

Syria came to the Greater Detroit to share in the American Dream, an opportunity for their families to freely observe their faith and access their full potential. When they arrived, they joined the American work force and began the hard work necessary to secure a brighter future for their children. As an important part of establishing their community and families in their new homeland, they founded the St. George Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America in 1913. Just a short time later, the parishioners of St. George laid the cornerstone for their church in Detroit.

Named in honor of the Great Martyr George, a staunch defender of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian faith, the Church has been an integral part of the community, allowing its members to continue their traditions and pass them along to future generations. Over the course of its existence, the sanctuary of St. George has called several different sites in the Greater Detroit area home in an effort by its leaders to house an ever expanding congregation. As the congregation has prospered, it has undertaken many different outreach initiatives, designed to support new congregation members and the broader Southeast Michigan community.

Under its current leader, Reverend Joseph Antypas, the congregation of St. George has continued to thrive and moved its current home in Troy in 1994. In 2005, to better serve the community, the leaders of St. George oversaw the construction of a youth education and activities center that will allow younger church members to fully explore and develop their abilities. Furthermore, the Church has been instrumental to its members' continued welfare as our nation has faced the challenges of a difficult economy. It is a testament to the strength of the congregation of St. George that its members will also be celebrating the burning of the mortgage for its current home in Troy while they are celebrating its centennial.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to again congratulate Reverend Antypas, as well as the other leaders, and congregation of St. George Orthodox Church on achieving this great milestone in their community and in the celebration of their faith. I know St. George will continue to serve its members and community well and I wish its leaders and congregation success in their future endeavors.

SOUTH NASHVILLE ALL-STARS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, Tennessee is home to many young talents. Whether in the music, technology, health care, or artistic communities, America's youth find success. I'm please today to rise and add one more group to the list of outstanding young talent: baseball players.

The South Nashville All-Stars headed earned their place in the World Series with a 5–3 win over Henrico, VA in the southeast region final. While they did not leave the Series with the title, they returned home to Middle Tennessee to fans, friends, and family all proud of their outstanding accomplishments.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating the hard work, perseverance, and

dedication of: Austin Kasick #14, Ben Pickman #32, Blake Kirchenbauer #3, Blake Money #15, Bricen Russell #23, Christopher McElvain #7, Connor Smith #13, Knox Preston #24, Robert Hassell #9, Tanner Morgan #1, Trae McLemore #21, and Zane Denton #25.

I join with their friends, parents, coaches, and supporters in celebrating their wonderful season.

IN SUPPORT OF OAKLAND COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Oakland County Young Republicans of Michigan, who like so many organizations throughout our country have diligently educated our citizens on various public issues facing us today. Exercising their Constitutional right to peacefully assemble and in many cases petition their government for a redress of grievances in support of the restoration of liberty, not in restricting it; shrinking our bloated government, not expanding it; who want to reduce taxes, not raise them; abolish costly government programs, not create them; expose the abuses and oppressions of tyrannical dictates; and promote the freedom and independence of our citizens, not the interference of government in their lives; and observe the limited, enumerated powers of our Constitution, not ignore them.

Mr. Speaker, these truly American patriots of every cultural, religious and ethnic background have found a common cause in fighting back today's proliferating big government rules and regulations imposed by costly bloated government bureaucracies who are accountable to no one at the expense of individual rights.

They are God-fearing, freedom-loving Americans who desire nothing more than to rein in big government's tendency toward excessive coercion and the insidious spread of government overreach. They question when the validity of laws and morality contradict each other. They desire nothing more than the extension of individual freedom in a Democracy that attaches all possible value to citizens rather than making each citizen a mere agent, a mere number; a Democracy that seeks equality in Liberty rather than in restraint and servitude.

Mr. Speaker, there is a great political awakening taking place in our country today. The roots of which are solid stock and American made, they are visionary individuals who understand the moral foundations of a Constitutional Republic, the benefits of free markets, and individual liberty. May they continue to strive valiantly and dare greatly.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few short minutes to give this testimony in support of a truly American organization.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHOWCHILLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Chowchilla Elementary School District as they celebrate their 100-year anniversary. Chowchilla Elementary School District is comprised of four elementary schools and one middle school: Stephens Elementary, Fuller Elementary, Reagan Elementary, Fairmead Elementary, and Wilson Middle. For the past 100 years, Chowchilla Elementary School District has provided students with an excellent education that promotes high academic performance, personal responsibility, and respect for oneself and others.

