

I am honored to congratulate Michelle and Jim Bartlett and A Master's Hands for their commitment to outstanding ethics in business and receiving this very deserved award.

HONORING COACH PAUL PATTERSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Coach Paul Patterson on the occasion of his retirement. Coach Patterson has led the Taylor University Men's Basketball team for an incredible 34 years. In that time, he's recorded 734 victories and an astonishing 28 winning seasons.

As he finishes his illustrious career, Coach Patterson is ranked eleventh all-time among men's collegiate basketball coaches in wins, and has won more games than any other collegiate head coach in Indiana's history. Given the Hoosier state's tremendous basketball legacy, Coach Patterson's accomplishment is all the more impressive.

Coach Patterson has not only won games, but also helped form young men who are champions both on and off the court. He has been recognized as the Coach-of-the-Year twelve times, and 24 of his players have been named to the prestigious NAIA All-American team. This outstanding accomplishment is a reflection of the quality and character of Coach Patterson's players as well as his exceptional talent as a coach and mentor. As the daughter of a high school football coach, I understand the time commitment and personal sacrifices required to lead young athletes to victory, and applaud Coach Patterson's years of leadership.

On behalf of the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District, I congratulate Coach Patterson on the occasion of his retirement. Thank you, Coach, for your 34 years of dedicated leadership with Taylor University. Best wishes to you as you pursue new challenges in the many bright years ahead of you.

A TRIBUTE TO JACQUELYN BAMBERSKI—TEAMSTERS LOCAL 830 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute today for Jacquelyn Bamperski, a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund. Over the past 37 years, this important fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2.7 million dollars to talented young adults throughout our community. Because of the hard work of the members of Teamsters Local 830 and the employers of these members, students like Jacquelyn are able to make higher education possible.

Jacquelyn's father, Joseph Bamperski, works in the Delivery Department of Canada Dry. I greatly admire Jacquelyn's hard work at

Archbishop Ryan High School and her aspirations to study biology. With her work ethic, I am sure Jacquelyn will achieve her dream of getting her Physical Therapy Doctorate.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Jacquelyn Bamperski and her commitment to her community and studies that enabled her to become a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, April 26, 2013, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 125 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1765); "no" on rollcall vote No. 126 (on agreeing to the Dent Amendment Number 2 to H.R. 527); "yes" on rollcall vote No. 127 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 527 with instructions); and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 128 (on passage of H.R. 527).

HONORING MAUDELLÉ SHIREK

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of the Honorable Maudelle Shirek, former City of Berkeley vice mayor and eight-term council member. Known throughout our community as the "godmother of East Bay progressive politics," and the "conscience of the Council," Ms. Shirek has left an indelible mark. With her passing on April 11, 2013, we look to the outstanding quality of her life's work and the inspiring role she played in shaping social change here in the East Bay and throughout the world.

Born on June 18, 1911 Maudelle Miller was raised on a farm in Jefferson, Arkansas. The granddaughter of slaves, she was fundamentally passionate about challenging injustice and championing civil rights. After moving to Berkeley in the 1940s, she became active in fighting for the anti-war movement, the integration of the military, and fair housing. She married political activist Brownlee Shirek in the mid-1960s.

Renowned for her powerful voice and contagious energy, Ms. Shirek broke racial barriers and flexed her leadership at the Berkeley Consumers Co-op Credit Union to secure loans for low-income borrowers and people of color. She fought on behalf of unions, helped organize the Free Mandela Movement, and advocated for HIV/AIDS awareness. She was also the first elected official in the United States to advocate for needle-exchange programs, and was not afraid to chain herself to a building or be hand-cuffed in the name of activism.

During her long tenure as a council member, Berkeley became the first city to divest in companies doing business with South Africa

during Apartheid and the first city to provide domestic benefits to same sex partners. She was instrumental in creating multiple city commissions, including the Berkeley Commission on Labor. When she retired at 92, Councilmember Shirek was the oldest elected official in California at the time and, in 2007, the Berkeley City Council renamed City Hall in her honor.

