

HONORING THE 150TH
ANNIVERSARY OF SAN JOSE HIGH

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague Representative MIKE HONDA to recognize the 150th Anniversary of San Jose High School.

It is not often that we get to honor an institution established during the Civil War; one that has witnessed our country's greatest triumphs, and withstood our greatest challenges.

Founded in 1863, San Jose High is the second-oldest public high school in California. With humble origins in the second-story room above Orbon's flour store, it has been destroyed by earthquake, rebuilt and relocated many times, but San Jose High has persisted.

When it arrived at its current location in 1952, the original building was selected by the New York City Museum of Modern Art as one of the forty-three outstanding buildings of the postwar period.

Although it is responsible for the education of a number of successful Alum, San Jose High has the rare distinction of having educated four members of Congress: the Honorable John Anderson; former Secretary of Transportation, the Honorable Norman Mineta; our colleague Representative MIKE HONDA; and my predecessor, the Honorable Don Edwards.

San Jose High has a history of establishing forward thinking and unique educational programs. In 1985 it began offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma, a qualification widely recognized by the world's leading universities. The program's challenging and rigorous course work attracts students from all over Santa Clara County.

Not one to rest on its laurels, in 2007 San Jose High created a specialized engineering program to encourage students to enter STEM fields and prepare them for their continuing education. The curriculum includes courses on Engineering Design, Digital Electronics and Biotechnical Engineering. Coupled with the state-of-the-art Career Technology Engineering Building, opened in 2010, San Jose High is ensuring that its students are prepared for a 21st century economy.

We wish to congratulate San Jose High School on its 150th anniversary, and commend its faculty and staff, both current and former, for their hard work and dedication in educating the children of San Jose.

THE PASSING OF JEANET HALL

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exemplary Christian whose life of service to both God, and her fellow man, was an inspiration to both her children and her community.

Jeanet Hall passed away on Thursday, November 21st, 2013 at the age of 76. Though

she is no longer with us, she leaves behind a lifetime of selflessness. Jeanet lived for her family, attending to her seventeen children, sixty eight grandchildren, sixty-three great grandchildren, ten great-great grandchildren, three adopted daughters; two nephews, two nieces, two great nephews, one great niece; and two Godchildren.

All the while, she was also involved in ministry at Bethel Baptist Church and served faithfully in the choir, driving the bus for the Evangelism Ministry and attending all special programs and church activities.

I extend my condolences to Jeanet's family and friends, but may they, as well as all of us, take strength in the selfless contributions and sincere love that Jeanet has left for us to emulate.

TRIBUTE TO JFK

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the passing of an extraordinary and progressive individual, our 35th President of the United States, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. President Kennedy was elected during a time period when change was imminent even in the midst of resistance. Throughout a tumultuous time in this country's history, President Kennedy stood strong against those who saw this nation's progress as a threat.

During the height of the civil rights movement, President Kennedy's willingness to engage in the struggle for the equal rights of all people transcended the era. He embraced civil rights and encouraged an entire nation to join him in the fight for justice. His civil rights engagement was seen as a turning point in the fight for equality.

President Kennedy also advocated for technological advancement and encouraged unprecedented innovation during his time. As the ranking member on the Science, Space and Technology committee, I admire the will of President Kennedy to further our country's space exploration capabilities. President Kennedy placed an emphasis on the country's scientific competitiveness that few considered necessary. President Kennedy displayed a courageous and resilient vision for this country that is consistent, in every way, with the title of Commander-in-Chief.

Today, many cities around the country, including my district in Dallas, will hold ceremonies to commemorate his legacy. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his legacy. May his eternal flame continue to burn as a symbol of his lasting impact on this country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
HONORABLE CALVIN SMYRE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished public servant,

devoted man of Faith and dear friend to my wife, Vivian and me, Georgia State Representative Calvin Smyre. Representative Smyre was honored for his contributions to Greater Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church on Sunday, November 24, 2013 at 11 a.m. in Columbus, Georgia.

