

University, a Master of Arts in Health Care Management from Webster College, and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Capella University.

Dr. Jones served in the U.S. Air Force for four years and held the position of Executive Secretary for Martin Marietta Aerospace Center in Denver, Colorado. In Thomasville, she worked as a Mental Health Intake Specialist with Archbold Memorial Hospital and as a Child and Adolescent Coordinator for Georgia Pines Mental Health Center. She was a certified national addiction counselor and a clinical supervisor for the state of Georgia.

Her crowning achievement, however, was the Heritage Foundation Inc., which she founded in 1989 in Thomasville, Georgia. This organization came about from a community outreach program which she designed and established to teach disenfranchised, primarily African-American youth about their rich cultural heritage. During the course of this work, she discovered the socioeconomic and psychosocial issues rooted in these communities, which led her to create the foundation to help young people overcome these challenges. Through her position as Executive Director, she was able to directly influence change in the community. Her vision and determination has bettered the lives of countless individuals and families as she developed more than ten treatment programs for addictive disorders, child and adolescent mental health services and prevention programs.

Dr. Jones was also very active politically on the local, state, and national levels. She was instrumental in organizing many voter registration, voter education and voter participation programs, promoting political empowerment in the region. She and her devoted husband, Dr. Leon Jones, were longtime supporters of mine and I count myself very fortunate to have had the benefit of their advice, counsel and hard work.

Dr. Jones was known as a community activist, educator, counselor, wife, mother, grandmother, and author. However, all of these titles could be summed up under the title of "trailblazer." She pioneered and championed for subjugated youths, and cleared a path to a better future for them through her work.

George Washington Carver once said, No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are all so blessed that Dr. Jones passed this way and during her life's journey did so much for so many for so long. She leaves behind a great legacy in service to her beloved family and to all those whose lives she touched and nurtured. She will truly be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and my wife Vivian in extending our deepest sympathies to Dr. Jones' loving husband of 36 years, Dr. Leon Jones, nine children, sixteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a host of other family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAN BANKS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dan Banks on the occasion of his 80th birthday. No matter what Dan takes on—professional or personal—he always gives it 110 percent. Take for example his third century bike ride he completed in May to celebrate his birthday: 100 miles through Napa County. He also continues his quest to become a Life Master at bridge. Dan's endurance and determination are awe-inspiring.

I've had the great honor and pleasure to call Dan and his wife Cynthia Schuman my treasured friends for more than a dozen years. Their wit, warmth and generosity enrich my life every day.

Dan was born in Sri Lanka and when he was seven years old his family moved to Madras, India, where his father worked for Standard Oil. They returned to Nashville, Tennessee, his mother's home, in 1941 during World War II.

Dan graduated from Sewanee Military Academy, earned his BA in History and English from Yale, became a member of the coveted and secretive Skull & Bones Society, completed his training with the United States Marine Corps, and finally earned his MBA at Stanford University in 1961. He spent two years in the Marine Corps as a First Lieutenant and was stationed in Japan. While going back and forth to Asia his eyes were opened to San Francisco where he landed his first real job as an assistant buyer for Macy's. He met his first wife Sandra at Macy's and she helped him make it through business school at Stanford.

Dan is a thoughtful and ethical man. He pursued a successful career as an investment banker in San Francisco and hasn't left the city since. Dan fondly remembers raising money for corporate clients through public offerings, private placements, mergers and acquisitions. The act of raising money to fund an expanding business is a key step in creating jobs. Dan understood his role in creating opportunities for all. He points out that investment banking then was not what it became in the 90s. The deals and fees were much smaller, he says. "My favorite client, Nordstrom's, initial public offering was \$21 million, not the hundreds of millions one might expect today. After a long and productive career, he retired in 1993.

The 1980s were a difficult time for Dan and his family. Sandra was diagnosed with breast cancer and died in 1989. He calls that period a bookend to that phase of his life, but it also brought new beginnings.

