

Banquet Gala and Puerto Rican Ilustres. Please join me in welcoming the representatives of Barceloneta to the State of New Jersey.

Founded in 1881, Barceloneta is named for its founder Bonocio Llenza Feliu's hometown of Barcelona, Spain. Due to the vast pineapple plantations across much of the town, it acquired the nickname of La Ciudad de las Piñas, or pineapple city. Barceloneta is located at the northern end of Puerto Rico, along the Atlantic Ocean and is traversed by the Grande de Manatí River.

Today, Barceloneta is known as the Industrial City as it once served as the largest pharmaceutical complex in the world with 14 industries present. It is an ideal location for the facilities because it has underground water reservoirs and the purity of Barceloneta's water requires little treatment to produce their products. Many manufacturers remain today, including Merck Sharp and Dohme; Pfizer; and Abbott Laboratories. Barceloneta is a unique commercial area with the first and one of the largest outlet malls in Puerto Rico, which also serves as a travel destination. Its tourism is also bolstered by its famous black sand beaches, most popular among them Playa La Palmita, Playa Puerto de las Vacas and Playa Las Criollas.

Many notable individuals hail from Barceloneta, including Sixto Escobar, Puerto Rico's first boxing world champion. The Honorable Wanda J. Rosario Soler was elected as Barceloneta's first female mayor in 2012. Mayor Rosario Soler is focused on economic development and tourism to ensure the continued success of Barceloneta.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in celebrating Barceloneta, Puerto Rico and thanking the Puerto Rican Heritage Statewide Parade of New Jersey for honoring the town at its 51st Annual Banquet Gala and Puerto Rican Ilustres.

A TRIBUTE TO STOCK CAR RACING LEGEND DUMONT SMITH

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to stock car racing legend Dumont Smith of Satellite Beach, Florida who passed away on Labor Day at the age of 81.

A hard-working building contractor by trade, Dumont Smith was born near Union Cross, North Carolina, and at an early age developed a love for racing. In 1946, at just 15 years old, Dumont began his stock car racing career on the dirt oval speedways in North Carolina. He won the first race he ever entered, after starting 44th in the field with a car he built in his back yard with his cousin Jimmy Caudle. Then, after hanging around and watching High Point, North Carolina driver Fred Harb work on his car at a nearby shop, Dumont refined his car-building skills.

A big part of Dumont Smith's early racing was done at Bowman Gray Stadium in Winston-Salem, NC, where he was racing fairly regularly by 1948. That year was also NASCAR's very first year of operation, and Dumont was one of its pioneer members. In fact, when Dumont surrendered his NASCAR

license after coming to Florida to race on the independent tracks, it was Richard Petty who took over Dumont's registered car number 43.

Dumont's racing career in Florida saw many titles and track championships as he raced for various car owners and excited fans across the state. He won the Florida State Late Model Governor's Cup in 1967 at the Golden Gate Speedway in Tampa, the Late Model Championship in 1968 and 1969 at the Palm Beach Fairgrounds Speedway in West Palm Beach and the 1969 Late Model Championships at New Smyrna Speedway in New Smyrna Beach and Treasure Coast Raceway in Fort Pierce.

At the Eau Gallie Speedway in Melbourne, a local track I once owned and raced on many times, Dumont won a staggering 6 late model championships in 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1968 and 1969. He was also the Platinum Coast 100 annual event winner for five years and held the track record in 1967. In all, his racing career in Florida lasted through 1976.

As a building contractor, Dumont along with his brothers, Percy and Jack, plus his cousins Percy Hedgecock and Jimmy Caudle, founded Satellite Beach by developing most of the initial housing neighborhoods. Dumont actually built his first house in North Carolina in 1948 at the age of 17. Just the year before, he had met his wife-to-be, Sarah. They were married in 1949, and December of 2012 would have been their 63rd anniversary. Dumont is survived by his wife Sarah, his son Lance, his daughter Linda and three grandchildren Brandon, Amber and Grant.

My favorite Dumont Smith story is from the 1966 Governor's Cup, the year before he won. Dumont was running second to Bobby Brack with just a few laps to go. Instead of driving through Bobby, running him off the track, Dumont made a bold choice—risk second place and try to pass on the outside around the turn. But the track was very slick from all the grease and leaky oil, and Dumont lost the number two position to ultimately finish fourth.

