

HONORING STEVEN AND DENISE
BUTZ

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my constituents, Steven and Denise Butz of Greensburg, Indiana.

Steve and Denise were married and actively involved in their church and community. As members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, they served on the St. Mary's Festival and Christ Renews His Parish Committees. Steve was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a coach with youth wrestlers; Denise participated in the local Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. On a personal note, I have fond memories playing alongside Steve on the Greensburg High School football team.

Steve and Denise will forever be remembered as devoted parents to their two sons and life-long friends of their community. I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to keep their sons Blake and Brandon, along with the entire extended Butz family, in your thoughts and prayers.

DANGERS OF SEQUESTER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, throughout my twenty years representing Middle and Southwest Georgia in Congress, I have always done my dead level best to work with all of my colleagues, across the aisle to find reasonable solutions for the nation's issues.

Today, I come before Congress to appeal to reason. Without a doubt, the across-the-board spending cuts we call sequester will undermine our economy and hurt job creation. My district, home to Fort Benning in Columbus, the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, the area outside of Robins Air Force Base, and thousands of service members, veterans, families, and supporting businesses cannot sustain the cuts proposed by Sequestration.

Furthermore, schools and teachers, law enforcement and crime prevention, public health and Head Start will be negatively impacted. The Second Congressional District of Georgia relies on these funds, as do many of your districts. Mr. Speaker, I ask for a balanced proposal.

We may be in the 11th hour, but we must act. We owe it to our constituents, we owe it to our districts, and we owe it to our nation.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL
WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM
COMMISSION ACT OF 2013**

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Na-

tional Women's History Museum Commission Act of 2013. I am proud to be joined in this effort by my friends and colleagues Congresswoman MARSHA BLACKBURN, Delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, as well as by Senator SUSAN COLLINS.

This bill, with a Senate companion sponsored by Senator COLLINS, creates a commission to review the feasibility and cost for building a National Women's History Museum (NWHM) on the National Mall.

This commission will be bipartisan, consisting of an eight member body comprised of two members appointed by the Senate Majority Leader, two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two members appointed by the Minority Speaker of the Senate, and two members appointed by the House of Representatives Minority Leader. The appointees are required to demonstrate proficient knowledge and commitment to the research and study of women's history.

Most importantly, this fiscally responsible bill will not use any taxpayer dollars. The NWHM commission will be entirely financed through private funds.

Women's history is largely missing from textbooks, memorials, museum exhibits and many other venues. Today, more than half a century after she changed our nation's history, Congress is honoring civil rights leader Rosa Parks with a statue in the U.S. Capitol. This is an extraordinary achievement that we should build on. Of the over 200 statues in the Capitol, there are currently only 13 statues depicting women.

Across the country, less than 5 percent of the 2,400 national historic landmarks chronicle women's achievements and according to a survey of 18 history textbooks, only 10% were dedicated to women.

The museums and memorials in our Nation's Capital reflect our country's values. Though we have museums dedicated to other important people and subjects such as flight, postage stamps, and law enforcement, we do not have a museum contributed to women's history.

Despite being half of our population, women's deep and lasting impacts have taken a backseat to the hundreds of years of written and available narrative focusing on men. It is time that women are honored for their many contributions that are the very fabric of our country. This bill would be the first step in achieving that goal.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the women that built this nation by cosponsoring the National Women's History Museum Commission Act.

**COMMENDING BOB ANDRADE FOR
SERVICE AT PAWTUCKET CREDIT
UNION**

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to recognize Robert P. Andrade, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Pawtucket Credit Union in my home state of Rhode Island. Bob has had a long and distinguished career in public service, and I want to thank him for his continuing commit-

ment to causes that have helped the people of Rhode Island build wealth and economic stability.

