

HONORING MRS. JOHN W.
WILLIAMS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the unmatched service of Mrs. John W. Williams, who will be honored at the 15th Pastoral Anniversary of the True Love Disciples of Christ Church for her outstanding contributions to the Eastern Star, New Zion, and Memorial Missionary Baptist Churches. Working to foster the development and education of children, Mrs. Williams began teaching at her local Sunday school at the age of sixteen. Receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Arkansas, she dedicated herself to the tutelage of children by working in the Indianapolis public school system for over a decade.

Mrs. Williams has exhibited unwavering commitment to her family and community, standing alongside her husband throughout his career as a Pastor in the Buffalo community. Demonstrating steadfast fortitude throughout times of adversity, she was a pillar of support for her husband during his battles. Finding comfort and strength in Philipians 4:13 ("I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me") she overcame her own battle with breast cancer in 2011, inspiring her community with her tenacity.

Devoted to her work at the Eastern Star, New Zion, and Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Buffalo, NY above all else, Mrs. Williams has served countless hours working in the parish. Leading workshops to instill Christian values in the community, she has sought to share her passion with others in the ministry, especially the youths. Currently serving as the Supervisor of the Deaconess Board, Director of Christian Education, Office Manager, and Personal Secretary to the Pastor and Youth Director, she involves herself in the many facets of the ministry in order to further their work.

In honor of her accomplishments and dedication, she was nominated in June 2013 for the Leading Ladies Award, given to those in the Christian Community who work to make a difference in their community. On March 16, 2014, she was awarded the First Lady of Faith Award in recognition of her unwavering faith. Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to also recognize Mrs. Williams today for her remarkable service in the Buffalo community. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest thanks and admirations to her work and accomplishments.

HONORING GEORGE MUSHRO ON
HIS RETIREMENT AS LOCKPORT
TOWNSHIP CLERK AND TRUSTEE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor George Mushro, who has retired as Lockport Township Clerk, a position he held for 21 years after serving for 13 years as a Lockport Township Trustee. Mr. Mushro, a

resident of Lockport Township for 56 years, also previously served as chairman of the Will County Democratic Party.

Mr. Mushro was appointed by the Lockport Township Board as a trustee in 1980 and served there until he was elected Clerk in 1993. During his tenure Mr. Mushro helped create a bus service for seniors in Lockport Township after seeing neighboring towns implement similar transportation services. He also introduced early voting because he was adamant in making it as convenient as possible for people to have a voice and have their vote count.

In 2013 Mr. Mushro was awarded the William Z. Ahrends Award for Clerk of the Year, which is awarded by the township clerks of Illinois. He also served on Lockport's Library Board and was a member of the St. Dennis Men's Club, Old Timers Baseball Association, and the Lockport Moose Lodge. Mr. Mushro now plans to spend more time with his family, especially with his grandchildren, in his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating George Mushro, a loyal public servant and an invaluable asset to the people of Lockport Township.

SUSPENSION OF EXIT PERMITS

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in supporting H. Res. 588 and would like to thank Chairman ROYCE for moving this Resolution through the Foreign Affairs Committee in such an expedited manner.

Mr. Speaker, last year the Congolese Government put what is becoming with each passing day a definitive halt on intercountry adoptions by suspending their issuance of exit permits.

The DRC's suspension included stopping those adoptions that were finalized leaving families who had gone through the DRC's own procedure for approving an intercountry adoption and who had obtained the necessary legal clearance, paperwork, and travel visas in a heartbreaking situation.

Mr. Speaker, a family in my District has such a finalized case and with each day that this suspension continues, the emotional toll that has already weighed heavily on them since last year grows.

