

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 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 \$16,738,664,595,327.64. We've added \$6,111,787,546,414.56 to our debt in 4.5 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING DR. SANDRA CARR  
HAYES

**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, Dr. Sandra Carr Hayes.

Dr. Sandra Carr Hayes, a graduate of Tougaloo College, is the Executive Director of the Tougaloo College Health and Wellness Center and Interim Director for the Tougaloo College Institute for Bio Health and Informatics. In this capacity, Dr. Hayes works with national, state and local organizations to improve health and reduce health disparities. She also serves as the Principal Investigator of four federally funded grants and one state funded grant. Her programs reach as far as the Mississippi Delta.

Her work on health disparities has taken her to Kenya, Africa where she conducted research which resulted in the production of a book entitled, "The State of HIV/AIDS/TB Co-Infections in Kenya: The Impact of Environment, Resource Management and Culture." Her health disparities work has also resulted in the development of a chapter featured in the book entitled "Diabetes in Black America: Public Health and Clinical Solutions to a National Crisis."

Over 10 years, Dr. Hayes has co-authored numerous manuscripts that have explored health disparities related to the development of infectious and chronic diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, TB, diabetes, and asthma. In addition, she serves on the editorial board of the National AHEC Organization Journal and as a peer reviewer for Health Promotion and Practice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Sandra Carr Hayes for her dedication to serving others.

HONORING RETIRED BRIGADIER  
GENERAL WALTER SCHELLHASE

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Brigadier General Walter Schellhase (Retired) for his service to his

country, community and fellow veterans as he retires as the President of the Hill Country Veterans Council.

During his nearly two decades as an officer and member of the Board of Directors of the Hill Country Veterans Council, General Schellhase has worked tirelessly as an advocate for the needs of veterans. In addition to his work with the Veterans Council, General Schellhase has served on the Boards of the Kerrville Economic Development Corporation, the Kerr County Historical Commission, and was named Citizen of the Year by the Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce.

General Schellhase's efforts on behalf of his fellow veterans and citizens are certainly commendable. We thank him for his many years of public service.

HONORING THE CITY OF  
RICHMOND

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2013*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Richmond, Indiana.

This week, Indiana Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann announced the city of Richmond, joined by Bedford, Indiana, as the newest Indiana Stellar Community award winners. Launched in 2011, Stellar Communities is a collaboration among multiple State agencies that pool funding sources to assist winning communities in achieving their long-term comprehensive strategic goals for community development.

Richmond's winning proposal included positively enhancing the quality of life for residents through the addition of new senior housing, improved transportation and bike trails, downtown redevelopment, and increased Wi-Fi connectivity.

These grants are an excellent integration of local initiatives and state agency expertise to develop and build stronger communities. I commend the Richmond Mayor, Sally Hutton, and her office's leadership in developing a winning proposal for the City.

I ask the 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating the leadership, businesses, and citizens of the city of Richmond for their newest designation as an Indiana Stellar Community.

A FIRST SOFTBALL TITLE FOR  
HIGH POINT CHRISTIAN

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2013*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, there is a school in the Sixth District of North Carolina that just won its first ever state softball title. I would like to take this time to congratulate all who contributed to this historic achievement.

High Point Christian Academy's softball team has exemplified determination and an exceptional work ethic in its quest for a state title. The HPCA Cougars placed second in the state tournaments of 2011 and 2012. Their continued hard work and perseverance, how-

ever, paid off even more in 2013. The team finished the regular season 20-3, and entered the North Carolina Independent School Athletic Association 3A Championship Tournament in Gastonia as the first seed.

Led by Head Coach Jeremy Cecil, the team defeated Wesleyan Christian Academy 10-8 in an elimination game on Friday, May 17, 2013. The Cougars needed three wins on Saturday to claim the championship, but they were not intimidated in the slightest. They began their Saturday win streak with a 14-4 win over Metrolina Christian. The Cougars then swept second-seeded Hickory Grove in a best-of-three final series to clinch the championship, winning 1-0 and 5-4.

