

The Patrons of Cedar Brake Park in Montgomery have partnered with the Montgomery Economic Development Corporation and the Historic Montgomery Business Association to hold a 175th Anniversary Celebration for our great flag on Saturday, January 25, 2014.

Special thanks to Bill Koltlan, Shannan Reid, Sonya Clover, Julia Wall and Patti Stafford and other volunteers for coordinating this event to celebrate the birth of this iconic symbol of our state.

May our Lone Star Flag always wave proudly over the great state of Texas.

HONORING GABRIELLE NICOLE TERRETT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a multi-talented young lady, Miss Gabrielle Nicole Terrett.

Gabrielle Nicole Terrett is the 14-year-old daughter of Dr. André and Attorney Toni Terrett. She is the eldest of five and a 9th grader at Warren Central High School in Vicksburg.

Gabrielle is an all around student that has excelled in both academics and extracurricular activities. She is a member of the Warren Central Big Blue Band flute section. She also plays the violin and has performed at local nursing homes over the years.

Gabrielle has received several awards including placing 1st in Jewelry in the Hobbs-Freeman Art competition-2012, 2nd place in the Hobbs-Freeman Art competition-2012, 2nd place in the 2013 Blacks in Government Oratorical Contest, 3rd in the 2012 NAACP essay contest, and 2nd Runner Up in the 2013 Miss Southland Pageant.

Gabrielle volunteers at the Mountain of Faith Women's Shelter Retail Store. As a volunteer she helps stock shelves, organize the store and assist customers to the store. She is very pleasant to work with and supports the Women's Shelter as often as possible. In her spare time she enjoys quiet time reading, preparing for pageants, and shopping.

She is a faithful member of Pleasant Green Baptist Church in Vicksburg, MS where she is active in Sunday school.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Miss Gabrielle Nicole Terrett for her hard work, dedication and a strong desire to achieve.

RECOGNIZING THE 24TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. YOUTH ORATORICAL COMPETITION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 24th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Oratorical Competition hosted by the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and its Education Foundation.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. left an indelible mark on our nation in his pursuit of civil rights through civil dialogue. Despite the violence perpetrated against Dr. King and other leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. King responded with reverent oratory and nonviolent resistance to condemn the injustice of social inequality. His legacy is one of tolerance and steadfast commitment to principled and peaceful communication.

Contestants in the MLK Youth Oratorical Competition pay tribute to Dr. King's legacy with their ability to exercise the strength of the spoken word. This skill will serve them well as they seize future leadership opportunities and forge the personal relationships necessary for effective community engagement and organizing.

I congratulate and applaud the following contestants in the 24th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Oratorical Competition:

Middle School Contestants

Morgan Foster: Manassas Park Middle School

Ayesha Khursheed: Graham Park School

Emmanuel Murphy: Parkside Middle School High School Contestants

Jacob Gonzalez: Thomas Jefferson High School

Norman Jones: Stonewall Jackson High School

Issac Mensah Yeboah: Osbourn Park High School

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for recognizing the benefit that Dr. King's teachings bring to the development of our youth. We lay the foundations of a more tolerant society when we nurture the ability to engage and communicate with one another in a way that respects our common humanity.

HONORING THE RESIDENTS OF ADAMS, NEW YORK

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to focus the Nation's attention on the residents of Adams, New York. Adams is a small village located near Interstate 81 and about forty minutes south of the U.S.-Canadian border. The residents of this town recently demonstrated why small towns like those dotting the North Country are what give America its strength.

Recently, a major storm featuring bitter cold and as many as four feet of snow closed I-81, a major artery for travelers and trucks, and stranded about 150 people in Adams. According to local news reports, this town rallied around their unexpected guests. About 100 volunteers headed to the town's firehouse to brew coffee and assemble cots. Local businesses donated nearly 2,000 sandwiches and slices of pizza. Around 40 families opened their homes so their visitors had a comfortable place to sleep.

One story in the Watertown Daily Times said the town's residents used social media to help find places for the stranded truckers and travelers to spend the night. Other fire halls in the area also accommodated stranded travelers and the local chapter of the American Red Cross helped supply cots.

