

West Community Plan, Wawona Specific Plan, Catheys Valley Community Plan, SilverTip Resort project amended site plan application, construction of the new Human Services facility, acquisition of new fire engines and water tenders, funding and construction of three new fire stations, obtaining a Fixed Base Operator to oversee the Mariposa/Yosemite Airport, Airport improvement projects, fuel load reduction projects, road maintenance projects, Agriculture and Agri-tourism policy, Williamson Act/historical parcels, Tenaya Lodge wastewater treatment facility approval, and the Mariposa Creek Parkway project.

In 2010 and 2011, Jim helped his community rebuild after heavy winter rains and a motor fire in El Portal.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring District V Supervisor Jim Allen for his outstanding commitment to serve the community. Mr. Allen is a true public servant, and I wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

HONORING CHARLIE DAVIS

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in gratitude to honor the career of a man who has given his whole professional life to serving the people of the United States.

Charlie D. Davis, a Shreveport, Louisiana, native was so bright he graduated from high school at the young age of 16. In 1974, he made the decision to join the U.S. Army that would shape the rest of his career. Davis was in the Army until 1977, and he then enlisted in the Navy from 1982 to 1985. He spent the next 11 years with the Department of Defense in New Orleans, and then transferred to the Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration in Monroe, La. in 1996. He has been serving in this capacity ever since.

Charlie D. Davis is an exemplary public servant, and on the occasion of his retirement, I ask my colleagues to join me and the people of Louisiana in extending our thanks and recognition for the many years of hard work he gave to keep our State and Nation strong and secure.

TRIBUTE TO SUSANNA EUSTON

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of my Congressional Staff who have served with me over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide exceptional constituent services and my Staff is second to none in providing the best assistance to everyone in our District. I take great pride in the work that each one has done on my behalf and on behalf of everyone in the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina.

Each District Staff member has shown a strong sense of dedication in meeting the

needs of each and every one of our constituents. They often go well beyond the call to make sure each constituent is treated fairly and respectfully by our government agencies and that they receive appropriate resolution. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Susanna Euston was an original member of my District staff and worked tirelessly to serve the veteran community. Susanna developed immediate relationships with individual veterans and leaders of veteran organizations and quickly became the go-to person in Western North Carolina when any of our veterans needed assistance. I could always count on Susanna to make sure each one of our veteran constituents was treated fairly and with the utmost respect. Susanna was a devoted member of the team, often arriving first in the morning and staying as one of the last ones out the door at the end of the day.

Susanna should be proud of the service she provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with her and as I retire from office I wish her the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of her efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Susanna and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Susanna Euston for her hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO WILL ALLEN AND GROWING POWER

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a mentor, former professional basketball player, community leader, educator, author, and one of the most influential leaders in the food security and urban farming movement nationally and internationally. On November 17, 2012, Will Allen will be honored for his many years of service and contributions to the Greater Milwaukee Community by the Community Brainstorming Conference.

Mr. Allen was born in South Carolina to sharecropper parents. He grew up in Rockville, Maryland where his parents relocated and owned and operated a vegetable farm. He relocated to Milwaukee, his wife's hometown, after completing both a professional basketball and business career. In 1993, he began Growing Power, a national nonprofit organization and land trust. Growing Power is the last working farm inside the Milwaukee city limits, with six historic greenhouses, year-round hoop-houses and farm animal pens, all organized within three acres.

The recipient of numerous awards and honors including: the MacArthur Foundation "Genius Grant" in 2008 for his work on urban farming and sustainable food production; in 2010, Allen was named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People and worked with Michelle Obama to launch, "Let's Move!" a program to fight childhood obesity. In 2012, Allen was presented the Security Benefits Corporation Award for Outstanding Service to

Public Education by the National Education Association Foundation; an honorary Doctor of Agriculture degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and also opened Growing Power's Deli and Food Market in Milwaukee's inner city. Will Allen is co-author of the book *The Good Food Revolution: Growing Healthy Food, People and Communities*.

