

JOHN R. ZYKAS, CBP Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, San Diego, California, End of Watch: September 8, 2010.

SHAUN M. LIN, Maritime Enforcement Specialist Third Class (E-4), U.S. Coast Guard, Portsmouth, Virginia, End of Watch: October 13, 2010.

BRIAN A. TERRY, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Naco Cochise, Arizona, End of Watch: December 15, 2010.

JAIME J. ZAPATA, Special Agent, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Mexico City, Mexico, End of Watch: February 15, 2011.

HECTOR R. CLARK, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Yuma, Arizona, End of Watch: May 12, 2011.

EDUARDO ROJAS, JR., Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Yuma, Arizona, End of Watch: May 12, 2011.

DALE T. TAYLOR, Lieutenant Commander (O-4), U.S. Coast Guard, Point Clear, Alabama, End of Watch: February 28, 2012.

THOMAS J. CAMERON, Lieutenant Junior Grade (O-2), U.S. Coast Guard, Point Clear, Alabama, End of Watch: February 28, 2012.

FERNANDO JORGE, Aviation Survival Technician (E-7), U.S. Coast Guard, Point Clear, Alabama, End of Watch: February 28, 2012.

ANDREW W. KNIGHT, Avionics Electrical Technician (E-4), U.S. Coast Guard, Point Clear, Alabama, End of Watch: February 28, 2012.

JAMES A. HOPKINS, Electronics Technician (E-6), U.S. Coast Guard, Kodiak, Alaska, End of Watch: April 12, 2012.

RICHARD W. BELISLE, Civilian Employee (WG-8), Chief Boatswain's Mate (E-7), Retired, U.S. Coast Guard, Kodiak, Alaska, End of Watch: April 12, 2012.

LEOPOLDO CAVAZOS, JR., Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Fort Hancock, Texas, End of Watch: July 6, 2012.

JAMES R. DOMINGUEZ, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Cline, Texas, End of Watch: July 19, 2012.

JEFFREY RAMIREZ, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Laredo, Texas, September 15, 2012.

NICHOLAS J. IVIE, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Bisbee, Arizona, October 2, 2012.

DAVID R. DELANEY, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Big Bend National Park, Texas, November 2, 2012.

TERRELL E. HORNE III, Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate (E-8), U.S. Coast Guard, Marina Del Ray, California, End of Watch: December 2, 2012.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE CITY OF CARROLLTON, TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize and celebrate the centennial of the City of Carrollton, Texas, which sits fourteen miles north of downtown Dallas at the intersection of Collin, Dallas, and Denton counties. The rich history of Carrollton is a quintessential American story.

Long before it was the city that it is today, the region around Carrollton was home to Wichita natives as well as the French and Spanish who sought to claim east Texas. The

modern history of Carrollton began in the 1840s when Sam Houston, president of the Republic of Texas, made an agreement with the Peters Colony Company to offer free land to new settlers. The Larner, Myers, Nix, Witt, Lee, Rainwater, and Perry families were among the original founders who came to the area—some from Carrollton, Illinois, from which Carrollton, Texas, may have gotten its name. Families from England, including Jackson, Furneaux, Morgan, and Rowe also settled in the area.

In 1846, the first Baptist church was established in Carrollton and ten years later the Union Baptist Church opened the first community school. Small homes and businesses began to grow in this rural environment and in 1878 the railroad arrived, with the Dallas and Wichita line being the first of three that would eventually intersect and form a hub in the community. That same year, on May 16, Carrollton's first Post Office opened, giving the unincorporated town its name. Built on grain and gravel industries, Carrollton had a population of 150 by 1885 and the town square began to take shape in 1901 after land purchases by George and J.S. Myers.

The City of Carrollton was incorporated one hundred years ago, on June 14, 1913, by a vote of 52 to 23. The City Council was elected the next month and William Forest Vinson was elected as the first Mayor, though he actually declined to serve and the first mayorship was held by Junius Tribble "J.T." Rhoton. In the following decades, Carrollton would grow into a thriving and modern city. Yet a simple gazebo, built in 1921, would become the landmark and centerpiece of the town square. In the 1920s, a volunteer fire department was established and the police department followed by the 1940s. Bringing a distinct attitude to the area around that time was "Colonel" C.W. Josey, an oilman who bought expansive land in Carrollton on which he hosted annual rodeos as well as elaborate parties. Carrollton was also the first city in Dallas County to integrate its schools, in 1963.

