

MR. BAYARD KENNETT

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 2, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, on October 30, 2012 Mr. Bayard Kennett will receive the White Mountains Treasure Award from the Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce. I am pleased to congratulate him on this fine achievement and thank him for all of his service to the communities and people of the Mt. Washington Valley.

Mr. Kennett has been an influential businessman in the North Country since returning to the region in 1977 to take over his family's real estate and land holding companies. During that time he has set himself apart as a trusted business leader in the community. In addition to Mr. Kennett's business experience, he has also served in many positions for the town of Conway including as a member of the Board of Selectmen, Conway School Board, Conway Fire Department, and Conway Precinct Commissioner. His public service also includes works with business and community organizations, serving on Memorial Hospitals Board of Trustees and the Tech Village Realty Board of Directors. He has also helped with local school and sport organizations serving on the Ham Arena Board and as a Little League and Flag Football Coach, and with the Kennett High Boosters.

These impressive accomplishments highlight Bayard's dedication to his community and his tireless efforts to celebrate everything great about New Hampshire's beautiful North Country. I congratulate Mr. Kennett for receiving this award and for his outstanding service to the Mt. Washington Valley. I wish him the very best for the future.

CELEBRATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY OF LILLIAN ESTELLE CHRISTOPHER MINGUS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

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Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great joy that I recognize and celebrate the one hundredth birthday of Lillian Estelle Christopher Mingus of Irving, Texas. Lillian will reach the age of one hundred years on November 8 and will celebrate the occasion with a party on November 10.

Lillian was born on November 8, 1912, to Frances Lozana "Loza" Barnett and Andrew Garrett "Babe" Christopher in Gentry's Mill, Texas. She was one of six children and the oldest daughter. As such, she helped her brothers with milking cows, feeding chickens, hoeing and picking cotton, and generally caring for the land and livestock. She graduated the 10th grade, the highest available at the time, from Duffau Community School in Duffau, Texas. On her 18th birthday, Lillian married the love of her life, Silvester Olen Mingus. Together they were farmers and ranchers for many years. At one point they also ran a café in Hamilton, Texas. Later on, Lillian was a careworker for children and the elderly. She also taught Sunday school in Odessa for fifteen years.

During their 54 years of marriage, Lillian and Silvester had three children—Grady Mingus, C.O. Mingus, and Rosa Mingus Gordon. She also has 9 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren. Today, Lillian loves to play bingo, keep up to date on the Boy Scouts, do arts and crafts, and shell blackeyed peas. She regularly attends Bible Study and is the oldest member of MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church.

The legacy of Lillian's life in Texas is a reflection of an adventurous family history. Her great-great-great grandparents, John and Elizabeth Allison, brought the family from Tennessee to Texas by covered wagon in 1834. John and his sons, including Lillian's great-great grandfather James Allison, fought for Texas in its battles for independence from Mexico and the family was personal friends with Davy Crockett. James received a land grant for his military service and also bought land in Williamson County upon which he founded the settlement of Allison, which later became known as Friendship and is marked with a Friendship Community Historical Marker. Lillian has been accordingly awarded a Williamson County Pioneer Family Certificate. Generations later, during a period of her childhood in Hico, Texas, Lillian's homestead was paid a visit by the notorious duo, Bonnie and Clyde.

Lillian is a woman with deep faith, a zest for life, and a love for meeting people with a friendly smile. When asked about her secret for living to be one hundred, she simply states that God is not finished with her yet or else she would be in home in heaven. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and one hundredth birthday of Lillian Estelle Christopher Mingus.

RECOGNIZING THE 13TH ANNUAL GUAM DIABETES CONFERENCE

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 2, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 13th Annual Guam Diabetes Conference as well as President Emeritus Carl Butler for his 20 years of service to the Guam Diabetes Association and our community on Guam. This important gathering provides healthcare professionals with the opportunity to share their expertise and knowledge with members of the Guam Diabetes Association. The conference coincides with American Diabetes Month, which is recognized every November as a time to promote education and more effective management of the disease.

This year's theme, "Diabetes: Focus on Healthy Choices for a Better Life," highlights the importance of personal responsibility in diabetes management. On Guam and throughout the country, type 2 diabetes remains a growing concern because of the severe complications that may result from poor management. In particular, Asians and Pacific Islanders have a higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes than the general population. The Guam Diabetes Association has worked to educate our community about how to avoid complica-

tions, such as heart and kidney disease, stroke and neuropathy, and to promote healthier food and lifestyle choices on Guam.

