

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Glenda F. Britton on her retirement from the DeKalb County Public Schools System and to wish her well in her new endeavors; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 10, 2013 as Mrs. Glenda F. Britton Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 10th day of May, 2013.

HONORING ALAIN E. SHERMAN

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Roslyn High School student, Alain E. Sherman, from Roslyn, NY, in my Congressional District, who has been named a Presidential Scholar. Dedicated and talented young people like Alain reflect the exemplary work by the next generation that will lead our nation into the future. I am so proud to recognize him today and it is an honor to represent him in Congress.

I want to applaud Alain for his hard work and dedication, but also want to recognize his family and teachers, who have surely played a critical role in making this achievement possible. Only 141 students from across the country are given this esteemed honor of the thousands upon thousands of high school students nationwide.

Alain serves as Vice President of the Roslyn High School Honor Society and also sits on the school's Model Government Executive Board. During his senior year at Roslyn High School, Alain was a member of the competitive "Partners for the Future" program hosted by Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. Alain spent ten hours each week conducting biomedical research with a mentor scientist at the lab. Alain's hard work is truly emblematic of what it means to be a Presidential Scholar. I look forward to seeing what breakthroughs result from Alain's research in the future.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, appointed by President Obama, selects scholars annually based on their academic success, artistic excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as demonstrated community service, leadership, and commitment to high ideals. Of the three million students expected to graduate from high school this year, more than 3,300 candidates qualified for the 2013 awards determined by outstanding performance on the College Board SAT and ACT exams, and through nominations made by Chief State School Officers or the National YoungArts Foundation's nationwide YoungArts competition.

The 2013 U.S. Presidential Scholars are comprised of one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and from U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large and 20 U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

Since its creation in 1964, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program has honored more than 6,000 of the nation's top-performing students with the prestigious award given to honorees during an annual ceremony in Wash-

ington, DC. The program was expanded in 1979 to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, literary and performing arts.

Mr. Speaker, I again urge my colleagues to join me in commending Alain for all of his accomplishments and I look forward to seeing his continued academic success.

RECOGNIZING WAUKEGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR RECEIVING THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES' 2013 NATIONAL MEDAL

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Waukegan Public Library and its staff for receiving the 2013 Institute of Museum and Library Services' National Medal. Waukegan Public Library is one of only 10 institutions nationwide that received this distinguished honor.

I attended the award ceremony last week at the White House, where First Lady Michelle Obama presented Waukegan Library with the medal. She praised the library for its innovation, its passion and its commitment to serving the community.

That commitment is exactly what Richard Lee, the library's Executive Director, wisely pointed out when he explained that success is no longer defined by "the number of books checked out," but rather it is measured by service to the community.

By this standard, the Waukegan Library shines. Their Conversational ESL Program helps create new opportunities for the 55 percent of Waukegan residents whose primary language is something other than English. Their programs do not merely teach skills, but they empower residents with the skills to achieve their own success.

We speak often of our communities and what makes them strong. Institutions like Waukegan Public Library make our communities strong. The library is a pillar of the Waukegan community, and it has enriched the Tenth District.

As doors of opportunity open to more and more residents, we will all prosper, and I congratulate Waukegan Library for helping pave the paths to that future.

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION OF THE ROSEVILLE FIRE STATION NO. 9

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the dedication of the Roseville Fire Station No. 9.

The Roseville, California Fire Department was first organized in 1907 with 16 volunteer firefighters staffing two hose carts to provide nearly 2,500 residents with fire protection. Today the Roseville Fire Department serves over 120,000 residents within 44 square miles.

Whether it's a medical emergency, a fire, a hazardous material incident, or natural disaster, the Roseville firefighters are prepared to respond to the needs of their community.

The opening of a ninth fire station reflects the vision of the Roseville Fire Department to operate effectively and efficiently to protect and enhance the safety and well-being of its residents, businesses, customers and partners. The new facility is the result of a community effort that will provide for the advancement of public safety and the delivery of exceptional service for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is impossible to overestimate the necessity of fire protection or to measure the countless contributions these firefighters make to our community. It is with great pleasure that I rise today to thank the Roseville Fire Department for its great service and contributions throughout the region.

