

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

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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 CONGRES-
SIONAL 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.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT PITTENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall votes Nos. 48–50, I am not recorded because I was absent from the U.S. House of Representatives. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner.

On rollcall No. 48. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

On rollcall No. 49. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

On rollcall No. 50. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

A TRIBUTE TO EASTON C. WRIGHT, POSTMASTER OF MILWAUKEE

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Easton C. Wright, a Milwaukee native and veteran having served 10 years in the U.S. Navy as a Seabees in the Navy's Construction Battalion. Mr. Easton will be installed as Postmaster of Milwaukee on March 8, 2013. Mr. Wright is the only African American and the 38th person to earn this distinction since the Milwaukee Post Office was established in 1835.

Postmaster Wright began his career with the United States Postal Service 18 years ago as a letter carrier in Milwaukee. He is now a senior executive with the United States Postal Service having served in many postal positions, including Manager of Operations of Program Support in the Greater Indiana District and as Officer in Charge in Detroit. As Milwaukee Postmaster, he oversees more than 1,500 employees and 760 city delivery routes. Postmaster Wright is responsible for mail delivery, retail sales and other customer service operations at the Milwaukee, West Allis, Wauwatosa, Bay View, Glendale, Shorewood, West Milwaukee and Brown Deer post offices.

Throughout his career with the Postal Service, Postmaster Wright has reached out to veterans and members of the African American community. For over 14 years, Mr. Wright has worked with other veterans to establish a nonprofit organization called Veteran's Community Outreach, Inc., which provides mentoring, tutoring, clothing and scholarships to at-risk youth. He served for many years as a member of the Milwaukee Diversity Team to provide an inclusive Postal Service environment. For his efforts he received both local and national recognition, including the prestigious National Postal Diversity Award and the Milwaukee Times 2011 Black Excellence Award as a Community Leader.

Postmaster Wright also served as a mentor to students and other postal employees. Early

in his postal career he participated in a community partnership program working at the LaFollette Elementary School in Milwaukee, mentoring students and working with their parents. He developed and implemented a program to encourage parents to take the postal employment exam and offered prospective candidates on-going classes on how to improve exam scores as well as interviewing skills. The classes proved successful and were expanded throughout the community which led to meaningful employment for hundreds of people. Mr. Wright continued to serve as a mentor to many of these new employees.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Postmaster Wright. He continues to be a mentor to veterans and postal employees. The citizens of the Fourth Congressional District, the state of Wisconsin and the nation have benefited tremendously from his dedicated service. For these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Postmaster Wright.

HONORING MINISTER JAMES KEVIN MURRAY

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Minister James Kevin Murray, who passed away on February 18, 2013. James was born on April 21, 1961 to James David and Darlene Murray. James began preaching at an early age and preached his first gospel meeting in Jasper, Texas at the age of 13. He was an active member of the Figueroa church and was involved with the youth ministry, bus ministry, and the Figueroa Angelic Chorus.

At Figueroa Church of Christ, James met and later married the love of his life, Linda Earls. They were married June 20, 1987, and had three beautiful children. After marrying, they joined the Alondra Church of Christ where James served as minister for the past 27 years.

James developed his passion for public service and education through his years in school. After graduating from Manual Arts High School, James received his Bachelors of Arts in Political Science from UCLA. He then obtained his Masters in Education Administration from Cal State Dominguez Hills. James pursued his love for education and his commitment to our young people by serving as an Assistant Principal and Counselor in several school districts, including Los Angeles, Compton, Santa Monica, and Lynwood. For the past eight years, James served as the National Youth Conference Director.

James enjoyed preaching the Word of God, spending time with his family and friends, enjoying intriguing conversations brimming with humor, basketball, running marathons, politics, technology, and watching his favorite team, the Los Angeles Lakers.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; his children, David, Jason and Jessica; his mother, Darlene; his sisters, Cheryl and Janice; his brothers, Rodney, Kenny, Antoney, Orlando; and a host of family and friends. He will truly be missed.

HONORING KATHARINE CARNEY

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, after more than 32 years of dedicated service to the Department of the Navy's Office of General Counsel, Katharine Carney has decided to retire on April 1, 2013. Ms. Carney began her federal service in March 1981, as an Attorney-Advisor at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Headquarters. Her duties included representing the Command's position on contract matters to Naval authorities, other Federal agencies, and the construction industry; drafting contract clauses and contracting officer final decisions; and advising on legal matters involving the Buy American statute, termination; for default, claims, protests, and source selection procedures.

From January 1984 to July 1987, Ms. Carney was the primary legal advisor on the London staff for the Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe and other commands in the U.K. and Europe, advising on contracts, international agreements, real estate, ethics, fiscal and labor law. She was an attorney in the Naval Sea Systems Command shipbuilding section until May 1991, where she advised on contract and fiscal law matters from pre-award to contract close-out. She then became the Marine Corps Systems Command Deputy Counsel, supervising three other attorneys and two support staff, and serving as counsel to the Direct Reporting Program Manager for the Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicle Program. In these roles, she advised on procurement, ethics, civilian personnel, Freedom of Information Act, and fiscal law matters.

In May 1993, Ms. Carney began her current position as an Associate Counsel in the Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Research, Development, and Acquisition (OAGC(RD&A)). As part of the Navy Senior Acquisition Executive's legal staff, she advises on procurement, ethics, and fiscal law matters. For her nearly twenty years at OAGC(RD&A), she has been the primary legal advisor on all Navy shipbuilding programs. Her duties have also included drafting Navy Secretariat policy and guidance to implement statutes; reviewing legislative proposals; and representing the Navy's legal position before governmental entities such as GAO, the Maritime Administration, the Office of Government Ethics, and Congress. Ms. Carney is a subject matter expert on Government ethics and standards of conduct laws, and serves as the Program Manager of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (RD&A) ethics program.

Ms. Carney has provided noteworthy service throughout her tenure. She has been firmly committed to a strong ethics program and ethical culture, serving for over two years with distinction as the OAGC(RD&A) representative on the Secretariat Executive Steering Group, implementing one of the Secretary of the Navy's Strategic Objectives. She has consistently placed an emphasis on cooperative efforts within the Navy and Federal agencies, leading to more efficient and consistent operations. Ms. Carney's exceptional cooperation and teamwork skills are not confined to her Federal colleagues—she has also established