In 1991, Dan met his wonderful wife Cynthia and they married the following year. Dan has always valued the arts and developed a deep appreciation for opera while he was stationed in Okinawa. He invested a tremendous amount of energy and passion into his role as a Trustee of the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco for eight years.

For the last two decades Cynthia and he have focused on their beautiful family of their four children—Pamela Banks Joyce, Tom Banks, Darrell Benatar and Denise Benatar—and eight grandchildren—Colin, Sandra, Mi-

chael, Taylor, Isabel, Maya, Trevor and Parker. It is best to cite Dan's own words to illustrate his optimism and outlook on life. "We live in one of the most beautiful places on earth," he says, "surrounded by those who love us and thank our lucky stars for each successive day."

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Dan Banks, an extraordinary man. I thank my lucky stars for his wisdom and friendship each successive day.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MALLORY GARNER-WELLS

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Mallory Garner-Wells.

Mallory has worked at Equality Florida, Florida's statewide LGBT organization for nearly 10 years, where she serves as the organization's full time lobbyist in Tallahassee during legislative session. In 2008, Mallory played an integral role in passing the anti-bully bill in addition to blocking an amendment that would have prevented gay Floridians from adopting overseas. The following year, she helped to organize the Rally in Tally for LGBT Equality, the first LGBT rally at the Capitol in over 10 years. She has contributed to the passing of over 120 pro-equality local policies throughout the state of Florida.

Mallory has also served on the national Young People 4 Steering Committee, where she received an award for Youth Mobilization. She has been named one of the "Top 25 Leaders under 25" by Watermark magazine and one of The Advocate's "40 Under 40" in May 2012.

Mallory is a graduate of the University of Central Florida, where she received a degree in Political Science. While pursuing her undergraduate degree, she served as both the President of the Florida Collegiate Pride Coalition and as a board member for the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Student Union (GLBSU).

I am happy to honor Mallory Garner-Wells, during LGBT Pride Month, for her contributions to the LGBT community in Florida.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 311, due to a previously scheduled constituent event in my district, I was not able to be present for this vote.

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

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

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 \$17,532,488,016,268.40. We've added \$6,905,610,967,355.40 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, June 20, 2014, I mistakenly voted "aye" on rollcall vote 334. I meant to vote "no."

I support all forms of energy, including biofuels and agree with the vast majority of Americans who agree that we must diversify our fuel supplies with alternatives to oil. The list of auto makers embracing biodiesel continues to grow, and currently all major U.S. engine manufacturers support blends of up to 5 percent, while more than three-quarters support 20 percent blends in at least some of their engines. Many engine manufacturers are now actively promoting their positive positions on biodiesel blends (Ford, for example, now uses a B20 logo on heavy-duty diesel trucks.)

A few years ago, Americans were filling up their cars at record prices—60, 80, 100 dollars a tank—and looking to Washington to see what could be done. To see what we could do to replace a crippling oil addiction with the energy technology this challenge demands, and our nation deserves. To relieve the strain on their budgets and their families not ten years from now—but now.

Our government and military need to work toward the goal of including biofuels in their vast array of energy products. I support the military, I support the environment but I do not support this amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PAT PADILLA

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Pat Padilla. After conversations with a gay colleague some years ago, Pat realized how unaware she was concerning the struggles and inequality faced by the LGBT community and their loved ones. Shortly afterwards, she discovered the local Orlando/Central Florida chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays (PFLAG), which

has led her on an extraordinary journey of grassroots advocacy and activism. Working with the LGBT community and allies over the years has, in turn, enriched her life in so many ways.

As a straight ally, she served as president of PFLAG Orlando/Central Florida chapter for 11 years. She also served as a member the Equality Florida Board of Directors for 8 years. Equality Florida is the largest civil rights organization dedicated to securing full equality for Florida's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

Since 2001, she has been a member of Orlando Anti-Discrimination Organization (OADO). OADO has been responsible for passing various LGBT inclusive Human Rights Ordinances (HRO) and Domestic Partnership Registries (DPR) in both Orlando and Orange County, Florida.

