

HONORING SHALARIA JACKSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable student, Ms. Shalaria Jackson.

Ms. Jackson is a senior at Humphreys County High School. Throughout her years in school, she has been a part of many leadership organizations, such as: TATU, SADD, Sister of Sophistication, and Senior Select.

Upon graduation, she plans to attend Mississippi State University to major in Biochemistry to one day become a Medical Examiner.

Being a part of senior select gave her the opportunity to experience the work force; never did she think that she would have such a great effect on her coworker's lives. She has learned the basics of becoming and working as a Chancery Clerk assistant at the Humphreys County Court House.

She also learned the patience it takes to work well with others in a work setting environment. What she learned at work, she applied it to school and vice versa. She helped with the paperwork, greeted the patients and staff with such great hospitality, operated the telephones and also helped other coworkers when her tasks were completed.

It was not an easy job for her to juggle school and work, but she kept the faith and pushed forward.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Shalaria Jackson for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

HONORING BOY SCOUT TROOP 368
OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS, NEW
JERSEY**HON. LEONARD LANCE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Boy Scout Troop 368 of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey for a recent act of heroism. During a hike through Harriman State Park, in New York State, these young men came across a woman who had injured her leg.

The Scouts realized this woman was in immediate need of assistance and through quick thinking, resourcefulness and training, successfully splinted her leg and attempted to relieve her of immediate pain.

The Scouts also realized that she would be unable to navigate the mountain on her own and constructed a make-shift stretcher of two sturdy sticks and a tarp. Upon its completion, they used the stretcher to deliver the woman safely to her family waiting at the foot of the mountain.

In accordance with the Boy Scout Oath, these young men meet their duty to other people: to help people in need and to lend a helping hand to make life easier for someone else.

It was not until after they performed their duties that they were informed the woman they assisted was NBC News journalist Ann

Curry. Ms. Curry has proudly thanked these Scouts in the media and brought them many deserving accolades.

These young men proved themselves as Scouts and as citizens of high character and responsibility. I congratulate the Scouts of Boy Scout Troop 368 on a job well done.

HONORING NANINE MEIKLEJOHN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, forty years ago Nanine Meiklejohn started her work on behalf of working men and women at the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). Following in the footsteps of her father, Kenneth Meiklejohn, who worked for the AFL-CIO, Nanine has fought to build and sustain a path to the middle class for working families.

Today, I am pleased to rise to recognize her talents and her positive impact on public policy. Nanine worked to make government programs better and to support the men and women who help make those programs work. She developed an expertise in many areas, but she is particularly known for her deep knowledge of workforce issues, including job training programs, employment services, and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. As someone who continues to work to ensure an adequate UI system for workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own, I can tell you that Nanine was a key voice in our nation's efforts to help workers hurt by the worst recession since the Great Depression. Her keen understanding of workforce programs, her firm commitment to social justice, and her determined defense of those who do the everyday work of making government work represent a very powerful combination.

Now after four decades at AFSCME, Nanine is retiring. We will miss her tenacious advocacy, and we thank her for a career dedicated to strengthening efforts to help Americans succeed. We are a better nation because of the work of Nanine and so many others who fight for economic opportunity for all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MILDRED
BUTTS**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this mighty woman of God, Mrs. Mildred Butts, who gave of herself to brighten the lives of others; and

Whereas, her dedication to her family and community was unwavering, she was a model citizen with a heart of gold, providing nurturing love and support to her husband, children, grandchildren and other family members; and

Whereas, this remarkable, positive woman with the beautiful smile gave of herself, her time and her talent; never asking for fame or fortune but only to uplift those in need; and

Whereas, she led by example from behind the scenes, her beloved Butts family always knew that her hands and her words spoke meaning into everyone she encountered; and

Whereas, this virtuous Proverbs 31 woman was a wife, a mother, a friend, a matriarch, and a woman of great integrity; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional recognition on Mrs. Mildred Butts for her friendship and service to the citizens in Georgia; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Mrs. Mildred Butts of Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor."

