

music on a scholarship, and Rocky was pursuing a degree in education and language studies. In their eventual careers that followed, Rocky became the Director of Migrant Children Education for the State of Arizona, a position he held for many years until his retirement in 1990. Prior to being Director, he served as a dedicated teacher to countless Arizona high school and college students. Beki's leadership as president of the Glendale Women's Club and Glendale Historical Society helped advance both organizations' important missions, yet her most valued role remained as a mother to her and Rocky's large, ever-growing family.

Anyone who knows Rocky and Beki can attest to their great love for all of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren—a love deeply rooted first in their devotion to one another. Yet, this couple, time and time again, looked to the larger community and its needs, prompting Rocky and Beki to be proactive in serving others and furthering access to high-quality education for all children. Such efforts have proven to benefit numerous Arizona families, a testament to Rocky and Beki and especially their marriage, a source of continued strength and support for both of them.

In celebrating Rocky and Beki's 60th Anniversary, we reflect on the life they have built with one another, and join in congratulating them on what truly is an accomplishment of great significance.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Dr. and Mrs. Maynes on their 60th wedding anniversary and join with their family in wishing them many more years of continued happiness, health, and innumerable blessings.

HONORING MRS. PATRICIA
ANDRADE

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month, I rise today to honor Patricia Andrade, a remarkable leader in the South Florida community.

Mrs. Andrade was born in Venezuela and has been living in the United States for more than 20 years. She holds both a law degree from Universidad Santa Maria and an International Diploma in Human Rights from the United Nations Association in Venezuela. These academic achievements have directly contributed to her campaign against human rights abuses by Hugo Chavez, following his rise to power.

In 2004, Mrs. Andrade founded the Venezuela Awareness Foundation, an organization whose focus is denouncing and defending human rights in Venezuela. Her commitment to democracy and respect for human rights around the world is a daily battle, yet she perseveres and finds motivation in all the Venezuelans living under oppression today. Mrs. Andrade works to keep close contact with political prisoners' family members and goes to great lengths to alleviate their economic hardships. Once a year, she works to promote education in Venezuela by providing political prisoners' children with school supplies including uniforms, books, and registration expenses.

Mrs. Andrade is also a weekly columnist in Miami's newspaper *El Nuevo Herald*, along with other Venezuelan online news sites. To further promote awareness of Venezuela's current situation and the abuse of human rights, she participates in different forums and conferences throughout South Florida and Germany.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mrs. Patricia Andrade for her continued service to the South Florida community and to all Venezuelans who continue to be oppressed daily by Chavez' fist. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual and wish her continued success.

HONORING GREENVILLE
INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an institution noted for its resounding leadership, the Greenville Industrial College of Greenville, Mississippi.

Greenville Industrial College was founded in 1904 by Greenville native, Reverend Dr. A.B. Bolden. Dr. Bolden, along with other community pioneers purchased the land for the Greenville Industrial College from Dr. E.P. Brown and his family in the early 20th century.

The two-story brick building was located in the African-American community of "Brown's Addition", named after Dr. E.P. Brown. It was under the leadership of Dr. Bolden that the first chapter of this dynamic organization's history began.

The mission of the Greenville Industrial College is to provide African-American students with the necessary skills to make a successful transition to post secondary education or work, and to prepare these students to successfully compete in a global market. Since the 1900s, the college has offered career and technology programs which include theology, masonry, carpentry and machinery.

The college has produced many prominent members of society which include the famous Bishop Clarence LaVaughn Franklin, Willie Richardson of the National Football League Baltimore Colts, and Walter Jake Turnbull, founder of the Harlem Boys Choir.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Greenville Industrial College for its remarkable work in developing our citizens, our economy, and the great state of Mississippi.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. MICHAEL
L. FOWLER, SR.—MORTICIAN OF
THE YEAR

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and honor to extend my personal and heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Michael L. Fowler, Sr., on being named Mortician of the Year for the 4th District of the Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association, Inc. A celebration

will be held in his honor on Saturday, March 31, 2012, at 7 p.m. at Albany Technical College in Albany, Georgia.

Mr. Fowler was born in Columbia, South Carolina, to Roland and Rosie Fowler. Following his birth, Mr. Fowler's family moved to Georgia where he was educated in the Dougherty County, Georgia Public School System and graduated from Dougherty Comprehensive High School. After graduating from high school, Mr. Fowler would go on to earn a degree in Mortuary Science from Gupton Jones College in Atlanta, Georgia.