In 1913, Chowchilla Grammar School was built. Several years later, due to the growing community, two additional classroom wings were added to the building. In 1949, numerous additions were made to the school, including a new office, restrooms and classrooms. Today, this building is now Stephens Elementary School.

In 1949, Merle L. Fuller Elementary School was established. Ronald Reagan Elementary School was completed in 2008 due to the land that was granted to Chowchilla Elementary School District in 2003 from C&R Holdings, LTD. Over a hundred years ago, students at Fairmead Elementary School were taught in a large warehouse in Fairmead, California. In 1913, a school building was completed, and in 1964, Fairmead Elementary School joined the Chowchilla Elementary School District. Wilson Grammar School was constructed in 1920, but was burned down years later. It was rebuilt in 1940, and is currently the location of Wilson Middle School.

The Chowchilla Elementary School District serves a diverse group of students. Every school district has its own challenges, but the administrators and teachers at Chowchilla Elementary School District are dedicated to providing their students with a quality education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chowchilla Elementary School District during their 100-year anniversary. We must thank all the administrators, faculty, and staff that provide students in the Central Valley with a quality education.

90 YEARS OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS NOON LIONS CLUB

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate 90 years of extraordinary service by the Georgetown, TX Noon Lions Club. Throughout their history, the Club has helped where help is needed—in their own communities and around the world—with unmatched integrity and energy.

Founded in 1923, the Georgetown Noon Lions Club has made a real difference in Central Texas. They've provided generous scholarships to deserving high school seniors.

Through the Kid Sight team, they've promoted eyesight health for hundreds through regular vision screening events. The Club's philanthropy has directly benefited the Boys and Girls Club as well as the Texas Lions Camp.

When the Georgetown Noon Lions Club gets involved, problems get smaller and communities get better. The Club continues to fulfill the inspiring personal code of Lions Club founder Melvin Jones, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."

The Georgetown Noon Lions Club's commitment to service reflects the best values of Central Texas. I applaud their work and wish them well on their 90th birthday and for many years to come.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MARITZA REYES

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize the accomplishments and career of Maritza Reyes. Mrs. Reyes has done invaluable work as a legal professional and a Latina leader in Central Florida.

Mrs. Reyes is currently an Associate Professor of Law at Florida A&M University College of Law. Mrs. Reyes grew up in Florida. She earned a B.S. in Accounting magna cum laude from Florida Atlantic University, a J.D. summa cum laude from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center, and an LL.M. from the Harvard Law School. She currently serves on the Board of Advisors of the Harvard Latino Law Review. Professor Reyes teaches Civil Procedure, Evidence, Immigration Law, Advanced Topics in Immigration Law, Latinos and the Law, and Professional Responsibility. She also serves as faculty advisor to the Hispanic American Law Students Association. Her areas of research and writing include immigration law and policy, ethics, evidence, federal courts, and Latinos and the law. Professor Reyes is admitted to practice in Florida, as well as before the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida.

Prior to joining academia, Mrs. Reyes worked in the commercial and international litigation groups of Holland & Knight LLP, was employed as a career law clerk and staff attorney in the federal courts, and served as a certified legal intern in the United States Attorneys' Office where she prepared briefs that were filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. She has provided pro bono and volunteer services individually and through the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, Lawyers for Children America, the Florida Democratic Lawyers Council and Children First. Prior to attending law school, Professor Reyes worked for Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 companies as well as small businesses.

Mrs. Reyes believes in the importance of education as a means to improve individual lives and society in general. At Harvard, Mrs.

Reyes served as General Editor of the Harvard Latino Law Review and as External Affairs Coordinator of La Alianza. She held a Harvard Law School Post-Graduate Research Fellowship from 2008 to 2011 and was awarded a Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Graduate Scholarship. Mrs. Reyes attended Nova law school on a full-tuition merit scholarship as a Goodwin Scholar, served as Articles Editor of the Nova Law Review, won a Best Brief Award in the Moot Court First Year Appellate Writing Competition and earned membership in the Moot Court Honor Society. She received a Public Interest Pro Bono Award, the Student Bar Association Academic Achievement Award, the National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Student Award and recognition in Who's Who: American Law Students (2000 ed.). During her undergraduate accounting studies, she was inducted into the Beta Alpha Psi, Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Societies.