Research shows that people can reverse diabetes and reduce their risk of developing complications through careful management and moderation. We know now that having diabetes does not mean having all the dreaded complications, and the Guam Diabetes Association helps to dispel myths associated with the disease and promote the idea that people with diabetes can still live full lives.

The Guam Diabetes Association plays an important role in educating the public about diabetes, and provides an invaluable service to our community. I commend the Guam Diabetes Association and current President Jose Q. Taitague for working to reduce and prevent diabetes on our island, and I am hopeful that Guam Diabetes Conference will help further efforts to stop diabetes on Guam.

THE CHRISTINA-TAYLOR GREEN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 2, 2012

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Christina-Taylor Green Memorial Foundation.

Christina-Taylor Green was only nine years old when she lost her life on January 8, 2011 during a violent attack at Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords' Congress On Your Corner event in Tucson. Although Christina-Taylor was tragically taken from us on that dark day, her spirit will live on forever.

In the months after Christina-Taylor's death, her grieving parents, John and Roxanna Green, created the Christina-Taylor Green Memorial Foundation to honor their beloved daughter and her hopes and dreams. The foundation has the goal of making the Tucson community as good as Christina-Taylor imagined it by helping local schoolchildren who are in need.

On November 2 and 3, the Tucson Conquistadores Foundation is partnering with the Christina-Taylor Green Memorial Foundation to hold Birdies & Butterflies, the year's premier sports entertainment fundraiser in Southern Arizona. The event will feature Tommy Lasorda, the legendary former manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, pro golfer and U.S. Senior Open champion Don Pooley and other pro and college sports celebrities.

The name of the event pays tribute to Christina-Taylor's last drawing. In December 2010, her third-grade teacher gave the class an assignment to create a winged insect that represented who they are inside. Christina-Taylor drew a beautiful striped green and blue butterfly with big dark eyes and wings that reached toward the sky. That drawing has become the logo of the foundation that now bears Christina-Taylor's name.

I am proud to recognize the Christina-Taylor Green Memorial Foundation on the occasion of Birdies & Butterflies that is being held in Tucson today and tomorrow. It is a worthwhile community endeavor honoring Christina-Taylor's vision for what our community can be. This beautiful young girl continues to inspire us all.

MR. PETER PINKHAM

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, on October 30, 2012 Mr. Peter Pinkham will receive the White Mountains Treasure Award from the Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce. I am pleased to congratulate him on this fine achievement and thank him for all of his service to the communities and people of the Mt. Washington Valley.

Mr. Pinkham has previously served as President of the North Conway Chamber of Commerce and later founded the Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce. His public service also includes serving as a Selectman for the Town of Conway for six years, as well as the Town Moderator, and as a member of the School Board and the Budget Committee.

Mr. Pinkham has also been instrumental in contributing to the skiing industry with his work at Attitash and with Free Style Skiing. Attitash held the first Free Style competitions in the world in 1966 and helped bring snowmaking to the Valley. Peter also contributed to the sport personally by serving as Director of Attitash and teaching the Junior Ski Program. These great contributions to one of New Hampshire's most loved sports and recreational past times will allow future generations to enjoy both Attitash and the skiing amenities in the Valley for many years to come. Peter has also made numerous contributions to the local theater community founding the Children's Theater Company, Pielt Pipper, and Community Theatre, the Resort Players. His work has been performed at the Eastern Slope Inn Playhouse and another of his short musicals was used in the celebrations for Cranmore's 50th Anniversary.

These impressive accomplishments highlight Peter's dedication to his community and his tireless efforts to celebrate everything great about New Hampshire's beautiful North Country. I congratulate Mr. Pinkham for receiving this award and for his outstanding service to the Mt. Washington Valley. I wish him the very best for the future.

HONORING FOR THE LOVE OF THE LAKE**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate a very special organization on a very special anniversary. On Saturday, November 10, 2012, For the Love of the Lake will mark its 200th consecutive month of shoreline spruce-ups that have helped keep the shores of White Rock Lake clean and the surrounding park looking beautiful.

