

would be the design and construction management of physical improvements to the Buffalo waterfront areas to create private and public sector recreational and commercial development along the Lake Erie shoreline.

Fortunately, we won that settlement and in 2007 the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation was created. Since that time, ECHDC has taken an aggressive approach to waterfront development and is credited with remarkable projects along Buffalo's Inner and Outer Harbors that are reinvigorating our city and residents and visitors alike.

ECHDC is responsible for the work on the Erie Canal Redevelopment Project, which revitalized 12.5 acres of idle waterfront space into a highly trafficked downtown destination now known as Canalside. This site incorporates historic elements of the original Erie Canal and celebrates Buffalo's role as the western end of the canal.

The Corporation has successfully managed development of 23 acres at the Inner Harbor for public, commercial and mixed uses. ECHDC oversaw demolition of the Buffalo Memorial Auditorium, ongoing construction of historically aligned canals to be used as unique water features and public ice staking destinations, and improvements to the public landscape including a vibrant central wharf at Canalside that accommodates large concerts, public markets, and hundreds of other popular events throughout the year.

As a result of the groundwork laid by ECHDC, work is now underway on HARBORcenter, an over \$170 million private sector investment on the Webster block that builds off of the success of Canalside.

Thanks to the hard work of the ECHDC, we now have increased business and recreational activity on the Inner and Outer Harbors including 1,000 feet of boat dock installments at Canalside, two new restaurants, the development of Wilkeson Pointe, a 20 acre parcel of parkland on the Outer Harbor among many other public access improvements and amenities. Given ECHDC's record of accomplishment in the waterfront development business, the Corporation was recently entrusted with devising a plan for the future use of approximately 130 acres of Outer Harbor lands.

Mr. Speaker, the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation has worked tirelessly in their mission to revitalize the City of Buffalo's Inner and Outer Harbor areas and restore economic growth to Western New York. The region has benefited from the leadership and innovative vision of the Corporation, its staff and Board of Directors. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation for their dedication to Western New York and congratulate them in receiving the Stewardship Award from the Amherst Chamber of Commerce.

HONORING THE 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF RICHMOND AREA HEALTH CENTER'S STAR PROGRAM

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Richmond Area Health Center

as it celebrates its third year of providing outstanding medical care through its "Star Program."

The Richmond Area Health Center is a Federally Qualified Healthcare Center site, providing primary care to 3,500 people in a medically underserved community. The Health Center has worked over the last several years to improve health outcomes and lowers costs by inspiring individuals to change their lifestyles. The Health Center's "Star Program" incorporates healthy lifestyle strategies and affirmations into every primary care visit to improve patients' health and well-being.

This no-cost program has helped approximately 900 patients collectively lose more than 11,000 pounds. By helping patients make lifestyle changes, the team at Richmond Area Healthcare Center has been able to reduce the number of medications it prescribes and diagnostic tests it orders. The Health Center's model of lowering costs and empowering patients is now serving as a model for several similar programs throughout the state of Maine.

On October 18, 2013, the Richmond Area Health Center celebrated three years of exceptional healthcare by hosting a reception with patients and members of the greater community. I am delighted to recognize the accomplishments of this dedicated team of healthcare workers and look forward to their continued success in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Richmond Area Health Center on three years of exceptional patient care.

HONORING WILLIE HESELMAYER AND ELDA ZEPLIN

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the lasting love and commitment of two great Texans.

On November 2, 1938 millions of Americans recalled the thrilling race the day before between thoroughbreds Seabiscuit and War Admiral. Others were still recovering from Orson Welles' legendary War of the Worlds radio broadcast from the previous weekend.

Willie Heselmeyer and Elda Zeplin of Taylor, TX had bigger things on their minds. They were joining hands at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (founded by Elda's family in 1894) to become husband and wife.

75 years later, they still walk together hand in hand. Willie, with Elda constantly by his side, worked the land as a cotton, corn, and milo farmer. They brought two sons into the world and were united through feast and famine. Together they witnessed their nation's brave soldiers defend freedom on foreign shores, watched a humble midwesterner take mankind's first steps on another world, and marveled at technological advances beyond any of their dreams.

What began in 1938 continues strong into a new millennium. Willie and Elda still live independently in their home on their farm east of Taylor. They play dominoes with friends nearly every day. Family and faith remain at the center of their happy life together.

