

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Miller Grove High School Basketball Team for its achievements bringing joy and honor to our District: Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 13th as Miller Grove High School Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of May, 2013.

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HONORING LAIRD COVEY

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2013*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Mr. Laird Covey, who is retiring this month after more than 23 years of dedicated service to the Central Maine Medical Center and the surrounding community.

The State of Maine has long benefited from Laird's tenure in the health care field. In addition to serving as President of CMMC since July 2008, Laird has also helped direct the center as Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Medical Affairs. Outside of CMMC, he spent 3 years serving as Chief Executive Officer at Bridgton Hospital in Bridgton, Maine and was Vice President at North Country Hospital in Newport, Vermont.

Few people can claim to embody the spirit of compassion and community engagement as completely as Laird. He is a proud and active member of the Lewiston Auburn Future Forum, which has been a driving force behind community efforts to make Lewiston and Auburn a better place to live. He has also served as Chairman of the Board at the Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice (AHCH) and as President of the Board at Camp Sunshine, an institution for families of children with life-threatening diseases in Casco, Maine.

In 2011, I was proud to join Laird in announcing CMMC's collaboration with Maine Research Associates on a new medical research expansion project. The study, which focuses on treatments for conditions such as arthritis, diabetes and cardiovascular disease, has enabled hundreds of patients in Maine to access cutting-edge medicines. It also helped draw national attention to the important work being done in Maine to help solve some of our nation's most persistent health challenges. This project would not have been able to move forward so successfully without Laird's leadership.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating Mr. Laird Covey on an exceptional career in the field of public health.

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RECOGNIZING TOM ULRICH

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2013*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Tom Ulrich as he is awarded the 2013 Small Business Advocate of the Year Award by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce.

Few have been so generous with their time and talents as Tom Ulrich. As one of our

community's most passionate advocates for small business, and a business owner himself, Tom intimately understands the incredible significance of entrepreneurship to the economy and culture of the United States of America.

Tom has selflessly dedicated his personal and professional work to small business advocacy. Tom is a member of the National Federation for Independent Business's New York State Leadership team, and a frequent author and orator on topics concerning the importance of small business and entrepreneurship to the vitality of the American economy.

A testament to Tom's insights is his recent TED talk, "Is There a Better Way?" which explores the necessity of developing entrepreneurial skills and spirit in students from a young age. In a world where modern technology and unprecedented access to information have rendered entrepreneurial skills essential, Tom's keen business sense and inimitable knowledge are invaluable.

Currently, Tom serves as the Executive Director of the University at Buffalo School of Management's Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership. Since assuming the role in 2008, Tom has worked tirelessly to advance the Center's mission of invigorating the Western New York economy and community through entrepreneurial development. Under Tom's direction, the Center has expanded its sophisticated interdisciplinary approach to educating emerging business leaders.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to recognize Tom Ulbrich, a true champion for the American economy.

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TRIBUTE TO JOHN OSCAR  
BOONE, SR.

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, our nation is blessed to have this innovator and pioneer touch the lives of thousands through his leadership and service; and

Whereas, Mr. John Oscar Boone, Sr.'s legacy is present throughout the nation and the world for all to see, being the first African American appointed to head a major state prison in the United States, serving many roles in the American Correctional System: Commissioner, Superintendent and Director; he valiantly served our country in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II; and

Whereas, this giant of a man transformed the American Correctional System, he was instrumental in the implementation of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1965 and he represented our nation on an international level, he inspired elected officials, motivated the young and the old, as he accomplished so much during his time on this earth; and

Whereas, this remarkable man gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life; Mr. Boone inspired others to do the same by witnessing him walk the walk and talk the talk, he opened doors for others to enter; and

Whereas, Mr. Boone led by doing behind the scenes and on the front lines for many; Mr. Boone was a husband, a father, a grandfather, a brother and a friend; he was our war-

rior, our patriarch, a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of the community until his end; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow an honorable distinction and recognition on Mr. John Oscar Boone, Sr., for his leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of Georgia and throughout the Nation; as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby attest to the 112th Congress that Mr. John Oscar Boone, Sr., of Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honorable Distinction": Mr. John Oscar Boone, Sr., U.S. Citizen of Distinction In the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of December, 2012.

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RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF REVEREND DR. SAMUEL  
BERRY MCKINNEY

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Reverend Dr. Samuel Berry McKinney for his more than 55 years of service and leadership building Mount Zion Baptist Church and the community of Seattle, Washington.

Rev. McKinney moved to Seattle in 1958 to lead one of Seattle's oldest and most prominent Black churches. During his time as Senior Pastor, he mentored over 40 ministers and lectured throughout the nation. With an eye toward the future, Rev. McKinney also oversaw the building of the church's educational unit and encouraged economic development in the church and the community.

Rev. McKinney grew up in Cleveland, Ohio in the 1920s and 1930s as the son of a prominent and politically engaged African-American minister. He attended Morehouse College, where he was a classmate of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. He also served as a minister in Providence, Rhode Island in the mid-1950s.

When Rev. McKinney arrived in Seattle, he quickly became a leader in the movement for human rights, which included playing a major role in the Central Area Civil Rights Committee. Always committed to social justice, he was a founding member of the Seattle Civil Rights Commission and he facilitated the only visit of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Seattle.

In addition, Rev. McKinney was a founder of Liberty Bank, the first African-American-owned bank in Seattle and was the first African-American President of the Church Council of Greater Seattle. He has served on the board of the Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA, the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, and the Washington Mutual Savings Bank.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the work Reverend Dr. Samuel McKinney has done for his church and the community.