For this family from Wake Forest, North Carolina, there is an added sense of urgency. As is the case with many children who are awaiting their exit permit, their adopted child is in need of immediate medical care—care that is not being received in the DRC. This only further illustrates the need for quick resolution.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 588 sends a straightforward message to the Congolese Government and I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, I was unavoidably absent due to a spousal medical emergency. On rollcall vote No. 355, on H. Res. 641, had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall vote No. 356, on H. Res. 641, had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall vote No. 357, on H.R. 6, had I been present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 358, on H.R. 6, had I been present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 359, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

On Thursday, June 26, 2014, I was unavoidably absent due to a spousal medical emergency. On rollcall vote No. 360, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall vote No. 361, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 362, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 363, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 364, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 365, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall vote No. 366, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 367, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 368, on H.R. 4899, had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

HONORING THE LIFE OF SENATOR
JEREMIAH DENTON

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of a true American hero, Jeremiah Denton.

Jeremiah Andrew Denton, Jr. was born in Mobile, Alabama, on July 15, 1924. The oldest of three brothers, Denton attended Spring Hill College in Mobile before going on to attend the United States Naval Academy. After graduation, Denton began his 34-year naval career, where he eventually attained the rank of rear admiral.

Mr. Speaker, Jeremiah Denton made countless sacrifices throughout his life and military career, but none is greater than his steadfast courage and heroic efforts during the Vietnam War. After less than a month of service in Southeast Asia, Denton's aircraft was shot down, and he was captured on July 18, 1965.

Denton was held as a prisoner of war over the next seven years and seven months, spending time at various prisons across Vietnam, most notably the Hanoi Hilton. During his imprisonment, Denton was often held in solitary confinement, in dark, rodent infested rooms, where he was subjected to intense torture and starvation. Despite these excruciating conditions, Jeremiah Denton did not break.

In fact, Denton inspired his fellow prisoners to not succumb to the Vietnamese torture, but

to stand up to the enemy. That was a trademark of Jeremiah Denton—he never gave up the fight.

In his most memorable moment, Denton blinked the words “torture” in Morse code during a televised propaganda interview. This was the first time Americans and the world learned the extent of torture that American POWs were experiencing. Jeremiah Denton’s bold, steadfast courage in the face of constant torture embodies the American spirit of perseverance against all odds.

Thankfully, Denton would later be released during diplomatic negotiations known as “Operation Homecoming.” Upon his return to American soil, Denton proudly declared: “We are honored to have had the opportunity to serve our country under difficult circumstances. We are profoundly grateful to our commander-in-chief and to our nation for this day. God bless America.”

Denton went on to receive the Navy Cross, the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, three Silver Stars, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and many other military honors.

Later in life, Denton became the first Republican elected to the United States Senate from Alabama since Reconstruction. In the Senate, he worked to combat the spread of communism and strengthen our nation’s defense. He was a strong advocate for family values and a voice of reason in the Senate.

After his time in the Senate, Jeremiah Denton maintained a very modest life, offering counsel to others interested in public service, never wavering in his commitment to our great nation.

On May 28, 2014, America lost one of our finest heroes as Jeremiah Denton passed away at the age of 89.

Jeremiah Denton embodies what it means to be a public servant in every sense of the word. When his nation needed him, he always answered the call of duty and stood tall in the face of doubt and despair. He never once wavered in his commitment to serving our country, steadfastly enduring torture by the North Vietnamese.

It is often said that the measure of a man is not what he takes with him when he dies, but rather what he leaves behind. Jeremiah Denton left behind a remarkable example for future generations of what it means to be a great and proud American. He left behind a legacy that can never be filled.

We are proud to claim Jeremiah Denton as a native son of Mobile. I admire him for his passion for service, and I strive to emulate his example.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I honor the life of Senator Jeremiah Denton, not only today, but each and every day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on July 8, 2014, I missed two recorded votes on the House floor. I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall 369 and “yea” on rollcall 370.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF SHELTER HOUSE, INC. AND THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2014 VOLUNTEER AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the remarkable efforts of Shelter House, Inc., and to congratulate the recipients of the 2014 Volunteer Awards. Shelter House is a community-based, non-profit organization that works to break the cycle of homelessness by offering support to those most in need in the Northern Virginia community. Shelter House provides crisis intervention, temporary, transitional, and permanent housing, training, counseling, and programs to support self-sufficiency. Of course, none of this would be possible without the hard work of dedicated volunteers.

