estate panel for the San Diego Union Tribune.

Dr. Baxamusa received his doctoral (PhD) in Planning from the University of Southern California (USC) in 2008. His study on community benefits agreements received the award for the best doctoral dissertation in planning use at USC and was published in the academic journal of record in American planning education. He received a Master's degree in Planning at USC, and a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the Indian Institute of Technology.

In his last position as the Deputy Director at the Center on Policy Initiatives, Dr. Baxamusa authored numerous policy briefs and studies on issues concerning working families and is frequently cited by the media and legislators as an expert on these issues. His public policy accomplishments include: expanding the living wage to outsourcing, economic prosperity in the General Plan, and responsible contracting. His report on city finances, "Bottom Line," is one of the most referenced municipal budgets in the city of San Diego. The City of San Diego proclaimed June 17, 2008 to be "Dr. Baxamusa Day" in recognition of his work in the city.

Prior to moving to San Diego, Dr. Baxamusa was a researcher at the USC Center for Economic Development. He worked on sustainable development strategies for several cities in Southern California. The Center was recognized as the National Center for Eco-Industrial Development by three federal agencies.

Congratulations are indeed in order today as we honor and recognize Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa as the John S. Lyons Foundation's Fellowship Honoree of 2012!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION FOR THE AD-
VANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOP-
PLE, CLEVELAND BRANCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Cleveland Branch.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded in 1909 by W.E.B. Du Bois, and Ida B. Wells-Barnett, among others. The NAACP initially began as an organization fighting against discrimination and for protection under the law for African-Americans. The NAACP's mission