

Friday, June 7, 2013 after 23 years as a public school teacher. Angie, a constituent and resident of Mansfield, TX, was a teacher in the Mansfield Independent School District for 15 years and finished her career as a Reading Specialist serving all of the Mansfield-area high schools. Through her dedicated work teaching students how to overcome reading and writing deficiencies, she gave countless students a greater opportunity to excel academically and succeed professionally. The efforts of teachers like Angie are essential in promoting a more prosperous future for the next generation of Americans and our nation as a whole. I am extremely proud to have her as a constituent and cannot thank her enough for her 23 years of devotion to our children's prosperity.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 6th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring Angie McDonald and her 23 years of selfless work as an educator. We must always recognize those who dedicate their careers to enriching the lives of our children.

HONORING AVIS PARMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Avis Parman, who will celebrate her 90th birthday on July 28, 2013.

Avis has been an important leader in Albany, Missouri for decades, earning the moniker "Miss Albany." While she grew up in Worth County, she moved to Albany in 1943. In 1963, she became a founding member of Albany Community Betterment, an organization dedicated to improving Albany and one of two clubs that have competed in the Missouri Community Betterment program every year of its existence. Albany Community Betterment won the Grand Prize in state community betterment in 2001 and 2010, a feat Avis was instrumental in helping achieve. She has also taken time to serve on parks boards, on the Missouri Agriculture and Small Business Development Authority, serving as chairwoman from 1998 to 2000, on the state Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority, on various library projects and currently as a director emeritus of the Missouri Independent Bankers Association. Whatever Albany or Avis's neighbors in northwest Missouri needed, she answered the call and served to the best of her ability.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Avis Parman for a life of service to Albany and northwest Missouri, congratulating her on her 90th birthday and wishing her many more wonderful years to come.

HONORING DE'ONTAY DE'CAROL JONES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a determined and

eager young man who understands it takes tenacity and self reliance to reach the highest success, Mr. De'Ontay De'Carol Jones.

De'Ontay De'Carol Jones was born May 18, 1994 in Vicksburg, MS to the proud parents of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson. De'Ontay was a part of the May 2012 graduating class of Warren Central High School. De'Ontay is currently enrolled at Jones County Jr. College located in Ellisville, MS.

De'Ontay understands that obtaining a good education, and community and civic involvement is the recipe for a success. While in high school De'Ontay participated in the school choir, student council, yearbook club and Future Teacher's Association.

He is a faithful and active member of Greater Grove M. B. Church where he is an usher and a member of PRIDE, Greater Grove's teen ministry. De'Ontay is also a member of the Kappa League Boy's Club. He enjoys learning about the political process and likes to participate in political campaigns.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. De'Ontay De'Carol Jones for his hard work, dedication and a strong desire to achieve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for votes on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, due to Flight #4042 being delayed by approximately four hours before departing Charleston International Airport. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

H.R. 2383—To designate the new Interstate Route 70 Bridge over the Mississippi River connecting St. Louis, Missouri, and southwestern Illinois as the "Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge." Vote: "yes."

H.R. 1092—To designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center." Vote: "yes."

MARKETING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE KOREAN WAR

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark the upcoming sixtieth anniversary of the end of the Korean War and it is with the utmost respect that I recognize this milestone.

On July 27, 1953, an armistice was signed which brought to a close over three years of terrible war on the Korean Peninsula. In the aftermath of World War II, a newly-divided Korea became the site of global crisis as 75,000 invading North Korean soldiers crossed the 38th parallel on June 25, 1950. The global community was fast to respond, as the United Nations Security Council recommended on June 27 that member states take action. Twenty-one nations heeded the call and collectively sent over 340,000 troops,

88 percent from the United States, to assist the over 600,000 South Koreans fighting for their country.

The three years of tragic bloodshed helped stem communist conquest and secure a people's independence in a dangerous world. Yet it came at a great price. 36,574 Americans lost their lives, and approximately 100,000 were injured. Over 170,000 allied troops were confirmed killed with half of a million wounded and, to this day, many thousands remain missing. By some counts, 2.5 million civilians on both sides, 10 percent of Korea's pre-war population, perished.

No words here, then, can adequately mark our recognition and the deep honor that we owe to the men and women who sacrificed so much in Korea sixty years ago. What we can do is pause to ensure that what they went through and what they accomplished will never be forgotten. And we can give the highest respect to those who survived and that we have with us today—our veterans whom I wish to thank and honor this day for their great service.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the sixtieth anniversary of the end of the Korean War, and honoring our veterans and those who lost their lives in that great struggle.

HONORING KATRINA CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FAIR HAVEN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many family, friends, colleagues, and community members who have gathered in celebration of Katrina Clark who is retiring from her position as Executive Director of the Fair Haven Community Health Center after forty years of dedicated service.

Katrina has been at the helm of this organization for all but its first two years. It has been under her leadership and because of her vision that the Center has grown so successfully over the last four decades. I have had the privilege to know Katrina for many years. Her commitment to the people of the Fair Haven community is only equaled by her determination to ensure that they have access to quality, affordable health care. She is an extraordinary woman and I consider myself fortunate to benefit from her counsel and friendship.

In 1971 a small group of dedicated nurses, doctors, students, and neighborhood volunteers, under the leadership of a community advocacy agency called the Alliance for Latin American Progress, opened the Fair Haven Clinic in a local elementary school. Two nights a week, the Clinic served adults and children on a walk-in basis for minor ailments, immunizations, and family planning services. With a budget of only five thousand dollars, made available through a grant from the Greater New Haven Community Foundation, they were able to accommodate over five hundred visits in their first year.

