

what she does. The question was, "What did you do for someone else today?"

I think it is safe to say that Regina has spent every day of her life doing extraordinary things for others. She is an active participant in community affairs and is the founder of several nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to the underserved communities of southeast Texas. In 1988, she founded and serves as Executive Director of the Ben Rogers/Lamar University/Beaumont Public Schools: "I Have A Dream" program. The organization has made available mentoring and guidance, along with \$4,000 scholarships to nearly 400 academically talented students who would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend college.

Ms. Rogers is a Member of the Board of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, the Harris County Hospital District Foundation, the Pauline Sterne Wolff Memorial Foundation. She serves on the boards of the Children's Defense Fund Texas Advisory Board, the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Foundation, and the Holocaust Museum of Houston. She is also President of the Joe Louis International Sports Foundation, established in 1972 by her late father, Ben Rogers. She was the first female regent of Lamar University. For six years, she served as a member of the Texas College and University System Coordinating Board, where she was Chair of the Educational Opportunity Planning Committee for Minority Education in Texas, helping implement programs to increase admissions and retention of minority students and the hiring of minority faculty in colleges and universities throughout Texas.

Ms. Rogers established and serves as chair of the Julie Rogers "Gift of Life" program, which annually makes available more than 1,800 free mammograms (more than 18,000 since inception) and 500 prostate cancer screenings (more than 6,000 since 2000) for the medically underserved population of southeast Texas. In addition, the "Gift of Life" offers education that focuses on breast, ovarian, and other gynecological cancers, prostate, testicular, and lung cancer at 80 or more outreach programs a year, impacting nearly 17,000 people annually, as well as smoking prevention programming through its "Don't Smoke Your Life Away" campaign.

While Chair of the Southwest Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League in 1994, Rogers helped found the Coalition for Mutual Respect, a group of religious and lay leaders whose annual programming includes pulpit exchanges that promote positive intergroup relations by encouraging understanding and respect among Houston's diverse population.

In 1997, Ms. Rogers established Inspire, Encourage, and Achieve, a program designed to perpetuate her father's legacy of helping young people achieve dignity and respect through knowledge, compassion, understanding, and love. IEA emphasizes rehabilitation for youth in detention and/or on probation, annually impacting more than four hundred juveniles in the Minnie Rogers Juvenile Justice Center and through its Ben's Kids outreach activities.

Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, Ms. Rogers co-founded the Southeast Texas Emergency Relief Fund (SETERF) that provided several million dollars in assistance to thousands of people after the storms, including gift cards to social service agencies,

grants to faith-based organizations to assist with home repairs; and loans to small businesses affected by the storms. Regina also helped individuals who suffered losses from Hurricane Ike. She also served on the Bush-Clinton Coastal Recovery Fund and the Texas Governor's Disaster Recovery and Renewal Commission.

Ms. Rogers excellence has been recognized by others throughout the years. She was selected as a Distinguished Alumna of the University of Houston in 1994, and was named a Distinguished Woman of Northwood University. She was named a Child Advocate of the Year by CASA of southeast Texas; a Pacesetter of the Year by the Cancer League; a Woman of Distinction by KTRK/Channel 3 in Houston; and was a recipient of the Cherish our Children Award from the Child Abuse Prevention Network in Houston. She received the Press Club's 2002 Southeast Texas Newsmaker of the Year award; was a recipient of the 2003 Humanitarian Award from Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Beaumont, Inc.; named a 2005 Citizen of the Year by the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission; and was a recipient of the Cris Quinn Community Service Award in 2009 by the Jefferson County Bar Association.

Regina Rogers learned the importance of public service from her parents. She has carried on her parents' legacy by being a tireless advocate for those in need. She is an incredible woman with an abundance of energy, and a heart as big as Texas. Through her personal involvement in, and financial contributions to numerous organizations, she has left an indelible mark on southeast Texas. Our community is better because of her compassion and generosity. Regina Rogers is the epitome of charity, and a perfect example of what we should all aspire to. In the words of Ms. Rogers' late father, Ben Rogers, I ask you, "What have you done for someone else today?"

And that's just the way it is.

#### HONORING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF HUMMELSTOWN

##### HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of myself and my colleague, Representative CHARLIE DENT, to honor the 250th anniversary of the Borough of Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, and to recognize the many contributions its residents have made to our great Commonwealth.