For the Love of the Lake is a truly grass-roots effort, made up of caring volunteers who are dedicated to improving White Rock Lake and the surrounding area. The organization is

a shining example of conservation and volunteerism in action. For the Love of the Lake shows what good people can do when they come together to accomplish something for the betterment of their community.

My wife, Melissa, and I, along with our two young children, enjoy White Rock Lake, and know that the lake area is important, not just to those who live in the neighboring streets, but to all who come to White Rock Lake to enjoy the landscape, water, trees, and parks.

For the Love of the Lake volunteers understand that we have a duty to conserve these wonderful natural resources for our children and future generations. Since its inception in 1995, thousands of people have given their time, effort, and energy in a variety of ways—from picking up litter, to painting murals and buildings at the park, to attending fundraising events, or helping with White Rock Marathons.

Over the years, For the Love of the Lake has been honored with countless awards and recognized by numerous organizations for their outstanding work. Dallas Observer magazine said, "For the Love of the Lake is easily one of Dallas' best volunteer service organizations." I could not agree more.

On behalf of the people of Dallas, especially those who live in neighborhoods near White Rock Lake, I would like to congratulate the For the Love of the Lake organization and volunteers on their tremendous accomplishment. I would also like to thank them for their continued valuable service to our community.

HONORING ADRIAN J. CYR**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 2, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Adrian J. Cyr, who will be celebrating his 100th birthday on November 9, 2012.

I am honored to have the opportunity to share in the celebration of a centenarian. As a devoted family man, a proud veteran, and an entrepreneur, Adrian Cyr can look back on a life well lived.

A native of Van Buren, Adrian began his lifelong dedication to education in a one room school house and went on to study at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. During the Great Depression, he enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps and built roads in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Adrian served in the U.S. Soil Conservation Service to help protect potato fields from wash-outs, and was a certified inspector for the Maine Department of Agriculture. This is all before he began a 34-year career as a licensed water treatment plant operator at Loring Air Force Base in Limestone and as an owner of several local businesses.

Adrian proudly served his country in World War II. On January 26, 1943, he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps and after completing Basic Training was assigned to Battery D, 539th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion.

He is beloved by his wife Aurore, whom he married within a year after leaving the Army, as well as the Van Buren and Caribou communities. On November 10, Adrian's family

and friends will gather together at the American Legion Post 49 to celebrate this remarkable milestone.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating Mr. Cyr on his 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WESTERN VISAYAS COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GUAM CHAPTER**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 2, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Western Visayas College of Science and Technology, WVCST, Alumni Association Guam chapter as they celebrate their 20th anniversary as a socio-civic organization and for their service to our community. Founded on January 17, 1993, WVCST alumni and former students have shared the traditions of their alma mater through the work they do in various industries. They have a strong presence in the Philippines and they have made important contributions to our island community.

WVCST was first led by Catalino "Lino" Escalona, Jr., Larry Lanquin, Tessia Roa, and Bert Jurinario who worked to foster unity and close relationships among WVCST Alumni and the Filipino community on Guam. The WVCST Alumni Association has been an active member for the past two decades of the Filipino Community of Guam, FCG, an umbrella association of more than 40 Filipino groups in Guam. As an organization, WVCST focuses their efforts on providing higher education opportunities for low-income youth. They also foster and promote FCG's annual cultural events and community missions.

Since 1993, WVCST has supported the "Adopt a Scholar Program." The organization has sponsored 212 students, enabling them to attend WVCST in Iloilo City, Philippines, and receive an undergraduate education as well as student housing. The Guam Community College, GCC, also receives merit-based scholarships from the association.

The WVCST Alumni Association also donates annually to charitable organizations such as the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, InterFaith Caregivers, Human Rights Advocates from the Commonwealth of the Marianas, Guam's Golden Salute Foundation, and People Helping People. WVCST Alumni Association also contributes aid to natural disaster relief efforts in Haiti, Indonesia, Japan, China and the Philippines.

I commend President William de la Pena for his leadership and contributions to this important organization, and I congratulate members of the Western Visayas College of Science and Technology Alumni Association Guam chapter for 20 years of dedicated service to our community. On behalf of the people of Guam, I extend a heartfelt Thank You, Un Dangkulon na Si Yu'os Ma'ase, and Maraming Salamat Po. I wish the Western Visayas College of Science and Technology Alumni Association Guam chapter many more years of continued growth and success in our island community.