In another article, the Syracuse Post-Standard reported Adams resident Mollie Bangs, who is 93, and her caregiver Michael Smith hosted a family from Quebec who were on their way home from Florida. Most of the family spoke only French and none had winter clothing. Ms. Bangs and Mr. Smith lent them winter clothes and entertained them in Ms. Bangs' home.

The stranded travelers pitched in too. The Post-Standard told of how a stranded soldier from Fort Drum in Watertown, NY named Jesse Brown helped shovel four feet of snow at the home of Kathy Sheley, the Adams resident who took him in.

Many communities across the country would be crippled for days by the volume of snow the area received. The town's fire department worked with a local pharmacy to bring medicine and supplies to those in need. Crews of State and local snow plow drivers and New York State Troopers worked around the clock. The local and State workers were able to reopen the highway for the stranded travelers just a day after the storm hit.

Mr. Speaker, cynics have said that our Nation is losing its sense of community. I submit this story as proof to the contrary. Please join me in recognizing the residents of Adams, the local fire and public works departments, the American Red Cross, the New York State Troopers serving in the North Country and the employees of the New York State Department of Transportation whom it is my privilege to represent in Congress for their selfless actions during this recent storm.

DUNN LORING VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, and to congratulate the 2013 award recipients and incoming 2014 officers and board members.

The Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (DLVFRD) is 1 of 12 volunteer fire departments in Fairfax County, and since its founding in 1942, it has provided lifesaving, fire suppression/prevention, and emergency medical/rescue services to the residents of the Dunn Loring area and the surrounding community.

Currently, the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and Ladies Auxiliary operates from Station 13 on Gallows Road and boasts 80 active members. Alongside career firefighters, these brave volunteers contribute more than 29,000 hours each year to enhance public safety for the approximately 22,000 citizens of Dunn Loring.

Each year DLVFRD recognizes those volunteers who have excelled in service and commitment, and it is my honor to enter the following names of the 2013 honorees into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Firefighter of the Year—Adam Nielson

EMT of the Year—Houmam Ali

EMS Rookie of the Year—Robert Seoane

Robbie Allen Award—Terri Fisher

Distinguished Service Award—Kenneth Kubiak

Distinguished Service Award—Lisa White
 Spirit Award—Jason Trautman
 Robert J. J. Seoane Award—Houmam Ali
 Special Recognition Award—Anna
 Gradishar
 Special Recognition Award—Aria
 Khodabakhchian

President's Award—Kenneth Kubiak

The following individuals are also being recognized for their years of service to the Department:

40 Year Service Award—David Banks
 15 Year Service Award—Shawn P. Stokes
 10 Year Service Award—Keith Edgemon
 10 Year Service Award—Carrie Torenio
 5 Year Service Award—Michelle Mallek
 5 Year Service Award—Erin Keating
 Hudiburgh

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the 2013 award recipients and in commending the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department for 71 years of service. I also extend my personal thanks to the outgoing DLVFRD officers and trustees for 2013 and to those who will serve in those roles for 2014. All these brave men and women deserve our highest praise for their dedication to public safety, and to each of them I say: "Stay safe."

RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARE- NESS MONTH

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Although some may think that this only happens in dark, remote corners of the world, human trafficking happens in our own backyard. The sickening fact is that it is a big, booming business—trafficking a child for sex is often more lucrative than drug trafficking. This horrific crime can happen to anyone—girl, boy, rich, poor, U.S. citizen or not. We must work harder to protect our sons and daughters, leveraging community resources to find and rehabilitate victims and prosecute traffickers to the fullest extent of the law. In honor of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, I would like to thank all of the dedicated community advocates in south Florida including Palm Beach County District Attorney Dave Aronberg, and the Junior Leagues of the Palm Beaches and of Broward County. I would also like to thank Katariina Rosenblatt—a courageous south Florida survivor of human trafficking who uses her experience to help other victims get their lives back. I look forward to working with all of them to protect victims in Florida and around the world.

HONORING DERRICK JOHNSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public

servant, Mr. Derrick Johnson who is State president of the Mississippi State Conference NAACP. Elected in 2004, he is the youngest State president in the country.

Mr. Johnson earned his Jurist Doctorate degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston, TX and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, MS.