Will Allen teaches inner-city youth the entire farming process from planting seeds to selling produce at farmers' markets. Partnerships with Milwaukee Public School (MPS) and Growing Power have supplied 40,000 MPS school children in 75 elementary schools with the food it grows. Over the past 20 years, Allen and his team have been traveling the globe setting up "hoop houses" that produce nutritious food and create inner city jobs. The hoop houses are home to peppers, cabbage, mushrooms and sprouts as well as Tilapia, Yellow Perch, Lake Perch and Coy. The headquarters and main hoop house in Milwaukee feeds 10,000 people and uses renewable energy. Every January through June, people from all around the world attend informational and hands-on training sessions to learn the techniques and skills involved with creating and maintaining a green house. Growing Power currently has growing operations all across the United States and has made its presence felt outside the states as well, establishing farms in Kenya, Ukraine, central London and the Netherlands.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Will Allen and Growing Power, whose contributions have greatly benefited the citizens of the Fourth Congressional District and the world.

HONORING ALPHA DELTA ZETA OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED FOR THEIR CONTINUED DEDICATION TOWARDS SERVING IN THE COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. Organized and chartered on October 14, 1938, it remains the oldest chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. in the State of Mississippi.

The Alpha Delta Zeta chapter, working in conjunction with the sorority's national programs, has contributed much of the cultural, educational, religious, civic and social development of the State of Mississippi through various activities in the Greater Jackson Metropolitan Area. Since its inception in 1938, the Alpha Delta Zeta chapter has chartered seven graduate chapters: Beta Xi Zeta-Biloxi, Mississippi; Nu Zeta-Meridian, Mississippi; Delta Chi Zeta-Lorman, Mississippi; Gamma Gamma Zeta-Columbus, Mississippi; Zeta Upsilon Zeta-Holly Springs, Mississippi; Zeta Psi Zeta-Clarksdale, Mississippi and (7) Gamma Beta Zeta-Brookhaven, Mississippi.

The Alpha Delta Zeta chapter also sponsors two undergraduate chapters: Lambda Beta Chapter on the campus of Jackson State University (1948) and Nu Beta Chapter (1950) on the campus of Tougaloo College. In addition

to undergraduate and graduate chapters, Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter has sponsored four auxiliary groups in the community.

Over the years the chapter has been proactive in providing service to those in the community. The Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter has made contributions through everything from dental health programs to a community center. Thereby, continuing to use their organization as a beacon of service to all who seek help.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated for their continued dedication towards serving others in need.

HONORING WORK OF MARIPOSA
COUNTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
MARGIE WILLIAMS

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated work of Mariposa County Clerk of the board Margie Williams. Since 1983, Margie has dedicated her professional life to this position and has whole heartedly served the Mariposa community.

In 1974, Margie began as a Justice Court part-time Clerk in Mariposa County. In that same year, she was appointed by the Board of Supervisors as Clerk of the Court and oversaw all operations. In 1976, Margie worked in the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) Administration in Mariposa. She oversaw employment grants and the adult and youth programs during her time there.

Later in her career, Margie worked for the Monterey County CETA Administration, where she did analysis work on various grant programs and helped to prepare a one million dollar grant Monterey County received. This grant award is just one example of how invaluable Margie's work has been. In addition to her dedicated public service, she has also served in private sector capacities throughout her career. In 1979, she was part of Red Carpet Real Estate's office and property management team.

As Clerk of the Board, Margie has attended thousands of Board meetings—including an 18-hour General Plan hearing. She has been responsible for agendas; minutes; records management; processing documents, ordinances and contracts; and maintaining Board-appointed committee records of over 55 committees with over 550 positions. She was available for emergency declarations as the Assessment Appeals Clerk, and her knowledge of applicable local and state laws and regulations was often used.

Margie has been a vital link in providing services to the Board of Supervisors, County Departments, and the public. Her additional duties expanded over the years to include: LAFCo Secretary, Proposition 218 ballot processing, maintaining the website for the Board, posting the agenda and minutes to the website, and scheduling public hearings.

Margie's accomplishments are varied and rich. They include the implementation of the MinuteTraq agenda management program and the summary ordinance process, all while

working with a limited number of staff and an increased workload. Margie's efforts have resulted in a several thousand dollar savings in publication costs.

