

THE RETIREMENT OF REV. DR.  
HELEN D. JACKSON LEADER,  
MENTOR AND FRIEND

### HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Florida, it gives me great pleasure to stand with the multitude of well-wishers and admirers of this great leader, humanitarian and my friend, Dr. Helen Jackson. We gather to acknowledge the breadth and depth of her leadership and guidance on the occasion of her retirement after 39 years of faithful service within the Florida Department of Health, Detroit Department of Health and many other healthcare related fields. Since 1990, Helen served as Director of Nutrition and Chronic Disease Prevention Services for the Duval County Health Department and held many positions of leadership within the healthcare community that includes the State of Florida.

Dr. Jackson has served the people of Jacksonville, Northeast Florida, the Duval County Health Department and a host of other endeavors with pride, determination and personal professionalism. She has been that familiar and friendly face and voice, many have come to depend upon during her enduring career. She has been a friend, mentor, surrogate, gentle motivator, and the very fabric that has kept many on course. She is the embodiment of service and dedication to a set of ideals that supports the common goal of service to and for others, a consummate professional dedicated to doing the right thing, every day, in service to the citizens of this community.

Thank you, Dr. Jackson for all your love and support and for the work you have done and continue to do for so many. Retiring, yes, but we know you will remain forever with our reach and in our hearts.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 485, I was unable to be present for the vote on H. Res. 354. I strongly support enactment of H.R. 527. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, due to a mechanical problem with my flight to Washington yesterday, I was unavoidably detained and missed the following votes. On rollcall vote No. 484, passage of H.R. 1961, to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construc-

tion requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line, I would have voted "yes." On rollcall vote No. 485, passage of H. Res. 354, Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 527, with an amendment, I would have voted "yes."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 485, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

#### HONORING NATHAN FOSTER BROWN

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nathan Foster Brown. Nathan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 271, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Nathan has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Nathan has earned the position of Tom-Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Nathan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Nathan completed a much needed landscaping project at the North Cross United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Missouri, replacing a deteriorating retaining wall outside the preschool entrance.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nathan Foster Brown for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JAMES MANDELL'S SERVICE AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF BOSTON'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

### HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James Mandell's achievements as the Chief Executive Officer of Boston Children's Hospital. Dr. Mandell has served as the CEO of Boston Children's Hospital since 2000. I often talk about how proud I am to have Boston Children's in my district: the institution is unmatched in terms of reputation for clinical care, research, teaching and dedication to the Boston community. Today, I want you all to know how proud I am to call Jim Mandell a

friend, and to represent him and his remarkable hospital in Congress.

Throughout his long and distinguished career as a pediatric urologist, a surgeon, a professor of medicine, and hospital executive, Dr. Mandell has advocated tirelessly for children. He has a unique ability to both understand and explain the impact of public policies on the day to day work of the hospital, its staff and the many families who rely upon them for care. For the past thirteen years, I have relied on him as a partner in ensuring that the best interests of children are represented in the legislative process.

In the past thirteen years, Boston Children's Hospital has survived some challenging economic times and adapted to a changing environment for health care. Under Dr. Mandell's leadership, the institution has provided the highest quality care for children and he leaves it prepared to continue its scientific and clinical excellence well into the future. It is also important to note that his advocacy efforts have gone beyond the walls of the hospital and indeed, beyond the city of Boston, particularly through his leadership as a past Board Chair of the Children's Hospital Association.

Children's hospitals across the nation face many shared challenges, in areas which range from research to workforce stability, and Dr. Mandell has been at the forefront of bringing those challenges to the attention of lawmakers and working collaboratively on solutions. Early in my tenure as a Member of Congress and Dr. Mandell's tenure as CEO, we worked together to establish the Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education program. This is an important program that continues to make it possible for children's hospitals to train the next generation of pediatricians and pediatric specialists.

The children of Boston, Massachusetts and the nation have benefited tremendously from Dr. Mandell's service. Those of us who worked alongside him have also benefited from his passion, his commitment and his thoughtful leadership.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the all of those who had the honor of knowing and working with Dr. Mandell during his remarkable tenure at Boston Children's Hospital, I want to thank him for his tireless service and dedication to the healthy well-being of our children. We will undoubtedly miss him and wish Dr. Mandell the very best in his future endeavors.

#### TRIBUTE TO SUNY PLATTSBURGH STUDENT ASSOCIATION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the State University of New York at Plattsburgh Student Association.

Since its modern founding in 1963 under then-President Martin Mannix, the SUNY Plattsburgh Student Association has enhanced student life by developing quality services, engaging programming, and enjoyable activities on campus. In doing so, the Association has succeeded in its vision to be an active and visible

resource for students and the greater college community. Today, the Student Association gives voice to the concerns and interests of students through its support of more than 80 campus clubs and organizations.

SUNY Plattsburgh prepares students from across New York to compete in a rapidly-changing global economy. By fostering the values of scholarship, diversity, and inclusion on campus and in the greater community, the Student Association has contributed immeasurably to the university's mission.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating all current and former members of the SUNY Plattsburgh Student Association for reaching this milestone, thanking them for all their contributions to the Plattsburgh community, and wishing them all the best in years ahead.

CONGRATULATING THE SLOVAK CLUB OF MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 2013*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Slovak Club of Merrillville, Indiana, as the organization celebrates its 100th anniversary. In honor of this momentous occasion, the Slovak Club is hosting a celebratory event on Saturday, September 28, 2013, at the club hall in Merrillville, Indiana.