Mr. Andrade first distinguished himself as a legislative advocate for the credit unions of Rhode Island working diligently to ensure that the members of credit unions receive outstanding financial service. He has served in many capacities at the Credit Union Association of Rhode Island including Board Chairman, Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman, Bylaw and Resolutions Committee Chairman, and Marketing Committee Chairman. Through his efforts to provide service to credit unions with unique and forward looking programs, he has earned national recognition.

Through this leadership, Rhode Island credit unions joined a ground breaking cooperative with their colleagues in New England that allows pooling of resources while maintaining autonomy. During his tenure, the Credit Union Association of Rhode Island has also provided almost \$600,000 to support the Special Olympics of Rhode Island as a distinguished corporate sponsor. Mr. Andrade has been and continues to be committed to the conviction that the credit union community must invest in the future by staying engaged at every level of the legislative process to ensure a dynamic operating environment with flexibility for change and modernization.

Mr. Speaker, throughout his career, Mr. Andrade has eloquently voiced his belief that credit unions make it possible for all Americans to lead better, happier and more productive lives. Today, I salute his advocacy work and his charitable efforts, and I wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

HONORING JACK PATRICK CORGAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jack Patrick Corgan. Jack is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 249, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jack has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jack has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 35 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jack has led his troop as the assistant patrol leader, quartermaster and patrol leader while also becoming a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Jack has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jack constructed shelving and organized the commercial kitchen of The Farmer's House in Weston, Missouri, an organization where many adults with developmental disabilities are employed. Jack made the kitchen more friendly for these workers, including the additional shelving and labeling the kitchen in Braille, in simple text and with pictures.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jack Patrick Corgan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING CLIFFORD
BOWEN

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Clifford Bowen for celebrating his 100th birthday on February 8, 2013. Mr. Bowen is Madison County's oldest veteran, and his life and service to our country are nothing short of outstanding.

Born in Bell County, Kentucky, in 1913, Mr. Bowen grew up on a farm as one of six children. When he was 16, he followed in his father's footsteps and began working in a coal mine, where he was assigned to operate the tram motor.

When World War II broke out, Bowen left the coal mine and was assigned to the Army motor pool. The trucks he and his crew kept running supported the ordnance corps in Luzon and New Guinea in the Pacific Theater, and he was promoted to the rank of Technical Sergeant in 1946. After the war, Bowen met his wife Lucille in a dance hall, and the two were married for 27 years until she passed away in 1973. Mr. Bowen moved to Ohio in the 1980s, and he has remained there ever since.

I would again like to wish Clifford Bowen a very happy 100th birthday, and I ask that all Members of Congress stand with me and thank him for serving our country as Madison County's oldest veteran. The people of Ohio's 15th District are remarkable and hardworking, and Mr. Bowen is a perfect example of the sort of accomplished, admirable people who make my district truly exceptional.

HONORING EUGENE DAUB

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Eugene Daub, a gifted local artist who designed and sculpted the new Congressional statue of civil rights icon Rosa Parks. I am thrilled that Rosa Parks will finally be honored with a statue in the Halls of Congress, and I am proud to recognize Mr. Daub, one of my constituents, as the creator of this great work.

We all know of Rosa Parks' extraordinary contributions to the civil rights movement. Her bravery and courage carried us forward on the road to equality. This statue is the first full-sized depiction of an African American in the Capitol, and an honor fitting for Rosa Parks. She fought for the values of life and liberty that this Nation has pledged to uphold and that these halls strive to embody.

Eugene Daub, the artist, is a resident of San Pedro, California, and the 44th Congressional District. He is the master sculptor of Daub and Firmin Sculptor Studios, LLC. In 2009, Daub and Firmin Studios was selected as the winner of a national competition managed by the National Endowment for the Arts to create the statue. Rob Firmin, partner and project manager, worked with Mr. Daub on the concept and design of the statue.