Willie and Elda will gather this November with friends and family at the Fellowship Hall

of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Taylor to celebrate 75 years of love and commitment. Marriages like the Heselmeyers are the foundations of one of our most cherished institutions and give us all an ideal to which we can aspire. They make both Texas and our nation strong. Erika and I, who will celebrate a half century of marriage in a few years, congratulate Willie and Elda on 75 years together and wish them the best in the years to come.

HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLACK MEN OF LABOR

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Black Men of Labor as they celebrate 20 years of service in preserving art and culture in the city of New Orleans.

The Black Men of Labor was established in 1993 by musicians Fred J. Johnson Jr., Benny Jones Sr., and Gregory Stafford. For the past twenty years, they have honored the contributions of African American men in the work place while promoting and preserving traditional jazz music.

Rooted in the historic neighborhood of Tremé, America's oldest African American community, these men celebrate their West African heritage with yearly parades throughout the streets of New Orleans.

I want to commend the Black Men of Labor for their commitment to preserving the living, breathing birthright of the city of New Orleans, jazz music. Through our triumphs and tragedies, it is our rich legacy in the arts that keeps us grounded as a community. Organizations like the Black Men of Labor are at the core of this commitment.

On Sunday, October 20th, the streets once again came alive to the sound of music as the Black Men of Labor celebrated their 20th anniversary. I want to join the New Orleans community in celebrating their contributions.

In 1987, the United States Congress designated jazz as a rare and valuable national treasure to which we should devote our attention, support, and resources to make sure it is preserved, understood and promulgated. Today, I echo that sentiment and applaud these men for their dedication to empowering their communities through music and the arts.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,087,891,889,205.15. We've added \$6,461,014,840,292.07 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING PEOPLE INC. AS RECIPIENT OF THE 2013 THE HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES AWARD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize People Inc. in being awarded the 2013 Health and Health Services Award from the Amherst Chamber of Commerce.

People Inc. began in 1970 to ensure that people with disabilities or special needs have an available support so they can succeed.

The organization provides services to people of all ages, from children and adults with disabilities to senior citizens. These services include residential, employment/vocational, community outreach, health care and recreation programs. Their comprehensive services are well-known throughout Western New York.

Over the years, People Inc. has grown to expand their services. They have increased their populations served, spectrum of services, geographic locations and number of sites.

Since 2010, People Inc. has been recognized as one of New York State's certified Compass Agencies. Compass stands for Consumerism, Outcome, Management Plan and Agency Self Survey, and conveys People Inc.'s effective model of person centered planning, managed outcomes, and advocacy involvement by individuals and their families to accomplish their mission.

Those involved with People Inc. strive toward a future where all persons whose needs limit their integration into the community reach their highest potential as responsible members of society. These individuals deserve to become contributing and active members in their communities, enjoy the greatest possible degree of independence, and acceptance in all aspects of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to honor People Inc. for being awarded the Health and Health Services award and commend them for their great work on behalf of all Western New Yorkers.

HONORING SANDRA GOVE CHAMBLEE FOR HER SERVICE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN HER COMMUNITY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to rise today to recognize Ms. Sandra Gove, a resident of Belle Glade, Florida. Sandra recently received the Athena Award from the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches. This distinguished award honors individuals for professional accomplishment and service to improve the quality of life for others in the community. It warms my heart to learn that Sandra was the individual to receive it this year.

For the last 14 years, she has served as Executive Director of the Glades Health Initiative, an agency that provides HIV prevention services. Since her retirement, Sandra has

continued devoting herself to volunteer work with the Arc of the Glades, American Cancer Society and Visiting Nurse Association. In addition, she is also the longtime president of the General Federation of Women's Club of Belle Glade.

Over the course of her life, she has earned the love and respect of her fellow residents of Belle Glade and people throughout the Glades area. She is a remarkable individual who continues to devote her time and energy to numerous important agencies and projects. Always an advocate for the Glades, she represents their best interest on numerous county boards and committees. For all of these reasons, I am very proud to recognize Sandra as a Hastings' Hero, and to be her representative in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I am most grateful to Sandra for her continued service to the Glades community. She has selflessly helped so many people, and I am honored to recognize her for her service.

