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In order for communities and schools to be awarded this designation, they must first complete a rigorous application process. Berkley Charter School was selected by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation due to their high quality music education program. The Central Florida community is blessed to have an educational institution such as Berkley Charter School that is committed the educational development and successes of its students.

On behalf of the Central Florida community, I am pleased to recognize Berkley Charter School, and I congratulate the students and faculty on their accomplishment of achieving excellence in musical education. May their hard work and dedication inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

#### HONORING SHANNON GUNIER OF LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Shannon Gunier, who is retiring after 20 years of service to the Lake County Winegrape Commission.

Shannon Grunier and her husband, Rick Gunier, moved from Southern California to Lake County in 1991, where she began as the Executive Director of the Lake County Winegrape Commission. Without any prior experience in grapegrowing or winemaking, her strong marketing background and her resolve to learn about wine helped her become one of the most successful promoters of the Lake County Winegrape region. Mrs. Gunier has cultivated the image of Lake County as a producer of premium quality wines.

In the time since Mrs. Gunier began as Executive Director, the Lake County Winegrape Commission has spent over three million dollars in marketing Lake County wines. In her role with the Commission, Mrs. Gunier helped Lake County's wineries expand from three in her first year to 40 and growing today. Today the wine industry employs over 900 people in Lake County and pays over \$26 million dollars in annual wages.

Though Mrs. Gunier moved on from the Commission in February 2013, she is still active in promoting the Lake County winegrape growing region. She and her husband co-own North Coast Winegrape Brokers, a winegrape broker sales and marketing firm which services Lake County's independent growers. Additionally, in 2000, Mr. and Mrs. Gunier worked on the first Lake County Revitalization Grant.

Mrs. Gunier has received several awards for her leadership and service in the region, including an award of merit from the U.S. Forest Service, a certificate of appreciation from the Lake County Board of Supervisors, a Stars of Lake County award, a Kelseyville Business Association certificate of appreciation, and a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition. In addition to her work with winegrapes, Mrs. Gunier has also served as a teacher at Yuba Community College, a consultant for the

Small Business Center, and an author of a forthcoming book: *You're Fired, I Quit—The Art of Being Married and Working Together*.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Gunier has a long and distinguished career of service to Lake County, most notably to the Lake County Winegrape Commission. It is therefore appropriate that we acknowledge Mrs. Gunier today and wish her well in her future endeavors.

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NA- TIONAL DRAFT GOLDWATER RALLY

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2013*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, a week from today is the 50th anniversary of an historic event in Washington, which helped launch a successful political revolution resulting in the development of the two-party system in the South.

On July 4, 1963, I participated with a busload of Republican activists and Teen Age Republicans, TARS, for the National Draft Goldwater Rally at the DC Armory addressed by Senator John Tower of Texas, Congressman John Ashbrook of Ohio, and Governor Paul Fannin of Arizona. The bus was organized by the visionary J. Drake Edens, a key founder of the modern Republican Party.

This event galvanized a movement, which has transformed the South culminating in 2012 with Republican legislative majorities in all states from Virginia to Texas and Oklahoma. Under the current President, the Southern states evolved from 49 percent population with Republican majorities to 100 per cent, 51 per cent Democrat for a century to zero, completing a 50-year shift. In 1961, State Representative Charlie Boineau of Richland County was the first Republican elected to any State office in the 20th Century in the State of South Carolina. In 1962, State Representative Floyd Spence of Lexington County became the first elected official of the Century to courageously switch parties explaining he felt more comfortable with Northern Republican philosophy than Southern Democrats. In 1964, U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond of Aiken County switched parties to support Barry Goldwater for President and he hired Tom Moss of Orangeburg as the first African-American staff member of a deep south U.S. Senator. Aiken County was a pioneer promoting local Republican candidates because of a high percentage of transplants from the Northeast and Midwest who worked at the Savannah River Site. South Carolina led the way for the South's first Republican legislative Speaker electing David Wilkins in 1994.

On the national level, this movement fulfilled the dream of Senator Barry Goldwater in his 1962 book *Why Not Victory?* with the defeat of the world-wide communist threat and the liberation of dozens of nations inspired by Ronald Reagan's peace through strength.

