

Mrs. Parks first answered the call to serve as a daycare provider, a field she worked in for 53 years. She later founded the Compton Family Day Care Association, which provided instruction to others on how to become daycare providers. She took pride and much joy in her work, offering meals to the children and their families and planning sporting events, field trips, and church activities. Her hard work and joyfulness undoubtedly transformed the lives of these young children and her community as a whole.

Faith and love for the Lord played a large and constant role in Mrs. Parks' life. She was raised as a devout Catholic, and she later became a licensed missionary for the First Church of Deliverance under the late Elder O.D. Russell. In 1997, she became a member of King's Dominion Life Center under the leadership of her son-in-law, Bishop T.A. Moore.

When remembering the life of Mrs. Parks, I cannot help but call to mind this scripture: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:8-9). Truer words were never spoken. Mrs. Parks reflected these words in her manner and deeds, and she served as an example of the selflessness and kindness we should all strive to display in our own lives.

Mrs. Parks was preceded in death by her loving husband of 38 years, Willie M. Parks, and by her daughter, Katrina E. White. Left to cherish her memory are her children Emerson Mims, Parris Parks, and Donna Moore (Bishop T.A.); grandchildren Huber White, Eboni Galloway, Ferrante Manning, and Breana Moore; great grandchildren Kameron White, Huber White, Kutura White, Akhella White, and Taylor Bibbs; brothers Carl McDonald and Rickey McDonald; and a multitude of relatives, neighbors, and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my sympathies to Mrs. Parks' family. My thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time. They have lost a beloved mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great grandmother. The community Mrs. Parks served for more than a half century mourns the loss of a hero. I mourn the loss of a dear friend and role model.

On this sad occasion, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in a moment of silence to honor the memory of Mrs. Delores A. Parks.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I inadvertently voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 170 (to provide an extension of Federal-aid high, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund) when I meant to vote "no."

I would like to correct for the record that I wanted to vote "no" on rollcall vote 170.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for votes in the House of Representatives between April 16th and 18th. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: Rollcall No. 152 for H.R. 3001, had I been present, I would have voted "aye"; rollcall No. 153 for H.R. 4040, had I been present, I would have voted "aye"; rollcall No. 154 for H. Res. 614, had I been present, I would have voted "nay"; rollcall No. 155 for H. Res. 614, had I been present, I would have voted "nay"; rollcall No. 156 for H. Res. 614, had I been present, I would have voted "nay"; rollcall No. 157 for H.R. 1815, had I been present, I would have voted "aye"; rollcall No. 158 for H.R. 4089, had I been present, I would have voted "aye"; rollcall No. 159 for H.R. 4089, had I been present, I would have voted "aye"; rollcall No. 160 for H.R. 4089, had I been present, I would have voted "aye"; rollcall No. 161 for H.R. 4089, had I been present, I would have voted "aye"; rollcall No. 162 for H.R. 4089, had I been present, I would have voted "nay"; rollcall No. 163 for H.R. 4089, had I been present, I would have voted "aye"; rollcall No. 164 for H.R. 4089, had I been present, I would have voted "nay"; rollcall No. 165 for H. Res. 619, had I been present, I would have voted "nay"; rollcall No. 166 for H. Res. 619, had I been present, I would have voted "nay"; rollcall No. 167 approving the Journal, had I been present, I would have voted "nay"; rollcall No. 168 for H.R. 4348, had I been present, I would have voted "nay"; rollcall No. 169 for H.R. 4348, had I been present, I would have voted "aye"; rollcall No. 170 for H.R. 4348, had I been present, I would have voted "nay"; rollcall No. 171 for H.R. 2453, had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

CELEBRATING MURIEL "MANNY" TUTEUR

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate my friend and role model, Manny Tuteur and to wish her a very, very happy 90th birthday.

There are some people who seem bigger than life—whose accomplishments make you pause to wonder how one person could achieve so much. Manny is one of those people.

It's almost impossible to catalogue all the accomplishments in her life.

She's a veteran. During WWII, Manny served in the Women's Army Corps and received training at the Parachute Training School.

She's a problem solver and a teacher. She worked as a caseworker for the Cook County Bureau of Public Welfare and taught preschool at Jewish Community Centers.