Mr. Daub has achieved an extraordinary career in public-art sculpture over the past 30

years. He received training at the Pennsylvania Academy for the Fine Arts and the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Daub's sculptures are featured in public memorials and permanent collections throughout the world, including the Smithsonian Institution, The British Museum, Ellis Island Museum, the University of Virginia, and the Montana State Senate. He has been honored with prestigious awards for his artistry, including the Arthur Ross Award for sculpture from the Institute for Classical Architecture and Classical America and the American Numismatic Association Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Bas Relief Sculpture.

I am thrilled to welcome such a talented artist and fellow San Pedran to the Capitol. Mr. Daub's depiction of Rosa Parks will attract visitors from all over the world who will note both its historical significance and profound beauty.

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY,
SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2013

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, March 2, 2013, marks Texas Independence Day. 177 years ago on March 2, 1836, after more than a year of negotiations, citizen delegates met at Washington-on-the-Brazos and declared Texas independent.

The story of Texas independence dates back to 1830s, when a military dictatorship seized power in Mexico and abolished the Mexican Constitution. Once in power, the dictatorship refused to provide the most basic of rights, including a trial by jury, freedom of religion, public education for their citizens and the right to bear arms, this last one being the most intolerable, particularly among Texans.

Failure to provide these basic rights violated the sacred contract between a government and the people, and Texans did what we still do today—stand up for our rights.

At the Convention of 1836 on March 1, a committee of five delegates was appointed to draft the Texas Declaration of Independence. The committee, consisting of George C. Childress, Edward Conrad, James Gaines, Bailey Hardeman, and Collin McKinney, prepared the declaration in record time. It was briefly reviewed, then adopted by the delegates of the convention the following day, March 2.

The Texas Declaration of Independence states that Texas' government had been "forcibly changed, without their consent, from a restricted federative republic, composed of sovereign states, to a consolidated central military despotism."

The Texas Declaration of Independence was truly produced overnight. Its urgency was paramount, because while it was being prepared, the Alamo in San Antonio was under siege by Santa Anna's army of Mexico.

On March 6, four days after the signing, the Alamo fell with her commander Lt. Colonel William Barrett Travis, Colonel Jim Bowie, Former Tennessee Congressman David Crockett, and approximately 200 other Texan defenders.

However, on the afternoon of April 21, 1836, the Texan army avenged their losses at the

Alamo and attacked Santa Anna's camp near the San Jacinto River. The Mexican army was taken by surprise, and the roughly 900 members of the Texan army were able to overpower the much larger Mexican army. During the fighting, many of the Texan soldiers repeatedly cried, "Remember the Alamo!" The Battle of San Jacinto was over after just 18 minutes. Santa Anna was forced to order his troops out of Texas, thus ending Mexico's control.

Today we give thanks to the many Texans that sacrificed for the freedom we now enjoy. God bless Texas and God bless America.

SHIRLEY CHISHOLM CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL AWARD

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I introduced the Shirley Chisholm Congressional Medal Act (H. R. 1303) in the 112th Congress. This bill is being introduced to recognize the extraordinary contributions of Shirley Chisholm.

Shirley Chisholm was a pioneer. She was the first African-American woman elected to Congress in 1968 where she served until 1982. She represented Brooklyn's 12th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives.

In 1972 Shirley Chisholm was the first African-American to seek the nomination of a major party for President of the United States.

Shirley Chisholm was a co-founder of the National Organization for Women (NOW).

This posthumous gold medal presentation will recognize Shirley Chisholm for her activism, independence and groundbreaking achievements in politics during and after the civil rights era. Both her election to Congress and her candidacy for the presidency raised the profile and aspirations of all African-Americans and women in the field of politics.

An historic figure in American political history and a champion for social justice, Shirley Chisholm died at the age of 80 on New Year's Day 2005. It is befitting that Congress bestow its highest civilian award, the Congressional Gold Medal, to former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm posthumously.

HONORING BRYCE J. PARKER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Bryce J. Parker. Bryce is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 175, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Bryce has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Bryce has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Bryce has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.