TRIBUTE TO OAIL ANDREW "BUM" PHILLIPS, TEXAS ICON, HOME-SPUN PHILOSOPHER, AND LEGENDARY COACH OF THE HOUSTON OILERS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform the House of the sad news that America has lost one of the most beloved, successful, and colorful coaches in the history of the National Football League. Oail Andrew "Bum" Phillips passed away last Friday, October 18, 2013, at his ranch home in Goliad, Texas. He was 90 years old.

The Houston Oilers was not a very good team when Bum Phillips was named head coach and general manager in 1975. In fact, they were one of the worst teams in the league. But within the space of three short years, Bum turned the Oilers into a powerhouse and transformed the downtrodden franchise into one of the most popular and entertaining teams in the NFL.

Along the way, Bum Phillips' mastery of the one-liner endeared himself to his fans and the media. He once quipped in response to a question about the Dallas Cowboys, "that other team up North": "The Dallas Cowboys may be America's team but the Houston Oilers are Texas's team!" On another occasion, when he was asked to describe the great Earl Campbell, his star running back, he said: "He may not be in a class all by himself, but it don't take long to call the roll."

As coach of the Houston Oilers, Bum Phillips was the winningest coach in franchise history (59–38 record), leading the team to the American Football Conference Championship game in 1978 and 1979 but losing each time to the eventual Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers.

Who can ever forget the sight of Bum Phillips patrolling the sidelines with his trademark buzz cut, decked out in work shirt, blue jeans, cowboy boots, and white Stetson, which he wore except when the Oilers played in the Astrodome? Asked to explain why he did not wear his cowboy hat in the Astrodome, Bum

replied: "Mama always said that if it can't rain on you, you're indoors."

Oail Andrew Phillips was born on September 29, 1923, in Orange, Texas, the son of a truck driver, also named Oail, which is pronounced "Awl." He got his nickname when his younger sister, Edrina, tried to say "brother," only to have it come out as "bumble" and later "bum." In recounting the story, Bum remarked, "I don't mind being called Bum, just as long as you don't put a 'you' in front of it."

Bum Phillips played football at Lamar College in Beaumont, Texas but left to serve in the Marines during World War II. Upon his return he played for Stephen F. Austin State College in Nacogdoches, Texas, graduating in 1949. He then embarked upon a career coaching high school football in Texas. In 1958, he was hired as an assistant coach by Texas A&M head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, who would go on to become the legendary coach of the Alabama Crimson Tide. In 1962, Bum Phillips was the head coach of Texas Western University (now the University of Texas at El Paso).

Three years later in 1965, Bum Phillips made the jump to professional football when he was named defensive coordinator for the Houston Oilers of the American Football League. In 1967 he was hired by San Diego Chargers head coach Sid Gillman to be his defensive assistant and in 1974 followed Gillman back to the Houston Oilers as the team's defensive coordinator, replacing him as head coach the following year.

Bum Phillips' Oilers teams were known for their physical style of play and outstanding defense anchored by Robert Brazile and future Hall of Famers Elvin Bethea and Curley Culp. Bum was a "players coach"; his players loved him because he kept them fresh by shunning overly long practices and encouraged camaraderie.

The unquestioned leader and star of the team was running back Earl Campbell, the 1977 Heisman Trophy winner from the University of Texas and the first player selected in the 1978 NFL draft. The "Tyler Rose," who still holds every major Oilers rushing record and is one of the greatest running backs in NFL history, also would go on to be enshrined in the NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

About Earl Campbell, who ushered in the "Luv Ya Blue!" era and dazzled a Monday Night Football national television audience with a breathtaking display of speed and power in rushing for 221 yards and leading the Oilers to a wild 35–30 victory over the Miami Dolphins, Bum Phillips once said: "That young man is the difference between losing your job and winning the national championship."

After 5 years as head coach of the Oilers, Bum Phillips was offered and accepted the head coaching job of the New Orleans Saints, whom he almost led to the playoffs for the first time in the history of that franchise. In 1985 he resigned as coach of the Saints but remained connected to the game by working as a TV and radio analyst for the Oilers. Asked what he planned to do in his retirement, Bum said, "Nothing. And I don't start before noon!"

In addition to his wife Debbie, Bum Phillips is survived by his son, Wade, a former head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, the Denver Broncos and the Buffalo Bills, and five daughters from a previous marriage, Susan, Cicely, Dee Jean, Andrea and KimAnn; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.