

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNUAL PITTSTON TOMATO FESTIVAL FOR ITS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA'S AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2013

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate the committee members and volunteers of the 30th Annual Pittston Tomato Festival. The City of Pittston, Pennsylvania has once again staged this remarkable and unique civic event celebrating both the exceptional tomatoes grown throughout the Northeastern Pennsylvania region and the warmth and hospitality of the City of Pittston.

The four-day festival that kicked-off on Thursday, August 15 was designed in part to showcase just how far the festival has come since its humble beginnings thirty years ago. In 1983, Valentine "Val" Delia founded the festival as a way to showcase the produce of his garden. Since then, the festival has grown from a small gathering of local farmers in a parking lot in downtown Pittston to a widely recognized and beloved iconic component of the region's summer entertainment.

With attractions such as local musicians, local vendors, a parade, 5K run, and the renowned "Tomato Fights" that raise money for food-related charities, the Pittston Tomato Festival showcases the best aspects of the community. The festival highlights the city's vibrant Italian-American culture, displays its beautiful and historic revitalization projects, and fosters an atmosphere of community and sense of service to others in each and every one of the thousands of visitors it brings to the City of Pittston.

In recognition of the 30th Annual Pittston Tomato Festival, I add my congratulations and best wishes for continued success in bringing family recreation and a strengthened sense of community to the City of Pittston and Northeastern Pennsylvania.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S ALVIN HENRY ENFINGER

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Northwest Florida's Alvin Henry Enfinger, who passed away on September 2, 2013. Mr. Enfinger spent his entire life serving those around him through his knowledge of medicine and farming and his predisposition to help his fellow man.

Born on September 27, 1925, Mr. Enfinger spent the early years of his life working on his family's farm in Chumuckla, Florida. At the age of 18, he enlisted in the Navy during World War II. After his military service, Mr. Enfinger returned home, married the love of his life Doris Gillman and looked toward his professional future.

Mr. Enfinger graduated from Auburn University in 1951 and then decided to pursue his chosen profession of pharmacy. Only three years into his practice, Mr. Enfinger opened his own pharmacy in West Pensacola named A & E Pharmacy, which is now Northwest Florida's oldest, continuously family-owned and operated pharmacy. A & E Pharmacy has been very successful throughout its nearly 60 years of operation, at one time being the largest pharmacy in Pensacola. Whereas the Gulf Coast has seen an influx of large chain pharmacies as most other areas of the country have over the years, A & E Pharmacy remains a local treasure in our community thanks to Mr. Enfinger's strong leadership.

Mr. Enfinger never veered too far from his upbringing on a farm or from his will to serve the people of Northwest Florida. In 1970, he began raising Red Angus Cattle, a mission that earned him significant recognition for his success and a term as President of The Southeastern Red Angus Association. He was also instrumental in preserving the Coon Hill Cemetery for many years: raising money for its support, restoring its grounds, and acting as steward of the cemetery's history for the entire community. We were very fortunate to have such a talented man as a friend, neighbor, and tireless servant to our community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Mr. Alvin Enfinger. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers and sincerest condolences to his five children, Art Enfinger, Rhonda Enfinger, David Enfinger, Beth Orr, and Jan Herrera; eleven grandchildren; and eighteen great grandchildren. He will truly be missed.

HONORING WILLIAM P. CLARK

HON. LOIS CAPPES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2013

Mrs. CAPPES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the memory of William P. Clark from San Luis Obispo County, who passed away on August 10, 2013.

William Clark was born in Oxnard, California on October 23, 1931. As a fourth-generation Californian, Mr. Clark served on several state courts and as a longtime advisor to President Ronald Regan. Since 1969, Mr. Clark was appointed to the SLO County Superior Court, the California State Appellate Court in Los Angeles and later to the California State Supreme Court by then Governor Reagan, where he served as an associate justice for eight years.

Recognized for his dedication to public service, he was appointed as the Deputy Secretary of State in 1981 by President Reagan. A year later, he became the National Security Advisor and then served as the Secretary of the Interior until 1985. In his later years, Mr. Clark moved to his ranch in Shandon, California where he and his wife, Joan, built the Chapel Hill that he donated to his local community.