One of the spectators next to me commented that it wasn't a smart move; that Dumont gave up a sure second place. I simply replied that Dumont didn't race to finish second, he came to win. And Dumont was an honorable racer. He raced to win straight-up, no dirty tricks or rough driving. That's just one of the many qualities I liked so much about Dumont and why he had so many fans.

HONORING BISHOP EDDIE L. LONG

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

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

Whereas, Bishop Eddie L. Long, is celebrating twenty-five (25) years as pastor of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church this year and providing leadership to his church on an international level; and

Whereas, Bishop Eddie L. Long, under the guidance and calling of God began preaching the word of God to members of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church as pastor in 1987 and today is celebrating a milestone; and

Whereas, from North Carolina to Atlanta, Georgia, he has transformed, trail blazed and

taught the gospel; fed the hungry and assisted those in the community in need; and

Whereas, this man of God has been a blessing to us as a spiritual leader, an educator and a community leader; and

Whereas, Bishop Long has given of himself these past twenty five years to build up the community and has spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to recognize Bishop Eddie L. Long, as he celebrates his 25th Pastoral Anniversary;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 19, 2012 as Bishop Eddie L. Long Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 19th day of August, 2012.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 65TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the United States Air Force for 65 years of innovative progress and strong, steadfast defense of our nation. Over the last 65 years, the brave men and women who have served in the Air Force have made significant contributions in defending our homeland and safeguarding our liberties.

A celebration commemorating the 65th Birthday of the Air Force will be held at the Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia on Saturday, September 15, 2012, at 6 p.m. Lieutenant General Andrew Busch, Vice Commander of the Air Force Materiel Command will be the guest speaker for the evening.

The United States Air Force was officially founded on September 18, 1947. However, its history and legacy go back even further. Less than four years after the Wright brothers flew the world's first airplane, the U.S. Army Signal Corps formed an Aeronautical Division in 1907. Known by several different titles and serving a number of purposes, the precursors of the Air Force were instrumental in World War I and especially World War II. Today, the United States Air Force, with its cutting-edge technology and distinguished manpower, is a superior and well-respected authority of air and space.

Shortly before the establishment of the Air Force, on September 1, 1941, construction began on the new Georgia Air Depot located sixteen miles south of Macon, Georgia. At the time of its dedication in 1943, the Depot Commander, Col. Charles E. Thomas, renamed it the Warner Robins Army Air Depot in honor of his mentor and the "father of logistics" of the Air Force, Brig. Gen. Augustine Warner Robins. Now known as Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and Robins Air Force Base, this former dairy farm pastureland would become the largest industrial installation in Georgia and one of the nation's finest defense assets.

Robins Air Force Base employs a workforce of over 25,584 civilians, contractors and members of the military. It is a vital part of the economy in Middle Georgia and brings in billions of dollars each year to the surrounding

communities. Through my ongoing interaction with Robins Air Force Base personnel, one of the things I have come to admire most is their remarkable interaction with the people of Middle Georgia.

Furthermore, Robins Air Force Base, along with the United States Air Force, is a strong advocate of diversity and hence is able to recruit and train the most talented men and women to become the most distinguished officers and personnel in the United States Armed Forces.

The vast success and numerous achievements and victories of the Air Force would not be possible without the talented manpower that drives, or rather, flies, it. The ideas that manifest into state-of-the-art technology, the hands that build and operate it, and the minds that make the decisions that impact one life or millions of lives are all due to the diligence, creativity, and dedication of a people united in sharing and protecting the ideals of America.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to the men and women who, over the last 65 years, have served or currently serve in the United States Air Force. Their outstanding valor and patriotic service have made the United States Air Force the best in the world.

HONORING JACQUELINE C. ALLEN

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

Whereas, Jacqueline C. Allen, the reigning matriarch of our family was born seventy-five years ago on June 26, 1937, in St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the early 50's "Jackie" and her family made the decision to move from Missouri to Wisconsin. "Jackie" and her family resided in what I call the "center of the universe" Racine, Wisconsin for approximately three years before moving to what is now the 4th Congressional District of Wisconsin, which includes the City of Milwaukee; and

Whereas, Jackie continued her education in Milwaukee receiving certification in Early Childhood Development from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; and

Whereas, not only did Jackie work creatively and lovingly with children from infancy to K-5, but Jackie also distinguished herself in the following careers: as a Housing Counselor for the City of Milwaukee where she assisted hundreds of residents in peril of foreclosure; Jackie was also a compassionate and competent Special Liaison with the Milwaukee District Attorney's office in outreach and support of battered women; and

