

received excellent care, established close friendships, and kept up on current events as an avid reader until her final days.

Mrs. Franklin will always be remembered for her pleasant disposition, her warm smile and her welcoming spirit. A great lover of good food and rich sweets—especially chocolate candy and donuts—Mrs. Franklin attributed her impressive longevity to following the Golden Rule, having personal integrity and eating right (without sacrificing dessert). She stressed the importance of treating everyone with respect, and some of her favorite pastimes included lively discussions with family and friends about the state of the world, as well as scenic car rides.

One of the great milestones of her life was her 100th birthday, which she celebrated last year surrounded by friends and family—along with special recognition and well wishes from President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama. Upon her homegoing, we continue the celebration of this incredible woman, who touched others' lives in countless ways.

Today, the 9th Congressional District of California and the 4th Congressional District of Arizona salute and honor an outstanding human being, Mrs. Juanita Adele Franklin. The contributions she made throughout her life are now part of an enduring legacy. She is survived by sisters Lois Murell and Mildred Massey; nieces BARBARA LEE, Mildred Whitfield (Calvin), and Beverly Hardy (Martin); a host of great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, and friends. Her loved ones will continue to draw strength and comfort from the memory of her dignity, her decency, and her infinite kindness. May her soul rest in peace.

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ARE
NCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL
CHAMPIONS

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Mia Smith and Illinois Wesleyan University's women's basketball team for winning the NCAA Division III national title. The Titans capped their 28–5 season by winning the school's sixth overall national championship and the first in women's basketball.

The Titans were led by tournament MVP Olivia Lett, and Melissa Gardner, who set an IWU single-season record with 94 3-pointers this year.

"There wasn't a moment in the ballgame where I felt we wouldn't be the national champion when the buzzer sounded," Titans coach Mia Smith said. "Even when we were down four, down five, there was not a drop of fear on the bench. That's been that way all season. It's reminiscent of every time we stepped on that floor."

I'd like to also note that Coach Smith was named the 2012 Schelde North America/Women's DIII News "Coach of the Year". She's compiled a 282–108 record at IWU, including a 145–51 record in the CCIW (College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin), six league

championships and seven NCAA Tournament appearances.

I would like to congratulate Mia Smith and the Illinois Wesleyan University Women's Basketball National Champs. Their accomplishments are celebrated by their families, fans, and the entire Titan community.

TRIBUTE TO LOUISE COLLINS
JOHNSON ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Louise Collins Johnson a former missionary and devoted servant of the Lord who turns 100 on March 30, 2012.

The year 1912 was a noteworthy one in history. It witnessed the first expeditions to discover the South Pole and the tragedy of the sinking of the HMS Titanic. It was also the year that Louise Collins entered the world to begin her long journey in the service of Christ.

Born in Chilton County, Alabama, Ms. Collins answered the calling of the Lord at the young age of 18 when she began teaching Sunday school. Nine years later she married Roy Johnson, and together they raised one daughter, Ann Johnson Tyrus, and shared 11 wonderful grandchildren.

Louise Johnson followed her faith to lead a life that would take her across Alabama and literally around the world. A devoted Baptist, her career included working for the Alabama Baptist Association before joining the staff of the State Assembly at Shocco Springs, Alabama, as well as working with the Southwide Assemblies at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, and Glorieta, New Mexico.

This was just the beginning, however, of her long journey in the service of the Lord. Soon after, she was called to serve needy Baptist churches in Oregon and Washington states. Her dedication to helping others also led her to serve two terms as a relief missionary in Hawaii. Her world travels then took her to mission points in Hong Kong, Tokyo, Japan, and Manila, Philippines.

In 1968, following the death of her husband, Louise Johnson moved to Gulf Shores, Alabama to live with her sister, Hazel Scruggs. For so many who have traveled to Baldwin County over the last 40 years, Hazel's restaurant in Gulf Shores is a well-known landmark.

During her time in Gulf Shores, Louise Johnson served as secretary of the First Baptist Church for eight years and Sunday school teacher of the Ladies IV Class at First Baptist for 36 years. She eventually moved to Prattville, Alabama where she now lives with her daughter, Ann. Even today, as she prepares to celebrate a century on this good earth, she continues to work and express her faith.