The Slovak Club of Merrillville was first established in 1913 when a group of Slovak men joined together with the goal of preserving Slovak heritage and tradition at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Gary. The group initially called themselves the Slovak Political and Educational Club. After World War II, members of the club wanted a permanent home and purchased property at 11th Avenue and Harrison Boulevard in Gary. The Ladies Auxiliary was established in 1950, and once the new building was complete, the auxiliary began hosting dinners featuring shrimp, fish, and traditional Slovak fare, which were tremendously successful. The organization continued to grow over the next twenty years with membership exceeding more than 450 members. By 1979, the organization's Board of Directors sold the Slovak Club building in Gary, and members began meeting at the Slovak American Legion Post #367. The current home for the Slovak Club in Merrillville, at 69th Avenue and Broadway, was completed in 1986. For the past 100 years, Slovak Club members have dedicated their time and efforts to many charitable organizations throughout the community, and for this they are to be commended.

I would like to take this time to recognize the Slovak Club officers and Board of Directors. The officers are President Ronald Mayersky, Vice President Randall Mayersky, Treasurer John Dienes, Financial Secretary Kenneth Dienes, and Recording Secretary John Brezik. The Board of Directors include Robert Deliget, Peter Guip, George Murray, Donald Engel, Paul Rogers, Joseph Koveck, John Stofko, William Mindas, and Ed Mayersky.

I would also note with pride that my 97-year-old father, former Gary Mayor John Vis-

losky, continues his membership in this noteworthy fraternal organization, as do I.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Slovak Club of Merrillville, Indiana. The Slovak community has played an important role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. For their commitment to civic endeavors and to preserving Slovak traditions, the Slovak Club's leaders and membership are worthy of our highest praise.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 2013*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 100th anniversary of the Saint Paul Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and acknowledge their tremendous efforts to defend the ideals of justice and equality for all people. The origins of the Saint Paul NAACP are closely tied to those of the national organization, which is the oldest, largest and most recognized civil rights group in the country.

The NAACP was founded when civil rights leaders of the Niagara Movement were joined by others calling for justice following the Springfield, Illinois Race Riot of 1908. The Niagara Movement was founded by prominent black leaders including W.E.B. Du Bois and Minnesota's own Frederick L. McGhee. Mr. McGhee was a Mississippi native who moved to Minnesota after law school, where he became the first African-American in Minnesota in history admitted to practice law. Involvement in law and politics propelled Mr. McGhee to the forefront of the civil rights movement as a champion of social equality, leading national efforts against racial discrimination and violence. Of the Niagara Movement, W.E.B. Du Bois said the honor of founding the organization belonged to Mr. McGhee, who first suggested it. After just the second meeting of the Niagara Movement, Mr. McGhee returned home to Minnesota and helped organize a civil rights protection and advocacy group in the Twin Cities. By 1913, Saint Paul members of this group called to order the first meeting of what became the capitol city's own NAACP branch. Thus, the Saint Paul NAACP was born.

During the 100 years since it was founded, the Saint Paul NAACP has produced nationally influential leaders like Roy Wilkins, who served as the National Executive Director from 1955–1977. Under Wilkins' direction during the turbulent Civil Rights era, the NAACP boldly investigated brutality, murder, segregation, discrimination and fought to end the suppression of minority voters at the ballot box. True to its origins, the Saint Paul NAACP continues to focus on economic disparities, health care, education, voter empowerment and the criminal justice system as it advocates for social justice and the inclusion of all citizens in the democratic process, regardless of racial, ethnic or religious lines.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in rising to honor the courageous and honorable work of the Saint Paul NAACP as staff and the many volunteers who make it a success celebrate its 100th anniversary.

LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY'S UPSTATE NEW YORK/VERMONT CHAPTER

**HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 2013*

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the generous staff, volunteers, and supporters of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Upstate New York/Vermont Chapter. On Saturday, September 28, in recognition of Blood Cancer Awareness Month, 1,000 walkers will gather at Siena College in Loudonville, NY for the chapter's Light the Night Walk. Participants have raised more than \$200,000 to fund treatments that are saving the lives of blood cancer patients.

I am delighted to formally recognize the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for its hard work, community spirit, and dedication to fighting cancer. By bringing people together at Siena and similar events around the country this month, the society is making great strides in its mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

Blood cancer is the number three cancer killer in our country. Nearly 149,000 Americans are expected to be diagnosed in 2013. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has invested almost \$1 billion in research, contributing to the development of life-saving drugs. Since 1963, myeloma survival rates have more than tripled. Lymphoma survival rates have more than doubled. Leukemia survival rates have more than quadrupled.

This movement is made possible by the friends, families, and co-workers of cancer patients who form fundraising teams around the Nation. These efforts culminate in inspirational evening walks in over 200 U.S. communities, including the Siena campus and the city of Burlington, VT. Last year the Upstate New York/Vermont Chapter raised \$1.1 million, hosted 19 educational seminars, welcomed 300 attendees to monthly support groups, and disbursed more than \$300,000 in patient financial support.

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to this organization for bringing the light of hope and caring to the dark world of cancer. May God bless and protect these good citizens and their loved ones.

ACKNOWLEDGING AND PREVENTING SUICIDE AMONG VETERANS

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 2013*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as we reflect on the lives of the nearly 30,000 Americans who die each year by their own hands, it is important that we recognize the emotional and mental trauma that