Representative Smyre earned a degree in Business Administration from Fort Valley State University. In 1974, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives as its youngest member at 26 years of age. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to serve with Representative Smyre during my own tenure in the Georgia General Assembly, and we became great friends.

A longtime statesman, Representative Smyre has built a repertoire of legislative accomplishments. He currently serves on the Appropriations Committee and the Rules Committee and is the former Chairman of the House Minority Caucus. He played major roles in authoring and sponsoring important legislation, including the legislation making Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a state holiday; creating the Georgia Dome, home of the Atlanta Falcons; and creating a new Georgia State Flag. He is President Emeritus of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators.

In addition to his legislative achievements, Representative Smyre has also built a successful business career. He has served as Executive Vice President of Corporate External Affairs of Synovus and President of the Synovus Foundation. He also serves as one of eight members of the company's Corporate Executive Group. Synovus, a Columbus, Georgia-based diversified financial services holding company, has been named one of Fortune magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For" in America multiple times.

Yet, Representative Smyre is more than a legislator, he is more than a business executive, he is a servant to all humankind and still finds time to serve his community. He has held leadership and membership positions on numerous boards, foundations and organizations. Dr. Maya Angelou once said that, "I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back." Representative Smyre continues to throw a prodigious amount of love and service back to the Columbus, Georgia community, the State of Georgia, and our country.

But most importantly, Representative Smyre is a devoted Man of God. Greater Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church has been his home for more than fifty years, the members of the congregation are his family, and worship is his sustenance. Representative Smyre has made numerous contributions to the Church and for that, he has been honored with the "Calvin Smyre Tree of Life." This is the Church's way of thanking Representative Smyre for pouring his heart, body, and soul into Greater Ward Chapel A.M.E.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, Greater Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church, and the Columbus, Georgia community in honoring Georgia State Representative Calvin Smyre for his dedicated service, leadership, and faith.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREASURE COAST FOOD BANK

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, for the past twenty five years employees and volunteers from the Treasure Coast Food Bank have been aiding in the mission to alleviate hunger by collecting and distributing food and other essentials to local Florida residents in need. Our community has been well-served by the staff and volunteers of Treasure Coast Food Bank and they are to be commended for twenty six years of hard work and dedication in serving our community.

The Treasure Coast Food Bank is one of 14 food banks in Florida and the only food bank to serve the four county areas of Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Okeechobee counties.

Led by CEO Judith A. Cruz and the dedicated staff of the Food Bank, the Treasure Coast Food Bank is a nonprofit clearinghouse that collects, stores, and distributes useable surplus food to non-profit organizations that then provide it to those in need at no cost.

Treasure Coast Food Bank is a partner with Feeding America (formerly called America's Second Harvest) the national network of more than 200 food banks. In 2011, Treasure Coast Food Bank distributed almost 8 million pounds of food within our communities.

In addition to their core mission, Treasure Coast Food Bank provides educational resources and guided tours of their headquarters to the public so our community can gain a greater understanding of what a Food Bank does, how it serves a critical role in fighting hunger on the Treasure Coast and how the public can become more involved in supporting the Food Bank and its clients.

The Treasure Coast Food Bank has enjoyed a longstanding reputation for treating all people with respect and dignity. I commend all of those who have given time and support over the last 25 years to sustain the Treasure Coast Food Bank and ensure that it can fulfill its mission. We are all proud of their success and commitment to serving our community.

Throughout the course of American history, non-profit and charitable organizations have always played a critical role helping those in need. The Treasure Coast Food Bank is a living testament to that effort. They allow each and every one of us to directly make a difference in the lives of those who have fallen on hard times and need a helpful hand. Organizations like the Treasure Coast Food Bank are often more successful, more compassionate and more personally connected than a government program.

As we enter the holiday season, this is a good time for us to think about those who may be in need and consider ways that we might support efforts like those of the Treasure Coast Food Bank.

