

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF JHPIEGO

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jhpiego, a non-profit, global health affiliate of Johns Hopkins University, on the occasion of their 40th anniversary. I would like to recognize the employees of Jhpiego for their tireless service in providing health care for vulnerable populations and preventing needless deaths throughout the developing world.

Headquartered in my hometown of Baltimore, Jhpiego has grown to become a force for good around the world. Founded in 1973 by Dr. Theodore King, Jhpiego initially brought healthcare professionals from Latin America, Asia, and Africa to Baltimore to learn the latest practices in women's health.

As time progressed, Jhpiego's leadership realized they could have a greater impact by bringing their medical knowledge and training to the countries whose populations they were trying to serve. In 1979, Jhpiego started in-country training programs on three continents. These programs were extremely successful and, in 1993, Jhpiego opened its first field office in Kenya. Today, Jhpiego operates field offices and clinics in over thirty countries providing invaluable medical services to people who would otherwise be without basic healthcare.

This focus on developing the capacity of countries to create their own healthcare network, combined with the delivery of extremely low-cost solutions to common health problems, has proven to be the great genius of Jhpiego. Jhpiego and its more than 1,500 employees have successfully brought the resources and expertise of Johns Hopkins to over 150 countries around the world. In the process, they have trained tens of thousands of people to be reliable healthcare providers.

This was no easy task. Over the past 40 years, Jhpiego has worked in some of the most remote areas of the world. Undaunted by this challenge, Jhpiego employees have learned to thrive under difficult and sometimes dangerous conditions.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me in recognizing Jhpiego and congratulating them on their 40th anniversary. This outstanding organization has made a tremendous impact, saving lives and improving quality of life around the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, due to my flight to Washington, DC arriving late yesterday, I unexpectedly missed the following roll-call votes:

On rollcall 245, passage of H.R. 876, Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall 246, passage of H.R. 253, Y Mountain Access Enhancement Act, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall 247, passage of H.R. 862, To authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners on an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday and missed roll Nos. 245, 246, and 247. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each of those votes.

HONORING LUTHER BUCKLEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Luther Buckley who was born and reared in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Buckley began his early education at the St. Marks Episcopal School, and completed his elementary and secondary school education at Smith Robertson Elementary School and Lanier High School.

Upon graduation from Lanier High School, Mr. Buckley enlisted in the United States Army, serving the majority of his enlistment in the European Theater of Operations. After completing his tour of duty, he returned to Jackson where he resumed his educational experiences.

Mr. Buckley received a B.S. Degree from Jackson State University and a M.A. Degree in School Administration from Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He has also done further study at the University of Oklahoma, Atlanta University, Mississippi State University and Mississippi College.

Mr. Buckley's professional experiences began as a principal in Leflore County Schools in 1948. In 1955 he moved to the Jackson Public Schools where he served one year as principal of Brinkley Junior High School and thirty-one years as principal of Lanier High School. He retired from then Jackson Public Schools in June 1987.

Throughout Mr. Buckley's career, he has maintained many professional affiliations: a long standing member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, Mississippi Association of Secondary School Principals and the Phi Delta Kappa Professional Education Fraternity. He has also served as Vice President of the Third District Teachers Association, and on the boards of numerous organizations such as: Mississippi High Schools Activities Association, Magnolia State High School Activities, Mississippi Secondary School Principals Association, American Red Cross, Crime Stoppers of Jackson, Jackson State University Athletic Affairs and Mississippi Retired Public Employees Association (PERS).

A highlight in Mr. Buckley's professional career was his selection as a member of the Danforth School Administrators' Fellowship program, a selection which enabled participating administrators to tour school districts of the program participants and participates in numerous out-of-state seminars.

On April 2, 1987 Mr. Buckley received the "Spirit of Mississippi Award" from Television Station WLBT for his educational contributions to the City of Jackson and the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Buckley is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Beta Alpha Chapter, and the Central United Methodist Church where he serves as a member of the Trustee Board.

Mr. Buckley has two children and six grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Luther Buckley for his dedication to serving others.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE ARLINGTON FOOD ASSISTANCE CENTER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). Arlington County is the third wealthiest county in the United States; amidst this wealth, many residents and their families do not have the resources to adequately provide nutrition for either themselves or their families. This group includes many different groups in our society—the disabled, elderly, unemployed, under-employed, and homeless students in Arlington public schools.

Hunger is the physical sensation that results from not having enough food to eat. However, when talking about "hunger in America," what is often meant is more accurately called "food insecurity." Food insecurity is defined as a lack of access to enough food to fully meet basic needs due to lack of financial resources. A recent survey of Arlington County residents found that more than 4 in 10 individuals making \$60,000 or less are having these struggles. Nearly 15,000 people in Arlington County currently suffer from food insecurity.

In early 1988, a small group of concerned citizens in Arlington County gathered together their resources to found an organization whose sole purpose was to alleviate hunger among their neighbors in need. This group was soon joined by six congregations, all of whom operated food pantries serving small groups of families. Since then, AFAC has grown into the largest food bank serving Arlington County and is the only organization in the County solely dedicated to alleviating hunger.

At the time of its founding, AFAC was serving approximately 200 families. AFAC has grown considerably since then. They currently distribute food to over 1,600 families and almost 4,500 individuals through 16 locations spread across the County. Over 35 percent of their clients are children. The elderly, who often have to choose between food or medicine, make up 30 percent of their clientele.

Annually, this organization seeks to lower the incidence of hunger in our community by distributing over three million pounds of fresh vegetables and fruit, meat, eggs, milk, bread, and other groceries.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to honor the Arlington Food Assistance Center as it marks 25 years of dedicated service to the residents of Arlington County.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE
DEFIANCE BULLDOGS

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school baseball team in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. The young men of the Defiance High School baseball team have represented their school ably on their way to achieving the Division II State Baseball Championship.

In their effort to surpass all other teams in the Division II State Baseball Championship Game, the Defiance Bulldogs overcame the challenges posed by intense competition.

In pursuing the State Championship, the Defiance Bulldogs defeated Plain City Jonathan Alder to claim their second state championship in their fourth appearance at the state baseball championship game. In winning the Division II Boys Baseball State Championship, the members of this very special team have shown that their sport requires an individual effort for a team result and great support from their community. As a direct outcome of their hard work and dedication on and off the field, their accomplishment is truly outstanding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the 2013 Defiance High School baseball team. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SALLY K.
RIDE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD
MEDAL

HON. SCOTT H. PETERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. PETERS of California. Mr. Speaker, today on the 30th anniversary of Dr. Sally Ride's historic journey into space, I am introducing the Sally K. Ride Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2013 because of what Dr. Ride meant to this country as a pioneer.

Dr. Ride was the first American woman to fly into space. Flying on the seventh space shuttle flight, which was launched on June 18, 1983, she helped deploy two communications satellites including piloting the shuttle's robotic arm to capture a satellite for the first time. Dr. Ride's flight into space came at a time when women in the United States were shattering the glass ceiling becoming leaders in science and math.

Dr. Ride's extraordinary courage and pioneering spirit paved the way for future female astronauts. Her ride to space was an inspira-

tion for young women to dream. As Gloria Steinem wrote at the time, "millions of little girls are going to sit by their television sets and see they can be astronauts, heroes, explorers and scientists." As the Associate Administrator for the Shuttle Program, Lieutenant General James Abrahamson stated in 1983, the next "milestone" would be "when ladies go into space and nobody notices, they just take it for granted." Thirty years after Sally Ride's historic flight we know that to be true.

What made Dr. Ride truly extraordinary was her work after 1983 to ensure that the children of our country would be able to follow in her footsteps and create their own legacies. After flying into space one more time in 1984, serving on the Rogers Commission investigating the Challenger disaster, and leading NASA's long range and strategic planning efforts, Dr. Ride left NASA in 1987. She received numerous awards including Jefferson Award for Public Service, the von Braun Award, the Lindbergh Eagle and the NCAA's Theodore Roosevelt Award. She has also twice been awarded the NASA Space Flight Medal. Dr. Ride was also inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame and the Astronaut Hall of Fame. She became a Professor of Physics and Director of the California Space Institute at the University of California, San Diego. While teaching college students, she also endeavored to reach out to young children. Dr. Ride and her life-partner Tam O'Shaughnessy co-wrote six children's books which focused on encouraging children to study science. Dr. Ride also founded EarthKAM (Earth Knowledge Acquired by Middle school students) in 1995, a NASA educational outreach program using cameras onboard the Shuttle and now the International Space Station to enable students, teachers, and the public to learn about Earth from the unique perspective of space. In 2001, she founded a company with the goal of creating entertaining science programs and publications for elementary and middle school students with a focus on girls.

As we look to honor Dr. Ride, it is important to note that Dr. Ride never let her symbolic accomplishments overshadow the importance of her life's work pushing our country to explore and continuing to lead the charge of getting more women into the sciences. Commenting on her inspiring flight in 1983, Dr. Ride stated, "It's too bad this is such a big deal. It's too bad our society isn't further along." This Medal is meant to serve both as a testament to the extraordinary American that Dr. Sally Ride was and as a reminder that we must protect her legacy by being forever vigilant to ensure that future Sally Rides are able to pursue their dreams.

The Navy recently named the next ocean-class auxiliary general oceanographic research ship after her to honor her legacy. As Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus said, "Sally Ride's career was one of firsts and will inspire generations to come."

In closing, I believe that awarding this congressional gold medal will be a fitting, though long overdue, recognition by Congress of all Dr. Ride contributed to our great nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 246 I was attending a funeral.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING VIRGINIA STEWART

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Virginia Stewart has led a full and productive life with a career in the health care system starting with her cum laude degree from the College of New Rochelle in Health Administration.

She was a community outreach worker at Harlem Hospital, the neighborhood where she was born, and was promoted to Assistant Director and then Administrator for Family Planning and Women's Health Initiatives. In time she became Director of Outpatient Services for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology until her retirement in 1991.

In 1971 she had moved to Co-op City and for the past 27 years has been a member of the Goodwill Baptist Church where she is Secretary of the Usher Board. In retirement she has not stopped becoming a community activist and an active member of several Co-op City community organizations. She has also become involved in politics, being elected several times as a Judicial Delegate for the 82nd Assembly District, and is currently an Election monitor for that District.

Among her many activities at Co-op City was Treasurer and Publicist of the Retirees of Dreiser Loop, as well as the second women president in the group's 40 year history, now in her second term.

She is a member of the Harriet Tubman Democratic Club, and served for several years as its Recording Secretary. She is also a member of the Co-op City and Williamsbridge Branches of the NAACP, the National Organization of AARP, and the Coalition of African American Churches and Community Organizations.

She and her husband Kenneth married in 1951 and have four children.

Virginia Stewart is that godsend to a community, someone who is caring and active in its many organizations. I am proud to join with the people and organizations of Co-op City in honoring her for her many contributions to her community and the people in it.

HONORING MARGARET ANN BEALE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Chaplain Margaret Ann Beale.