In 2009, Pat received the Orlando Metropolitan Business Organization 'Debbie Simmons Community Service Award'. Pat is passionate about increasing awareness and understanding of LGBT individuals, especially youth and "transgender" individuals. This passion led to her involvement with Zebra Coalition and Orlando Youth Alliance. Over time, she has compiled a wealth of information including individuals, organizations, and resources for LGBT persons needing assistance. This information has become a vital asset for various organizations.

Pat holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Central Florida. For the past 15 years, Pat has worked for Symantec Corporation in both sales and support services roles. She leads the global LGBT Employee Resource Group, SymPRIDE. In 2007, she initiated a change to the Symantec diversity policy to include "transgender". Along with SymPRIDE, she is also a member of SWAN (Symantec Women's Action Network) and HOLA (Hispanic Outreach and Leadership Affinity).

Pat lived in Venezuela for 10 years, where she had the gratifying experience of working with Mother Teresa and as a translator for the Missionaries of Charity.

I am happy to honor Pat Padilla, during LGBT Pride Month, for her compassion for and service to the LGBT community in Central Florida.

RECOGNIZING THE RAPPAHANNOCK LADY RAIDERS STATE CHAMPION SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding feat achieved by the Rappahannock Lady Raiders softball team with their victory in the Division 1A Virginia High School League Championship.

The Lady Raiders earned the 1A State Softball Championship title in an impressive 5-0 game with the William Campbell Lady Generals, winning their first State Championship in the program's history.

During their historical championship season, the Lady Raiders secured an impressive record of 22-3, a testament to the team's commitment to performing at the highest level each and every time they stepped on the field.

I would like to commend head coach Ellen Gaines and all those who are involved with the Lady Raiders for building this successful softball program into a championship winning team.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand today to recognize the school, the coaches, the fans, and most importantly, the players on their successful season and victory in the IA State Championship game.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH ANNUAL SAN MATEO COUNTY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DAY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 10th annual San Mateo County Disaster Preparedness Day on this day, Saturday, June 7, 2014.

This event grew out of the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina, which devastated southeast Louisiana on August 29, 2005. The Nation watched in horror as Americans were waving for help from the roofs of their homes surrounded by water. Hurricane Katrina became the costliest natural disaster and one of the five deadliest hurricanes in U.S. history. I couldn't help but wonder what would happen here in the Bay Area if a major earthquake hit. As all of us know, it's not a question of if, but when.

We convened a small group of leaders on September 11, 2004 to discuss disaster preparedness in our county. From this meeting arose the first countywide disaster preparedness event to educate residents. San Mateo County Supervisor Adrienne Tissier and Supervisor Don Horsley created such a stir in the community that when event day dawned, about 5,000 individuals attended. They learned directly from first responders giving emergency demonstrations, and that first year there were 40 exhibitor booths and numerous emergency vehicles. Through sponsorships by local businesses and community partners, we were able to hand out 1,000 emergency preparedness backpacks to the first attendees and feed all attendees complimentary lunches. It was a true community event.

Every year since then, the San Mateo County Disaster Preparedness Day has taken place at locations throughout the county, including South San Francisco High School, the USGS campus in Menlo Park and at the Event Center. Tens of thousands have been trained. Many of those who attend are young people and students. Disaster Preparedness Day offers families a teaching moment—a time to reflect upon what will happen to each family member if communication is cut off or mobility restricted. As mothers and fathers instruct their young children in how to be safe but not frightened, and as emergency responders offer teens their first exposure to adult-like duties, such as first aid and CPR, you can almost watch the fabric of the community being woven right before your eyes.

On the 10th anniversary of this important day, we continue our tradition of presenting, during the opening ceremony, flags by the San Mateo County Sheriff Department Honor Guard and a wreath dedicated to the lives that