And she has been a fighter for working men and women for over 70 years, starting as a

milling machine operator at the U.S. Steel South Works plant in Chicago and going on to work at the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union where she started the Amalgamated Day Care and Health Center. She directed that Center from 1969 through 1983.

Manny is a natural leader—who has served on the Chicago and Central States Joint Board of ACTWU, co-chair of the Coalition of Labor Union Women's National Child Care Task Force and a member of CLUW's National Executive Board.

I have relied on Manny for sound advice and inspiration for years—and I'm not the only one. Manny has advised the National Implementation Task Force of the White House Conference on Families, the Illinois Women's Agenda, and Women for Economic Justice. Manny's extraordinary work has been recognized by many—induction into the Chicago Women's Hall of Fame, the National Council of Jewish Women's Hannah G. Solomon Award, and the Coalition of Labor Union Women's Florence Criley Award are just some of her awards.

Manny's life is not just committed to social and economic justice, but to her family. The love of her life was Charles, her husband of 63 years. She adores her children, Peter and Judy, and her 13-year-old granddaughter Rebecca. Manny's legacy includes not just her record of improving workers' rights, women's rights and human rights, it also includes her family and her many friends whose lives she has touched and made so much better.

Manny turns 90 on May 17th—and, now living in Laguna Hills, California, she continues working to make the world a better place. Whether it's registering voters, fighting against the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, demonstrating with striking grocery store workers, or speaking out in support of Roe v. Wade, Manny continues to lead a life of activism. At a die-in protect recently to fight cuts to Adult Day Health Care. Manny said at the protest, "I'm fighting to the very end. I'm fighting for the rights of people to have a decent quality of life."

Manny, I love you and thank you for your friendship, and hope you will continue to organize for justice for many years to come.

HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE APRIL 24, 2012 EASTERN IOWA HONOR FLIGHT

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, today, eighty-six Iowa veterans of the Greatest Generation have travelled to our Nation's capital. Accompanied by twenty-seven volunteer guardians who have also served our country in uniform, they have travelled to Washington, DC to visit the monument that was built in their honor.

For many if not all of the Iowans who will be here today, this will be the first time they have seen the National World War II Memorial. I can think of no greater honor than to be there when they see their memorial for the first time and to personally thank each of them for their service to our Nation. They truly are Iowa's, and our Nation's, heroes.

I proudly have in my office a piece of marble from the quarry that supplied the stone

that built the World War II Memorial. That piece of marble, just like the memorial that it built, reminds me of the sacrifices of a generation that, when our country was threatened, rose to defend not just our Nation but the freedoms, democracy, and values that are the foundation of our great country. They did so as one people and one Nation. Their bravery and resilience still inspire us today.

The sheer magnitude of what they accomplished, not just in war but in the peace that followed has stood as an inspiration to every generation since. The Greatest Generation did not seek to be tested both abroad by a war that fundamentally challenged our way of life and at home by the Great Depression and the rebuilding of our economy that followed. But, when called upon to do so, they defended and then rebuilt our Nation. Their patriotism, service, and great sacrifice not only defined their generation—they stand as a testament to the fortitude of our Nation.

I am tremendously proud to welcome Eastern Iowa's veterans to our Nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

HONORING MARIN COUNTY FIRE
CHIEF KEN MASSUCCO

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of a passionate and dedicated public servant. Marin County Fire Chief Ken Massucco retired at the end of March 2012 after a career of nearly four decades protecting our communities.

After a year volunteering with the Kentfield Fire Protection District, Chief Massucco joined Marin County Fire Department in 1974. He rose through the ranks as Fire Lieutenant, Senior Captain, and Battalion Chief before being appointed Fire Chief in December 2001 by the Marin County Board of Supervisors.

Throughout his tenure, Chief Massucco maintained a special connection with the residents he served in unincorporated Marin County, and with the firefighters and office staff responsible for keeping our communities safe. In a Department that includes more than 80 full-time and 60 seasonal workers covering a broad and geographically diverse region, it was the care and leadership of Chief Massucco that ensured strong partnerships with the public.

I was especially impressed to see Chief Massucco's work as a lead member of the team that battled the Angel Island fire in October 2008. Marin County firefighters spearheaded a difficult effort to save invaluable cultural and historical treasures, including the Angel Island Immigration Station, which is recognized as a National Historic Landmark and a part of the California State Parks. All Americans owe a debt of gratitude to Chief Massucco and the Marin County Fire Department for their efforts to ensure the survival of this unique site.