The Borough of Hummelstown was originally founded as Frederickstown by Frederick and Rosina Hummel, who in 1762 purchased a plot of land in beautiful Dauphin County to call home. The Hummels divided the tract into numerous building lots and sold each to German settlers looking to start new lives in the region. Originally serviced by the Berks-Dauphin Turnpike, commerce through the borough was greatly enhanced by the opening of the Union Canal in 1827, which connected the Susquehanna River to the Schuylkill River outside Philadelphia. The Lebanon Valley Railroad later made the community even more attractive to businesses when it arrived in 1858.

Hummelstown was soon booming with jobs in stone cutting and shipyard work. With the borough growing and the nation expanding, the Hummelstown Brownstone Company (HBC) quickly became the leading employer of local residents from the late 19th Century to the early 20th Century. HBC owned and operated several quarries that produced Hummelstown brownstone, which at the time was one of the most popular building materials in the United States.

Today, Hummelstown is the very picture of the quaint American suburb. With a lively downtown area and genuine small town atmosphere, Hummelstown is home to many Pennsylvanians who commute to jobs in nearby Harrisburg and Hershey.

To celebrate the 250th anniversary of its founding, Hummelstown's various civic groups, businesses, churches, and other organizations have worked together to organize a busy week of events. These festivities included a parade, community breakfast and picnic, fireworks display, movie night, and family friendly events for children. Heritage Day, walking tours, and other activities showcased the rich history of Frederick Hummel's town and illustrated its bright future as an ideal location for families and businesses.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand alongside my friend, Representative CHARLIE DENT, to honor Hummelstown on the occasion of its 250th anniversary. I would also like to congratulate the borough's residents on a highly successful anniversary celebration.

#### TRIBUTE TO ALPHA DELTA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONORARY ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN EDUCATORS

##### HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on its sixty-five years of dedicated service and proclaim October 2012 as Alpha Delta Kappa Month. Established in 1947, Alpha Delta Kappa's goals have been to establish high standards of education, give recognition to outstanding educators, build a fraternal fellowship among educators and to promote educational and charitable projects and activities enriching the lives of individuals everywhere.

With a membership of over 33,000 educators representing all fifty U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica and Australia, Alpha Delta Kappa is committed to educational excellence, personal and professional growth and for collectively channeling their energies toward the good of their schools, communities, the teaching profession and the world.

Women in education constitute a great portion of the nation's working force and are constantly striving to serve their communities and nation in educational, cultural, and charitable programs leading to harmony, happiness, and peace among all people.

Over the last few years, the members of Alpha Delta Kappa have given altruistically to the communities they serve by raising nearly \$14.5 million dollars and volunteering over 2 million service hours.

I congratulate Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on their 65 years of unparalleled success and wish them well and salute them as they embark on their next 65 years.

#### WORLD ALZHEIMER'S ACTION DAY

### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about World Alzheimer's Action Day and am thrilled to see this disease receiving the attention it deserves.

I look forward to the day when a cure can become a reality for millions of Americans and their families who are living with Alzheimer's disease.

There is still much to be done to eradicate this disease, but today we can say we have the first ever National Alzheimer's Plan, which is a step in the right direction.

Throughout my time in Congress, a cure for Alzheimer's disease has been a top priority on my agenda.

As a member of the Alzheimer's Congressional Task Force, I will continue to work with my colleagues and advocate for research that will lead us to a cure.

As some of you may know, my father suffers from Alzheimer's so this fight is personal to me.

Thank you to all of you who are taking part in the fight against Alzheimer's. By working together, we can and will end this disease.

#### DISAPPROVING RULE RELATING TO WAIVER AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

### HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 20, 2012*

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to be crystal clear in my opposition to this terrible bill.

Instead of focusing on creating jobs or our nation's budget problems, this Congress is literally wasting time and resources. We are responding to an accusation that President Bush's advisor on welfare policy and a former Ways and Means Committee staffer said is just not true.

In 2005, 29 Republican governors including Mitt Romney requested increased waiver authority. The bipartisan National Governor's Association repeatedly asked for this same flexibility.

Let me be crystal clear—no one ever asked for or has been granted the ability to waive the TANF work requirement. There is a generation of Americans who watched their parents pull themselves up from poverty through education, work training, and child care support

and become proud providers. They support the work requirements in TANF; in fact we all do. It works, and no one is trying to change that.

Not only is rhetoric around this bill pants-on-fire-false, but it is also another attempt to attack practically every possible bipartisan, pragmatic solution offered by this administration.

Mr. Speaker, I urge every American watching this debate to check the facts, and I urge every one of my colleagues to oppose this bill. Let's do the people's work and stop wasting time.

