

wide open spaces, shady oak trees, whispering pines and swaying grasses. The jingle of spurs, the soaring hawks, the creak of leather, the sound of hooves, the cattle grazing down the hillside along the trails the heat of the day and the cool of the night. Amazing cowboy poets such as Paul Zarzyski, Diane Tribitt and Jim and Karen Ross reach us deep inside with their talented and humorous views of life. We see through their eyes, their minds, and their souls.

Young poets and buckaroos come to the Festival and share their respect for cowboy lore, and adults step forward and recite their own memorable poems for all.

It wasn't that long ago that renowned artist Jo Mora walked in Monterey and lived with the cowboys and Native Americans throughout the land.

In his tradition, the Monterey Cowboy Festival looks to other multi-talented Western artists like Jack Swanson, Joelle Smith and many, many others who drew and painted and illustrated what came before them in the cowboy way of life.

Salinas saddle-maker G. S. Garcia's granddaughter, steers this festival and allows us to admire the man whose saddle brought home the Gold Medal from the St. Louis World's Fair. And, artisans from around America journey west to Monterey to proudly display special Cowboy boots, jewelry, Navajo blankets and other symbols of our time-honored Western tradition.

The cowboy today is still seen on the slopes of Monterey County in rambling ranches that stretch over mountain tops. The festival honors our hard-working ranchers like the Violinis, Dorrances, and Pedrazzis, and others who work with grazing cattle, day in and day out.

And, training horses through their "Feel", a well-loved method developed by Monterey County's Bill Dorrance and carried on by Others, such as Marvin and Marguerite Roberts and Ray Hackworth revealing their unending respect for horses, also a part of the Monterey Cowboy Festival. The Festival's Saturday Night Dance lets everyone kick up their heels in the popular Texas Swing tradition performed by the always spunky Carolyn Martin Band, bringing back lots of foot-stomping fun. Raising money for the Salvation Army through its famous Cowboy Church on Sunday morning, with featured performers singing songs of respect for all religions, a tradition that graces the Festival stage. And during the year, too, always loved by teachers and students, learning history the very best way through real live demonstrations.

The "Cowboys in the Schools" program Held each year and teaching so many local youth self esteem, history, cowboy culture and key values.

The three day festival draws to a close and

people meander out, sad that the time went to quickly, taking home special artifacts of the Cowboy Way. knowing they won't see some friends again until the next time. but recharged with another year of Monterey memories.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Monterey County Poetry and Music Festival on their 15th anniversary. The Monterey County Poetry and Music Festival always bring the finest western entertainment; cowboy poets, western music entertainers, fine cowboy art and gear to Monterey, the first capitol of Old California. I give a sweeping "Hats Off" on their 15th anniversary and wish them many more years of success.

HONORING IVER DELL ADAMS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Unsung Hero, Mrs. Iver Dell Adams. Mrs. Adams is affectionately known by most in her community as "Mother Adams" and is a resident of Bolivar County.

Mrs. Adams currently serves as Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School Department, President of Christian Women Council, Church Mother and Evangelist at Saint Mark Church of God in Christ in Mound Bayou, Mississippi. She also volunteers with other church auxiliaries at Saint Mark.

Mrs. Adams is a faithful Christian servant whose ministry has led her to feed and clothe thousands in the State of Connecticut. She and her husband Lonzie would use their own money to purchase food, school products, and often housed new and used clothing which were donated to assist others. They also, opened their home to a diverse population who was temporary without shelter. Mrs. Adams and her husband shared everything they had without any reservations. After her husband passed she moved to the Great State of Mississippi where she continues her service to others by assisting in raising four children whom she calls her own. These children never desire to leave her residence. Her love to see others "be all they can be" has led her to work hard and diligently for all those she comes in contact with. In her community she and her neighbors', young and old alike, enjoy their conversations and her words of encouragement.

Mrs. Adams has received numerous accolades and awards for her service to others.

Mrs. Adams has six children: three daughters: Virginia, Mamie, Geri and Betty (deceased) and two sons: Lonzie Jr. and Vastie. She and her husband instilled in their children to work hard and smart, to be an asset to society, assist the less fortunate by giving a hand to those who are in need, and to know that they don't have anything they cannot share with someone else.

