

and the Prince Hall Freemasons. Edward Augustine is interred in Historic Woodlawn Cemetery in Southeast Washington, DC.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in honoring Edward Augustine Savoy on the 70th anniversary of his death and for his tireless work as a public servant. His life and public service are steeped in America's History and deserve to be remembered.

CELEBRATION OF WORLD AIDS DAY

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 in celebration of World AIDS Day which we celebrated on Sunday, December 1. Each year since 1988, we commemorate those who have died and show our support for those living with HIV.

While numerous scientific advances have been made in HIV treatment, World AIDS Day reminds us that HIV is still destructive and that there is no cure. There is still a critical need for funding, research, and education in our country and abroad.

The passage of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief and Stewardship and Oversight Act (PEPFAR) is encouraging because of the necessity of an international response to the ongoing HIV/AIDS pandemic. Eleven years ago, I initiated the first round of PEPFAR talks with President George W. Bush while I was the Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.

As we embark on another reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act, it is imperative that we remain diligent in the battle against AIDS. I will continue to do what is necessary to engage in this fight to promote public health around the world. I urge my colleagues to fight this battle and to join me as we recognize World AIDS Day.

RETIREMENT OF CHP OFFICER RUDY CONTRERAS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Rudy Xavier Contreras, Jr., who is retiring this December after 30 years of law enforcement service with the California Highway Patrol.

After graduating from the CHP Academy in West Sacramento on December 22, 1983, Officer Contreras served with the CHP across the State of California, including many years in the Solano and Woodland areas. He handled a variety of assignments throughout his career, with assignments ranging from Field Training Officer to Officer in Charge. During Officer Contreras' assignment to Dignitary Protection, he served a distinguished term as my security officer when I was California's Insurance Commissioner and Lieutenant Governor. He was also the primary officer assigned to Lieutenant Governor Abel Maldonado and State Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones.

Officer Contreras was a loyal representative of the law enforcement community and admired for his hard work, dedication, and positive work ethic. He has become a dear friend and I thank him for his service.

SALUTE TO CHIEF DOUGLAS MULDOON

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the service of Palm Bay Police Chief Douglas Muldoon. Chief Muldoon has dedicated the last 36 years of his life to making our community a safer place to raise our children and pursue our dreams. Throughout 2013, he has served as the National President of the FBI National Academy Associates (FBINAA).

Chief Muldoon began his career in local law enforcement in 1976 as an officer with the Palm Bay Police Department. He spent a large part of his career working as a local liaison to the FBI, having graduated from the FBI National Academy. The National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders with rigorous training in the latest innovative techniques of law enforcement.

In 1998, Chief Muldoon served as the President of the Florida Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates and, for the past year, he has served as President of the FBI National Academy Associates. His experience, training, and dedication to law enforcement have greatly enhanced the Palm Bay Police Department.

Our city is blessed to have someone who has taken such an active role in serving our community and our nation, and I am proud of his commitment to making Palm Bay a safer place to live.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2013 UPPER DARBY HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING TEAM ON WINNING VARSITY BRANDS' NATIONAL SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Upper Darby High School cheerleading team on winning the 2013 Varsity Brands' National School Spirit Day. The Upper Darby Cheerleaders collected hats, gloves and other warm clothing items for survivors of domestic violence throughout the month of October.

Varsity Brands' National School Spirit Day began in 2009 as a way to honor the efforts of cheerleaders and dancers around the country who are making a difference in their schools and communities. Over the past five years, cheerleaders and dancers have pledged more than 500,000 community service hours as a part of National School Spirit Day.

The Upper Darby High School Royals won first place in this nationwide contest. As Octo-

ber is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Royals honored survivors with their warm clothing drive. The Upper Darby Police Department learned what the cheer squad was doing and decided to join in the effort. During a home football game, the Chief of Police joined the Upper Darby High School cheerleaders in presenting the warm clothing items to women and children. By the end of October, the Upper Darby Community had helped the cheerleaders donate more than 1,000 items of warm clothing.