Above all, Maudelle Shirek was a consummate advocate for the poor, often visiting families in crisis or offering food and household assistance to ailing seniors. Additionally, her advocacy on behalf of youth music programs helped raise crucial public funding to support arts programs for children and older adults.

On a personal note, Maudelle was a friend, mentor, and confidante. I met her in the early 1970s while I was a student at Mills College. She widened my perspective on global politics during our travels around the world including Vienna, Prague, Cuba, and the former Czechoslovakia. She reinforced the idea that we are all part of a global family and that what happens here in the United States affects our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world and vice versa. Moreover, her wise guidance as a lifelong health aficionado helped educate seniors and the entire community regarding the benefits of healthy living and natural remedies. She loved shopping for fresh fruits and vegetables and you would often find her cooking nutritious meals at the West Berkeley Senior Center and New Light Senior Center, which she helped found.

Maudelle was also a woman of great faith whose passion for service and justice was driven by a commitment to what she called, "doing the Lord's work on earth." We enjoyed attending the Church for Today together during the 1970s, and I will never forget the day she introduced me to the late Rev. Dr. W. Hazaiah Williams. The impact that they both had on my life is profound. I will also never forget how Maudelle traveled all the way to Washington, DC to look out for me and offer her support after my lone vote back in 2001.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual and a stalwart community leader, the Honorable Maudelle Shirek. Her bold legacy of service, spanning over seven decades, will continue to inspire many to speak for the voiceless and to stand up for justice across the globe. I join all of Maudelle's loved ones in celebrating her incredible life and her love of humanity. Her warm and beautiful smile will continue to smile down on us. She will be deeply missed.

IN TRIBUTE TO DR. GRACE JONES

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Grace Jones on her retirement as President of Three Rivers Community College in Norwich, Connecticut. Dr. Jones' exemplary work and dedication to eastern Connecticut's students and her community has contributed greatly to the educational development of our region.

Dr. Jones began her career as a high school physical education and science instructor in Chicago, Illinois. She advanced to higher

education in the 1970s, continuing her career as a teacher at Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. During her decade of service at Berkshire, she served as a member of the faculty, coordinator of the recreational leadership program, coordinator of student activities, and director of personnel services. Her gifts for university leadership took her to new heights in 1990 when she was named tenured professor and Vice President for Multicultural Affairs at SUNY Oneonta. Soon afterward, Dr. Jones became president of College of Eastern Utah in Price, Utah, before being named President of Three Rivers Community College in 2001.

As President, Dr. Jones balanced her extensive administrative duties with a commitment to remaining visible to her students across campus. A key initiative for Dr. Jones was designing open spaces on campus for students to congregate. She was instrumental in securing funding and overseeing the construction and renovation for the college's new campus. Dr. Jones has also sought to contribute to the region's workforce by continuing to administer professional programs, including those for nursing, manufacturing technology, and hospital management. This ground breaking work—tying Three Rivers curricula to the region's workforce needs—is a model that has been embraced in Washington, D.C. and all across the country as a solution to filling the "skills gap" that has hindered economic growth. Under Dr. Jones's presidency, enrollment at the college has grown to 5,150 full and part-time students and an additional 2,000 non-credit enrollees.

A distinguished member of the educational community, Dr. Jones has been recognized by numerous outlets for her extensive achievements. In 2009, she received the Palmer Davies award from the United Community and Family Services of Connecticut, honoring her commitment to fostering an environment of community spirit and understanding. During that year, Dr. Jones was also recognized by the Connecticut State Conference of the NAACP. In 2012, Dr. Jones was named 62nd Citizen of the Year by the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Grace Jones's contributions as an educator, administrator, and community leader have encouraged generations of students to attain high levels of achievement and contribute to their communities and the economy in a positive way. Across the United States and here in eastern Connecticut, countless students have benefited from Grace's hard work and dedication to her craft. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the career of Dr. Grace Jones.

THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CAREER DAY OF THE PONTIAC ROTARY CLUB

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, as a former Rotarian, I rise today to recognize the Pontiac Rotary Club as it hosts its twenty-sixth annual Career Day for youth in Pontiac, Michigan.