Whereas, Jackie was honored by being selected as "Queen of Protocol" for the opening ceremonies of Milwaukee's historic African World Festival; and

Whereas, in the early 70's Jackie was one of the original organizers of the Welfare Warriors, a group that empowers predominantly women of every race, creed and color and continues to impact our country and community to this present day; and

Whereas, a portrait of Jackie has been on display in the Milwaukee Public Library system

for several decades as a tribute to Jacqueline C. Allen as one of Milwaukee, Wisconsin's most "positive people"; and

Whereas, as a family we are well aware that not only is Jackie positive but she is also persistent and powerful. Jackie has positively impacted her family decade after decade and generation after generation.

Therefore, it is with the utmost pride that I will stand on the floor of the House of Representatives in Washington, DC and convey to my colleagues and residents across the country the love and joy that I shared on July 22, 2012 on the occasion of the 75th Platinum Birthday Jubilee of my loyal constituent and my loving sister, Ms. Jacqueline C. Allen.

To God be the Glory!

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, this Continuing Resolution will fund the government through March 27, 2013, avoid a government shutdown and maintain critical programs and services for the American people. It is not in every respect the bill I would have written, but it is consistent with the Budget Control Act of 2011 and reflects the bipartisan and bicameral agreement that is possible at this time.

H.J. Res. 117 funds the government at an annualized rate of \$1.047 trillion, meets the President's request for Overseas Contingency Operations and includes modest increases for activities including cybersecurity, wildfire suppression and processing disability claims at the Veterans Administration.

While I am gratified that today's legislation also includes a clean, six-month extension of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, I regret that H.J. Res 117 continues to block common sense light bulb efficiency standards that would benefit consumers and the environment. Additionally, after two years of frozen pay, I believe federal workers should receive President Obama's recommended .5% cost-of-living adjustment at the beginning of the fiscal year.

HONORING DEACON ELI MCKENZIE

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following US. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, we are saddened by the death of Deacon Eli McKenzie, Jr., Ph.D., because our lives have been touched by the life of this one man; and

Whereas, Deacon Eli McKenzie's work is present in our district and his church, Fairfield Baptist Church in Lithonia, Georgia; also through the work of his beloved fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

Whereas, this highly effective motivator utilized his skills to aid in the growth and development of his church and community; and

Whereas, he gave of himself, his time and talent as he served his family, friends and community; and

Whereas, Deacon Eli McKenzie, Jr., Ph.D., was a husband, a son, a father, a brother and a friend; a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a special recognition on Deacon Eli McKenzie, Jr., Ph.D., for his leadership, friendship and service to all as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby attest to the 112th Congress of the United States that Deacon Eli McKenzie, Jr., Ph.D., of Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition" by declaring Deacon Eli McKenzie, Jr., Ph.D. U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of August, 2012.

NEIL ARMSTRONG TRIBUTE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my gratitude to the great American and Astronaut, Neil Armstrong.

Neil Armstrong is a name that will forever be a testament to our nation's will to prevail in the challenge for successful space exploration and push the boundaries—going where no man has gone before.

Neil Armstrong was truly an American hero and icon. He represented the ingenuity and the passion for exploration and discovery that is the hallmark of our nation.

It may have been a "small step," but when he became the first person to set foot on the moon, it changed the course of history, making the impossible possible. His legacy will live on each time we dare to dream beyond what seems possible.

I am sure that everyone in this House and around this great nation has some memory of where they were and what they were doing when they saw Neil Armstrong become the first human being to walk on the Moon as commander of the *Apollo 11* mission.

Neil Armstrong was born in Wapakoneta, Ohio on August 5, 1930. He joined the Navy and flew as a naval aviator from 1949 until 1952. In 1955 he made the decision to join the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics' Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory and later transferred to the high speed flight station at Edwards Air Force Base, California to become a civilian aeronautical test research pilot for NASA.

Mr. Armstrong, along with his fellow astronauts, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collin, shared the most significant accomplishment of modern man—they were the first people to successfully complete a voyage to and walk on the Moon.

On July 11, 1969, Armstrong, boarded the *Apollo 11* spacecraft and departed for the Moon. Four days later he arrived landed our lunar module in the Moon's sea of tranquility.

While Astronaut Collins remained with the orbiting Mother Ship, Neil Armstrong, said