

Dabney N. Montgomery the Joseph Charles Price Award, "In Recognition of Outstanding Achievements That Serve as a Tribute to Our Beloved Founder."

Mr. Montgomery is involved in the Harlem community and is a member of Manhattan Community Board No. 10, where he serves on two sub-committees: Parks and Recreation, and the Executive Committee. As a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, he wrote a base letter to the Parks Department of the City of New York, as a proposal to recognize Central Park West (at 85th and 86th Streets) as the historical site of African American settlers in the early 1820s, which was then Seneca Village. Mother Zion was, for a short time, located there. The settlers were evicted in 1857 under the City's 'eminent domain' project. A permanent sign now stands marking the site. He is chaplain of the West 136th Street Block Association.

Words cannot express my gratitude to Dabney, whose devotion to our community is remarkable and his service and commitment to our Nation has known no bounds. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the 150th Anniversary of the Union League Club, the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the 369th "Harlem Hellfighters Regiment" and the 100th Birthday of Rosa Parks, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating the 90th Birthday of Dabney N. Montgomery, an outstanding veteran, hero, civil rights activist and public servant.

MICAH ELAZIER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Micah Elazier for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Micah Elazier is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Micah Elazier is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Micah Elazier for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO PATERNE
AGBOHESSOU

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

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

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals

who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Mr. Paterné Agbohessou has answered that call by giving of himself as an educator at E.L. Bouie Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School, and as a beloved son, mentor and friend; and

Whereas, Mr. Agbohessou has been chosen as the 2013 Teacher of the Year, representing E.L. Bouie Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School; and

Whereas, this tenacious man has shared his time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through his tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Mr. Agbohessou is a courageous man and a fearless leader who has shared his vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children receive an education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as he truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Paterné Agbohessou for his leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2013 Teacher of the Year at E.L. Bouie Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 15, 2013 as Mr. Paterné Agbohessou Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 15th day of March, 2013.

IN HONOR OF DR. PETER A.
KURZBERG OF BRAINTREE, MA

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Peter A. Kurzberg in recognition of his outstanding contribution to public education and his twenty-two years of leadership in the Braintree, MA School District.

Peter was born and raised in Springfield, MA. The son of Holocaust survivors, he was the first generation of his family born in the United States. He graduated from Classical High School in 1965. Subsequently, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education and Child Development from Goddard College.

Peter began his teaching career as a special needs teacher in East Hartford, CT, where he also served as Vice-President of the East Hartford Education Association. He continued his education while teaching and received his Master of Science degree in Special Education from Central Connecticut State College. After five years of teaching, Peter attended the University of Iowa where he earned his Education Specialist degree (Ed.S) in Special Education and his Doctorate (Ph.D) in Educational Administration.

While attending graduate school in Iowa, Peter worked as a special education consultant and secured his administrative position as Coordinator of Special Education for the Grant Wood Area Education Agency assigned to Iowa City.

Mister Speaker, Peter returned to Massachusetts in 1981 as the Director of Special

Needs and later the Director of Instructional Programs for the Freetown-Lakeville Public Schools where he served for five years. Subsequently, he was hired as Assistant Superintendent for the Barnstable Public Schools and served in that capacity until 1991 when he assumed the position of Superintendent of the Braintree Public Schools. He has served with distinction for twenty-two years.

During his career, Peter has served as president of both the Old Colony and South Shore Superintendents Roundtable. He is a current member of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, and he has served as Chairman of the Board for the South Shore Educational Collaborative. He is a past President of the Braintree Rotary Club and is currently the President of Temple B'Nai Shalom in Braintree.

Mr. Speaker, Peter has had the good fortune to be married to Karen for thirty years, and they are the proud parents of two sons, Marc and Daniel.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with Dr. Peter A. Kurzberg's family, friends, and contemporaries to thank him for forty-two years of dedicated service to public education, and especially express our gratitude for twenty-two years of inspired leadership of the Braintree Public Schools.