On the state level, South Carolina is a symbol of Republican achievement with the first Republican Governor, James Edwards, recruiting Michelin Tire Corporation of France that has resulted in South Carolina being the nation's leading exporter of tires. Governor Carroll Campbell attracted BMW to build a Ger-

man manufacturing facility in Greer, S.C., which led to South Carolina to becoming America's number one automobile exporter and Governor Nikki Haley promoted Boeing for South Carolina to be a major exporter of 787 jetliners worldwide.

In 2010, for the first time in 130 years, all statewide elected officials shifted to the Republican Party. The success was diverse with Governor Nikki Haley being the first female governor of South Carolina in 340 years and only the second Indian-American governor in American history. TIM SCOTT was elected to Congress as the second African-American in 100 years, and with Alan Wilson, age 37, being elected the youngest Attorney General in America. The Republican Party today is a broad coalition inclusive for limited government and expanded freedom.

I am grateful to have lived the Southern Republican Revolution, which has been so successful promoting a positive philosophy of limited government and expanded freedom abroad and at home. The future is bright for the principles of limited government as inspired by the Draft Goldwater Rally because it works. Equally we know that whenever big government is imposed, it fails and the freedoms of citizens are at risk.

#### COMMENDING THE GOVERNMENT OF KAZAKHSTAN

#### HON. ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2013*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome Kazakhstan's Foreign Minister Erlan Idrissov back to Washington.

I also want to commend the Government of Kazakhstan for hosting the international talks between Iran and five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany, namely the P5+1 group, on Iran's nuclear program. Thanks to the voluntary abandonment of nuclear arms and firm adherence to enhancement of global non-proliferation, Kazakhstan is a perfect location for such talks. I hope that the parties will find constructive solutions in the best interests of the region and the whole world.

I thank the Government of Kazakhstan for its support of international efforts to stabilize Afghanistan and the constructive role played by Kazakhstan in developing the Northern Distribution Network, NDN, and its assistance to Afghanistan's security forces. Kazakhstan plays an important role in rebuilding Afghanistan, both in the provision of humanitarian, financial and technical aid to the Afghan government, and through regional initiatives aimed at stabilizing and developing Afghanistan's economy.

Kazakhstan's role in promoting the "New Silk Road" initiative and in developing regional confidence-building measures through the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia, CICA, as well as its participation in the Istanbul Process on Afghanistan should be recognized and applauded.

I appreciate the work Foreign Minister Idrissov is doing to promote President Nazarbayev's initiatives and, once more, I welcome him back to Washington on his first official visit as Foreign Minister having previously

served as Kazakhstan's Ambassador to the United States.

#### HONORING ANTWANETTE KEYS

### 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, Antwanette Keys. Ms. Keys is the daughter of Ms. Thelma West of Shelby, Mississippi and Mr. Alex McRae of Rosedale, Mississippi.

She began school at an early age, attending the Shelby Head Start Center in Shelby, Mississippi from 1998–2000. Noticeably excelling, she was promoted to elementary school in 2001 attending Brooks Elementary in Duncan, Mississippi. She quickly found a place inside her new school by becoming a member of the Girl Scouts Club.

In 2004 she had to adapt to a different kind a school, Shelby Middle School. At Shelby Middle School she held numerous titles including: Miss Fourth Grade, Miss Seventh Grade, and Miss Shelby Middle School. While upholding these titles she remained academically successful maintaining all A's and B's. Middle school had definitely paved the way for her new found interest in dance. A lifelong passion, she has diligently sought the strength to go above and beyond with the talent that God has blessed her with.

Performing a wide range of dances, she can choreograph anything from Jazz to Hip Hop to Contemporary. Being taught by the best has instilled in her the ability to always strive for the best. In doing so, she swiftly walked the halls of Broad Street High School with an upright attitude and focal point based on success. Knowing that her work never stops, she became Freshman Class President in 2009 followed by Miss Homecoming in 2010. Determined to create a positive image she became Miss Student Council in 2011 and went on to achieve her biggest accomplishment, Miss Broad Street High. She was a member of the Broad Street High School Marching Band for four years and member of D.R.E.A.M.S. Step team. She is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and the Student Council at Broad Street High School.

Antwanette works for the Bolivar Community Action Senior Select Program, which assists high school seniors in finding work while encouraging school attendance and community service. She has also worked for Peer Power for 3 years. This is a program dedicated to providing after school tutorials and enrichment activities for young scholars.