HONORING MR. ANISWORTH MALLETT, MRS. JACQUELINE MALLETT, AND MASTER DREW MALLETT

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. Citizens of Distinction.

Whereas, our community has been blessed by the lives of Anisworth, Jacqueline and Drew Mallett; they have given of themselves daily to bring joy, service and the true meaning of friendship and family to our district; and

Whereas, Mr. Anisworth Mallett being a father, husband and business leader in our community established and operated two businesses in our district, A and J Lawn Care and Golden Krust, LLC, he was tenacious and successful in his home, his business and his community; and

Whereas, Mrs. Jacqueline Mallett being a mother, wife and Administrative Assistant in the DeKalb County Public Schools was very active and engaged in the affairs of the community, she was the walking definition of a Proverbs 31 woman, phenomenal in every way; and

Whereas, Drew Mallett was the ideal young man, a seventh grader at Stephenson Middle School in Stone Mountain, he was a young gentleman, an athlete, a musician; he loved cars, girls and bringing joy to everyone he would meet being an ambassador of goodwill, he enhanced our district with his charisma; and

Whereas, this remarkable family gave of themselves, their time and their talents; being leaders and servants in the Fourth Congressional District; and

Whereas, Anisworth, Jacqueline and Drew Mallett led by example, encouraging, motivating, serving and enhancing the lives of others; they are model citizens not only to our community, but to our Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional Recognition on Mr. Anisworth Mallett, Mrs. Jacqueline Mallett and Master Drew Mallett for their unyielding leadership, friendship and service;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Mr. Anisworth Mallett, Mrs. Jacqueline Mallett and Master Drew Mallett of the 4th Congressional District of Georgia are deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition": Mr. Anisworth Mallett, U.S. Citizen of Distinction; Mrs. Jacqueline Mallett, U.S. Citizen of Distinction; Master Drew Mallett, U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Proclaimed, this 5th day of January, 2013.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROSE WILDER

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a trailblazing educator who has been recognized as the 2014 South Carolina Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Rose Wilder is a remarkable leader and visionary who serves with distinction as the Superintendent of Clarendon School District 1, the historic school district that was the birthplace of the landmark desegregation case *Brown v. Board of Education*. She is very deserving of this tremendous honor.

Dr. Wilder is a native South Carolinian; the daughter of Mr. Laco Davis and the late Mrs. Ruby Mae Davis. She was one of seven Davis children born and raised in the Orangeburg County town of Santee.

From an early age she loved learning and appreciated the value of education. She did her undergraduate work at South Carolina State University and Columbia College. Her postgraduate work was at South Carolina State University, the Citadel and Cornell University. She earned an undergraduate degree in guidance and counseling, a master's in special education, and a PhD in education administration.

In 1979, Dr. Wilder began her teaching career in her home county of Orangeburg as a reading teacher at Galliard Primary School in the Town of Eutawville. After eight years in the classroom, she became assistant principal at Manning Primary School in neighboring Clarendon County. She then went on to serve as the first principal of the new Manning Elementary School and later returned as principal of Manning Primary.

In 1994, Dr. Wilder was appointed as assistant superintendent of instruction for Clarendon School District 2. Later that same year she was chosen to lead the school district and made history by becoming the first African American female superintendent in South Carolina since the Reconstruction era. She served in that capacity for seven years, and in 1999, she was named Outstanding Superintendent by the South Carolina School Board Association.

She left Clarendon County to serve as superintendent for the Fairfield County School District for two years and as a curriculum facilitator for Richland County School District 1. In 2004, she returned to Clarendon County to serve as superintendent of school district 1 in the Summerton area.

During her nine years leading the district, Dr. Wilder has challenged the notion that poor students cannot achieve high academic standards. Once a chronically underperforming dis-

trict, Clarendon School District 1 is now the second highest academically performing high poverty district in the state of South Carolina, despite having a 95 percent poverty index rating. She has also brought the district out of a \$1 million deficit into financial solvency. Her other achievements include earning the district accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, completing the new Summerton Early Childhood Center, and refurbishing the old middle school campus as a community resource center. Next school year, Scott's Branch High School will become a New Tech Network Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) school, one of only two schools in the state to institute this project-based curriculum.