Mrs. Mildred Butts, U.S. Citizen of Distinction, in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 3rd day of June, 2014.

HONORING THE CITY OF JACKSON,
MISSISSIPPI**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Jackson, which was founded in 1821, at the site of a trading post situated on a "high handsome bluff" on the west bank of the Pearl River.

Jackson's history tells that the trading post was operated by a French-Canadian trader named Louis LeFleur, and the town originally was called LeFleur's Bluff.

The Mississippi state legislature wanted the seat of government moved out of the Natchez area and into a more central location. It commissioned three men to locate an ideal place for a town that could become the state capital.

After surveying areas north and east of Jackson, Thomas Hinds, James Patton, and William Lattimore proceeded southwest along the Pearl River until they came to LeFleur's Bluff in Hinds County. Their report to the General Assembly was that this location had "beautiful and healthful surroundings, good water, abundant timber, navigable waters, and nearness to the Natchez Trace."

A legislative act dated November 28, 1821 authorized the location to be the permanent seat of government for the state and that it would be named Jackson—in honor of Major General Andrew Jackson who would later become the seventh president of the United States.

The building of a new state house had top priority, and a \$3,500 contract was awarded to build Mississippi's first capitol: a two-story brick structure that was 40 feet by 30 feet. Shortly after the adoption of the Constitution of 1832, which ensured Jackson would be the permanent capital, the Mississippi legislature authorized the construction of a new and much larger house of government.

This magnificent example of Greek Revival architecture remained the seat of state government until 1903. It lay dormant for several years, and then served as state offices until the late 1950s and as the state historical museum until 2005. Surviving extensive damage from Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the Old Capitol was lovingly restored and opened to the public as a state house museum in 2009.

A third capitol building, referred to as the "New Capitol," was completed in 1903. This magnificent structure, patterned after the National Capitol, is a major tourist attraction today, as well as the focus of Mississippi state government activities.

Two other buildings are worthy of note in Mississippi history. The Governor's Mansion, authorized in 1839 and completed in 1842, is the second oldest residence of its type in the nation; it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Jackson's City Hall, built in 1846 for less than \$8,000, is still the working seat of municipal government after more than 140 years. The massively-columned, three-story building and the gardens that surround it are two of the most photographed locations in the city.

Jackson's growth in the 1800s was slow and sometimes painful. During the Civil War, the town was ravaged and burned three times by Union troops under the command of General William Tecumseh Sherman. Surprisingly, the City Hall was spared the torch. It was rumored that Sherman bypassed the building because it housed a Masonic Lodge and that the Union leader was a Mason. More likely, its use as a hospital was the reason the building was not burned.

Although less than 8,000 people lived in the Jackson area at the turn of the century, its population began accelerating rapidly after 1900, and it is now one of the dynamic growth areas of the Sunbelt. In 1990, the population of the Metropolitan area rose to 395,396. It is a major distribution center with a prime location equal distance between Memphis and New Orleans, north-south, and between Dallas and Atlanta, east-west.

As a major distribution center, efficient transportation facilities are a must. Eight major air carriers—American Eagle, Continental, Delta, Northwest Airlines, US Airways Express, and Southwest Airlines—provide service in the Jackson International Airport and Hawkins Field. Amtrak provides daily passenger service to Chicago and New Orleans. The Illinois Central Gulf Railroad and scores of major truck lines provide freight service to all parts of the nation.

A new, state-of-the-art convention center, the Jackson Convention Complex, opened in January 2009, in downtown Jackson, the beating heart of this vibrant, modern city. JCC offers conferencing technology, a 380-seat theatre, and more than 110,000 square feet of prime meeting and exhibit space. The complex is near Jackson's arts district, hotels, entertainment and restaurants.

Jackson boasts two regional shopping malls, numerous multi-store centers, and a wide array of antiques, gift stands and craft shops.

Eleven hospitals, including the nationally renowned University of Mississippi Medical Center, provide diagnoses and treatments for thousands of patients in the region.

Every major church denomination is represented in the city, and there are more than 400 houses of worship scattered throughout the 105 square miles of community. An excellent public school system is an integral part of the area, and one university and six colleges and junior colleges are located within 15 miles of Jackson's center.