Mrs. Williams has been responsible for processing thousands of projects approved by the Board, including but not limited to: formal resolutions; ordinances; General Plan updates; Title 17 updates; the construction of the new Government Center, new County Library, and the new Human Services building; declarations of local emergencies; special meetings; emergency meetings; public hearings; community plans and service districts; Zones of Benefit; land divisions; a multitude of annual agreements and budget adjustments; the annual mid-year and final budgets; the funding and construction of three new fire stations; construction of the new adult detention facility; creation of the Mining and Mineral Museum; the acquisitions of fire trucks and water tenders; the MOU with the Administrative Office of the Courts and the County of Mariposa for the continued use of the historic Mariposa County Courthouse Superior Court; countless other county facility construction and re-modeling projects; the creation of new county departments (Technical Services, Child Support Services, Human Resources/Risk Management, Fire, County Administration); and the re-organization of numerous county departments.

It's remarkable to note that Margie began her career prior to the use of copy machines. Even after their introduction to the workplace, there were still forms in triplicate that were typed on the typewriter. She worked with no voicemail and all notes were handwritten. Margie has been relied upon by all for her decade's worth of institutional knowledge and steel trap memory.

Mrs. Williams has been married to her husband Tom for thirty-seven years and finds joy in their daughter, Michelle Williams, son, Tom and his wife, Dr. Jamie Williams, and their grandson, Tommy.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mariposa County Clerk of the Board Margie Williams for her outstanding commitment to serve her community. Mrs. Williams is a true public servant, and I wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROSCOE
A. BOLTON

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the long life of Mr. Roscoe A. Bolton, who passed away on Wednesday, September 26, 2012, at the age of 99. He was a deep-rooted Alexandria, La. businessman and one we shall never forget.

Mr. Bolton was born in March of 1913, before the First World War. A home-grown son of Alexandria, he attended West End Grammar School, Bolton High School, Culver Military Academy and Louisiana College. Additionally, he studied at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business during the Great Depression, but returned home to work alongside his father in the insurance business. The only leave he took from this venture was in 1942, when he volunteered for

the U.S. Navy after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Mr. Bolton served in the Pacific Theater as a Lt. Commander and later as a Commanding Officer of the U.S. Naval Section Base in Burwood, La.

As well as his selfless service to our country, Mr. Bolton loyally served the people of his beloved community. Among the world's 1.2 million Rotarian members, he was recently honored as the longest-serving as he marked his 77th year. Moreover, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana-based Rapides Bank & Trust Company and Oliver Lodge No. 874 F&A.M, past-president of the First Charter Commission of the City of Alexandria, Director of the Industrial Development Board, and a Trustee of the Central Cities Development Corporation. It is plain to see that as we reflect on Mr. Bolton's fulfilling life, we see an overriding theme of true altruism.

A lifelong member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Mr. Bolton was also a faithful servant to his church and to his family. A devoted husband and father, he will be dearly missed by his wife, Sue, two children and step-child, eight grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the life of Roscoe A. Bolton. To say that Mr. Bolton left his fingerprint on the world would be an understatement. He was a leader, teacher, parent, husband, friend, and example to all of us. Countless lives have been changed for the better by his efforts, and he will remain in our hearts forever.

HONORING WENDELL WHITE

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of my Congressional Staff who have served with me over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide exceptional constituent services and my team is second to none in providing the best assistance to all in our District. My Washington, D.C. office is also tasked with researching, processing, analyzing, and making recommendations on an infinite number of reports, policies, and legislation. I could not ask for a more talented or dedicated team, and I take great pride in the work that each staff member has done not only on my behalf, but also on behalf of the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina and the United States.

My team has shown a strong sense of dedication to meeting the needs of our constituency. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Wendell White joined my Washington, D.C. office in November 2011. As the Coordinator of Special Projects, Wendell has performed with precision and care and sees every task through with a careful eye for detail. I have also entrusted Wendell with the management of one of my chief initiatives, our business outreach program. Wendell has demonstrated extraordinary resourcefulness and commitment to the outreach effort, which has yielded unparalleled results under his care. Moreover,