After completing law school Mr. Johnson joined the staff of Southern Echo, Inc., a non-profit organization located in Jackson, Mississippi, serving as the regional organizer. He provided legal, technical, and training support for communities within 6 States across the south (Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Louisiana, Arkansas, and South Carolina).

Mr. Johnson has GIS (Geographic Information System) and Database Management training and has provided redistricting services to municipal and county governments across the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Johnson served as a Fellow with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation in Washington, DC, while working in the office of Congressman BENNIE G. THOMPSON and as a Fellow with the George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management Minority Fellowship Program.

In response to Hurricane Katrina's devastation in Mississippi, Mr. Johnson was appointed to serve as vice-chair of the Governor's Commission for Recovery, Rebuilding and Renewal. He has become a leading voice for the equitable rebuilding for the working poor in the aftermath of the hurricane. He serves on many Boards: the Mississippi ACLU, Hope Community Credit Union, and the Advisory Council of the Mississippi Economic Policy Center.

Mr. Johnson was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Access to the Justice Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Derrick Johnson for his dedication to serving others.

TO RECOGNIZE ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Antioch Baptist Church on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary and to commend the Church for its continued commitment to our community.

Founding Pastor John Q. Gibbs prayed with a small group of four others for more than one year while planning the Church, seeking guidance and strength from the Almighty. The first worship service was held at the Salvation Army Chapel on January 8, 1989, and three people came forward to be baptized during this inaugural service. From these humble beginnings, under the leadership of Pastor Gibbs, the congregation and ministries of Antioch Baptist Church grew and the first sanctuary was built.

After the passing of Pastor Gibbs in 1995, the Reverend Marshal Ausberry, Sr. was selected to lead the congregation. The Church has continued to grow, serving as a warm, loving, and welcoming spiritual home. The Church has expanded its reach into the community through multiple ministries that reflect

diverse and compelling needs. Thanks to strong support from its members, Antioch is able to offer services for Nursery, Children and Youth Ministries, as well as Christian Education, Family Life, and Discipleship Ministries to promote a Christian life. The Church has also become a contributing partner to local homeless prevention efforts, and it has programs to provide outreach to the sick and elderly as well as to those who are incarcerated. Antioch Baptist Church also partners with the Fairfax County Government in foster care and adoption efforts, and I was honored to nominate Antioch Baptist Church as the 11th Congressional District's 2011 Angel in Adoption in recognition of its tremendous work for children in need. The congregation's generous ministry activities extend well beyond the community to reach those in need in faraway places such as Zimbabwe, Brazil, and Haiti, where it provides aid, comfort, and religious support.

Throughout the years, Antioch Baptist Church has become an integral part of Fairfax County through its foundation in faith and its commitment to the community. Thanks to its steadfast leadership under Pastors Gibbs and Ausberry and the dedication of its congregation, Antioch Baptist Church is leading by example, strengthening our community by working together and helping our neighbors in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Antioch Baptist Church for its dedication and commitment to its Christian values and in wishing them continued success in the next 25 years and beyond.

HONORING OLYMPIAN SHANNON MILLER ON RECEIVING THE CON- GRESSIONAL FAMILIES CANCER PREVENTION PROGRAM'S EXCEL- LENCE IN CANCER AWARENESS AWARD

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Olympian and President of Shannon Miller Lifestyle, Mrs. Shannon Miller, on receiving the Excellence in Cancer Awareness Award from the Congressional Families Cancer Prevention Program.

Shannon is a two-time world all-around champion gymnast, winning seven Olympic medals and nine world championships. In late 2010, Shannon received the staggering news that she had a rare form of ovarian cancer. However, with the strength and determination that helped her to be so successful in her gymnastic career, Shannon defeated the disease in 2011. Finally, overcoming all odds this past June, she was blessed with a "miracle baby"—a second child, Sterling Diane, who joins her 3 year old brother Rocco.

Shannon has become an inspiration to all and publically shares her experience to encourage others to fight against cancer. She has been unwavering in her dedication to the health and wellness of women and children, using her visibility to advocate for early detection, cancer awareness, and give hope to those currently fighting this terrible disease.

On November 19, 2013, Shannon was honored with the Excellence in Cancer Awareness