NEKO FAVELA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Neko Favela for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Neko Favela is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Neko Favela is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Neko Favela for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING REVEREND DR.
RICHARD B. HAYNES

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

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

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through Pastoral leadership and service; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes has given of himself to lead Salem Baptist Church these past twenty-five years; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Salem Baptist Church as an instrument in our community that betters the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has shared his time and talents for the betterment of our community for the past twenty five (25) years by preaching the gospel, singing the gospel and living the gospel; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a man of great courage, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared with not only Salem Baptist Church, but with Gwinnett County and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes for his leadership and service for our District as he celebrates his 25th Pastoral anniversary; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 10, 2013 as Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 10th day of March, 2013.

NOE URIAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Noe Urias for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Noe Urias is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Noe Urias is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Noe Urias for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE CEDAR GROVE AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SQUAD'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Cedar Grove Ambulance and Rescue Squad, located in Cedar Grove,

Essex County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 75th Anniversary.

The need for a rescue squad in Cedar Grove was realized in 1938. When a resident of Cedar Grove was in need of immediate help, and the only rescue squad available was in the nearby Township of Verona. It was May, 1938, that a group of firemen formed the Cedar Grove Rescue Squad, with the express purpose of providing emergency medical care and rescue services to those in need. The Rescue Squad was based in Center Fire Company #1, and was the sole provider of emergency medical care to the residents of Cedar Grove for thirteen years.

In 1951, the Township of Cedar Grove faced a dramatic upsurge in emergency calls, causing eight Auxiliary Policemen and eight residents to form the Cedar Grove Ambulance Unit. The Unit was based out of the Municipal Building. In the following years, the Township continued to grow, as did the number of emergency calls. The need for more volunteers, vehicles, and space was patent. In 1962, the Ambulance Unit moved its headquarters to the intersection of Cedar Street and Ridge Road, and in 1965, the Rescue Squad moved to its headquarters at Pompton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue. The two organizations worked together to provide care and services to the residents of Cedar Grove, with the Rescue Squad handling on-scene work and the Ambulance Unit providing transportation to the hospital.

In the early eighties, new state regulations and the overwhelming amount of calls led to merger negotiations between the Rescue Squad and Ambulance Unit. In 1982, the merger resulted in the Cedar Grove Ambulance and Rescue Squad. Today, the squad has over sixty members that handle over 1,600 calls annually. They have three ambulances in operation, and a heavy-duty rescue truck equipped with the latest in rescue and medical equipment. The members, a remarkable group of men and women, remain dedicated to serving the residents of Cedar Grove, and providing the best care in emergency situations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Cedar Grove Ambulance and Rescue Squad as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary.

HONORING POLLY MERIWETHER LEWIS

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

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

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman, who gave of herself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, Ms. Polly Meriwether Lewis' work is present in DeKalb County, Georgia for all to see, being an advocate for the youth, the elderly, the poor and ordinary citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, her time, her talent and her life; never asking for fame or fortune but only to uplift those in need; and

Whereas, Ms. Polly Meriwether Lewis led by doing behind the scenes, as well as front and

center for the state of Georgia, DeKalb County, the YMCA, her beloved church, Greater Travelers Rest Baptist and for her beloved Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

Whereas, this virtuous Proverbs 31 woman was a mother, a daughter and a friend; she was a warrior, a matriarch, and a woman of great integrity; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional recognition on Ms. Polly Meriwether Lewis for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens in Georgia and throughout the Nation;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Ms. Polly Meriwether Lewis of DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor": Ms. Polly Meriwether Lewis, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 7th day of March, 2013.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,760,961,851,934.60. We've added \$6,134,084,803,021.52 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week we honor our local, state and federal law enforcement officers by recognizing National Police Week. From May 13–17, communities across the nation will hold ceremonies, honoring the peace officers who protect them and remembering those who lost their lives in the line of duty. We take one week a year to thank them for their service, but we are grateful year-round.

Peace officers have protected Americans for the last 221 years, but our nation has celebrated their service and remembered their sacrifices since 1962 when President John F. Kennedy first proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Nearly one million peace officers serve our communities selflessly nationwide. Every day, these brave men and women put on their uniform, pin on their badge and put themselves in harm's way. Their daily job is to protect our communities, our lives and our property. When the outlaws—the drug dealers, child molesters, wife beaters, robbers, bandits, murderers and street terrorists—threaten our communities, peace officers are the first ones to track them down. With their service, comes risk and