A Certified Funeral Service Practitioner and a Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer, Mr. Fowler performs Trade Embalming for many funeral homes in Georgia and Florida. He also founded and currently owns Fowler's Removal Service. As a retired Death Investigation Specialist for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, he holds numerous certifications in the fields of Medicolegal Death Investigation, Death Scene Reconstruction, and Grief Management.

A strong leader with an exceptional work ethic, Mr. Fowler is the current President of the Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association. He also serves on the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service and is an active member of the Academy of Graduate Embalmers, Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice, Albany Chamber of Commerce and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Of his many commendable qualities, one of the things I admire most about Mr. Fowler is his altruistic willingness to volunteer his time and lend his professional services to needy families who have lost loved ones to tragic accidents and natural disasters. As a member of the National Disaster Medical System's Disaster Mortuary Team (DMORT) and Kenyon International Service, Mr. Fowler has assisted in the morgue operations of mass fatalities associated with the Albany, Georgia floods of 1994 and 1998; the 1997 crash of Korean Airlines Flight 801 in Guam; the 9/11 World Trade Center terrorist attacks in 2001; the 2004 tsunami in Asia; Hurricane Katrina; Hurricane Rita; and the 2010 Haiti earthquake.

In conjunction with his professional accomplishments, Mr. Fowler lives a life of service and faith. He has been a member of Evangelical Faith Ministries, Inc. for 45 years and has served as a Deacon for the last 33 years. Additionally, he founded the S.O.L.A.C.E. (Stretching Out Loving Arms Creating Encouragement) Program for impoverished and at-risk youth in Southwest Georgia. Moreover, he co-facilitates the Let's Stay Together Marriage Enrichment Program; is Board Chair of Love and Mercy Outreach Programs, Inc.; and serves on the Community Development Council for the City of Albany.

Michael L. Fowler, Sr., has accomplished many things in his life but none of this would have been possible without the enduring love and support of his loving wife, Rosa, and wonderful children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mr. Fowler for his outstanding professional achievements, dedicated community service and many good deeds on behalf of families all around the world who have lost loved ones to unforeseen tragedies.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF WRIGHT-HENNEPIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 75th anniversary of the Wright-Hennepin Electric Cooperative in Rockford, Minnesota. Today, March 29, 2012, the annual membership meeting will take place in celebration of their fruitful beginning on March 29, 1937.

Wright-Hennepin Electric was formed at the height of the Great Depression to meet the electrical needs of rural central Minnesota. Today, they provide service for more than 46,000 homes and businesses and continue to provide groundbreaking services to their customers in Wright and the western Hennepin counties.

Wright-Hennepin Electric is an industry leader in helping home and business owners save money, reduce energy consumption, and determine when alternative energy resources might be a good fit for their needs. Additionally, Wright-Hennepin Electric has expanded into security monitoring for 50,000 homes in 32 states and three Canadian provinces. Innovative business expansions like this help keep this magnificent company a step ahead of the rest.

Also importantly, Wright-Hennepin Electric is an active member of the community. Annually, high school students may apply to receive college scholarships from them. Each year one lucky student also receives a trip to our Nation's capital. It is possible that many of our congressional Members have met with some of these students participating in the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program which makes this opportunity possible.

Many local charities and non-profits are also supported by Wright-Hennepin Electric as recipients of thousands of dollars of donations. Lastly, Wright-Hennepin Electric has been recognized by chambers, local governments, and businesses as a responsible corporate citizen and valued member of the communities they serve.

Congratulations on this 75th milestone, members and staff of Wright-Hennepin Electric Cooperative.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOHN V. SULLIVAN, HOUSE PARLIAMENTARIAN, UPON HIS RETIREMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to John Sullivan on his retirement from the post of Parliamentarian of the House.

John has served the House for 28 years, beginning as Counsel for the House Committee on Armed Services. In 1987, he joined the office of Parliamentarian where he rose from an Assistant Parliamentarian to Deputy Parliamentarian in 1994. He was named Par-

liamentarian by Speaker Dennis Hastert in 2004. He has served this body with dignity and professionalism.

