

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EMILY CARRUTHERS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Emily Carruthers for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Emily Carruthers is an 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Emily Carruthers is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Emily Carruthers for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

ALAN SKOBIN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to pay tribute to Police Commissioner Alan J. Skobin for his outstanding contributions to both community and civic service in Los Angeles County.

Alan Skobin was appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners by Mayor James K. Hahn in July 2003 and reappointed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, serving two five-year terms as Police Commissioner. His breadth of experience as Commissioner includes unwavering leadership on various fronts including the establishment of the LAPD Purple Heart Award—an award recognizing the sacrifice of officers seriously injured or slain while on duty; the development of a program to regularly replace outdated, vital police equipment, and the initiation of a prevention program for officer-involved traffic collisions.

Commissioner Skobin has also served as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff with the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department (LASD) for more than 30 years, currently holding the rank of Reserve Chief. If that weren't enough, Commissioner Skobin is also the Vice President and Counsel at Galpin Motors in the San Fernando Valley.

Commissioner Skobin's accomplishments have been recognized with commendations and awards from virtually every level of the government and the private sector, including the California Peace Officers Association, naming him Officer of the Year, and

Baseballers Against Drugs, which honored him with their Positive Image Award. Additionally, he was honored as one of the top 25 lawyers of the San Fernando Valley, and has received awards from the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation.

As a longtime San Fernando Valley resident, Commissioner Skobin's tremendous legacy in both law enforcement and the community is nothing short of remarkable. His unwavering dedication to public service has brought about significant positive impacts on the communities of Los Angeles. As his tenure with the Los Angeles Police Commission comes to an end, I am grateful that he will continue serving our community with the Los Angeles Fire Commission.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in recognizing Police Commissioner Alan Skobin for his years of service and dedication to protecting the citizens of Los Angeles.

HONORING 100 YEARS OF FT.
WORTH'S GLEN GARDEN GOLF
AND COUNTRY CLUB

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a longtime American institution, the Glen Garden Golf and Country Club of Fort Worth, Texas, celebrating its centennial anniversary. Founded in 1912 by Mr. H.H. Cobb, it was at the time one of only two country clubs in Fort Worth and was a popular spot for activities in addition to golf for picnics, walks and family outings. Most notably, the club's place in history serves as the starting point for three great talents who changed the game of golf immeasurably.

Two of the greatest names in golf, Byron Nelson and Ben Hogan, began their long, successful golf careers as caddies for the club in the early 1920s. They honed their skills on the fairways and greens of the club after hours. Nelson and Hogan developed a friendly rivalry early, when 15-year-old Nelson beat Hogan in a caddy tournament by one stroke. From those humble beginnings, these two greats rose to become cultural icons not just in golf, but throughout American popular culture as well. Hogan would win a career 64 tour wins, including nine majors. Nelson's career was shorter but equally illustrious with 52 tour wins; five of them majors. In 2006, for his significant contributions to the game of golf as a player, a teacher, and a commentator, I was pleased to sponsor the resolution awarding Byron Nelson the Congressional Gold Medal.

Women also honed their skills on Glen Garden's links. LPGA great Sandra Palmer was still in high school in the late 1950s, developing her golf game when she was not on the basketball court. She would go on to win 19 tournaments, including two majors. Sandra

Palmer remains active in golf today, on the LPGA Legends tour and serving as a role model for girls and young women achieving in sports.

From its humble beginnings as a small nine-hole course, to a beloved Fort Worth institution today, the last 100 years have been an unqualified success for Glen Garden. I express my best wishes for Glen Garden's next 100 years to be equally successful. I am proud to represent the City of Fort Worth in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING A CHAMPION OF LITERACY AND PUBLIC SERVICE,
MRS. SHIRLEY MORGAN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a true champion of literacy, Mrs. Shirley Morgan. Mrs. Morgan serves as librarian at Madison Shannon Palmer High School in Marks, Mississippi. She is the wife of Elton Morgan, mother of one daughter, the second of twelve siblings and a 26-year resident of Crenshaw, Mississippi.

Shirley is a graduate of Grambling State University where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism. She has also received her certification in Library Media Science from Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi, which allowed her to further her career as a teacher consultant with Mississippi Valley State University Writing Project and serve as a mentor for new teachers. Mrs. Morgan has also worked as Site Coordinator with the North Delta 21st Century Community Learning Center's after school tutorial program for the Quitman County School District.

Mrs. Morgan believes reading is a tool of empowerment and a lifelong skill that increases one's ability to learn. She encourages reading at all levels, so much that she urges pregnant women to read to their unborn children with hopes of increasing their learning capabilities.

In addition to her commitment to education, Mrs. Morgan has a firm commitment to public service. She formerly served as Alderwoman for the Town of Crenshaw for 4 years and volunteered extensively with the Crenshaw Interested Community Builders, Inc., Food Bank of Crenshaw and the Tri-County Workforce Alliance in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Mrs. Morgan is also active in her church, New St. John Missionary Baptist Church, where she serves as church clerk and Sunday School Superintendent.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Shirley Morgan as a committed educator, public servant, mother and wife.

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IN RECOGNITION OF IRA LOMIS
FLOWERS OF THOMASVILLE,
GEORGIA

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to extend my personal congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Ira Lomis Flowers, a beloved citizen of Thomasville, Georgia, who will be honored at the 23rd Annual Black and White Scholarship Ball hosted by the Thomasville, Georgia Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc.

The upcoming Black and White Scholarship Ball will take place on Friday, June 1, 2012 at 1200 West Jackson Street in Thomasville. During the event, Mr. Flowers will be presented with the Joseph R. Jenkins Award, the highest award that can be bestowed upon a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc.'s Southeastern Province.