HONORING MR. JOSEPH R. DEBRO

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow Mississippian, Mr. Joseph R. Debroy, who passed away on November 5, 2013, three days after his 85th birthday. Joseph Debroy was a staunch advocate for workers civil rights and justice. Joseph may have had a totally different life because as a young man, he had a strong desire to serve his country in the military and, in fact, received an appointment to West Point from Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, but Joe's physical examination revealed a medical issue—Sickle Cell Anemia Trait—which precluded his appointment. That set-back did not deter Joe from moving forward and seeking new avenues to achieve his goals.

Joseph Debroy was by education and training a scientist, having received his undergraduate degree in Bacteriology and his Masters degree in Biochemistry from the University of California at Berkeley. Joe held several important positions in his field after graduation—Research Assistant at UCSF, and NASA Bio-Chemical Engineer (where he worked on the Environment of the first space capsule). Joe later entered the business world, where we all felt he had found his true calling by challenging long-standing practices of discrimination and racial exclusion in trade unions and government contracting. Fighting racial injustice would be Joe's primary struggle to the end of his life. In his early days, he joined another advocate, Ray Dones, and organized over 300 Black contractors and was the co-founder of the National Association of Minority Contractors. He also founded the first minority-owned surety company in the United States—the Builders Mutual Surety Company.

Joe's work did not go unnoticed, he was appointed by then California Governor Jerry Brown to be the Director of the State of California Office of Small Business. Joe later became a co-founder of Trans Bay Engineering, a company with the signature accomplishment of renovating the long dormant Alice Arts Center, now known as the Malonga Casquelord Arts Center in Oakland.

Joseph Debroy was probably the one person who was responsible for the increase of minority trainees in Northern California unions. In every contract that was awarded, Joseph tried to find ways to include women and minority-owned businesses and received numerous awards in recognition of his efforts.

Joseph served over 40 years on the board of the Housing Assistance Council, whose mission is to construct affordable housing for low-income people throughout the country. I was honored to serve on that board with Joe for over 20 years.

One of Joe's longest running and most passionate struggles to right a wrong was the lawsuit he initiated against the Oakland Raiders for receiving a loan of \$465 million from the City of Oakland that was never repaid.

After retirement, Joe continued to be active in his community and began writing for several community newspapers (including the San Francisco Bayview, a national black newspaper; the East Bay Express, and the Oakland Post). Joe was a member of the Oakland

Kiwanis club, serving on the scholarship committee.

Joe is survived by his wife of 63 years, Anita, who was his strongest supporter along with his three sons, Keith, Karl and Kraig.

Joe will be truly missed by all who knew him.

COMMEMORATING FLORENCE
COUNTY DEPUTY JOSEPH
ANTWINE

HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is with much sadness that I rise today to commemorate Florence County Deputy Joseph Antwine. Last week, the Florence County Sheriff's Department and South Carolina's Seventh District lost a young and upcoming deputy in the line of duty.

Joseph Antwine of Lake City, South Carolina, was responding to a fellow deputy's call for immediate assistance when his car crashed. A recent Citadel graduate, Deputy Antwine earned his degree in criminal justice. At the Citadel, his leadership and loyal service to the Corps of Cadets was recognized when he was presented with the Col. Joseph E. Perkins Honor Committee Award.

Deputy Antwine was a dependable young man, dedicated to his work and protecting our community. Even at his young age, he has been a role model to many and a model of public service.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends and the Florence County Sheriff's Department.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EDISON CRICKET CLUB

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Edison Cricket Club. The organization continues to serve as an outstanding social and athletic club in Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Since its establishment, the Edison Cricket Club has provided an outlet for the community to be active and enjoy the sport of cricket. Its members have worked tirelessly to promote the sport, which has helped the club grow. The club's home ground is based at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Edison. In addition to club-sponsored events, including its annual awards celebration, its members also participate in community service and charitable events. It has also worked with the Edison School Board to host a summer camp for local children.

The club is currently comprised of three teams and competes in four leagues: the Cricket League of New Jersey; the Millennium Cricket League; the New Jersey State Cricket and Umpire's Association; and the New Jersey Softball Cricket League. The Edison Cricket Club joined the Cricket League of New Jersey