

world to recognize the historic performance of our all-star second baseman and Venezuelan native, Jose Altuve, during the 2014 Major League Baseball season.

Jose finished the 2014 season with 225 hits and a .341 batting average, the best in all of baseball, along with 56 stolen bases, tops in the American League. Jose is just the second player since 1945 to lead the AL in all three categories.

Baseball writers at the season's end noted that Jose's 2014 season will go down as one of the greatest performances by a second baseman in baseball history.

Most notably, Jose had more hits than any second baseman since Charlie Gehringer's 227 hits in 1936 and became only one of two players since the turn of the 20th century to record 220-plus hits, 55-plus extra-base hits, and 55-plus stolen bases in one season. The other is Ty Cobb.

But beyond the numbers, Jose shows baseball fans, young and old, that with tenacity and a commitment to be the best, anyone, no matter their background or size, can achieve greatness.

On the last day of the season, the Astros planned to keep Jose out of the line-up in order to secure his batting championship, a first for any player in an Astros uniform. Instead, Altuve convinced Coach Lawless to put him back in the line-up just minutes before the game started. Jose proved to all that he was the true batting champion, going 2-for-4 with a double.

I had the opportunity to meet Jose last April, when he, fellow Astro Jason Castro, and baseball great Nolan Ryan, came to Denver Harbor, a working class neighborhood in our congressional district in Houston, to celebrate the opening of the revitalized baseball fields at Denver Harbor Park and spend the morning with little leaguers from the area.

It was a pleasure to see Jose, Jason, and Nolan spend time with these wide-eyed little leaguers and inspire them to work hard and achieve their dreams.

On behalf of the Astros faithful, I would like to say "thank you" and anticipate that with Jose and our squad of talented young players, Houston will continue to be competitive in the American League.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote 516. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on No. 516.

#### RECOGNIZING MAYOR RICHARD J. NOTTE

#### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Mayor Richard J. Notte, who passed away on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 following a courageous

battle with pancreatic cancer. Richard Notte was a good friend and colleague in public service, and I am honored to pay tribute to him.

Mayor Notte was at the heart and soul of the City of Sterling Heights. He served his community with such active and vibrant devotion, and was considered to be a "working man's mayor." He was highly recognizable in his trademark fedora but he was less interested in the spotlight than representing the residents of Sterling Heights and improving the community he cherished.

Mayor Notte was first elected to city council in 1983 where he served for ten years before he was elected Mayor in 1993. He also enjoyed a lengthy and successful career working at Ford Motor Company for 45 years before retiring in 2004. He held several elected UAW positions including plant chairman, recording and financial secretary.

Mayor Notte's love for his city and the automotive industry combined when we needed the most. As a founding Mayor of the Mayors Automotive Caucus he was an articulate spokesperson nationally for the domestic auto industry and the U.S. manufacturing base. Locally his tenacious efforts helped to keep the Sterling Heights Assembly Plant (SHAP) open and when Chrysler emerged from bankruptcy, the company invested over \$1 billion to construct a new assembly facility and paint shop at SHAP. He was deeply proud of that effort and the resurgence of the auto industry in our state.

Mayor Notte's accomplishments did not go unnoticed. Through the years he was honored with dozens of prestigious awards. In October 2013 he was inducted into the Macomb Hall of Fame and was recognized for his outstanding contributions to improving the economic, family, and community life of Macomb County. He was also a strong advocate for the Sterling Heights Community Foundation and its mission to enhance cultural, educational and recreational opportunities for Sterling Heights residents. In 2010, he funded the "Richard J. Notte Scholarship for Public Service Endowment." Through this permanent endowment, impact on the community will live on in perpetuity, as the Foundation will annually present a college scholarship to a deserving student in his name.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I am honored to have worked with Richard Notte during his career and to see up close how rooted he was in his community. I am pleased to join with his family, friends and the larger Macomb County community in mourning his loss, celebrating his life and honoring his accomplishments.

