

takes personal interest in helping families during the most difficult times, and families continue to overwhelmingly trust them as their premier funeral home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Cooley Mortuary, Inc. for its dedication to serving this great state and country.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES "CHICO"
DANIELS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Charles "Chico" Daniels. Chico Daniels was known those who knew him as a Chicagoan well-versed in politics with a voice made to sing soul music. Chico Daniels was known to those who knew him for his humor that brought laughter and joy to those around him. Given my longtime relationship with his family, I know first-hand that Chico Daniels was a loving father who supported his children through good times and bad. He was adored by his family and his community, and we all will deeply miss his caring spirit.

Chico was born in Chicago, IL on May 20, 1957 to Quinion and Mildred Daniels. He grew up on the West Side of Chicago, attending Nash Elementary School and Austin High School and worshipping at the Helping Hand Church. Chico acquired an ear for music at a very young age. His signature deep baritone earned him the title of "Little Al Green." In his early 20s, he performed at many of the clubs in Chicago, opening for well-known musicians. Music was most definitely his soul. In addition to being a talented singer, he also was a gifted composer, guitarist, pianist, drummer and organist.

Chico died on November 26, 2013. His parents (Quinion and Mildred) and his siblings (Eddie and Beverly) preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife Rozena Daniels, his children Lavell, Octavia, Jenell, Shavone and Francie; his two remaining siblings Valerie and David; six grandchildren and a host of friends and family.

COACH JOHN WILLIE ('JOHNNY')
PEOPLES

HON. STEVE STOCKMAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. STOCKMAN. Mr. Speaker, whereas, The late Coach John Willie ('Johnny') Peoples of Baytown's Carver High School won three PVIL state football championships; and

Whereas, Coach Peoples, as a student himself, earned a scholarship to attend Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, where he enjoyed a stellar career in three sports: football, basketball and track & field; and

Whereas, Johnny Peoples, in 1945, was a member of the Wiley College football team that defeated Florida A & M (32-6) to win the Negro National Championship; and

Whereas, Coach Peoples was perhaps one of the greatest athletes ever to attend Wiley College; and

Whereas, Coach People received his Bachelor of Science degree from Wiley College in 1948 and earned a Master's Degree from Texas Southern University; and

Whereas, Coach Peoples joined the faculty of George Washington Carver High School of Baytown, Texas in 1948 and remained there until 1967, playing a huge part in the Goose Creek CISD High School and Baytown's sport history,

Whereas, No other Baytown high school coach has ever won a single football state championship for Baytown, while Coach Peoples has won three; and be it therefore

Resolved: That I, Congressman STEVE STOCKMAN of the 36th District of Texas, do hereby proudly agree and resolve that the late Coach John Willie ('Johnny') Peoples be publicly and officially honored as one of the finest athletes ever to come out of Baytown, Texas, and one of the best coaches in the United States; and to recommend his induction into the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association (PVILCA) Hall of Honor.

HONORING HORACE ELLIOTT

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Horace Elliott from Greeley, Colorado. Mr. Elliott currently serves as Executive Vice President of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) and has recently received several awards for his dedication to the chiropractic profession. Earlier this year, Mr. Elliott was the recipient of the 2013 NBCE Leadership Award and was also recognized as Dynamic Chiropractic's Person of the Year.

Mr. Elliott's 27-year career has been characterized by a dedication to his patients and his community. For his work, Mr. Elliott has received honorary doctorates from Texas Chiropractic College and the American College of Chiropractors, and has also been named an honorary fellow of the International College of Chiropractors. He was elected to the board of the Academic Consortium for Complementary and Alternative Health Care in 2010.

In spite of these professional commitments, Mr. Elliott has also made time to be an active member of his community. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Greeley Chamber of Commerce and holds a seat on the board of the Greeley Rotary Club. He is also a Chamber Representative to the City of Greeley Planning Commission.

I feel very fortunate to represent someone as talented and involved as Mr. Elliott. Please join me in thanking him for his many contributions to Greeley.

IN SUPPORT OF THE AFFORDABLE
CARE ACT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that many of our colleagues across the

aisle are hoping and betting that the Affordable Care Act will fail.

But every day it becomes clearer that they are losing that bet and their hope for failure is not shared by the American people, 105 million of whom already have received coverage for one or more free preventive health care services like screenings for breast cancer and diabetes.