I feel privileged to have worked with John, whom I consider a friend and a mentor. During the years when Democrats were in the majority, I enjoyed serving as Chair of the Committee of the Whole or as Speaker pro tem. When in the Chair I looked to John for wise guidance. He was a great teacher and I was eager to learn. He has a great command of and respect for the institutional history of the House, and its rules and precedents. John Sullivan was very supportive of Members who sought to learn more.

John is a kind man with a great intellect. We are all grateful for his service to the House and to the nation. I will miss him and wish him all of the very best in his future endeavors.

HONORING ILIANA CURRA

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History Month, I rise today to honor Ms. Iliana Curra, a Cuban patriot who is the epitome of a freedom fighter. Her life's story has been one of hardship but has also been one of valor.

Ms. Curra was born in 1959 in Regla, Havana during a year of great turmoil in Cuba. As a result, she was unable to complete High School and began working at the young age of seventeen as a secretary. At this time, her political problems also began. She was transferred from one job to the next and cast as "disloyal," commonly done to those who opposed the regime.

On July 16, 1992, she was arrested and detained for 84 days at the Headquarters of State Security, known as Villa Marista, for spreading "propaganda." Upon her release, Ms. Curra courageously joined the opposition, the National Agenda Movement. After several arbitrary arrests, she was sentenced to three years in the Women's Correctional Facility for her political beliefs and associations. During this time, Ms. Curra witnessed horrendous and inhumane treatment. After completing her sentence, Ms. Curra was exiled from Cuba and began a new life in Miami, Florida.

In 1998, a year after her release, Ms. Curra started working for the freedom of Cuba. She began sharing her firsthand experiences of human rights abuses in Cuba, and continued fighting against the tyrannical Castro regime. Her life's mission will not cease until the Cuban people are truly free.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Iliana Curra for her continued service to the South Florida community, and solidarity with the Cuban people. A true advocate for democracy and human rights, she dedicates every second of her life to freedom and justice. She is an inspiration not only to women, but to all of us. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual, and wish Ms. Curra continued success and happiness in the future.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DONALD HILL

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I celebrate the life of Donald E. Hill. A lifelong Christian who leaves behind a wife he married 42 years ago, Donald was an upstanding member of both his professional and personal communities, and worked as an attorney for 36 years. In his career he specialized in employment law, business law and estate planning.

Donald's personal life made a great impact on the lives of those around him. He and his wife Carol—along with their two sons—attended First Evangelical Free Church for over 30 years, and he served as a deacon, elder, chairman and regular Sunday school teacher. He was also involved with the Wichita Prayer Breakfast, Rotary, the Christian Legal Society and the Wichita Art Museum, and prided himself on being politically involved.

Donald, who was laid to rest on March 3, 2012, was a truly rare individual who put God, family and friends before himself time and time again. Whether it was at work, home or church, Donald saw to it that those around him received the full benefit of the blessings he himself had been given. We are all grateful to have known this wonderful man.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to have been part of Donald Hill's family for many years, and I am greatly saddened by his passing. I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating his life.

TRIBUTE TO WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Women's History Month and to recognize the many contributions women have made to our community.

Specifically, I want to recognize these remarkable women from South Florida for their dedication and commitment: Annie Baker, Bishop Catherine P. Baskin, School Board Member Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Mayor Daisy Black, Patricia Jennings Braynon, Baltena Brown, Rhea Brown, Queen Brown, Senator Larcenia Bullard, Vanessa Woodard Byers, Representative Daphne Campbell, Lillian Cooper, Emma Curry, Nancy Dawkins, Martha C. Day, Lucia Davis-Raiford, Patricia Daniels, Melodie Delancey, Barbara Dent, Earlene P. Dotson, Gail Ash Dotson, Dr. Barbara Edwards, Gussie J. Ervin, Commissioner Betty Ferguson, Dr. Dorothy Jenkins Fields, Susie W. Francis, Regina Jollivette Frazier, Kimberly Gaines, Patricia Garrett, Mayor Shirley Gibson, Emily Gunther, Elsie Hamler, Thomasina Hargrove, Alexis Harris, Debi Harris, Karen Hawkins, Bea Hines, Bertha Henry, Nicole Henry, Anne T. Herriott, Cheryl Holder, Janice Powell Hopton, Vikki Hoshing, Andrea Ivory, Sandra Jackson, Jeanne F. Jacobs, Juanita B. Johnson, Commissioner Barbara