Congratulations to the Upper Darby High School Royals on their first place finish in the 2013 Varsity Brands' National School Spirit Day, an honor that recognizes the cheerleaders' great leadership, community service and compassion.

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARS INCORPORATED FACILITY IN GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Mars, Incorporated manufacturing facility in Greenville, Mississippi—an important institution in our community since its opening in 1978.

Mars, Incorporated is a family-owned, American company that started when Frank C. Mars made the first Mars candies in his kitchen in 1911. Today, Mars is a global company that employs more than 72,000 Associates worldwide with more than one third of them being employed here in the United States. The company's investment in its Associates has earned it a place on Fortune magazine's list of "100 Best Companies to Work For."

At the Greenville facility, Mars Food North America makes products bearing some of America's favorite brands, including Uncle Ben's®, which is the number one rice brand in the United States. Our Greenville facility also makes products for the Seeds of Change® brand, which makes organically grown seeds and Organic Food products. I'm proud to congratulate Seeds of Change® on winning a 2013 Vegetarian Times Foodie Award.

Mars' Greenville facility has played a significant role in the health of our local economy. Over 160 people work in the facility, which originally opened with just 5 packaging lines and 1 processing line. The facility has repeatedly expanded to house additional lines and manufacturing areas, and Mars continues to invest in our economy as it completes a \$42 million multi-year investment in the facility.

I am thankful that Mars' investments and longstanding relationship with our community extend beyond the facility. Mars supports Greenville public schools through its Blessings in a Backpack program, and worked to help improve the local Boys and Girls Clubs in the region. Mars Food has also done its part to encourage healthy cooking and eating from a young age by having the Uncle Ben's® brand launch its nationwide Ben's Beginners™ Cooking Contest.

This Friday, I will be honored to join state and local officials in Greenville to commemorate this longstanding relationship through a

special celebration. Again, I congratulate Mars for reaching this 35-year milestone and hope that this facility will continue to be a member of our community for many more decades to come.

REMEMBERING EDWARD
AUGUSTINE SAVOY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in remembering Edward Augustine Savoy, a freeman of color who held one of the highest government positions possible for an African American at the time, Chief Messenger to the Secretary of State, on the 70th anniversary of his death.

Edward Augustine Savoy was a third-generation Washingtonian born to a father who was a former slave and a mother who was a teacher in Northwest Washington, D.C. in 1855. Edward Savoy's illustrious career spanned 64 years, during which he worked for 21 Secretaries of State. Through 14 presidencies he played a significant role in many of the historic events in our nation. Even though Edward Savoy never ascended higher than Chief Messenger to the State Department because of the color of his skin, Edward Savoy still managed to become a great public servant, and was well known and respected by politicians, dignitaries, and international emissaries alike.

Edward Savoy began his career at the young age of 14 as page for the State Department in 1869, serving Secretary of State Hamilton Fish. In a time that was especially difficult for African Americans, Edward Savoy had a remarkable career as a public servant. Edward Savoy's intelligence, tactfulness, and remarkable memory allowed him to become a trusted employee inside the State Department, privy to confidential information, such as coming wars, yet never violated the trust placed in him.

In 1914, Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan recommended Mr. Savoy for promotion and President Woodrow Wilson authorized this promotion in an executive order. President Herbert Hoover's Vice President, Charles Curtis, and two Secretaries of State, Frank Billings Kellogg and Henry Lewis Stimson, intervened to extend his federal service past mandatory retirement age. Secretary Stimson called the native Washingtonian "indispensable." In 1931, a bill was introduced by Congressman Hamilton Fish III of New York asking Congress to extend the employment of Edward Augustine Savoy "indefinitely despite his years." This would have been the third extension of his retirement. Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson retained Mr. Savoy as a personal assistant, paying his wages from his own paycheck. In 1933, at the age of 77, Edward Augustine Savoy retired under Secretary of State Cordell Hull, after 64 years of uninterrupted federal service in the State Department, unheard of even in today's time.

HONORING IRENE STAGGERS HARRIS FOR HER DESIGNATION OF BISHOP

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Irene Staggers Harris, whose tireless efforts within her parish, as well as her community, have earned her the title of Bishop.