Chief Massucco also brought his leadership to other public safety initiatives, and his work was recognized beyond our County. He assisted firefighters in emergencies across California as an Operations Section Chief within

the Incident Command System, and in 2009 he was recognized by the California Fire Chiefs Association as Fire Chief of the Year. Chief Massucco also led our County Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, which offers emergency services not only in Marin County, but also to partners across the country in need of additional responders.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Chief Massucco for his contributions to Marin County. He has set an admirable standard for compassionate and responsive public service, and we wish him the best in his retirement.

HONORING PASTOR JOHNNIE ROLAND, SR., WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of World War II Veteran and Civil Rights Activist, Pastor Johnnie Roland Sr., as he celebrates his 90th birthday. Born the son of sharecroppers, Pastor Roland was drafted into the United States Army on November 28, 1942.

Johnnie Roland Sr. was born and remains a lifelong resident of Coffeeville, Mississippi. He married the late Leida Rounsaville Roland and from this union, 14 children were born. His oldest and only son, Johnnie Roland Jr., served in the Vietnam War.

Johnnie Roland served in World War II from 1943 to 1945. Roland and three others from Yalobusha County, Mississippi, Tommy Dudley, Walter Lee Martin, and Ulysses Kee were inducted into the Army at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

After about eleven months of ammunition training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, he and the 619th Ordnance Ammunition Company, shipped out of New York City and arrived in Liverpool, England. On June 6, 1944, Roland boarded a landing craft late in the day and remained anchored in the English Channel surrounded by danger on all sides. There he waited to land on the Normandy Beach, about 3 days after D-Day.

For the next several months he advanced through France, Belgium, and Germany loading and unloading ammunition on and near the front lines of battle. On November 29, 1945, he was honorably discharged from Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Roland was awarded the Nameo Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal for his superior performance and dedication in the United States Army.

After his honorable discharge from the United States Army, Roland returned to Mississippi. Pastor Roland answered his call to ministry in 1960, and served as pastor of the Pine Grove Baptist Church from 1962 until August 2009. Pastor Roland was very active in the Civil Rights Movement working with other local advocates to integrate the local segregated school systems, marching front line in sometimes very hostile situations.

During the boycott of the local school system, Pastor Roland was one of a very few

who stood strong by keeping his children out of school for one whole year. Eventually, the school systems were integrated and he was able to see his children receive a quality education within an integrated public school system. Pastor Roland's most recent accomplishment is his eight year service on the Coffeeville Board of Alderman.

According to Pastor Roland, though he has accomplished many things within his lifetime, his greatest has been the honor to vote for and see America's first African American President, Barack Obama elected into office.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pastor Johnnie Roland Sr., a decorated World War II Veteran and Civil Rights Activist for his dedication and service to this country and the state of Mississippi.

HONORING KOMAL LUTHRA

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Komal Luthra is a sophomore at Clear Springs High School in Galveston County, Texas. Her essay topic is: In your opinion, what role should government play in our lives?

IMPORTANCE OF INVOLVEMENT

The government plays a major role in our lives. It governs us and tries to keep the country running in a smooth manner even though there may be conflicts taking place with other countries. The government is there to serve the people. For example, currently, our country is facing some financial challenges, still the government is making efforts to help those without jobs and find ways to cut spending. Not only does the government play a major role in our lives, but we also have the opportunity to be involved. We must realize that we do not have to be politicians or government officials to be involved.

There are so many ways one can get involved in the political process. One can vote, voice his or her opinions, and inform others about issues that our country is facing. It is important to stay updated with the issues we are facing as a country and how we can slowly deliver the message and work together to make a difference. It is like a chain reaction. For example, in recycling programs, an individual cannot enforce recycling because it is a group effort to spread the word in the society to save our environment. We can also get involved by contacting an elected official or candidate via phone or email, visiting or attending political meetings. We can take part in demonstrations, protests, boycotts, or marches to have our voice heard. This presents the fact that as citizens we have a lot of freedom and many opportunities. The issues being faced in the economy, education systems, technology, and environment cannot be solved unless we get involved.