Louise Johnson has been and continues to be a dynamic, dedicated Christian spending her life teaching others about Jesus. On behalf of the people of Alabama, I wish to congratulate Ms. Johnson on her 100th birthday and wish for her many more years of happiness.

CONGRATULATING THE INDIANA
BLOOD CENTER ON ITS 60TH AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on its sixtieth anniversary, I am proud to honor an organization that has helped save hundreds of thousands of lives through volunteer blood donations and blood component distribution to more than 60 hospitals across the state.

Indiana Blood Center was founded in 1952 and is headquartered in my district in Indianapolis. This esteemed non-profit community service organization delivers more than 700 components of blood each day and provides other vital assistance to modern medicine through specialized blood typing for organ transplants, viral marker testing, transfusion recipients, and the National Marrow Donor Program. The Center also serves as a vital link in the state's life science and healthcare infrastructure in the areas of prostate cancer treatment, pharmaceutical research, stem cell and bone marrow donation. It is the largest independent blood center in the state and ranks among the top 20 nationally. Indiana Blood Center is a member of America's Blood Centers, North America's largest network of community-based, independent and non-profit blood centers—which, coincidentally, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Every two seconds, someone, somewhere will need a transfusion and one out of every seven patients entering a hospital will need blood. Indiana Blood Center depends on the good people of Indiana and the nearly 4,000 organizations that host blood drives annually to meet the constant demand to serve the citizens of Indiana. I would like to recognize this valuable contribution to our community and congratulate Indiana Blood Center for its 60 years of faithful and dedicated stewardship of Indiana's blood supply.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM H.
SCHNEIDER

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William H. Schneider, a World War II veteran and devoted family man.

Born on August 9, 1919 in St. Louis, Missouri, he lived in North St. Louis for his first 50 years until moving to Florissant, MO where he spent the next 30 years of his life.

The son of military parents, Mr. Schneider honorably served our country during World War II. While in the U.S. Army during WWII, Mr. Schneider was in the Philippines on a Navy ship that was present at the Japanese surrender. At the end of his service, he was honorably discharged.

He took his work ethic to Complete Auto Transit, which was later part of Ryder trucking, where he worked for almost 45 years. He worked a variety of jobs over the course of his career, oftentimes working overtime to provide for his family.

And it is his family that will be his greatest legacy. He is known as a devoted and loving husband to his widow, Helen, and his current wife, Nita. His five children, twelve grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren have each known him as a caring and dedicated family man.

It is with great pride that I get to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Schneider today.

A TRIBUTE TO WOODY SMECK, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Woody Smeck for his extraordinary service as Superintendent of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. After 21 years of service in the park, Mr. Smeck will depart from his position in order to become the Deputy Superintendent at Yosemite National Park.

The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, the nation's largest urban national park, consists of 153,750 acres of mixed public open space and private lands surrounded by a metropolitan region of more than 19 million people. Annual visitation to local, state and federal parklands within the national recreation area exceeds 33 million visitors, making it one of the most visited recreation destinations in the country. More than 70 agencies and organizations are involved in partnership efforts to preserve open space resources and provide outdoor recreation opportunities. This level of partnership has served as a national model for other parklands and attracted the attention of key government and non-profit leaders looking to replicate the success of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

As Superintendent, Mr. Smeck serves on a variety of commissions and boards in Los Angeles and Ventura counties dealing with conservation of protected areas and connecting people to nature and places of historical significance. During his tenure as Superintendent, Mr. Smeck has overseen some of the largest and most significant parkland acquisitions, the development of an interagency visitor center, and the completion of the 65-mile Backbone Trail. His steadfast leadership and advocacy has increased the visibility of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Mr. Smeck has also hosted visits from Presidents, cabinet secretaries, Members of Congress, governors, international governments, blue ribbon commissions and environmental leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Woody Smeck for his extraordinary service as Superintendent of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Under his leadership, the National Park Service has helped to promote conservation, protect thousands of acres of parkland, and enhance recreational opportunities for millions of people that visit the Santa Monica Mountains and its renowned beaches.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MRS. REBA ROGERS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Mrs. Reba Rogers who has been an Army spouse for over 26 years. She was an integral partner in her spouse's successful career which included commanding formations from the company level to Army Service Component. Throughout her spouse's service, she remained steadfastly dedicated to serving soldiers and their families in many capacities, particularly as a volunteer leading Family Readiness Groups (FRG), the Army Officer Wife's Clubs and at community thrift shops. During times of peace and conflict, she was a source of strength and inspiration to those whom she served.

