

has led to discoveries and technological advances that have been truly revolutionary. NSF-funded researchers have decoded the genetics of viruses and created an entirely new state of matter. NSF-funded research is also enhancing our understanding of the link between brain health and overall human health.

These examples merely scratch the surface of federally-funded research discoveries and only hint at the promise of our continued investment in research. We can imagine the possibilities—a cure for HIV/AIDS, the elimination of health disparities, or the end of Alzheimer's disease. If we don't stop the sequester cuts, which include budget cuts of \$2.5 billion to NIH, \$586 million to NSF, and \$490 million to CDC, or any other cuts, these discoveries could be severely delayed or even worse never become reality. We can't allow that. We must avert these cuts and replace them with a balanced approach that continues our investment in research.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. EVELYN  
TURNER PUGH

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 30, 2012*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest appreciation to not only an outstanding public servant but an extraordinary banker and fiscal professional, Mrs. Evelyn Turner Pugh, Vice President of SunTrust Bank and Mayor Pro Tem of Columbus, Georgia, upon her retirement this year from SunTrust Bank. Retirement celebrations will be held on Friday, November 30, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at SunTrust Bank in Columbus and at 7:00 p.m. at The Benning Club at Fort Benning, Georgia.

A Columbus, Georgia native, Mrs. Pugh received an Associate's degree in Secretarial Science, a Bachelor's in Management/Accounting and an MBA in Business Administration from Columbus College before it was known as Columbus State University.

Beginning her career as a secretary at Columbus College and Progressive Funeral Home, Mrs. Pugh rose quickly through the ranks, holding a number of positions ranging from entry-level to managerial at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia across the span of thirty years.

In 1999, Mrs. Pugh was appointed Vice President of SunTrust Bank, West Georgia, the position she still holds today. In addition, Mrs. Pugh also serves as City Councilor—Post 4 and in 2007, was elected Mayor Pro Tem of Columbus Consolidated Government.

Due to her strong leadership and dedication to public service, Mrs. Pugh was appointed by former Governor Zell Miller to the Georgia Policy Council on Children and Families in 1995; the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government Advisory Committee in 1995; and the Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse (MHMRSA) Funding Study Committee in 1998.

Mrs. Pugh was also appointed Chair of the National League of Cities' Public Safety & Crime Prevention Steering Committee in 1996, where she worked with former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and the U.S. Department

of Justice to increase the flexibility in the use of grants from Community Oriented Policing Services, COPS.

Moreover, Mrs. Pugh was elected as Georgia Chair of Women in Municipal Government in 1995 and President of the Georgia Municipal Association in 1999. She was appointed to the Georgia Public Defenders Council by former Lieutenant Governor Mark Taylor. She has also served on the Board of Directors and Advisory Council of the National League of Cities.

In conjunction with her professional accomplishments, Mrs. Pugh has served on a number of boards including the Board of Directors for Girls, Inc., St. Francis Hospital, Columbus Technical College, Columbus Housing Initiative, Liberty Theatre, and Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation. She is also a member of the Columbus Chapter of The Links, Inc. and the Columbus Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and has served as President, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary, among other roles, continuing the sorority's tradition of far-reaching service to the community. In addition, she has been awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Award, among other distinguished honors. Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm once said that, "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Mrs. Pugh has paid her rent and she has paid it well.

Mrs. Pugh has accomplished many things in her life but none of this would have been possible without the enduring love and support of her husband Reginald; children Marcus, Maurice, Tajuana, Talender and Reggie; daughters-in-law Tasha and April; and grandchildren Lincoln, Lyric, Makaylah, Imani, Caleb, Taylor, McKenzie, Jaylon, Kennedy and Regan.

The great agricultural chemist George Washington Carver once said, "It is not the style of clothes one wears, neither the kind of automobile one drives, nor the amount of money one has in the bank, that counts. These mean nothing. It is simply service that measures success." By any measure, Evelyn Turner Pugh has been successful because of her service to humankind.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the almost 700,000 people in the 2nd Congressional District of Georgia, in paying tribute to Mrs. Evelyn Turner Pugh upon her retirement from SunTrust Bank, while she continues her exemplary service to the Columbus, Georgia community.