Carrollton has truly blossomed into a prosperous and exemplary city. From a population of 1,610 in 1950, it has now grown to over 121,150 residents, with the most rapid growth occurring in the 1970s and 1980s. The city features thirty-five schools, two libraries, the Baylor Medical Center hospital which covers 36 specialties, two other long-term acute care hospitals, and over 1,200 acres of park land. True to the railroad heritage that first brought new life to Carrollton, the city is now connected to the DART commuter system. Landmarks today include the Plaza Theater and the A.W. Perry Homestead Museum. Carrollton's vibrant success is evident in its strong education system and quality of life. The city has been ranked twelfth in *Forbes* Magazine's "America's 25 Best Places to Move", as well as fifteenth in *MONEY* Magazine's "Best Places to Live" in 2008. Just this month, Carrollton was also named one of the top ten "Best Texas Cities for Young Families" by a financial website, based on its public education, affordability, and opportunity for growth.

I am proud to say that the Marchant family has been an important part of Carrollton's story. It was my privilege to serve on the city council for four years and then as Mayor from 1984 to 1986. Ronnie Marchant was a member of the city council for several years. The

present Mayor is Matthew Marchant, who also served several terms on the city council and as Mayor Pro Tempore. Nothing in those roles, however, can compare to the character and qualities that the people of Carrollton have brought to it for over a century and that will propel it into the future.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Carrollton, Texas.

HONORING MINNESOTA STATE REPRESENTATIVE KAREN CLARK

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Minnesota State Representative Karen Clark. Representative Clark grew up on a small farm in southwest Minnesota. She moved to South Minneapolis in 1967 and was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1980. She is the longest-serving openly gay state legislator in the country.

Representative Clark has long worked for the civil rights of all Americans, including LGBT Americans. She led the effort to add sexual orientation to the categories protected by the Minnesota Human Rights Act of 1993. The law now bans discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, public services, public accommodations, education, credit, and business contracting. In addition, the law defines sexual orientation broadly to include gender identity, providing important protections for transgendered Minnesotans. Representative Clark has also sponsored successful legislative initiatives to strengthen enforcement of hate crime laws in Minnesota. Her efforts on behalf of LGBT Minnesotans have earned Representative Clark numerous awards, including the Minneapolis Commission on Human Rights' first Martin Luther King Award, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Leadership Award for antiviolen legislation, and the International Network of Gay & Lesbian Officials' Founding Member Service Award.

Representative Clark's work for LGBT rights has culminated in the passage of the Minnesota Freedom to Marry bill that will legalize same-sex marriage in Minnesota. Representative Clark was the chief author of this historic legislation and helped shepherd it through the Minnesota House of Representatives, where it passed by a vote of 75 to 59 on May 9, 2013. In a public ceremony on May 14, 2013, Governor Mark Dayton signed the bill into law, legalizing same-sex marriage for all Minnesotans. For her decades-long fight for LGBT equality, the Obama Administration rightly honored Representative Clark as a Harvey Milk Champion of Change.

Representative Clark makes Minnesotans proud. I urge this Congress to recognize her extraordinary efforts on behalf of the rights and freedoms of all Minnesotans and Americans.

IN HONOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
CENTRAL FLORIDA'S GOLDEN
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Central Florida on the occasion of its golden anniversary. Located in Florida's 7th Congressional District, UCF is one of America's great education institutions.

Over the past 50 years, UCF's campus has grown from what was once a commuter school with limited academic programs to today having nearly 60,000 undergraduate and graduate students and over 10,000 faculty and staff on 12 campuses spread across the vast footprint of central Florida. Through the tireless efforts of its first University President, Dr. Charles M. Millican to its current President Dr. John C. Hitt, UCF has become the second largest university in the United States. Today's student body is composed of some of the brightest minds from Florida, the Nation, and around the world while assembling some of the finest faculty and senior staff professionals in the country. Under the direction of Dr. Hitt, UCF has achieved high admission standards, dramatically increased research funding, built new state of the art facilities and established significant partnerships with major research institutions. The campus now features an on-campus stadium, indoor sports arena, increased and modern campus housing and the impressive development of the UCF College of Medicine at Lake Nona. UCF has been named one of the Nation's top 5 "up-and-coming" schools according to U.S. News and World Report while advancing in the annual overall best colleges rankings released each year.