Antwanette currently attends Christian Union Missionary Baptist Church in Drew, Mississippi where she boldly embraces her faith as a Christian. She is active in the Youth Choir, a member of the CUC Praise team and secretary of Sunday School Department.

Antwanette is a mentee in a program through Coahoma Community College Tri-County Workforce Alliance in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Since community service is essential to her, in 2010 she and other students participated in Students Involved for Community Change summer school. It is a highly selective summer leadership program focusing on civil rights, community organization, and edu-

cational advancement. Upon graduating, she plans to further her education and major in nursing to become a Registered Nurse. After completing nursing school she will pursue medical school to become a Gynecologist.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Antwanette Keys for her dedication in being an outstanding student.

#### FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS: 4 MILLION MORE REASONS TO END THE SEQUESTER

### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, like many of my colleagues, I am hearing from constituents who are looking but unable to find jobs, and who are now faced with cuts to their Federal unemployment insurance (UI) benefits because of the sequester.

These are people like Janice in Chicago, who last month wrote me, "Yesterday, I received an email from the Illinois Department of Employment Security stating that starting in June and through the month of September, my unemployment benefits will be reduced by 16.8%" because of the budget sequester.

Or Mary in Arlington Heights, who emailed me, "I am currently unemployed. These cuts will cost me \$200 a month. This is a lot of money for a single woman living on her own. These effects are real. They're more than just numbers on a piece of paper."

Mary is right—the effects of the sequester are happening to real people—people like her and Janice and their families. The Department of Labor estimates that by October 1, as many as 3.8 million unemployed workers could see reductions in their federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits as a result of the sequester.

For these families, the sequester means that they will have less money available to pay their mortgage or rent, doctor's and grocery bills. UI cuts ripple out into local communities, since unemployed workers will spend less on goods and services. Experts tell us that a \$1 spent on UI benefits results in higher consumer spending and increased economic activity of between \$1.50 and \$2.00—so a \$1 cut from UI benefits means an even greater loss in the effort to strengthen local economies. As Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics says, "if you cut unemployment insurance, then the economic impact is outsized." ("Unemployment Benefit Cut Adds to Drag on U.S. Spending: Economy," Bloomberg News, May 6, 2013.)

The National Employment Law Project has released an excellent analysis, "The Sequester's Devastating Impact on Families of Unemployed Workers and the Struggling Unemployment Insurance System." It estimates that, if the sequester continues for the rest of FY2013, federal EUC benefits could be cut by more than \$2.3 billion—an average of more than \$400 per family.

The NELP analysis also points out that the sequester's impacts do not stop at federal UI cuts—they also mean cuts to the training, job matching and reemployment initiatives designed to help unemployed workers get back

to work. Those cuts, too, impose real harm on families and our economy by making it harder for unemployed men and women to get back into the workforce.

I am a cosponsor of H.R. 900, the Cancel the Sequester Act, because it will stop these very harmful cuts to Federal UI benefits and job creation efforts. I urge my colleagues to come together now so that we can stop these across-the-board, meat-ax sequester cuts that are so damaging to our constituents.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 287, 288: my flight from Florida was canceled; the next flight arrived after first votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes," on both.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING FAMILIES ACT

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, across all sectors and industries, flexible work arrangements are a key to meeting the 21st century's diverse workforce needs. Such voluntary arrangements have been shown to boost employee satisfaction and their physical and mental health as well as improve businesses bottom line by helping to retain key talent, reduce absenteeism, and enhance employee productivity.

Flexible workplace policies are a win-win for business and workers. To help promote these policies, I am introducing the Flexibility for Working Families Act. This legislation guarantees employees the right to request flexible work arrangements and provides employers with flexibility by encouraging them to review these requests, propose changes, and even deny them if they are not in the best interest of the business. Such voluntary arrangements between employees and employers include changing the time, amount, and/or place that work is conducted.

Over the last 50 years the American workforce and demographics have shifted tremendously. Last month, Pew Research found that "breadwinner moms" are the sole or primary provider in more than four in ten households with children under age 18. Furthermore, more households are caring for older relatives as medical advances mean people are living longer, with studies showing that almost 60 percent of those who provide unpaid care to an adult or to a child with special needs are employed. It's important that this workforce have options such as flexibility to help them handle even the most basic demands of work and family.

I urge my colleagues to support the Flexibility for Working Families Act, and I thank Senator BOB CASEY for introducing Senate companion legislation.