He is survived by his five children.

On a personal note, Mr. Clark was a gracious host when he invited me to visit the beautiful Chapel Hill. He was a kind man of character who proudly served his country and I am honored to have met him.

I offer my most heartfelt condolences to Mr. Clark's family and friends. Please join me in

honoring this exemplary American and San Luis Obispo County resident.

IN MEMORY OF PETE MIRELEZ

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2013

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mr. Pete Mirelez, who served as a role model and mentor to his community. He was proud to be the first Hispanic Adams County Commissioner and stated that after his family and friends his second love was Adams County.

Pete Mirelez was born in LaSalle, Colorado and was the first person in his family to receive a college degree, completing his studies at Chadron State College in Chadron, Nebraska. Pete served as Adams County's first Director of the War on Poverty Program and was named Regional Director of the California Migrant Council in 1968. In 1972, Pete was named the National Director of the office of Economic Opportunity Migrant Division in Washington D.C., before becoming an Adams County Commissioner. During Pete's time as Adams County Commissioner, an edition of the Brighton Sentinel named him as "one of the most influential people in Adams County".

After serving Adams County, Pete was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as Representative to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Region 8, and served from 1979 to 1981. Afterwards, Pete served the Colorado Department of Transportation Highway Commission for twelve years until becoming a lobbyist for Adams County School Districts.

Pete was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and mentor of mine who I was proud to also call a friend. He exemplified the American dream by showing that through education and service a person could create positive change in his community. His true public service will be missed.

IN HONOR OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE BETH EL IN SALINAS, CALIFORNIA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of Temple Beth El in Salinas, California. On behalf of the entire House, I am privileged to extend the gratitude of Congress and the American people for the past and future service of the Beth El congregation.

The First Hebrew Congregation and Community Center of Salinas was established in 1935. During World War II, and for a few years thereafter, Chaplain Hertz of Fort Ord served the congregation as its first religious leader. In 1949, Rabbi Seymour Stern joined the congregation as the synagogue's first Rabbi. Rabbi Abraham Haseklorn took over the rabbinic duties in 1953, and served until his retirement in 1973. He and his wife Alda made an invaluable contribution to the Salinas

community. In 1963, the name of Temple Beth El was adopted for the new synagogue building designed by Temple member Jerome Kasavan, and is the home of the current congregation and Rabbi Marcy Delbick.

For several years, Temple Beth El has served members throughout Salinas, Monterey, Prunedale, Gilroy and San Benito County. Their goal has been to provide both a spiritual and social center for members and guest. Its membership has spanned the entire spectrum of Jewish thought and tradition, along with diverse age levels and religious backgrounds. Reform, Conservative, Orthodox as well as unaffiliated members have added a unique variety to their gatherings. Throughout the years they have adapted to the changing needs of the times, while maintaining the respect for the traditions of their ancestors.

The objective of Temple Beth El has been both religious and cultural, providing Sunday and Hebrew school for children as well as education programs for adults. At the start, the religious school began with ten students, though soon outgrew the available space and often spilled into congregants' homes. Today, Temple Beth El offers education programs for children throughout the school year. A vast array of adult education classes are provided, from an introduction to Judaism to the Lunch and Learn program.

Tikkun Olam, "repairing the world", is a major part of the Temple Beth El congregation community outreach. Members often prepare meals at the homeless shelter for the less fortunate, and are principle bell ringers for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive on Christmas Eve. For over 50 years the yearly Kosher Luncheon is a much heralded community event where corned beef and pastrami sandwiches are served, providing Jewish outreach of the most delicious kind.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I say Mazel Tov to the Temple Beth El congregation for their years of service devoted to the advancement of religious, cultural, and educational opportunities. I know I speak for the House in saluting their dedication, in making the community a better place and congratulating them on the celebration of their Golden Anniversary.