#### HONORING ANTHONY "STONEY" PARKER

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran and community servant, Chief of Police, Anthony "Stoney" Parker. Chief Parker has shown what can be done through hard work, setting goals, and aiming high.

Anthony "Stoney" Parker was born in Montgomery, Alabama to the late Cornie and Lillian

Parker. Chief Parker graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Montgomery, Alabama in May 1974 where he received a scholarship in football to attend the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Chief Parker is a 1979 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi. After graduation he played one year of professional football for the Saskatchewan Roughriders in the Canadian Football League before being injured. He was later inducted into the University of Southern Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame for football in April of 1992.

Chief Parker is a member of the University of Southern Mississippi M-Club Board of Directors. He is a member of Seven Springs United Methodist Church in Raymond, Mississippi.

Chief Parker became a Mississippi State Trooper in December of 1982 and retired from the Mississippi Highway Patrol in June of 2009, as a Master Sergeant serving in the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation Division (MBI). While working in MBI, he was assigned to the DEA as a Task Force Officer for four years. Chief Parker was a founding member of the Mississippi Black Troopers Coalition and the National Black Troopers Coalition.

Chief Parker started working as a patrolman with the Crystal Springs Police Department after retiring from the Mississippi Highway Patrol. He served as a Sergeant and Lieutenant at the Crystal Springs Police Department before being appointed Chief of Police for the Crystal Springs Police Department in October, 2013. Chief Parker has thirty two years of combined law enforcement experience with the State and Local Government.

Chief Parker and his wife, Bettie, have been married for thirty three years and have two beautiful children: Christopher and Stefanie.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chief Anthony "Stoney" Parker for his dedication to sewing our great Country and his community.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF MIDDLEBORO

#### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleboro as it celebrates its 125th anniversary this year.

The First Unitarian Universalist Society has long been a central fixture in the Middleboro community. On June 29, 1889, after the new church first sought formal recognition, its members hired Unitarian minister Rev. William Ramsey of Salem to lead the church for its first year. Not long after, local member Enoch Pratt donated a lot on Pearl Street, where the group's first church was opened on October 26, 1890. While this was the original site of the modern-day building, it is not where the church can be found today, as in the early 1900s a more central and visible plot of land was gifted to the church by member David Pratt. The building was then cut into three pieces, led through the streets, and remounted in its current location.

While society changed drastically over the course of the next century, the First Unitarian

Universalist Church remained a central part of the local community. An early advocate of equality, the Society called its first woman minister, Clara Cook-Helve, in 1929, and she became a prominent voice in the town throughout the Great Depression. Today, the Society remains a vibrant presence in Middleboro and continues its strong focus on community service and equality for all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleboro as it celebrates its 125th anniversary and in wishing the Society well in the years to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO TERI EHRESMAN

### HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my thanks to Teri Ehresman, a dedicated public servant who recently retired from the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). As a Member of Congress representing Idaho's Second Congressional District, I got to know Teri as the communications lead for the Nuclear Science and Technology Division of Communications and Governmental Affairs at INL. In that capacity, Teri played an instrumental role in spreading INL's influence as the nation's lead lab for nuclear energy, and that designation has served the nation, the nuclear energy industry and the State of Idaho very well. For all of her hard work and the extra effort she always gives to her tasks, Teri deserves our recognition and praise. I want to wish Teri all the best.

Teri Ehresman has received communications awards from Media Network Idaho, National Federation of Press Women, Idaho Press Club, and the Society for Technical Communications. She was also named Idaho's 2008 Communicator of Achievement by Media Network Idaho, and in 2010 received a "Presidential Citation" from the National Federation of Press Women President for her volunteer efforts. She is currently serving as first vice president of the National Federation of Press Women, a national organization for communications professionals. She has previously served as second vice president and secretary of the national organization. Additionally, Teri is active in the Idaho affiliate, Media Network Idaho, where she organizes a yearly writing contest for high school journalism students throughout the state.