Mrs. Adams is often invited to minister during various Christian events held throughout the county. She believes in prayer, and that all things are possible as long as you have God as your leader and choice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an unsung hero, Mrs. Iver Dell Adams, for her dedication in serving mankind.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE COALITION TO SALUTE AMERICA'S HEROES

HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, as President Calvin Coolidge said, "A nation that that forgets its defenders will soon be forgotten." I rise today to recognize the contributions of The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes, a group that recently invited me to participate in an event honoring the sacrifice and the service of our servicemembers. There, I had the privilege of meeting Corporal Donny Daughenbaugh, a Coalition spokesman who was severely injured during routine patrol in Iraq, as well as Sergeant Mary Herrera, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.), and Sergeant Jorge DeLeon, U.S. Army (Ret.). Herrera and DeLeon also were injured in the line of duty while serving our country overseas. Despite their injuries, these selfless heroes have weathered an extremely challenging recovery and are now using their own experience to help fellow veterans make the transition to civilian life. Like so many other veterans, their resilience and love of country endures after they return home and begin to face these tremendous challenges.

The event focused on the growing, serious challenges facing young veterans, particularly, homelessness, which is fast becoming a crisis among female combat veterans. These veterans, who step up to serve and are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to protect our nation, all too often don't have the support they need when they return home.

I have seen firsthand the overwhelming challenges our returning warriors face in Hawai'i and across the nation. Tragically, more than 1,100 veterans in Hawai'i alone have experienced homelessness. While the overall number of homeless veterans is decreasing, homeless female veterans are the fastest-growing segment of the homeless population. Female veterans are also more likely to suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and frequently have children who also suffer.

The Coalition, led by David Walker, is a national 501(c)(3), non-profit, non-partisan organization, established in 2004 to address the needs of severely wounded veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and their families. The organization provides emergency financial assistance and other support services to help them recover from their injuries, rebuild their lives, and successfully transition back into civilian life. In addition to its work to address homelessness, the Coalition's emergency aid services also aim to combat the troubling rates of suicide and domestic abuse among servicemembers and veterans.

This week in Orlando, Florida, the Coalition is hosting 100 combat-wounded veterans at its seventh annual Road to Recovery Conference and Tribute, a program that provides sessions on professional development, financial planning, and relationships.

Hawai'i has a proud tradition of military service to our nation, and is the grateful home

of thousands of veterans and their families. I commend the work of the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes to ensure that our nation's defenders are never forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 631, I was unable to be present for H.R. 1402. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING BOBBY COX'S HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the long and accomplished career of one of baseball's all-time greatest managers, for Atlanta Braves Manager Bobby Cox.

On Monday, Cox was unanimously elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame by a 16-member committee, and will be inducted in Cooperstown this coming July.

Throughout his 29 years as a Manager in the Major Leagues, Cox became one of the winningest coaches of all time. He accrued 2,504 wins; the majority taking place during his 25 years leading the Braves. During that time, he brought an unprecedented 14 consecutive division titles, 5 National League championships, and the 1995 World Series pennant to Atlanta.

As a manager, Cox was respected by his players and kept only three rules—show up on time, wear your uniform correctly, and play hard. After the 2010 season, he retired from his job as the team's Manager, but still holds a role as a special assistant that allows him to keep being a part of the game he loves.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Georgia's 11th Congressional District and Braves fans everywhere, I extend my thanks to Bobby for the decades of entertainment and the legacy he brought to our great state. It is with great pride that I congratulate him on achieving the highest level of recognition possible in America's pastime. Go Braves.

CONGRATULATING DR. BERNICE DUFFY JOHNSON, IN RECOGNITION OF HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dr. Bernice Duffy Johnson on her 34 remarkable years of service to the students, faculty, and staff of North Carolina Central University, NCCU, located in Durham, North Carolina.

Dr. Johnson was raised on a sharecropper farm along with a large family that never benefited from a formal education. Her ascent to become one of the preeminent educators of our time serves as an inspiration to us all and is a testament to her lifelong commitment to bettering the lives of others through education.