RECOGNIZING MALAWI PRESIDENT  
JOYCE BANDA ON BEING NAMED  
A "TOP 100 GLOBAL THINKER"  
BY FOREIGN POLICY

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 30, 2012*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year I congratulated Joyce Banda on becoming the first female President of the Republic of Malawi. In her first 100 days, President Banda amassed an impressive list of accomplishments including securing Millennium Challenge Corporation investments, pledges for more support from USAID and strengthening

Malawi's commitment to democracy. President Banda has now been named by Foreign Policy magazine a 2012 "Top 100 Global Thinker," being accredited for "stepping in—and up—to fix a broken country." I congratulate President Joyce Banda on this most recent acknowledgement of her success. Submitted here is the text of her prestigious recognition:

When Malawian President Bingu wa Mutharika died of a heart attack in April, it wasn't immediately clear what would become of his vice president, Joyce Banda. The two had fallen out in recent years, with the increasingly autocratic president booting Banda from his political party in 2010. Even Mutharika's wife publicly derided the smalltown veep—a longtime grassroots advocate for women, children, and the poor—scoffing, "She will never be president. How can a mandazi [fritter] seller be president?" After a tense two days in the wake of Mutharika's death, however, Banda proved the first lady wrong, becoming Africa's second-ever female president.

Governing Malawi—where an estimated 75 percent of its more than 15 million residents live on \$1 or less a day—presents enormous challenges, to be sure. But in just seven months Banda has largely thrown out her predecessor's playbook, showing the world how to take charge and work to turn around a troubled country. Within days of taking office, she dismissed key members of Mutharika's administration, including the police chief in power when 19 Malawian demonstrators were killed at a 2011 opposition rally, and in May, amid rising persecution of gays in Africa, she vowed to repeal Malawi's laws against homosexuality. By devaluing the Malawian currency by more than a third, a move Mutharika had long refused despite the IMF's urging, Banda also secured a much-needed \$157 million IMF loan in June—a first step toward rebuilding Malawi's debilitated economy.

Her work is cut out for her. So far, however, all signs suggest Banda could become a new model for African leadership—shedding the strongman syndrome and getting down to business to help the poor. To prove it, she has cut her own salary by 30 percent and put her predecessor's \$12 million presidential jet and most of his fleet of 60 luxury cars up for sale. "I can as well use private airlines," she said. "I am already used to hitchhiking." But it's more than that: "I must demonstrate to Malawians that we are in this together," she explained to Al Jazeera. "I must be the first person to set an example." For Malawi, and the world over.

IN RECOGNITION OF JIMMY AND  
CHRIS PURSELL WINNERS OF  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY'S LIFE-  
TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 30, 2012*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend members of an outstanding family who have spent their lives building successful businesses and giving back to their community. Jimmy and Chris Pursell started Pursell Technologies, Pursell Farms and FarmLinks all located in or around Talladega County in Alabama.

Jimmy Pursell grew up in Talladega, Alabama and graduated from Auburn University in 1952. In 1953, Jimmy married Chris Parker of Sylacauga, Alabama. Jimmy spent four

years in the Air Force after college and then moved with his wife to Sylacauga to join his father-in-law in the fertilizer business at Parker Fertilizer.

In 1964, Jimmy and Chris took over the business and focused mainly on fertilizer. In 1997, the consumer division of the company was sold and the remaining portion became Pursell Technologies.

In 2001, the family established Pursell Farms, a 3,500 acre site in Fayetteville, Alabama and FarmLinks, an 18-hole golf course and nursery. FarmLinks has been the number one public course in Alabama and attracts visitors from all over.

The Pursells have three children—Taylor, Chris and David—who have all worked for their company at some point. The Pursells have created over 250 local jobs and run their company with Christian values. The Pursells also have supported local schools and their community and created three student programs at Auburn University.

On December 3rd, the Pursell family will travel to a special event held at the United Nations in New York City to be awarded this prestigious honor by Sylacauga native Jim Nabors.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my congratulations to the Pursell family and thank Auburn University for educating outstanding students and citizens such as the Pursells.

#### RECOGNIZING WINSTON “STRICK” STRICKLAND

#### HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 30, 2012*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a man whose commitment and contributions to our community were second to none, and whose legacy will long be remembered.

Winston “Strick” Strickland devoted his life to mentoring children and caring for senior citizens in Marietta, Cartersville, and surrounding communities. His service was, and remains, inspiration to us all. He was deeply loved and will be forever missed.

Mr. Strickland was the embodiment of the American Dream and served as an inspiration to many. The son of sharecroppers, his family instilled the value of hard work and integrity at a young age. These principles guided him throughout his successful business career. Strickland became the owner of S&M Enterprises, the umbrella company of three local “staples”: Strick’s Barber Shop, Strick’s Grill and S&M Laundromat.