Residents of the City with Soul are extremely proud of their Southern hospitality and lifestyle. Community support is strong for a

symphony orchestra, an opera, ballet companies, professional theater groups, and a beautiful new art museum.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

HONORING THE GRADUATES OF LEADERSHIP FRISCO CLASS 17

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 17th graduating class of Leadership Frisco. This graduating class, comprised of 20 individuals, is a shining example of the civic responsibility that makes Frisco a great place to live, work, and raise a family. It's no wonder Frisco is the second-fastest growing city in the U.S.

Sponsored by the Frisco Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Frisco seeks out highly motivated, well-informed individuals who want to expand their leadership skills, deepen their civic duty, and increase their involvement in volunteer opportunities. Over the past nine months, these leaders have learned about Frisco's history, shared their time and talents through community service, and engaged with leaders from city government, the school district and other agencies.

Each year, the class selects a service project to give back to the community. This class worked on rebuilding a roof for the Boys and Girls Club of Collin County. In effect, these leaders are contributing and helping provide a safe place for tomorrow's leaders to learn, grow, and reach their fullest potential. For many kids in Collin County, the Boys and Girls Club is the only place for them to participate in developmental programs in an affordable, safe and nurturing environment.

Having strong and committed leaders is one of the fundamental building blocks of a safe and prosperous community. As President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in." This statement rings true for communities as well and that's what the members of Leadership Frisco strives to do each and every day. I thank each graduate for their hard work, dedication, and promise of a bright future for Frisco. You must be proud of your accomplishments, I sure am.

Once again, Congratulations and keep up the good work. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the best on your future endeavors.

The names of the 2014 Leadership Frisco Advisory Council graduating class follows:

Debbie Ames, Goldin Peiser & Peiser, LLP; Mike Barber, BKM Sowan Horan, LLP; Brandon Burden, Farmers Insurance; Chad Cunningham, C4 Roofing, Inc.; Robert Dawson, ProImpetus LLC; Oscar Gonzalez, First National Bank Southwest; Myrna Martinez, Frisco Family Services; Christine Messner, "Yooz"; Erin Minett, Gay, McCall, Isaacks, Gordon & Roberts, P.C.; Suzanne Mitchell, Keller Williams Frisco Stars; Randy Nichols, Prospera Financial Services.

Bridget Payne, Wingspan Portfolio Advisors, LLC; Jake Poulsen, TXU Energy; Diana Sage, Collin College; Rachel Sam,

Strasburger & Price LLP; Darcy Schroer, Frisco Economic Development Corporation; Julie Simon, Broadlinkone; Angela Sytak, Whitley Penn LLP; Adam Wisler, ACO Practice Solutions, LLC; Ryan Langston, Strasburger & Price LLP.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TAXPAYER IDENTITY PROTECTION ACT OF 2014

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Taxpayer Identity Protection Act of 2014.

This bill will help cut down on tax fraud from identity theft, a serious problem that costs the government billions of dollars annually. My bill would truncate Social Security Numbers on Forms W-2, and the Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that implementing it would have a negligible revenue effect.

At the moment, W-2 forms contain a person's full Social Security Number, making it easy for someone to steal an identity. This bill would give the IRS the authority to shorten Social Security Numbers on W-2 forms, making it tougher for a person's identity to be stolen if their W-2 ends up in the wrong hands.

The Treasury Department wrote in the Greenbook that "the risk of identity theft from Form W-2 is high because employers are required to file a Form W-2 for each employee who receives wages." It added that, "providing the IRS authority to require or permit truncated SSNs on Forms W-2 would reduce the risk of identity theft and improper payments resulting from false or fraudulent returns."

In 2010, a Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) report estimated that "\$21 billion in potentially fraudulent refunds" would be issued over the next five years as a result of identity theft. The report noted that this estimate is likely conservative.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during the second vote series on June 18, 2014. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on the Democrat Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3230—Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014.

HONORING VICKSBURG ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of women who has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve