

TRIBUTE TO MAURICE LYONS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a dear friend of mine, Chairman Maurice Lyons. Maurice passed away on Wednesday, October 16, 2013. A long time resident of Riverside County, he was a pillar of the community and he will be deeply missed.

Maurice was born January 21, 1950, in Riverside County as one of nine children and raised a Morongo Tribal Member. He grew up on the Morongo Indian Reservation where he would later attend Banning High School. Maurice quickly became involved in the betterment of the Morongo Indian Reservation following his completion of school when he gained a job as a machine operator with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, where he would remain a dedicated employee for over seventeen years.

Maurice's investment back into his community did not stop with his work, as he also became actively involved in public service beginning in 1994. Maurice served as Tribal Housing Commissioner, Chairman of the Morongo Head Start Parent Policy Committee, and Chairman of the Board of the National Indian Child Welfare Association. He was elected Tribal Chairman in July 2001 and faith in his leadership remained for years to come as he was reelected as Chairman in 2003, and again in 2005.

He worked closely with state and federal legislators on Native American and Morongo tribe related issues affecting government and economic development. Through his leadership, he made it a priority to improve the quality of life on the reservation through a betterment of youth programs created to preserve local Indian culture and customs. With a deep commitment to his history and heritage, Maurice kept the Morongo culture alive by encouraging education of youth in language and tradition.

Maurice quickly became a voice for Riverside County. He served on the Riverside National Cemetery's governing board and was instrumental in establishing the MIA-POW monument which has become a fixture in the community. He represented the Morongo tribe with the National Indian Gaming Association, which hosts 70 member states, and with the Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations, a regional federation of 13 tribal governments. He was honored by the Council of Energy Resource Tribes for his national leadership in preserving tribal sovereignty.

Maurice was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Lyons; children, Tammie Lynn Lyons, Ernest Lewis Lyons, Melissa Renee Lyons, Maurice William Lyons, Joseph Rafael Lyons, Onoalyse Onjaleen Lyons, Joshua Nicholas Bau Lyons, Isabella Rianne Lyons, Kyle Munson, Andre Petkov, Angel Raelyna Gonzales, Erika Gonzales; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. On Saturday, October 19, 2013, a Memorial Service honoring Maurice's extraordinary life was held at the Morongo Reservation Community Center.

Maurice will always be remembered for his devotion to family, caring nature and selfless

giving. He demonstrated an incredible work ethic, generosity, contributions to the community and love of family, and I can personally attest to Maurice's professionalism and positive attitude. These achievements and qualities are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Maurice's family and friends. Although Maurice may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 551, H.R. 185—To designate the "Paul Brown United States Courthouse" in Sherman, Texas, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 552, H.R. 3205—Promoting Adoption and Legal Guardianship for Children in Foster Care Act, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 553, on approving the Journal, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

LUMBERTON—THE ALL-AMERICA CITY

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to speak on this most important subject of my hometown of Lumberton, North Carolina. Credit.com has used wrong figures and erroneously reported that Lumberton is the "poorest city in America." I strongly urge that the facts be accurately presented and this report be corrected to reflect the current economic situation in Lumberton and Robeson County.

Lumberton's economic, social, historical and cultural strides and values have been honored on the national and state levels.

Twice Lumberton has been chosen as an All-America City because of its clear vision on promoting the positive attributes of diversity. Lumberton has been named a "Main Street City" on the state level, and its Downtown Historic District has been recognized on the national level. Its schools have produced leaders recognized on the national and state levels in areas such as business, banking, literature, athletics, government, law, military, education, religion, health care and the arts.

With its strong sense of purpose, a community filled with people who are willing to roll up their sleeves and work, and its partnership of elected officials, community leaders, businesses, and economic development team, Lumberton will continue to march forward and meet the challenges of the day. However, Lumberton should not have one hand tied behind its back with this inaccurate report, and we urge an immediate correction in this economic indicator.

Like many other small towns and communities, Lumberton has its challenges and ob-

stacles to overcome, but the foundation on which this community was built is strong and solid. Indeed, Lumberton lives up to its motto of "Progressus cum Concordia" or "Progress with Harmony".

Among the many positive economic, social, and geographic attributes Lumberton has includes: ideally situated on I-95 as the halfway point between New York and Miami; over 1600 rooms of hotels and suites; national and state historical attractions; numerous meeting and gathering facilities; a wide variety of restaurants and local entertainment establishments; a nationally-designated black water river voted as one of the top ten natural wonders in North Carolina; a multi-racial community and a workforce committed to helping others and building a better tomorrow; and a strong faith-based community with a broad range of places to worship and a diverse number of ministries, demonstrating positive values of service and commitment.

Mr. Speaker, Lumberton and its elected officials, businesses, community leaders, economic development officials, and citizens are all dismayed at this recent inaccurate article and stand ready to showcase all the positives that Lumberton and Robeson County, North Carolina have to offer. We hope that everyone will come and visit and see first-hand the great people that live in Lumberton, the purpose in which they are committed to improving their city, and the partnerships they are willing to form to keep moving Lumberton forward. You will be glad you came.

HONORING WALTER L. ANTHONY IV

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Walter L. Anthony IV. Walter 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 41, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Walter has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Walter 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, Walter has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Walter helped renovate the entrance to Walt Disney Municipal Park in Marceline, Missouri, by constructing an eight foot by 27 foot garden box, filling it and leveling the soil before planting 17 plants, including five knockout rose bushes.

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

RECOGNIZING LAKE FOREST
CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lake Forest Charter Elementary School, an outstanding school from my district, for being selected as a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School.

Lake Forest Charter is a special school in a special city. After the 2005 disasters of Hurricane Katrina and the levee failures left the school and the area devastated, current CEO Mardele Early, dedicated teachers, and devoted families banded together to rebuild and reopen the school. That effort illustrates vividly the commitment of the faculty and staff and the level of parental involvement that are the foundation of Lake Forest's success.

Lake Forest Charter's Blue Ribbon Schools selection is in the "Exemplary High Performing" category. This award is given to some of the highest performing schools across the nation, and I am proud that Lake Forest is receiving national recognition for the outstanding education it provides to local school children. With more than 80 percent of its students qualifying for free or reduced lunches, Lake Forest Charter has consistently been one of the top schools in Louisiana. It is one of only two schools in the state that are National Title I Distinguished Schools for Exceptional Performance and repeatedly has had every one of its 4th and 8th graders pass the required statewide tests.

Every child in this nation deserves a quality education and it is schools like Lake Forest Charter Elementary School that bring us closer to making that a reality. I commend the faculty, staff, parents, and students for all their hard work and congratulate them on this prestigious award.

RECOGNIZING 100 YEARS OF ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS AND THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize the organizational partnership between the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints and the Boy Scouts of America. This year marks the 100th anniversary of their partnership that enriches the lives of over 300,000 young men each year across the country. I am pleased that Northern Indiana will join the nationwide celebration as the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day and the Boy Scouts of America Saints reflect back on a century of achievement and success fostered through this special bond.

There are more than 32 Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints and Boy Scout of America organizations in the Second District involving all levels of scouting, including Eagle Scouts. Their presence has certainly contrib-

uted to strong leadership skills and personal growth for the Boy Scouts, in addition to helping countless others in our communities.

The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints and Boy Scouts of America organize a myriad of activities, such as mentoring youth and volunteering in local events. This partnership also reaches out to the less fortunate and host educational outdoor experiences for our communities. As a result, over 1,000 Hoosier Boy Scouts make important strides to enrich their faith and garner lasting leadership skills each year. There is no doubt that these fine young men will be the leaders of tomorrow, finding positive ways to shape our society. It is a privilege to congratulate the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints and the Boy Scouts of America as they celebrate 100 years of partnership.

CONGRATULATING RON AND LISA
GREENWOOD

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in recognition of Ron and Lisa Greenwood, who will be presented and honored with the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation's Founders Award for their dedication and commitment to the veterans of Ventura County.

As a decorated combat veteran in Vietnam, Ron knows the complexities of those who return from war. His personal experience and struggles with PTSD and social integration challenges allow him to relate to the issues that our returning veterans face. Committed to supporting our veterans, Ron has worked closely with many veterans' advocacy and community groups.

His personal narrative resonates in all aspects of his work. As President at Global Energy & Technology, Inc., Ron continues to give back to the community and to our veterans. He has provided employment opportunities, as well as professional guidance, to many of our returning servicemembers.

Similarly, Lisa Greenwood has also been a tireless advocate in her pursuit of giving back to our veterans and their families. She has worked with the Association of Service Disabled Veterans (ASDV) in Washington, DC. She is currently the National Chair of the Silver Star Women of America, an arm of the Association of Service Disabled Veterans, and has testified before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs.

With an extensive background and service history, Ron and Lisa opened the doors of the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation in 2009. With the Greenwood's vision, the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation has been able to successfully assist returning veterans in reaching their full potential. The Gold Coast Veterans Foundation has given our local heroes the resources to become productive and responsible citizens while helping them to make an easy transition back into their communities.

Their steadfast commitment to Ventura County's veterans has been invaluable and their work and efforts to address the needs of returning veterans are emblematic of their work that the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation

accomplishes on a daily basis. The Greenwoods have created an organization that has far reaching impacts on our community.

In 2010, in collaboration with the Ventura County Community Foundation, the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation founded the Ventura County Veterans Fund to specifically facilitate the transition of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans back into our community. Their mission is to provide employment assistance, counseling, education, and housing to all of our returning veterans.

Earlier this year, the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation opened its Veterans Service Center to provide health and human services to Ventura County's veterans. This organization cultivates an open forum for veterans' groups and organizations that serve to develop and care for veterans. Their mission is not only to provide care, but to encourage, inspire, and motivate.

I applaud Ron and Lisa Greenwood for their continued generosity and dedication to serving our brave servicemembers and their families. It is my sincere honor to join the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of Ron and Lisa Greenwood, and I commend them for the difference that they make in the everyday lives of our veterans.

TRIBUTE TO MS. FRANCES GOULD

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Frances Gould of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Ms. Gould works as the Southeast Region Field Support Manager of the Missouri Division of Family Services, where she oversees adoption, foster care, and interstate placement of children. She is an active member of the Community Caring Council, Southeast Missouri State University Alumni Board of Directors, and Centenary United Methodist Church, among other organizations. Ms. Gould also advises the women of Alpha Delta Pi sorority at Southeast Missouri State University.

Ms. Gould has enjoyed the opportunity to give back to her community and enhance the well-being of women and children. Although there are some heartbreaking stories, she is inspired by the many success stories she has helped create. I believe that Ms. Gould is a positive role model for the women she works with and is an incredible asset to our community.

NORTHMORELAND TOWNSHIP
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Company of Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Company was chartered in 1981 in order to provide fire protection to the local community