The state champions include Lindsay Cecil, Austen Coats, Maddie Faulkner, Sydney Harris, Kirsten Hart, Ashlyn Kennedy, Abigail Lyle, Sloane McPeak, Rachel Norris, Lindsay Payne, Hannah Self, and Nikki Zittinger. Cecil, McPeak, and Kennedy were also named 2013 All-State Team Members.

It has been an exciting season for the students, faculty, staff, and families of High Point Christian Academy. On behalf of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate HPCA Headmaster Richard Hardee, High School Principal Keith Curlee, Athletic Director Corey Gesell, Head Softball Coach Jeremy Cecil, Assistant Softball Coaches Bryan Coats, Jessica Burcham, Shane Kennedy, and Brad Self. Congratulations to the 2013 softball team on its NCISAA 3A State Championship.

HONORING SISTER SHEILA LYNE

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2013*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sister Sheila Lyne, RSM, who is retiring after decades of service to Mercy Hospital. She is a recognized leader in the effort to improve the health and wellness of the residents of the city of Chicago.

Sister Sheila was born and raised on the South side of Chicago. She got her MBA from the University of Chicago, and joined the community of Sisters of Mercy in 1953. After earning her Psychiatric Nursing degree, she began her tenure at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center in 1970. In 1976, Sister Sheila assumed the role of President and CEO at Mercy.

In 1991, Sister Sheila was appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley as Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Chicago. Under her leadership as Commissioner of Public Health, the city saw the infant mortality rate decrease by 6% and immunization rates rise to 73% from 27%.

In 2000, she returned to Mercy to resume her former role of President and CEO and face a challenging turnaround effort. Each year over the past 12 years, Mercy has made significant strides forward in serving our community, and now boasts a nationally-recognized Heart & Vascular Center, one of the city's few Certified Stroke Centers, eleven medical satellite centers, and a completely state-of-the-art digital Breast Care Center, all under Sister Sheila's distinguished and direct leadership.

Sister Sheila has been a leading voice for quality health for all people and an inspiration

to those of us working to shape policy in a humane and comprehensive way.

#### 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. 247 I was attending a funeral.

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

#### CELEBRATING DIXON LONG ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2013*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize Mr. Dixon Long on the occasion of his 80th birthday on June 21, 2013. Mr. Long's many contributions as a board member and donor of the Strybing Arboretum in San Francisco, supporter of the Holden Arboretum in Mentor, Ohio, and supporter of the Trust for Public Land, have been a great benefit to our Nation's environment.

In addition to his extensive involvement in these organizations, Dixon was also a professor of Political Science and dean of Western Reserve College, helping to educate the next generation of political thinkers and office holders. During his academic tenure, Mr. Long wrote extensively about the intersection of science, technology and public policy.

Dixon's passion for writing moved beyond academia. He published a number of novels, short stories, and travel guides since returning to Mann County. His love of learning, passion for teaching, commitments to public engagement, and preserving the environment are worthy of commendation.

Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to Mr. Dixon Long for his long and impressive career, and exceptional record of service.

#### HONORING TOREY BELL

### 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 civil servant, Mayor Torey Bell.

On March 29, 1996, Torey ran for the Office of Aldermen and was sworn in and appointed as the Vice-Mayor of the Town of Doddsville, MS on July 2, 1996. He was overwhelmingly elected on June 2, 2000, garnering nearly 90 percent of the vote. During his campaign, he pledged to help reunite the town by: focusing on cleaning up failed State's reporting; documentation; seeking a stable building for operation and town business; community beautifi-

cation; gaining a collaborative approach to water and sewage; having safer streets in all neighborhoods; and restoring fiscal responsibility to city government.

Mayor Torey Bell Administration began the task of moving forward in accomplishing the Mayor's four top priorities: improving community education and awareness for all elderly and children; creating better water control procedures and policies; providing economic development opportunities for all town residents, and making sure residents feel safe in the neighborhood in which they live by ensuring that the city is fiscally sound. Mayor Bell also is focused on achieving self-sufficiency and full democracy for Town of Doddsville and taxpayers and improving their health outcomes.

A native of Sunflower County, Mayor Bell has tirelessly advocated for the residents of the Town for more than 20 years. His dedication to children and their families has been the hallmark of his service in both city government and the non-profit sector. His lifetime of public service to the Sunflower County can be best summed up by a singular governing philosophy—"that a man's heart plans his way, but God directs his footsteps."