It was clear that families were not only in need of these basic services, but of expanded health care as well. Over the next decade, guided by Katrina's remarkable leadership, the Clinic worked to expand the services that they were able to provide to more comprehensive primary health care. Today, the Fair Haven Community Health Center has grown into one of our community's most respected non-profit primary health care organizations, providing comprehensive health care—from prenatal and pediatric to adolescent, adult and geriatric care—to hundreds of residents every year.

Katrina's passion for and dedication to providing children and families with access to quality, affordable health care has helped to guide the Fair Haven Community Health Center over the course of its history. Its success and the difference it continues to make in the lives of those it serves is her legacy. She has left an indelible mark on our community, setting a standard of service to which we should all strive. While her physical presence will most certainly be missed, I have no doubt that she will continue to serve as an inspiration to all of those at Fair Haven Community Health Center as they continue her good work.

For her outstanding service to our community and unparalleled dedication to some of our most vulnerable citizens, I am honored to stand today to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Katrina Clark as she celebrates her retirement. I wish her, her partner Bonnie, and their children, Jared and Jonathan all the best for many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING DARRIN ARNOLD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Darrin Arnold. Darrin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 214, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Darrin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Darrin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Darrin has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Darrin repaired 200 feet of a hiking trail inside the Parkville Nature Sanctuary in Parkville, Missouri, removing tree roots and large rocks, overlaying the path with gravel and providing a better walking experience for hikers in the sanctuary.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Darrin Arnold for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING COLONEL ROBERT L. HOWARD-MOH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life and accomplishments of Colonel Robert L. Howard and the dedication of the Headquarters Building of the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky in his honor.

Colonel Howard retired in 1992 after serving 36 years in the United States Army, with more than 33 years on airborne status, and is considered one of our Nation's most highly decorated veterans. While serving in Vietnam, Colonel Howard received the Medal of Honor on March 2, 1971 for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action" while on a mission to rescue a missing American soldier in enemy controlled territory. He passed away on December 23, 2009 in Waco, Texas.

Colonel Howard is one of the most impressive people I have met during my life. I am proud to have had the honor of working with him. Then-Captain Howard was my company commander when I was an instructor at the Army Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Even if you did not know that he had been recommended for the Medal of Honor three times, receiving one, he was also a recipient of our Nation's second highest decoration, the Distinguished Service Cross, and was awarded a Silver Star. And even if you did not know he had been wounded fourteen times during 54 months of combat duty and received eight Purple Hearts, you would still know he was a real leader.

Colonel Howard embodied everything there is in a good leader, a fine soldier, and a great American. He was someone you would be happy to follow at the Airborne School or into combat. He had the upmost respect from everyone around him, from junior enlisted personnel, to noncommissioned officers, and senior officers.

In my conversations with him after his retirement from military service, he was even more impressive, working for the Department of Veterans Affairs as a liaison to other veterans. Combined, he spent 52 years in government service.

It was a high honor to have known him and to have served under him. I have had the unbelievably good fortune to be part of this memorization process, and to know that his legacy will live on in this building.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I believe it is appropriate at this time that we honor Colonel Howard's service to our Nation with the dedication of this building. His commitment to duty and professionalism is an inspiration to all of us.

HONORING CHARKYRIA SAMONE EVANS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable student, Ms. Charkyria Samone Evans.

Charkyria, an aspiring Aerospace Engineer, is the 19 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D'Andre Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Evans. As a native of Washington County, Charkyria has witnessed a few troubling moments that occurred in her county and specifically Greenville, Mississippi. These occurrences drew Charkyria's attention even at a young age.

As a fifth grader at Ella Darling Elementary School, Charkyria decided to take the first step in enhancing her community by joining a campus organization called Darling Leaders/Delta Action Coalition. This organization helped Charkyria receive the support she needed to express her enlightening ideas and persuaded her to submit an essay that promoted Greenville's beautification. Charkyria was able to execute her plan of beautification when she and a few other students designed a mural, displayed on the walls of Higher Dimensions Church. Charkyria's determination did not stop there.

Upon entering Coleman Middle School (CMS), her community service efforts were refreshed when she became a CMS cheerleader, student council member and President of the National Junior Honor Society.

Immediately upon entering Greenville-Weston High School, Charkyria took on roles of SGA Senator, Science Olympiad Scholar, Academic Bowl Scholar, Principal's Club Pupil, NSL-ITEST scholar (Mississippi Valley State University), varsity cheerleader and an eager mentor for students of various ages. Being involved in school only molded her to become even more involved in Washington County.

Additionally, she became an active member in Teenette Art and Civic Club, Delta Center Stage, Washington County's Democratic Caucus, Chi Mu Omega Chapter of AKA's Cotillion, Eta Theta Omega Chapter of AKA's Fashionetta, Mayor's Youth Council, and Old Jerusalem M.B. Church's Youth Ministry.

Now that Charkyria has embarked upon a new journey at Tuskegee University as an ambitious Aerospace Engineering student, she continues to reach out into her world community. She stretches her arms of love out to all in hopes of inspiring the lives of community members and students through community service.

Charkyria continues to use the skills that she has learned to help nourish the pride of the swift-growing South. With this mindset, she continues to grow with a sense of dignity and nationalism for her local communities and the United States of America because she remembers, "For God so loved the world. . .".

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Charkyria Samone Evans for her dedication to serving others and giving back to her community.

SECTION 5 OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

1. How did Congress conclude that Section 5 was still necessary in 2006?

Congress conducted 21 hearings and amassed a record of over 15,000 pages during the 2006 process. The bipartisan vote was