Reba's caring spirit, genuine concern and constant willingness to assist soldiers and their families no matter how small or great the need, at all hours of the day and night contributed greatly to the combat readiness and mission focus of each unit she served with. Soldiers always knew the needs of their families would be met.

Reba has actively volunteered thousands of hours to the military community through her invaluable work at community gift and thrift shops. Of special note, she was the chairperson of the Redstone Arsenal thrift shop sponsored by the Redstone Arsenal's Women's Club where soldiers and their families benefit from a variety of needed items. Furthermore, she also held a special seat with Huntsville, Alabama's Crestwood Hospital helping to serve the local community as well as a key member of the Huntsville Botanical Gardens.

Over 26 years of devoted service to soldiers and families, Reba Rogers' substantial contributions greatly enhanced the preparedness and readiness of every unit she served. Reba's dedication and spirit of volunteerism are in keeping with the highest tradition of selfless service and reflect great credit upon herself, the Army Materiel Command, and the Department of the Army.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Reba Rogers for her dedicated service of 26 years. She serves as an inspiration to many and a guiding light to all. Mrs. Rogers' dedication and spirit of volunteerism are in keeping with the highest tradition of selfless service and reflect great credit upon herself, the Department of the Army and the United States of America. May she know that her nation is greatly appreciative of her dedication, and wishes her the best in all her future endeavors.

HONORING ANNETTE GUMM'S SERVICE TO THE SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Annette Gumm, who has dedi-

cated herself to improving the welfare of the people of south Florida. It is truly an honor to represent Annette in the United States Congress, and it is a privilege to call her my friend.

Annette has a rich history of extraordinary service to our community. After moving to south Florida with her husband Emmett, she began to search for projects where she could help those in need. As a mother of three, Annette was inspired to volunteer at Plumosa Elementary School, as well as the Delray Community Hospital. But she still wanted to do more to serve her community and become civically engaged. In the spring of 1992 she was given the opportunity to join the campaign of Burt Aaronson, and soon became the commissioner's administrative assistant, a position that she held for many years.

But Annette's involvement didn't stop there—she soon became a member of the Atlantic Democratic Club, where her energetic contributions to the community did not go unnoticed. She worked her way up the ranks, becoming treasurer, and then executive vice president of the United South County Democratic Club, an organization that strives to get south Floridians more involved with local, State, and national politics. Finally in 2006, Annette became the first woman to serve as president of the organization, and helped elect many individuals who shared her desire to help the south Florida community.

As Americans, one of our greatest responsibilities is to participate in civic life. Annette has dedicated the last 25 years to that very cause, and is truly an inspiration to all those who wish to become community leaders. I applaud her efforts, and I look forward to her continued good work.

HONORING FROZEN FOOD MONTH

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, today I stand in acknowledgement of Frozen Food Month, and to recognize an industry's significant efforts to ensure families and schoolchildren across America have access to healthy, affordable foods.

Few other foods offer consumers the benefits and flexibility of frozen foods. Frozen fruits, vegetables and entrees help busy moms and dads easily prepare quality meals at home, allowing for more family time spent around the dinner table. In school cafeterias, lunch planners rely on frozen foods to help stretch limited budgets and serve healthy meals kids enjoy eating. And frozen fruits and vegetables, with their year-round availability and outstanding nutritional value, make it easy for everyone to eat more fruits and vegetables at home, at school and on the go.

Consumer appreciation for the value frozen foods offer has catapulted sales in this rapidly-growing industry to over \$60 billion. With nearly 700 frozen food facilities employing nearly 100,000 Americans nationwide, its economic footprint is significant. Forty of those frozen food operations are located in my home state of Washington.

In recognition of Frozen Food Month, I take this opportunity to honor one of Washington