Shelter House was founded in 1981 by several faith groups, which came together to better serve low-income individuals and families. Shelter House operates three shelters: The Katherine K. Hanley and the Patrick Henry family shelters, which provide temporary housing for local families who become homeless, and Artemis House, Fairfax County’s only emergency shelter for families and individuals fleeing domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking. By partnering with Falls Church Presbyterian Church, Shelter House added permanent housing to its portfolio at the Ives House. Construction of additional permanent housing began earlier this year.

The programs operated by Shelter House have contributed greatly to breaking the cycle of homelessness. In FY 2013, Shelter House served 1,858 people in 523 households and significantly reduced the average length of stay for families at each of its shelters. FY 2013 was an exciting year for Shelter House’s Community Case Management program. With the support of a grant from the Fairfax County Consolidated Community Funding Pool, Shelter House hired a Community Case Manager and was therefore able to increase the number of people served. The Community Case Management program focuses on homelessness prevention by providing financial assistance and support.

Volunteers and community partners are essential to this success, as they provide the tools necessary to combat homelessness. Their expertise, financial support, and efforts compose the foundation of Shelter House’s commendable work. This year, Shelter House has recognized the following individuals and partners for their outstanding commitment to ending homelessness in our community, and I am very pleased to enter their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Changing Lives Awards: McLean Bible Church Justice Ministry, Mars Incorporated, Gracing Spaces, Greg Ziegler.

Creating New Beginnings Awards: Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging; BB&T Insurance Services, Inc.; Emmanuel Lutheran Church; St. John’s Community Services.

Community Champion Award: Supervisor John Cook.

I congratulate the 2014 Volunteer Award recipients on being recognized for their extraor-

dinary efforts and dedication to Shelter House. I also commend all Shelter House volunteers, as well as the private sector and government partners, who constantly strive to better our community through efforts to provide secure, structured environments, and indispensable support for families in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our sincere appreciation to Shelter House and its many volunteers and community partners. Their selfless work benefits the entire Northern Virginia community and improves the lives of many of our neighbors.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. EDDIE HADLOCK

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated service of Dr. Eddie Hadlock, President of North Central Texas College. After 40 years of service to NCTC, Dr. Hadlock’s exemplary career is coming to an end.

Dr. Hadlock’s career in education includes two years of public school teaching and 35-plus years as a college teacher and administrator. From part-time teaching assignments, serving as a vocational counselor, and various administrative positions up to president, Dr. Hadlock has served in virtually every area of college operations. Dr. Hadlock currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Texas Association of Community Colleges and has held membership in numerous professional organizations including serving as a member of the Reaffirmation Committee for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

North Central Texas College’s sterling reputation is a reflection of the committed leadership of Dr. Hadlock. His professional legacy will continue to benefit the students of North Texas for years to come. I join his colleagues and the community in commending North Central Texas College’s President, Dr. Eddie Hadlock for his dedication to education and extend best wishes upon his retirement. It is my privilege to represent North Central Texas College in the U.S. House of Representatives.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF MIKE GARCIA, PRESIDENT OF SEIU UNITED SERVICE WORKERS WEST

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues, Congresswoman KAREN BASS, Congressman XAVIER BECERRA, Congressman AMI BERA, Congresswoman JULIA BROWNLEY, Congresswoman LOIS CAPPS, Congressman TONY CÁRDENAS, Congressman JIM COSTA, Congresswoman SUSAN DAVIS, Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO, Congressman SAM FARR, Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, Congresswoman JANICE HAHN, Congressman MIKE HONDA, Congressman JARED HUFFMAN, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, Congressman