Teri served two years as chair of the Idaho Section of the American Nuclear Society (ANS), and during both of those years, the local section received the honor of being named "Best Local Large Section" while she was leading the 500 plus member organization. Teri has been an elected board member for ANS and helped to organize several international meetings for the national organization. She was also appointed by the American Nuclear Society president to the ANS Public Information committee and helps organize communications-related sessions for the organization's national meetings.

Teri Ehresman is a wonderful lady and she has served honorably and with distinction. As a valuable contributor to the State of Idaho and to the country, I want to offer my praise

as she moves forward to the next stage in her life.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on November 12, 2014, I missed one recorded vote on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 516.

#### THE 58TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION OF 1956

### HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, last month, on October 23, 2014, we celebrated the Hungarian Revolution of 1956, honoring the memory of freedom fighters who rose up against the communist regime imposed on Hungary after World War II by the Soviet Union. It was not only a culmination of Hungary's struggle for freedom, democracy and independence, but also presaged the collapse of the Soviet Empire. Indeed, the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and Fight for Freedom was the first tear in the Iron Curtain, which collapsed none too soon 25 years ago. Many heroes died fighting, others were tortured and executed, while 200,000 had no other option other than to leave their country. A large number of them came to the United States and, together with their families, started a new life as part of our vibrant Hungarian American Community.

We must never forget the heroes of 1956 who knew exactly what they wanted. They fought and died for freedom, a multi-party democracy and independence from the communist tyranny imposed on their country by the Soviet Union.

One of our greatest presidents, Ronald Reagan, whose statue now stands in Freedom Square of Budapest, remembered the Revolution as follows: "The Hungarian Revolution of 1956 was a true revolution of, by and for the people. Its motivations were humanity's universal longings to live, worship, and work in peace and to determine one's own destiny. The Hungarian Revolution forever gave the lie to communism's claim to represent the people, and told the world that brave hearts still exist to challenge injustice."

Consistent with our practice of fifty-eight years, we are committed to keeping the memory of the heroes of 1956 alive. As we contemplate the promise of Hungary 1956, we are reminded that that promise must never be forgotten or abandoned, as the heroes of 1956 deserve nothing less.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took of-

fice, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,942,478,973,674.58. We've added \$7,315,601,924,761.5 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$7.3 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER MIKE DOHERTY

### HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Clallam County Commissioner, Mike Doherty, for his many years of service to communities across the Olympic Peninsula.

Commissioner Doherty has served for two decades on the Clallam County Board of Commissioners and his longstanding commitment to this community has been evident throughout his tenure. As he steps down from his position, I admire and thank him for his many years of dedicated service.

Like me, Doherty is a native of Port Angeles, Washington. He graduated from Port Angeles High School in 1961 before serving in the U.S. Navy, attending Peninsula College and Gonzaga University, and later earning a J.D. from Georgetown University. During his summers in law school, he spent time working in the office of Senator Warren G. Magnuson. After completing his law degree, Doherty returned to Port Angeles and launched a career serving his community.

Doherty served as the first chairman of the Board of Freeholders, better known today as the Charter Review Commission and was responsible for the creation of Clallam County's charter. After being appointed to the Commission and serving from 1976–1980, Doherty was first elected to the Board of Commissioners in 1998, representing the constituents of District 3, which stretches from Neah Bay to western Port Angeles. In addition, he served as a Port Angeles School Board Member from 1991–1998.

In my time as a representative of our region, I have enjoyed working with Mike and appreciated his accessibility and his advocacy for the people of Clallam County's West End. From small businesses to Native American Tribes to timber mills to federal agencies, Mike has been a champion for people on the Peninsula. Aside from his work on local government issues, he has made a difference on a number of fronts, including his advocacy for secure rural schools funding in the Congress and his participation in the Olympic Peninsula Collaborative.

As a native of Port Angeles, I am grateful to have leaders like Doherty working for our community. I've been grateful for his counsel and his friendship. His decades of service to the people of this region are commendable, and he has distinguished himself as an impactful and thoughtful public servant for our region.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close by applauding Doherty for his dedication to serving the people of Clallam County, Washington. I am honored to recognize his service today in the United States Congress.