I am happy to honor Maritza Reyes, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her accomplishments and commitment to education, public service, and equality for all Hispanics in Central Florida and nationwide.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MAGDA IVETTE TORRES

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize the public service of Magda Ivette Torres within the Hispanic community in Central Florida. She currently serves as a news analyst and journalist for both WPRD 1440 AM radio and En Agenda News Analysis Talk Show.

Born in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, Magda Ivette has more than 24 years of combined professional experience in journalism (print, radio, and television), public relations, law, government, teaching, and community affairs. Her work experience began after she graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington and she obtained her law degree from the Catholic University Law School in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Magda Ivette has worked for WOLE-TV, WLEO-AM, WISO-AM, WEUC-FM, the City of Ponce, La Perla del Sur Newspaper, EFE News Agency, Inter American University, legal aide at the Senate of Puerto Rico, Browning Ferris Industries, and Intel Puerto Rico. She also worked as a communication consultant for The Puerto Rico Bar Association.

Magda has worked within the Central Florida community to ensure that Hispanic voters are informed and exercise their ability to vote. Since 2003, she has hosted the "En Agenda" talk show, a daily news analysis program. Magda has dedicated the majority of her show to analyzing state, local, national, and international news. Magda Ivette collaborates with different organizations and public service institutions to inform her audience about their services and provide solutions to community problems. She regularly writes and assists Hispanics in communicating with courts and government entities. She also assists those with special needs so that they receive appropriate medical care, food, and shelter.

I am happy to honor Magda Ivette Torres, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her dedication to civic engagement and service to the Hispanic community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ROSINÍN RODRIGUEZ PEREZ

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Rosinín

Rodriguez Perez for her outstanding service to the community.

Rosinín was born in Guayama, Puerto Rico on October 18th, 1937. Her parents were Heriberto Rodriguez and Isabel Pérez. Rosinín Rodriguez is currently the Spiritual Leader and Vice-President of Congregación Mita Inc., the only church founded in Puerto Rico that has expanded nationally to 11 states and internationally to 10 countries in Latin America and Europe.

Rosinín holds a Bachelors degree in Social Sciences with a concentration in Psychology and Sociology from the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, where she also completed graduate courses in Counseling and Education. Upon graduation, Rosinín worked as a middle school teacher in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, where she taught Spanish and Social Studies. She later worked as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor helping students finish their vocational education. She also worked for the Social Security Administration in the division of disability determination and later joined the Puerto Rico Department of Education's Youth Opportunity Center. From 1965 to 1971 she worked as a Career Counselor for the Puerto Rico Department of Labor.

Rosinín joined the Congregación Mita Church in 1962 and lived in the Pastoral House with Juanita Garcia Peraza "Mita," founder of the church. After Juanita Garcia Peraza passed away, Rosinín continued working alongside Teófilo Vargas Sein "Aaron," current President of the church and Spiritual Leader. She was a key contributor to the expansion of the church in Puerto Rico and the United States. In Florida, the church has congregations in Orlando, Ocala, Miami, and Tampa.

Rosinín has distinguished herself by her great moral and spiritual values, hard work, and commitment to the service of others. Rosinín has been the founding member of several church institutions. Among them are: Colegio Congregación Mita, a school in Puerto Rico, where Rosinín served as its first administrator; El Paraíso Nursing Home, an institution that cares for seniors who are unable to care for themselves due to their physical and/or emotional conditions; and the Office for Counseling and Social Work. This institution provides professional services by certified social workers, psychologists, gerontologists, in matters such as drug addiction, alcoholism, domestic violence, family and marriage relations, physical and/or mental health problems, employment, and housing. These services are available free of charge to members and non-members of the church in all the states and countries where the church has been established, including Orlando, FL.

I am happy to honor Rosinín Rodriguez Perez, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her extraordinary contributions to the Congregación Mita Church and the communities the church serves in the United States and around the World.

RECOGNIZING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OF ROMUALD JOSE LEYDON

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize the career of Romuald Jose Leydon.

Mr. Leydon was born in New York City on August 9, 1965 to Puerto Rican parents. At his third birthday, he was officially adopted by his Irish stepfather and received his last name Leydon. He moved to Puerto Rico in 1973,