

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 Perkasio 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 Perkasio 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. Alfhosine 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

day to honor and recognize the Charles family; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim July 6, 2013, as Charles Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 6th day of July, 2013.

HONORING SHERIFF JEFF CAPPA

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Jeff Cappa of Richmond, Indiana.

My friend, Sheriff Jeff Cappa, of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office was recently honored as the Indiana Sheriff's Association 2013 Sheriff of the Year at the Association's annual gathering. Among his many accomplishments as Sheriff, Jeff returned the department to a true merit-based system for both hiring and promotions, created a 24-hour supervision of the jail and enforcement division, expanded medical coverage at the jail to full-time and around-the-clock service, and launched a strategic plan for the department.

Sheriff Cappa is known throughout the county and region as a Sheriff willing to work with the community to better serve its citizens. His working relationship with the county council and county commissioners is a testament to efficient local government. Jeff's outreach and leadership is a key to the continued growth, safety, and development of the communities throughout Wayne County.

I ask the 6th Congressional District to join me in thanking Sheriff Jeff Cappa and his team for their tireless effort towards increased public safety in Wayne County and in congratulating Jeff for his designation as the 2013 Indiana Sheriff's Association Sheriff of the Year.

COMMEMORATING THE DEDICATION OF THE JOSEPH NAPER STATUE

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2013

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Joseph Naper, founder of Naperville, and to commemorate the dedication of a statue in his honor. The statue, which stands at his former homestead, serves as a permanent testament to the strength, compassion, and ingenuity of this pioneer of the West.

Joseph Naper held many diverse professions in life—he was at various times a ship captain, frontiersman, trader, land surveyor, soldier and politician—but to all of them he brought the same care for community. Through hard work and endurance of spirit, Naper raised the physical foundations of the town we know today as Naperville from a spot of land on the West Branch of the DuPage River that he settled in 1831. Equally importantly, Naper built the cultural and spiritual foundations of his community, helping to provide educational, intellectual, and religious opportunities for fellow settlers.

Despite his many achievements, no plaque or monument has been dedicated in Naper's memory since his death in 1862. On August 23, this unfortunate oversight was corrected by the Naperville Heritage Society in partnership with the City of Naperville, who erected a statue in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the legacy of Joseph Naper and commemorating the unveiling of a statue in his honor. Men and Women like Naper helped to build the America we know today, and for that great service they are owed our eternal gratitude and honor.

TRIBUTE TO ARLOENE WATTS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2013

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a dear friend of mine, Arloene Watts. Arloene passed away on Monday, August 5, 2013. A resident of Corona for over half a century, she was a pillar of the community and will be deeply missed.

Arloene was born August 13, 1922 in Carson, Oregon, before moving with her family to Minnesota. Arloene grew up on the family farm, where her work ethic and values were formed. In 1941, she moved to Auburn, California to attend school at Sierra College. She and her husband, Ed, were married shortly thereafter in 1943. In 1957, the pair packed up and moved to a small town in Southern California—Corona. Arloene began her community work almost immediately, taking on roles with the Girl Scouts and Boys Scouts of America, and in parent-teacher groups.

Arloene's passion for service took shape early, and she became a champion for the development of women's rights in business throughout the community. With experience in personal finance and secretarial training, Arloene started her own business, an employment agency, in 1963. During a time when less than four percent of American businesses were owned by women, Arloene became a pioneer. Her knack for career planning led the business to become very successful, eventually leading to its sale in 1990 after having Arloene at the helm for 27 years. She continued to pave the way for women in the community over the years, becoming the first woman to serve as Corona Planning Commissioner. In addition, she earned a spot by appointment on the Temescal Valley-El Cerrito Community Plan Advisory Committee. Her continued interest in business development within the city led her to become actively involved in the Corona Chamber of Commerce, becoming its first female president in 1974.

It is hard to imagine that Arloene would have any free time on her hands, yet she always found time for her community. She served as Trustee of Circle City Hospital, Director of the local YMCA, and Executive Director of Corona-Norco United Way. In addition, Arloene was President of Soroptimist International of Corona, and President of the Women's Improvement Club. She was also a dedicated member of the Corona-Norco Unified School District's Partner in Education Program and the Inland Empire Better Business Bureau. It is no surprise that Arloene was the re-

cipient of numerous community awards including Corona Citizen of the Year, Award of Merit-Chamber of Commerce, Distinguished Citizen of the Year-Corona Jaycees, Outstanding Citizen-Riverside County Board of Supervisors, Distinguished Citizen of the Year-Boy Scouts, Woman of the Year-73rd Assembly District, YMCA Ira D. Calvert Distinguished Service Award, and the Women of Distinction Award for her achievements in helping advance the status of women in Corona.

Arloene is survived by the love of her life, her husband, and their three children: son, Edwin, of Massachusetts, and two daughters, Michelle, of Corona, and LaJune Hughes, of Oklahoma.

On Tuesday, August 13, 2013, what would have been her 91st birthday, a memorial honoring Arloene's extraordinary life was held. Arloene will always be remembered for her incredible work ethic, generosity, advancement of women, contributions to the community and love of family. Her dedication to her work and community are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Arloene's family and friends; although Arloene may be gone, the light and goodness she brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF REV. DR. DWIGHT C. NORTINGTON

HON. FRANK PALLONE JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rev. Dr. Dwight C. Northington on his retirement as Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Red Bank, New Jersey. Dr. Northington has led Calvary Baptist Church for over 21 years and his dedication is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Before entering the ministry, Dr. Northington worked as an executive for Travelers Insurance Company. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He is married to his wife Rebecca and together they have two daughters, Bianca and Alisha, a granddaughter Aniya and grandson Nukeil.

In addition to his 21 years of service to Calvary Baptist Church, Dr. Northington is an active member of the community. He has served as the past moderator of the Seacoast Missionary Baptist Association, past member of the Red Bank Board of Education and past president of the Westside Ministerial Alliance.

Dr. Northington is committed to learning and teaching. He graduated from Morgan State University, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Drew University and has taught homiletics at New Brunswick Theological Seminary and worked as an Adjunct Professor of the Brookdale Community College Psychology Department.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Northington on his pastoral retirement and thanking him for his many years of dedicated service and leadership to the Calvary Baptist Church congregation and the greater community.