Founded in 1922, the Pontiac Rotary Club has been serving the residents of the Greater

Pontiac community for over nine decades. The core of its mission over the last ninety years has been to undertake endeavors that nurture and support the development of youth in the Pontiac community. In fulfillment of its mission, the Club has engaged a broad array of community stakeholders in public, private and non-profit organizations to create programs that provide youth with experiences that empower them to control their future.

One of Pontiac Rotary Club's biggest annual programs, Career Day, provides middle school students in Pontiac a hands on opportunity to learn more about the career fields that pique their interests. This year, as part of Career Day, one-hundred students will have spent the morning of Thursday, May 2, shadowing professionals in their daily work routine. This experience provides the youth of Pontiac an opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge that will shape their development into active adult members of their community.

Furthermore, on the same day as Career Day, the Pontiac Rotary will host its annual Scholarship Luncheon for high school students. During this luncheon, several high school students will have been recognized for their outstanding achievements and awarded a scholarship that will help them in their journey to seek higher education.

The programs of Career Day are just a couple of examples of the types of programming provided by the Pontiac Rotary Club. In addition, to Career Day and the Scholarship Luncheon, the Club runs a Student of the Month program for students in Pontiac schools which recognizes youth for outstanding achievements.

With an eye in their community and beyond, the members of the Pontiac Rotary Club have also supported the Rotary International's program to cure Polio around the world and taken up initiatives that support clean water projects. Recently, the Pontiac Rotary has partnered with a sister club in Ecuador to implement a bio-sand water filter project that will provide cleaner water to that region.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the members of the Pontiac Rotary Club on occasion of its twenty-sixth annual Career Day and applaud the tremendous impact their work has had both in the Greater Pontiac community and in other communities around the world.

RITA SCHNIDT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rita Schnidt for being honored by the Jefferson Center for Mental Health for her decades of outstanding service to our community.

Rita is a long time resident of Jefferson County and is a tireless and energetic volunteer for the Jefferson Center for Mental Health. She is a former Jefferson Center Board member and chair of the Jefferson Mental Health Foundation. Her other accomplishments are numerous. Jeanne Oliver states "Combining her political savvy with her commitment to grass roots-level change, Rita remains a staunch advocate for battered women, low-income housing, those struggling

with mental illness and alcoholism, and others who don't have any other voice." Her friends describe her as "a force of nature", "the lady who knows how to get things done", "a dynamo of action!" and "always there when people need her."

I am honored to congratulate Rita Schnidt on receiving this well deserved recognition from the Jefferson Center for Mental Health. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same passion, dedication and character in all her future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO TAYLOR DONIA—
LOUIS P. MATTUCCI MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute today for Taylor Donia, the 2013 award recipient of the Louis P. Mattucci Memorial Scholarship. Over the past 37 years, the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2.7 million dollars to talented young adults throughout our community. Because of the hard work of the members of Teamsters Local 830 and the employers of these members, students like Taylor are able to make higher education possible.

Taylor's father, Joseph Donia, is a truck driver for American B & D. I greatly admire Taylor's hard work at Seneca High School. With her work ethic, I am sure Taylor will achieve her dream of one day becoming a Physician's Assistant.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Taylor Donia and her commitment to her community and studies that enabled her to become the 2013 award recipient of the Louis P. Mattucci Memorial Scholarship.

JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS RECEIVING THE HONORABLE PARK GEUN HYE, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago, Congressman ISRAEL and I asked Speaker BOEHNER to invite President Park Geun Hye ("Gun Hay"), South Korea's first female president, to address a Joint Session of Congress.

Tomorrow, we officially welcome her here in this Chamber.

Her visit is important to both of our nations, but also to my district in Texas where a vibrant and engaged Korean American community lives in Spring Branch and Houston.

In stark contrast to its neighbor to the North led by media-hungry dictator, Junior,—South Korea shines as a beacon democracy and freedom.

S. Korea is also an important trading partner—America's 7th largest—and with the implementation of our Free Trade Agreement, our trade relations will only get better.