His disciplined approach to public service was born from humble beginnings. He grew up in a single parent home and some apartment life in Sunflower, Mississippi until marriage brought James R. Haywood, Sr. in his life. Although his parents were limited to the things they could offer the family of four boys, they instilled in their sons a solid work ethic, strong community ethics and deeply rooted values. Mayor Bell attended East Sunflower Elementary and Ruleville Junior High Schools, and graduated at the age of 17 from Ruleville Central High School, where he excelled in school social relations, High School pride support and sports.

Despite his athletic talents in basketball and baseball, the Mayor chose to continue his education and service by joining the Army during the Gulf War. After returning home, Mayor Bell became an Orderly and an Ambulance Driver at the South Sunflower County Hospital. While serving the community in the medical field, he went to Mississippi Delta Community College where he graduated from the Emergency Medical Technician program. He later went to work for the Northern part of the county community by joining the North Sunflower County Hospital team, where he worked with many others as well as the Walter B Crook Nursing Facility, X-Ray Department and surgery team. He later joined the ranks of Sunflower County Sheriff Department to continue his county-wide service. Subsequently, he was accepted and admitted into the 10th District Masonic Fraternity and later, joined the Order of Eastern Stars.

Mayor Bell began his community service career with local summer baseball teams and basketball leagues. In Sunflower County, he successfully advocated for innovative policy initiatives on behalf of children with very little resources, limited positive mentoring and recreational events and chaired the initiative that lead to the uncovering of abusive administrative powers, fraudulent spending, poor child educational environment and unfair labor within the County school institution.

In 1999, Mayor Bell was appointed to serve as mentor and supporting counselor for the

Collaborative Mayor's Initiative for Sunflower and Bolivar County small towns. He spearheaded the implementation of several initiatives to address the developmental needs and community awareness to help direct Mayors to productive partnerships and implement policies that would support overall growth and developments.

In his first term as Mayor, he helped lead a successful campaign to purchase and renovate a real estate office to become Doddsville first official City Hall. Within that same year, he joined others to improve water quality and replace out dated equipment to improve the water and sewage system. Later, he began another campaign to rescue nine lots seized by Mississippi Home Corp in the NR Subdivision to help build single family homes with a multipurpose community center in the Town of Doddsville.

Mayor Bell's dedication to his community and the residents inspired a successful campaign for re-election to office in 2004, with no challengers in the primary. During his second term as mayor, he collaborated with Special Committees throughout the State to help educate and bring awareness to help control and Prevent Youth Violence, and supported HIV/AIDS initiative. While working to establish this support, Mayor Bell worked to obtain enough funds through MDA to rehab all senior citizens owned homes in Doddsville to Energy efficacy homes.

Mayor Bell worked long hours to lead the community into efforts to improve the Council's operations, transparency and oversight for capacity, and was a true champion for positive quality of living for kids and senior citizens. Eventually, the Mayor worked to help improve fire protection in the community by obtaining land to construct a fire truck's house and a fire truck for the community. The Mayor's diligence resulted in those goals being met in September of 2007. Later, Mayor Bell worked with others to help gain funds to improve streets throughout the community. His love for his community allowed him to start community property clean ups, advocating for the saving of the town's post office and jobs, obtain funds to meet the state's mandates for sewage system by-waste products and is currently working to establish partnership to help residents with home purchasing, financing and credit management.

Mayor Bell has lived in the Doddsville neighborhood for more than 17 years. His wife, Lisa, is an outstanding public school accountant in the Cleveland Public Schools and currently seeking office as town Alderman for the 2013–2017 term. He has four children, Torey Bell Jr., Simeon, Nathan and Nigel. Mayor Bell is the oldest of four sons of Deloris Jean Haywood and James R. Haywood Sr. He gives credit to his success as a public servant to God first, teachings from his mother and father, support from his wife and family, a trusting and dedicated board of aldermen, Gregory Associates, Gardner Engineering, a faithful city clerk and a supportive Mentor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mayor Torey Bell for his dedication to serving others and giving back to his community.