#### TAIWAN

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an important upcoming date—October 10, 2012—which marks more than 100 years since the founding of the Republic of China (Taiwan). The United States and Taiwan share a common vision of democracy and liberty. It is important that we take a moment and recognize the successes of this great friend and ally. Often through struggle, Taiwan has used the last 101 years to bring peace and prosperity to its people. A beacon of democracy in the Asia-Pacific region, President Ma and the people of Taiwan should be commended for living in peace and for implementing pro-growth policies that have led to economic prosperity. They are a model for the region and the world. We are fortunate to call Taiwan a friend and ally.

I also would like to congratulate Ambassador Jason Yuan, Representative of the ROC (Taiwan) to the United States, on his new post as Secretary-General of the National Security Council of Taiwan. I cherish the friendship with Ambassador Yuan and wish Ambassador and Madame Yuan the very best.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF HAL DAVID

### HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I'm joined by my colleagues Representatives LAMAR SMITH, JOHN CONYERS, HENRY WAXMAN, MARSHA BLACKBURN, and JERRY NADLER. We rise today to honor the life and memory of one of America's greatest musical treasures, Hal David. As a lyricist who teamed up with composer Burt Bacharach beginning in the late 1950s, Hal created an extraordinary body of hit songs which continue to touch the lives of countless people around the world.

Hal emerged from a humble immigrant family in Brooklyn. After serving in the Army's Entertainment Section during World War II, he began his songwriting career. He came to be the lyrical mastermind behind some of the 20th Century's most recognized and beloved songs. He composed the lyrics to such classic

hits as "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head," "What the World Needs Now Is Love," "Always Something There to Remind Me," "Do You Know the Way to San Jose," "Don't Make Me Over," "Anyone Who Had a Heart," "The Look of Love," "Walk on By," "(They Long to Be) Close to You" and many, many more.

Hal said that a lyricist must learn "not to fall in love with his own lines." That may be true, but that hasn't stopped millions of music lovers like me, and others in every corner of the globe, from falling in love with them. Hal's lyrical genius earned him countless honors: four Academy Award nominations, with an Oscar for "Raindrops" in the movie Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid; a Grammy along with three songs in the Grammy Hall of Fame; and Gold and Platinum records. Additional accolades include induction into the Songwriters Hall of Fame and the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, receipt of the Songwriters Hall of Fame Johnny Mercer and Visionary Leadership Awards, the Ivor Novello Award of the British Academy of Composers and Songwriters, and more. Just this past May, President Barack Obama presented the prestigious Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song to David and Bacharach at a White House musical tribute.

Hal's work not only spans generations but also genres. He is the author of lyrics for the film scores of Alfie, What's New Pussycat, Casino Royale, The April Fools and Moonraker. His songs also appear in countless other movies, from Forrest Gump to Runaway Bride. Not limited to the screen, Hal's Broadway show, Promises, Promises, was nominated for a Tony Award and received a Grammy, and has enjoyed two successful runs on the Great White Way.

Hal's songs have been recorded by artists from across the musical spectrum, including Marty Robbins, Perry Como, Bobby Vinton, Gene Pitney, Dusty Springfield, Tom Jones, Herb Alpert, Jackie DeShannon, B.J. Thomas, Frank Sinatra, Sarah Vaughan, the Fifth Dimension, the Carpenters, Barbra Streisand, and, most unforgettably, Dionne Warwick.

Hal's notable achievements don't stop with his musical career. As ASCAP President and Chairman from 1980 to 1986 and as an ASCAP Board member for almost 40 years, Hal was a music industry leader and devoted much of his life to protecting the copyrights of music creators. He also led the Songwriters Hall of Fame as Chairman and CEO from 2001 to 2011, and was Chairman Emeritus at the time of his death.

Hal's philanthropic work in Los Angeles also made him a great asset to our community. He donated generously of his time and effort to charitable organizations. In addition, he and his wife, Eunice, were founders of the Los Angeles Music Center. In the fall of 2011, a fundraiser, Love Sweet Love, A Musical Tribute to Hal David, honored Hal's 90th birthday and benefited the Blue Ribbon Children's Festival and The ASCAP Foundation. It was the most successful ASCAP Foundation fundraiser to date, reflecting Hal's longstanding commitment to arts and music education.

Hal was a musical legend and one of the strongest advocates for music creators of the past century. He will be sorely missed, but thankfully, his songs live on.