The daughter of the late Pastor Arthur Staggers, Mrs. Staggers Harris has a lifetime of faithful church attendance, dedication, and ministry work. She began as an Ordained Elder in Greater St. Matthews Church in Florida City. With her leadership the ministry began to flourish and grow, advancing the increase of new Ministers and Deacons, and various other church initiatives. She also helped develop The Greater Love Daycare, Inc. which provides low-income parents with affordable pre-schooling for their children, and serves on the board of the South-Dade Ministerial Allowance, which is focused on crime prevention efforts in Homestead and Florida City Communities.

Because of these accomplishments, Mrs. Staggers Harris was considered and recently ordained bishop in the Shekinah Glory Deliverance Churches.

I applaud Mrs. Staggers Harris for her accomplishments and new designation. May she continue to lead and inspire her community through the grace of God.

TOYO TIRE NORTH AMERICA'S 8TH ANNIVERSARY IN BARTOW COUNTY

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Toyo Tire North America's Bartow County facility, which is celebrating eight years of fostering economic growth in Georgia's 11th Congressional District.

In 2006, the Bartow Toyo Tire facility became the first U.S. consumer tire production operation. The plant includes a manufacturing facility and warehouse that serve customers throughout the country. Since then, Toyo has invested more than one billion dollars and created close to 1000 jobs in northwest Georgia, bringing financial stability and opportunity to Georgia families.

This week, Toyo Tire will announce plans to begin the plant's fourth expansion, investing hundreds of millions of dollars and adding hundreds of jobs to the local economy. This is a huge testament to Georgia's pro-business environment, and one of the reasons Governor Deal certified Bartow County as a 'Certified Work Ready Community.'

Mr. Speaker, I proudly extend my deepest thanks to Toyo Tire North America, their Plant Manager Jim Hawk, and the Toyo employees who play such an important role in making Bartow County's economy flourish. On behalf of Georgia's 11th District, I congratulate the

Bartow Toyo Tire facility on eight successful years. Here's to many more.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF MEMPHIS-BASED U.S. BIOLOGIC IN THEIR WORK TO HALT THE SPREAD OF LYME DISEASE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the work of Memphis-based U.S. Biologic in their work to halt the spread of Lyme disease. U.S. Biologic was recently awarded a grant of \$1 million from the Global Food and Health Innovation Challenge to expand their research on this important topic and I am proud to honor the hard work of their dedicated research team, especially Maria Gomes-Solecki.

I believe that our Nation's true department of defense is made up of the doctors and researchers who work hard to find cures and prevention methods for the diseases that threaten the lives and livelihoods of Americans every day. The research of people like Dr. Gomes-Solecki is integral in our mission to make the United States a safer place for the grandchildren of our generation, and I encourage more federal investment in the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health, as well as private funding like that provided through the Global Food and Health Innovation Challenge.

I congratulate U.S. Biologic and Dr. Gomes-Solecki on their achievement and I look forward to more developments from some of the Nation's most advanced researchers who are based in my district.

TRIBUTE TO COACH WILLIE E. MAXEY, JR.

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor high school athletic coach, Willie E. Maxey, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement from Selma City Schools. This beloved teacher and administrator coached for fifty years and for his dedicated and distinguished service to the City of Selma and the State of Alabama, I pay tribute today to the life work of Coach Willie E. Maxey.

Coach Maxey was born December 1, 1943 to the late Willie E. Maxey, Sr. and Ollie J. Maxey of Sardis, Alabama. His early years were spent in Sardis and Selma, Alabama.

Coach Maxey graduated from R. B. Hudson High School in 1961 and subsequently earned his Bachelor Degree from Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University in 1966 and a Master's degree in Administration in 1981. Coach Maxey's leadership roles have included positions as Assistant Principal and Head Basketball Coach at Selma High School; Coach at Westside Jr. High School, Eastside Jr. High School, and R.B. Hudson High School. Also, Coach Maxey was coordinator of the Selma City Recreation Program for over fifty years.

Coach Maxey has served the Selma City Schools and community faithfully and his exemplary work and commitment to excellence