HONORING FRANKLIN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND THEIR ANNUAL WATERMELON FESTIVAL

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2013*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Franklin County, Alabama and their annual Watermelon Festival. The Franklin County Watermelon Festival began in 1981 with a group of local farmers gathering to sell their harvest of watermelons. This gathering created what is now the largest festival in Franklin County. This annual festival is organized by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Franklin County businesses and individuals. This two day event, on the third weekend of August, is held at the Franklin County seat in the City of Russellville.

Franklin County and Russellville welcome over 35,000 guests to this festival from neighboring counties and states each year.

Civic clubs and organizations participate with their own special watermelon events as a time of fund raising.

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce sponsors Watermelon Contests and the Watermelon Pageant which produces a Queen for the festival. The Watermelon Queen presents awards for: best dressed melon, seed spitting, best tasting melon, most unusual melon, and of course the largest, heaviest melon.

The Franklin County Watermelon Festival is made possible by volunteers who work year round to produce the best of entertainment, arts & crafts, food, activities and watermelon to please every palate.

Again, it is my honor to recognize Franklin County, Alabama as the Watermelon Capital of Alabama.

RECOGNIZING THE MOSES INSURANCE GROUP

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2013*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Moses Insurance Group and its members as they are honored by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce with the 2013 Family Owned Business Award.

The Moses Insurance Group was founded by Charles "Herky" Moses in 1955. Herky was a true community servant with an incredible work ethic. During World War II, he served his country by joining the Marines. Herky later continued his service as a volunteer firefighter, coach, and community youth mentor, in addition to being an active member of several service organizations including the Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America, George Lamm Post, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Moses Insurance Group remains a family-owned business. Herky's son Robert joined the firm in 1977, followed by his sons Ken in 1979 and Douglas in 1984. Robert and Ken remain with the firm to this day, serving as President and Vice President, respectively. Their sister, Carole, and brother, Charles Jr.,

came on board in 1988. Carole serves as the Human Resources Department and keeps the company's books, while Charles worked part-time as a sales producer. Jeffrey Moses, a member of the third generation of the Moses family, is the newest hire, after receiving his P&C Insurance Brokers' License in 2008.

Inspired by Herky's tradition of service, the members of the Moses Insurance Agency are active in many service organizations today. Agency owners are members of or volunteers with the Independent Insurance Agents Association, Trusted Choice Agents, Amherst Chamber of Commerce, Williamsville Business Association, Western New York Food Shuttle, Amherst Lions Club, Amherst Senior Citizens Foundation, several committees at St. Leo the Great and St. Gregory the Great churches, Sacred Heart Academy High School, American Heart Association Walk-a-thon, Cancer Diamond Society Ball, and the Boy Scouts of America Troop 431.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize the good works of this service-minded, family-owned business. I admire their commitment to our community and am grateful for their continued involvement.

NORTHWESTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL CEREMONY

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2013*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize the Northwestern Wisconsin Regional Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony.

For over two decades law enforcement agencies from across Northwestern Wisconsin have held an annual ceremony during National Police Week to honor and remember those officers that were killed in the line of duty while serving their local communities. This year's ceremony commemorates 45 law enforcement officers from 20 Wisconsin counties whose names are among the over 19,000 inscribed in marble at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. Each one of these officers made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of our citizens.

The ceremony, which includes a vehicle procession, formal honor guard presentation, wreath laying, rifle salute, speakers, and music, will also be accompanied by a public screening of the documentary film, *Heroes Behind the Badge*. The film highlights the selfless acts of bravery committed by the men and women of law enforcement in the line of duty. The event will provide an opportunity for law enforcement officers to come together and interact with the public in order to heighten awareness of the dangers police officers face each day and the sacrifices they make to protect our communities. Proceeds from the event will go to benefit the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), and the Northwest Regional Law Enforcement Memorial.

As a former prosecutor in western Wisconsin, I've had the honor of working closely with law enforcement officers. I am greatly humbled by the selfless service and bravery

exemplified by these individuals, and it is with my deepest appreciation that I stand today to honor those who have given their lives to ensure the safety of our communities.

IN HONOR OF THE CENTRE SQUARE FIRE COMPANY'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2013*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Centre Square Fire Company (CSFC), located in Whitemarsh Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, which is celebrating its centennial anniversary.

One hundred years ago, on February 21, 1913, a group of property owners of Centre Square, Blue Bell and surrounding areas met at the Centre Square Hotel to explore the establishment of a fire company. The 35 members of the founding group established the charter which reads, "The said Company is formed for the purpose of the support of fire engine, hook and ladder, hose company, for the purpose of protecting life and property, in case of fire. The said Corporation is to exist perpetually." These words hold true today.

Over the years, the Centre Square Fire Company has served the residents of Montgomery County in fire protection and much more. Most recently, the Centre Square Fire Company took delivery of a 2013 Pierce Velocity 100 foot Platform ladder truck—capable of carrying 500 gallons of water. Although it remains a 95 percent volunteer service, Centre Square has grown over the years to better serve the residents of Montgomery County.

Once again, I congratulate the Centre Square Fire Company as they celebrate its one hundredth anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO GLENDA F. BRITTON

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System; and

Whereas, Mrs. Glenda F. Britton began her educational career in teaching in Georgia and this year she retires from teaching at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Elementary Theme School in Lithonia, Georgia, she has served the DeKalb County Public Schools System well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Mrs. Britton is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and