In my state of Texas, thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more than 5,198,00 individuals with private insurance who have received coverage for one or more free preventive services due to the Affordable Care Act.

Children have received free vision and hearing screenings and recommended immunizations.

Adults have received free immunizations and cancer screenings such as colonoscopies for cancer, cholesterol and high blood pressure screening; and HIV.

Women have received preventive services such as recommended mammograms and Pap smears; screenings for gestational diabetes; and domestic violence counseling.

Our Republican friends like to tell themselves that Obamacare is an unmitigated disaster. But to millions of Americans living in the real world, Obamacare is an unqualified success.

TEXAS—ACA SUCCESS STORIES

Take Mark and Lucy for example,

After comparing plans, Mark Sullivan, a new business owner, settled on a bronze option and added dental insurance. He will receive an \$82 per month subsidy, which will halve the monthly premium he will pay down to \$78.

Lucy is another Texan who is thankful for the Affordable Care Act, which is enabling her to save \$2,300 a year on her premium and \$4,000 on her deductible.

Lucy writes: "I signed up at Healthcare.gov and I'm going to save \$2,300 a year on my premium alone—and more, because my deductible will drop from \$7,500 a year to \$3,000 a year. It's still Blue Cross insurance, and I don't have to change doctors, either. I had a choice of over 30 plans and several different companies."

Mr. Speaker, my constituents in the 18th Congressional District of Texas favor the Affordable Care Act because they understand the insecurity and feeling of helplessness of being uninsured or underinsured. My home state of Texas has the highest percentage of uninsured, 27.6 percent in the nation, 4 percent more than Louisiana, the next state on the list.

Mr. Speaker, health care coverage not only must be available and affordable but also adequate for consumers to have the health security and financial protection they need and deserve. The Affordable Care Act satisfies these criteria.

Of course we should not be surprised by the House Republicans. After all, it is was the House Republicans who shut down the federal government for 16 days and cost the economy \$24 billion while refusing to consider any legislation that would create jobs or address the real needs of the American people.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF BETTY BENNETT

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement from my office, it is my pleasure to recognize the lifetime of public service that Betty Jean Robinson Bennett has provided to Chilton County, the State of Alabama, and our country.

For a Member of Congress, a staple of good representation is listening to the concerns of constituents and addressing community needs identified by local officials and business, education, agricultural, and civic leaders. The role of the congressional field representative is essential to connecting what is happening on a daily basis in our communities to the work being done in the U.S. Congress. In Betty Bennett, I have had an effective, dedicated, and loyal staff member who has helped me to represent the Sixth District in Washington.

Betty, or "Miss Betty" as she is affectionately known, has deep roots in Chilton County. She attended Clanton Elementary School and Clanton Junior High School and graduated from Chilton County High School with honors and responsibilities including her position as editor of the school magazine in her senior year and membership in the National Beta Club.

In 1968, Betty began an association with government service and political activity that became a lifetime vocation. Her career and experiences provide a fascinating reflection on Alabama's recent political history. One of many originally-enrolled Democrats to later join the Republican Party on principle, Betty is the only person to have been the President of both the Democrat and Republican Women's Clubs in Chilton County. She continues to serve on the Chilton County Republican Executive Committee and on the Alabama Republican Executive Committee representing Chilton County.

Betty's leadership skills were recognized when she was chosen as the Selective Service Director for the State of Alabama, a presidentially-appointed position, in May 1990. She was recommended by Governor Guy Hunt and appointed by President George H.W. Bush through the National Director of the Selective Service System, Samuel K. Lessey, Jr. Betty was the first woman to serve as a state director and is the only woman to ever serve in that capacity in Alabama.

As director, Betty coordinated the appointment of all local Selective Service Boards and directed personnel in three National Guard and Reserve Unit detachments in Montgomery and Birmingham. She was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of Alabama by Governor Hunt for her achievements after being nominated by officers of the National Guard and Reserve and the Alabama Adjutant General.

Betty began her congressional duties in January 1997 as a field representative for then-Congressman Bob Riley in the Third District. She joined my staff in January 2003 after Bob was elected Governor of Alabama and has provided more than a decade of diligent service to the people of the Sixth District.