In a 2009 interview with the Marietta Daily Journal Mr. Strickland said, “My mother taught me that you work hard, treat people right and when you find something’s wrong, you straighten it out. Do good in anything that you put your hand into, and in the meantime you’ve got to give back to the community.”

Inspired by politics and social work, Mr. Strickland wanted to make a difference in peoples’ lives and in 1990, he founded the Blacks United for Youth-Cobb. BUY-Cobb, a foundation created to mentor our community’s youth, has assisted more than 2,000 students through its mentor programs and scholarship fund. To date, the foundation has contributed

more than \$300,000 dollars in scholarships to youths in our community.

Mr. Strickland was the consummate family man and is survived by a loving family: his wife of 47 years, Rosetta Strickland; two children Monique Strickland Hall and Michele Strickland, and his two grandchildren of whom he was extremely proud: Jaden MacArthur Hall and Janai Hall.

Mr. Speaker, we mourn the loss of a community leader and role model. His unwavering service and memory will forever live on in Bartow and Cobb County and the great state of Georgia.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 30, 2012*

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on November 29, 2012, I was unable to vote on rollcall vote 611. Had I been present I would have voted “yea” on H. Res. 821, providing for consideration of H.R. 6429.

#### HONORING J. MATTHEW MULLAN

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 30, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize J. Matthew Mullan who is retiring after 23 years of public service with the Town of Windsor, California.

Mr. Mullan began his career in Windsor in 1989 as Assistant General Manager of the Windsor Water District. He was named Assistant Town Manager upon the town’s incorporation in 1992.

As Assistant Town Manager, he served as a supervisor of community development activities, including planning and building inspection, engineering, street maintenance, and water reclamation. Mr. Mullan was also responsible for the franchise of solid waste and cable television. As head of Windsor’s 5-year Capital Improvement Program, he various managed special projects including the design and construction of the corporation yard.

Mr. Mullan was appointed Town Manager in 2005. In this position, he oversaw development of the new LEED certified fire station, construction of the SMART train station, and preparation of the Town’s Economic Development Strategic Plan. He also managed the connection of the Town’s recycled water system to the Geysers Recharge Project, facilitating the transport of treated waste water from Sonoma County to the Geysers steamfields in the Mayacmas Mountains that straddle Lake and Sonoma Counties. All of these projects have been tremendously beneficial to the Town of Windsor.

As Town Manager, Mr. Mullan serves as Chair of the Sonoma Mendocino Area City Managers/County Administrators Association and is a member of the International City Management Association.

Mr. Mullan plans to spend his retirement with his wife Rosanne and their three children, and is looking forward to expanding his role as

doting grandfather and avid San Francisco Giants fan.

Mr. Speaker, Matt Mullan has a long and distinguished record of public service. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him today and wish him well in his retirement.

#### A TRIBUTE TO ALTADENA’S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 30, 2012*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I, along with my colleague Representative JUDY CHU, rise today to honor the community of Altadena, California upon its 125th anniversary.

For over a century, this extraordinary community has grown and thrived while maintaining a fierce and admirable independence.

In 1881, the land that would become Altadena was sold to John and Fred Woodbury. The two brothers would later open Altadena as a subdivision of the Pasadena Improvement Company in 1887 with the hopes of developing a residential neighborhood and attracting wealthy millionaires. They were initially successful, bringing in wealthy names such as Col. Charles Greene and Andrew McNally, but soon found the region was thrown into an economic depression as part of a larger national depression that lasted through much of the 1890’s. Despite the national depression, ranchers and farmers continued to buy land in Altadena and expanded the crops that were farmed from grapes and oranges to include foods such as olives, walnuts, dates, and avocados. Many business magnates also came from the mid-west and built grand winter and retirement homes in Altadena.

By the 1940’s and 1950’s, Altadena was a well-established community that continued to develop and flourish through housing development, modernization, and business growth. In the 1960’s and 1970’s, Altadena became more ethnically diverse, eventually making it one of the most integrated communities in Southern California. Today, Altadena has a diverse population of 43,000 nestled in the beautiful San Gabriel mountains.

Altadena is a wonderful community that has fostered a number of remarkable, world-famous individuals. Notable Altadenans include Thaddeus S.C. Lowe, scientist and inventor, Richard Feynman, physicist, Zane Grey, western novelist and Marni Nixon, renowned soprano and actress.

We are honored to recognize Altadena, with its rich cultural heritage and ask all Members to join us in congratulating Altadena upon its 125th anniversary.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 30, 2012*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of November 26th and missed Rollcall Votes 611, 612 and 613. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on Rollcall Votes 611 and 613, and “no” on Rollcall Vote 612.