Dr. Johnson's meteoric career trajectory is even more impressive as an African-American who made her way during the height of the Civil Rights Movement. As a 1963 graduate of what is now known as University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and a subsequent graduate of a Pennsylvania State University graduate school, Dr. Johnson began her career in education teaching junior high school in Indianapolis.

In 1979, Dr. Johnson returned to the south as an adjunct professor at my alma mater, NCCU. Her exemplary career at NCCU embodies the best qualities of the Civil Rights Movement and shows the immeasurably positive influence a single individual can have when committed to helping others. While teaching at NCCU, Dr. Johnson earned her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and served in various capacities before being named NCCU's Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The importance of Dr. Johnson's many accomplishments during her 34-year tenure at NCCU are beyond the pale. A small sample of Dr. Johnson's many contributions include helping design a \$36 million state-of-the-art science complex, helping six degree programs reach accreditation, and co-authoring a renowned textbook that received \$6 million in research funding from the National Science Foundation, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Dr. Bernice Duffy Johnson for her exceptional leadership and dedication to educating future generations of leaders. Of the many accomplishments in her career, I know her greatest pride is positively impacting the lives of more than three decades of NCCU students.

Dr. Johnson's legacy is built on hard work and determination and she is an example to which the next generation of educators should aspire. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Dr. Bernice Duffy Johnson's many achievements in her 34 years of service to NCCU.

IN MEMORY OF LEROY TYSON

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Leroy Tyson. Leroy, or "Tyson" as he was better known in our office, served as a custodian in the Day Cleaning Division of the House Office Buildings. He began his service with the Architect of the Capitol, AOC, on August 6, 2007, where he worked around the clock to help maintain the U.S. Capitol buildings.

Over the past several years, I came to know Tyson through his kindness, hard work, and exceptional service. He became a great friend to me and my office, and touched the lives of all those who had the pleasure of knowing

him. Tyson brought an energy and commitment to excellence despite his ongoing struggle with cancer. He prided himself on being here every day, living his life as normally as possible, and consistently making it a point to ask how everyone else was doing. In the midst of chemotherapy and in the days leading up to his untimely passing, Tyson always had a sense of humor and checked in often with our office to share a laugh.

Mr. Speaker, we have lost a great man. I feel truly blessed to have known him, and our thoughts and prayers are with the Tyson family during this difficult time. May Leroy Tyson's memory serve as a reminder to show our appreciation to each other while we still have the chance.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF JENNIE MIRZA ESHOO

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Jennie Mirza Eshoo who passed away on November 27, 2013, in Turlock, California at the age of 98. Born in Chicago, Illinois on July 17, 1915, to Aghassi and Martha Mirza, Jennie was the first-born in her family of five sisters and two brothers. She graduated from Waller High School in 1934, and was accepted to the University of Illinois. Though she was unable to attend college due to the Depression, she devoted herself to lifelong learning. She was an avid reader of biographies, history, the National Geographic, Smithsonian, her local newspapers and many other publications. Most of all, she cherished her Bible and its words nourished her soul over a lifetime.

Jennie married Paul Eshoo on September 22, 1934, in Chicago, Illinois. In October, 1936, they bought a farm in Turlock, California, where they farmed wine grapes, walnuts, and chickens.

Jennie was a homemaker for many years, and later in life she took a position at Stanislaus State University when it first opened, and later worked as a teacher's aide. She enjoyed traveling and was able to visit the Holy Land and Europe twice. She was extremely active in and deeply devoted to her church, St. John's Presbyterian, where she served as Elder, Clerk of the Session, Delegate to the Stockton Presbytery, and many other leadership roles.

Jennie was a charter member of the Assyrian American Civic Club and was honored in 2011 as the Club's oldest charter member. She volunteered until the age of 90 for the Emanuel Medical Center Auxiliary, and was a member of the Senior Citizens of Turlock. She volunteered for decades as a poll worker, dedicating herself to one of the great manifestations of a democracy, voting. Her life was devoted to Christ and her community, and she served as a role model for all who were privileged to know her.

Jennie was preceded in death by her husband Paul Eshoo and her sister Esther Aziz. She leaves four children; Peter and Genny Eshoo of Buffalo Grove, Illinois; George Eshoo of Menlo Park, California; Agnes and John Williams of Livermore, California; Alice and