During that time, Betty has ably represented my office during the development of a number of important projects, including the establishment of the Jefferson State Chilton-Clanton Center. With her deep knowledge, she has always been my liaison to the agricultural community and has worked closely with the Alabama Farmers Federation, whose President Jimmy Parnell is also from Chilton County. Betty is an advocate for the local peach industry and can always be counted on for her support of the Chilton County Peach Festival. Above all, Betty has always cared about helping people and finding solutions to problems.

Betty's service and love of her home county has been commemorated, appropriately enough, at Chilton County High School. In 2006, then-Principal Larry McHaffey started the Betty Robinson Bennett Leadership Scholarship for a senior exhibiting academic achievement as well as leadership in school, community, and church activities. What was more meaningful to Betty than a scholarship being named in her honor, I am sure, is the help it offered to a student and future leader.

On Friday, December 6, Betty's legacy of service will be celebrated during a reception at Jemison City Hall. Her many friends know very well that "retirement" is just a word to Betty and that she will remain visible and active in her community for many years to come.

Let me close by again expressing my appreciation to Betty for her service to my office, the people of the Sixth District, and the State of Alabama during a most remarkable career.

**HONORING DELTA BURIAL
CORPORATION**

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Funeral Home Business in the Delta, Delta Burial Corporation of Marks, Mississippi.

Delta Burial Corporation in Marks, Mississippi was first organized in 1927. It took on new life in 1928, when a couple of men got together and had it incorporated.

The founders of Delta Burial were Silas Kelly, I.W. LouAndrew and Rueben Price. The Officers at that time were: John Melchor—President; Dan Nickels—Vice President; Mamie Ruth Smith—Secretary; Hernando Butts—Treasurer and A.L. Saddler—General Manager and Agent.

Delta Burial Corporation is the only corporation that was owned by all black stockholders and still is today. The company started out with one building in Marks, MS, and then got stronger and added four more locations to serve the areas. The branches are: Belzoni Branch, Belzoni, MS; Clarksdale Branch, Clarksdale, MS; Lexington Branch, Lexington, MS and Mound Bayou Branch, Mound Bayou, MS.

Delta Burial is a business that provides burial, life insurance and pre-arrangements services for the deceased and their families. We strive to provide the highest quality of service to accomplish our goals. Our motto is "Seldom Equal, Never Excelled."

Delta Burial officers today are as follows: Manuel Killebrew—President, Fannie Smith—

Executive Secretary; Irma Jean Bell—General Manager; Aaron Gunn III, Dexter Howard and Cedric Burnett—Morticians; and Shelton Leonard—Funeral Director.

Each year Delta Burial gives back to the community and surrounding areas by donating funds for different causes and to the less fortunate. Also, they distribute Black History calendars, fans and yearly planners.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Delta Burial Corporation for its dedication to serving our great country.

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT D.
WHITE**

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the retirement of Lieutenant Colonel Robert D. White, we hereby acknowledge his exemplary military career of service and honor in the United States Air Force. Colonel White began his Air Force career as an officer and instructor pilot with the 37th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, Mississippi in September 1992 and proceeded into various other positions of leadership, including Chief of Disclosure and Release Division Headquarters, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency in Virginia, which provides geospatial intelligence in support of national security. Colonel White also served as Chief of Flight Safety for the Air National Guard, Andrews Air Force Base. And as a command pilot, he logged more than 4,500 hours in the air and served overseas. For his outstanding service and leadership in flight safety, Colonel White was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Second Oak Leaf Cluster. His singularly distinctive accomplishments reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force. We thank Colonel White for his service to our country and congratulate him on the successful completion of his duty as a United States Air Force officer.

**CONGRATULATING MUNILLA CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT ON
THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Munilla Construction Management (MCM) on their 30th anniversary, and to commend its exemplary service to the Miami community.

MCM is a construction company founded in Miami, FL in 1983, which specializes in Heavy Civil and Building Construction. However, their history dates back to 1941 where for nearly two decades Fernando Munilla, Sr. was one of Cuba's premier builders and a pioneer in construction methodology. His endeavors included an engineering firm, three of the largest concrete plants, and a construction management company. His work in Cuba included major projects such as the Jose Marti Monument in Havana, and the Cuyaguatije River Bridge. However in 1960 Fidel Castro confiscated his firm and the Munilla family was separated.