IN HONOR OF THE PERKASIE LIONS CLUB

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, for 75 years, the Perkasie Lions Club has dedicated their time to bettering both the lives of those in their community and disadvantaged individuals abroad. Currently meeting only five blocks from where it first assembled, and the club's reach and positive impact has only grown with its age. Since 1938, they have completed a variety of projects, with their main focus being assistance to the blind. Not only does the Lions Club provide medical equipment and glasses to those unable to afford them, but they also help enrich the lives of children within the community. The members have made comprehensive improvements to Lions Camp Kirby, where hearing and visually impaired children can take part in a variety of activities. From exploring the outdoors to

toasting marshmallows around the camp fire, deserving young people are able to enjoy these opportunities regardless of financial standing. The Perkasie Lions Club has an impressive history in Bucks County, and I look forward to their continued contributions to the community.

RECOGNIZING FIRE AND RESCUE AND EMS PERSONNEL OF FLORIDA'S 16TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2013

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize fire and rescue and EMS personnel who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

As first responders, fire departments and emergency medical service teams are summoned on short notice to serve their respective communities. Oftentimes, they arrive at scenes of great adversity and trauma, to which they reliably bring strength and composure. These brave men and women spend hundreds of hours in training so that they are prepared when they get "the call."

Last year, I established the 16th District Congressional Fire and Rescue and EMS Awards to honor officers, departments, and units for outstanding achievement.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, it is my privilege to congratulate the following winners, who were selected by an independent committee comprised of a cross-section of current and retired fire and rescue personnel living in the district.

Battalion Chief Stacey S. Bailey of the East Manatee Fire Rescue received the Career Service Award.

The Sarasota K-9 Search and Rescue Team received the Associate Service Award.

Battalion Chief Russell McCord of the Englewood Area Fire Control received the Career Service Award.

Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Kolesa received the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

I appreciate this opportunity to recognize 16th District fire and rescue and EMS personnel.

STATEMENT ON THE 114TH BIRTHDAY OF MS. SUSANNAH MUSHATT JONES

HON. HAKEEM S. JEFFRIES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2013

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 114th birthday of Ms. Susannah Mushatt Jones, who is affectionately called Miss Susie. Considered the oldest resident in New York State by the Gerontology Research Group, she is a beloved member of the Brooklyn community I am proud to represent in Congress. In honor of her birthday, Miss Susie was honored on July 12, 2013, at the Vandalia Senior Center in Brooklyn, NY.

We revel not just the years since her birth, but the history she has witnessed in three separate centuries. From experiencing segregation in the South to being a first-hand witness of the Civil Rights movement in New York, we commemorate her birthday with awe and inspiration.

Miss Susie was born into a large, loving family on July 6, 1899, in Lowndes County, Alabama as the third of eleven children. In 1923 she moved to New York as part of the Great Migration of African Americans from the rural South to cities in the North, Midwest, and West. Miss Susie dedicated her professional pursuits to children, first as a schoolteacher and then as a childcare provider. At one point, she moved to Hollywood to work for a family in the film industry. During her time on the west coast, she enjoyed socializing with movie stars and attending movie premieres. She fondly remembers meeting Ronald Reagan, Clark Gable, and Cary Grant.

Family has always surrounded Miss Susie: she takes great delight in being an aunt to over 100 nieces and nephews. Throughout her life, she has brightened many lives with her positive attitude and infectious laugh. She resides in Vandalia Houses and was an active member of the Vandalia Houses Senior Center tenant patrol through her 100th birthday. Miss Susie credits her healthy lifestyle free of smoking and drinking for her longevity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating Ms. Susannah Mushatt Jones on her 114th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO THE CHARLES FAMILY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, the birth of Oliver Charles, son of Mr. Handy and Mrs. Alphosine Batiste Charles in Freetown, Louisiana, on December 27, 1897, began the Charles family lineage which has blessed us with descendants who have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, Mr. Oliver Charles united in holy matrimony to Mrs. Laura Livingston Charles on March 18, 1927 in Freetown, Louisiana, their union has produced many well respected citizens and the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Charles Family are pillars of strength who have touched many throughout our nation, family members of the past and present, giving us generations of the Charles family lineage; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have members of the Charles family for they are some of our most beloved citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Charles family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this