Dr. Wilder's motto is "every child, every chance, every day," and that is clearly reflected in the school district's philosophy and achievements.

Her other achievements include serving on the transition team for State Superintendent of Education Jim Rex in 2006. She is a 1994 graduate of Leadership South Carolina, and a 2009 graduate of the Riley Leadership Diversity Institute at Furman University. She holds a life membership in the NAACP and the United Council of Negro Women. She is an active member of several professional organization and serves as President elect of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Dr. Wilder is married to James C. Wilder. They share three children and two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Rose Wilder for her selection as 2014 South Carolina Superintendent of the Year, and wish her well as she competes for the national honor. She has done an outstanding job during her tenure at Clarendon School District 1, and, as a former teacher, I applaud her dedication to her schools, her students and her community. I am proud to call her a friend and claim her as a constituent of the 6th Congressional district.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSAGE
OF THE BAN THE BOX ACT

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Minnesota Senator Bobby Joe Champion's accomplishment in passing the "Ban the Box" Act in the Minnesota Legislature. Elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2008 and the Minnesota Senate in 2012, Senator Champion is a recognized lawyer, activist, and legislator. He has a long list of legislative accomplishments, including spearheading the Bottineau Corridor transit project, advocating for the creation of the Minnesota African-American History Museum, and supporting the renovation of Nicollet Mall and Orchestra Hall.

One of Senator Champion's most important contributions has been helping those with a criminal record reintegrate successfully into their communities. Senator Champion is the author of the "Ban the Box" Act, which prohibits employers from asking the job applicant

whether he or she has ever been arrested or convicted of a crime, with a few exceptions for sensitive positions. The "Ban the Box" Act is a crucial step forward in the fight against poverty and the effort to reduce recidivism.

The past crimes of former felons often follow them throughout their lives, preventing them from getting jobs ten, twenty, or even thirty years later. Job applicants who have finished serving criminal sentences face many challenges and few opportunities to restart their lives, making recidivism rates high.

The "Ban the Box" Act targets the main reason people who have committed a felony never have a chance at a job—a check off box on a job application that asks the applicant to state whether he or she has ever committed a felony. By barring employers from asking this question on a job application, the Act allows individuals with criminal histories to stand on their own merits. The "Ban the Box" Act will provide employment opportunities to those who have served their sentence, raising their quality of life and their chance for success and leading to reduced crime.

Through Bobby Joe Champion's leadership and perseverance, this legislation passed both the Minnesota Senate and the Minnesota House of Representatives with accolades from both sides of the aisle, and was signed into law by Governor Dayton on May 13, 2013.

I commend Senator Champion for his important work on Minnesota's historic "Ban the Box" legislation.

RECOGNIZING HOSPITAL CORPSMAN 1ST CLASS (FMF) JOSEPH SANTOS ON BEING NAMED U.S. PACIFIC FLEET'S 2012 SEA SAILOR OF THE YEAR

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF) Joseph Santos on being named U.S. Pacific Fleet's 2012 Sea Sailor of the Year.

Petty Officer Santos was nominated by his commander, and was chosen from a pool of 13,000 other sailors in the Pacific Fleet. He will be meritoriously promoted to the rank of chief petty officer.

Petty Officer Santos, a native to Saipan and youngest of nine children, moved to Dededo, Guam, with his family when he was just an infant. In 1999, after graduating from John F. Kennedy High School, he joined the United States Navy. Upon completion of basic training, he reported to Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Illinois, where he graduated with distinction. He also trained at Field Medical Service School (FMSS) at Camp Pendleton, California.

Petty Officer Santos craved adventure. He wanted to help people and save lives, and he knew the job of a Navy hospital corpsman would help him fulfill these goals.

He has served two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. In 2004, while deployed in Fallujah, he earned a Purple Heart. On September 6, 2004, a large convoy in Fallujah was hit by a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device and there was a mass casualty.