UCF has become a national leader in research with an outstanding academic reputation. Its regional assets include a collaboration of military commands, advanced simulation research coupled with the strength of UCF's renowned Institute for Simulation and Training. Further boasting its commitment to high-tech research, UCF is home to CREOL, The College of Optics & Photonics, a world-renowned graduate college for optical science and engineering education. UCF is also nationally recognized as having the top hospitality management program in the country, residing on the Rosen College campus in the heart of Orlando's entertainment and tourist district.

I join my Florida colleagues and Members of Congress in extending congratulations to the University of Central Florida on reaching this important milestone. I have watched with pride the positive growth and impact of this great institution of higher learning. Central Florida, the State and Nation are richer for the investable contributions of its students, faculty and staff, and outstanding graduates. Looking back over these past 50 years with excitement for the next 50, Mr. Speaker, I would again like to extend my congratulations to UCF and join others in saying: Go Knights!

RECOGNIZING MICHELLE & GIL
TRENUM AND THE 3RD ANNUAL
TOM McHALE MEMORIAL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Michelle and Gil Trenum on receiving the Sports Legacy Institute's, SLI, Legacy Award for their role in improving programs for concussion management in Prince William County, Virginia. I also commend SLI on the occasion of its 3rd Annual Tom McHale Memorial for its commitment to improving the prevention and treatment of concussions.

The Sports Legacy Institute is a non-profit organization that uses medical research, treatment, education and prevention to minimize the threat of concussions. Each year the Sports Legacy Institute sponsors the Tom McHale Memorial to benefit its efforts to lower the risks and end the tragic effects of brain trauma. Tom McHale was a collegiate and professional football player as well as a successful business owner. McHale tragically died at the age of 45 and later became the third former NFL player diagnosed with Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy, CTE. CTE is a degenerative brain disease linked to a history of concussions and head injuries.

Michelle and Gil Trenum have championed concussion management and CTE education within the Prince William County Public Schools. The Trenums became advocates for more comprehensive concussion education after losing their own son, Austin, to the effects of multiple concussions and CTE. In 2010, Austin was a mature, vibrant, charismatic 17-year-old student at Brentsville District High School. Everyone who knew Austin says that he loved his family, his friends, and football. He played fullback and linebacker on his high school varsity football team. After Austin's untimely death in September of 2010, his parents donated his brain to Boston University, where doctors discovered injuries consistent with CTE.

Since then, Gil, a representative on the Prince William County School Board, along with his wife, Michelle, have pushed for urgent comprehensive changes to the parent and student concussion education laws. As a result of their advocacy, Prince William County Schools implemented concussion education policies an entire year earlier than originally required by the state. Concussion education in Prince William County includes a mandatory one-hour seminar for students trying out for sports and their parents. The policy also has strict return-to-play guidelines and thorough concussion education for school athletic trainers.

I commend the Trenums for transforming their grief into an opportunity to achieve systemic changes that will help local athletes, coaches, and parents make better decisions concerning concussion management.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our appreciation to Michelle and Gil Trenum for making sports safer for our children. The Sports Legacy Institute chose deserving recipients for its Legacy Award. The Trenums have proven to be passionate and effective advocates on behalf of concussion prevention and treatment.

HONORING THE AMERICAN
MUSLIM ALLIANCE OF FLORIDA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Muslim Alliance of Florida. This organization does excellent work for so many people around the State.

Foremost among those is its annual scholarship dinner for graduating high school seniors. Now in its sixth year, the scholarship program received applications from 138 students at 56 high schools across Florida, and will present ten winners with an award on June 1, 2013.

Past awardees have enrolled in some of America's most prestigious colleges and universities, as well as continued to excel in their chosen fields of study.

I am very proud of the Alliance, and am privileged to have so many of its members live in my Congressional district.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize the American Muslim Alliance, and express my most sincere gratitude for all that they do in our community. I also want to congratulate this year's winners, and wish them much success in their future endeavors.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 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 \$16,734,032,974,210.27. We've added \$6,107,155,925,297.19 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.

HONORING EVAN VOSS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Evan Voss is a junior at Pearland High School in Brazoria County, Texas. His essay topic is: In your opinion, what role should government play in our lives?