A native of Thomasville, Mr. Flowers is a graduate of Thomasville High School. Following high school, he went on to complete his undergraduate studies at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Mr. Flowers also has his Certification in Secondary Education in English and Reading from Valdosta State University.

Mr. Flowers spent most of his professional life working as an educator and serving as a positive role model and influential mentor to children in Middle and Southwest Georgia. Throughout his dynamic and distinguished career he served as the Director of the Francis F. Weston YMCA in Thomasville; CEO & General Director of the A.J. McClung YMCA in Columbus, Georgia; Executive Director of the Thomasville Community Resource Center; and Senior YMCA Director for the USA YMCA Institute.

Despite the multiple and pressing demands associated with his professional career, Mr. Flowers always has and continues to play an integral role in several social, civic and community service oriented organizations in Georgia. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. and has held memberships in the S.P. Masonic Lodge #118 and the Jones Masonic Lodge #118.

Mr. Flowers has achieved numerous successes in his life, but none of this would have been possible without the grace of God and the love imparted upon him by his late wife, Thedora Belinda Flowers, and his wonderful daughter Hope Allen Ellis-Flowers. He is also the proud grandfather of his adorable grandchildren Brianna and Christen.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Ira Lomis Flowers, an outstanding individual who has tirelessly devoted himself to progressively developing the academic and social skill sets of youth throughout the State of Georgia.

On a personal note, my wife, Vivian, and I would like to applaud Mr. Flowers and his family for his distinguished record of service on behalf of our Nation's children and his outstanding legacy of service to the communities of Middle and Southwest Georgia.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on May 8, 2012, I missed rollcall votes 202–223 because of my primary election in Indiana. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on rollcall 202, “no” on rollcall 203, “no” on rollcall 204, “yes” on rollcall 205, “no” on rollcall 206, “no” on rollcall 207, “no” on rollcall 208, “no” on rollcall 209, “yes” on rollcall 210, “no” on rollcall 211, “no” on rollcall 212, “yes” on rollcall 213, “yes” on rollcall 214, “no” on rollcall 215, “no” on rollcall 216, “no” on rollcall 217, “no” on rollcall 218, “no” on rollcall 219, “no” on rollcall 220, “no” on rollcall 221, “no” on rollcall 222, and “no” on rollcall 223.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE OF C.
DONALD BABERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished federal public servant, Mr. C. Donald Babers, as he retires from his position as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Southwest Regional Administrator on June 1, 2012. Over the last 42 years, all of it with HUD, he has provided dedicated service to the American public in a variety of positions.

Mr. Babers began his career in June 1970 as an unpaid intern in HUD's Fort Worth Office. He then moved on to Little Rock, Arkansas working in the local field office as an Equal Opportunity Specialist before being appointed the Acting Director of the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. He was next assigned to the Dallas Field Office where he held a number of positions, including 15 years as the Field Office Director.

In 2002, he was promoted again, this time to the position of Deputy Regional Director in the Fort Worth Regional Office. In 2006, he assumed additional responsibilities when he was appointed by the Secretary of HUD as the Recovery Advisor and Chairman of the Board for the Housing Authority of New Orleans, where he oversaw recovery efforts due to Hurricane Katrina. On May 27, 2010, he was recognized again for his hard work and dedication to the mission of HUD with a promotion to Regional Administrator of HUD's Region VI in Fort Worth. In this position, he is responsible for managing the operations of the Fort Worth office as well as eleven field offices in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Over the years, Mr. Babers has been the recipient of many prestigious awards for his work. In 2006, he received the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive, one of the highest awards given to career civil servants and restricted to no more than five percent of executives per year. In 2007, he also

received the Interagency Resources Management Conference Award from the General Services Administration, which is given to those government employees who have shown exceptional ability to operate across organizational boundaries and improve the public's experience with the government.

As Mr. Babers retires from a long and dedicated career, I would like to recognize his service and congratulate him on a job well done. His experience and skills will certainly be missed by both the employees he worked with and the citizens he served. I wish Don Babers and his wife Sheila a long and happy retirement.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF
LANCASTER, WISCONSIN, ON ITS
175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise before you today to honor the historic City of Lancaster as we celebrate its 175th anniversary.

Lancaster was established for its central location in Grant County. Though it wasn't located on a stream or major source of power, its location was ideal for the efficiency and accessibility of a county government. Shortly after its founding, Lancaster was named the seat of Grant County. In fact, the county courthouse was built before Lancaster's founding, creating a unique opportunity for entrepreneurs once Lancaster was established. Hotels and stores were among the first establishments to be built. But, growth in Lancaster was slow with only 350 residents in 1853. However, the dedication of a few people, including Wisconsin's first Governor, Nelson Dewey, was all Lancaster needed to thrive. After the construction of houses, commercial buildings, warehouses, stores, and a railroad depot, Lancaster's population surpassed 1,000 residents by 1880, enough to allow incorporation.

Just as Lancaster was beginning to mature, a fire destroyed half of the square and the city was faced with the challenge of starting anew. The folks of Lancaster took on that challenge and as they always have; the people of Lancaster worked together and the square was built again. Many of these buildings still stand today, signifying the deep historical roots in Lancaster and its ability to endure the test of time. The Grant County Courthouse, Lancaster Municipal Building, and the Lancaster Post Office are all listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Today, Lancaster is home to more than 3,800 people. Lancaster embodies the quintessential small town that is a staple in rural Wisconsin. The historically rich community still thrives on the agricultural successes of surrounding farms and its quaint and pure atmosphere make Lancaster a beautiful place to call home. I wish the City of Lancaster and its residents a happy 175th anniversary and all the best in the years to come.