

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.

Tomorrow, we celebrate our friendship and partnership, or as President Park recently said: "the most successful alliance in history." I couldn't agree more.

America is here to help South Korea, as they are here to help us.

That's what friends do for each other.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING DR. J. HERMAN BLAKE

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 career of Dr. J. Herman Blake as we celebrate over forty five years of his contributions to higher education. Dr. Blake continues to be a celebrated educator, and we join together in praise of his remarkable academic and cultural contributions to the Bay Area, California, and our great nation.

Born John Herman Blake in Mount Vernon, New York on March 15, 1934, Dr. Blake grew up with six siblings and was raised by a single mother, Lylace E. Blake. Dr. Blake served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and furthered his education with the assistance of the G.I. Bill by graduating from New York University with a B.A. degree in sociology. Dr. Blake went on to receive his M.A. degree and his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley.

Dr. Blake's exemplary academic career has spanned over four decades as a professor, scholar and administrator at a wide array of institutions. He served an eighteen year tenure at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) where he became the first African American on faculty as the Assistant Professor of Sociology. Dr. Blake also served as the founding Provost of Oakes College at UCSC. Following his tenure at UCSC, Dr. Blake went on to serve as President of Tougaloo College in Mississippi.

He has also held positions at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, Mills College in Oakland, California, served as the Vice Chancellor at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, and served as the Director of African American Studies at Iowa State University. Dr. Blake retired from Iowa State University as Professor of Sociology-Emeritus and served most recently as Scholar in Residence and founding Director of the Sea Islands at the University of South Carolina, Beaufort. Currently, Dr. Blake is the Inaugural Humanities Scholar in Residence at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston.

Throughout his prolific career, Dr. Blake has focused on academic achievement of students from minority and/or low-wealth communities. His important work not only focuses on maximizing student achievement and closing disparate learning gaps between our young people, but also focuses on Gullah communities in South Carolina and Black militants in urban communities.

Dr. Blake has earned myriad accolades, including Iowa Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Education and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. He has been awarded six honorary degrees and two presidential medals.

As a student at Mills College, I had the privilege to benefit from Dr. Blake's amazing intellect. Also, I worked with him as a researcher for his book, the autobiography of Huey P. Newton, *Revolutionary Suicide*. He taught me how to conduct and present thorough research and to this day, these skills I learned under Dr. Blake's tutelage have benefitted my work tremendously. Dr. Blake took me under his wings and encouraged me to study hard. He saw something in me that I did not see. He was patient and kind but he was determined to push my intellect and help me understand I could achieve the American dream regardless of the difficulties I faced as a young single mother on public assistance. For that, I am forever grateful.

Therefore, on behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, Dr. J. Herman Blake, I salute you. You have touched countless lives in profound ways throughout your career, and we wish you continued success and happiness. Thank you for your continued work, and best wishes to you and your loved ones in the years to come.

HONORING TED WELCH

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, there are citizens making up this great country who never cease in offering themselves to their communities while improving the quality of our lives. I rise today to celebrate the time, talents, and treasures of Ted Welch as he retires from decades of active philanthropy.

Ted Welch grew up in a one-room schoolhouse in Decatur County, Tennessee. He joined Southwestern Publishing Company as a student salesman and manager in 1953. During his tenure there, he served as Executive Vice President, a member of the Board of Directors, and a member of the Executive Committee. Working for Southwestern, selling books door-to-door, Ted exemplified the true value of hard work. Thankfully, that service did not stop with his tenure at Southwestern, nor after building a real estate empire. Ted served as a Deacon and Elder at Vice Street Christian Church, former board member of Lexington Theological Seminary, and as a part of the foundation of the Schermerhorn Symphony Center.

Ted Welch has spent his life's work following his passions. As he worked to shape the direction of the country, he labored to shape the direction of the next generation of community leaders. Whether by selling Bibles or actively participating in democracy, it is no simple statement that more have encountered truth and freedom due to Ted Welch's work. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating all Ted Welch has offered to the great state of Tennessee and our beloved country. We join with his wife, his children, and his grandchildren in offering our deepest gratitude for his life's work.

PHYLLIS REYNOLDS-HEBB

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 Phyllis Reynolds Hebb for her commitment to early childhood education.

Phyllis's story begins when she enrolled her daughter in New Child Montessori School in Arvada and realized the potential of the Montessori Method. She resigned from her job at the United States Geological Survey and went to work at the Montessori school.

In 1983, the opportunity to purchase the New Child Montessori School presented itself. Phyllis bought the school, renamed it Cornerstone Montessori School and eventually moved the school to the Applewood area. In January of 1997, Phyllis purchased the property at 15970 West 50th Avenue and renovations to the buildings began. Cornerstone Montessori School moved to its current location at the end of May 1997.

Phyllis continued growing the school and extending into the community with a Toddler Program in 2004 and expanded the Spanish Language Program in 2005. Cornerstone Montessori School currently provides dual language Montessori classrooms for preschool and kindergarten aged children. Cornerstone has come full circle with three people on staff who attended Cornerstone as preschoolers and several students who are children of former preschoolers and kindergartners.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Phyllis Reynolds Hebb for thirty years of providing early childhood education to our future leaders. I have no doubt Phyllis will continue to provide adventure, learning and fun to all of her students.

WELCOMING THE NINTH HONOR FLIGHT SOUTH ALABAMA TO WASHINGTON, DC

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Honor Flight South Alabama and the World War II veterans this very special organization is bringing on its ninth and final flight to Washington, DC, on May 8, 2013. I am honored to insert this tribute in the RECORD on the anniversary of the unconditional surrender of Germany to the allies.

Founded by the South Alabama Veterans Council, Honor Flight South Alabama is an organization whose mission is to fly heroes from southwest Alabama to see their national memorial.

Nearly seven decades have passed since the end of World War II and, regrettably, it took nearly this long to complete work on the memorial that honors the spirit and sacrifice of the 16 million who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and the more than 400,000 who died. Sadly, many veterans did not live long enough to hear their country say "thank you," yet for those veterans still living, Honor Flight provides for many their first—and perhaps only—