

Natural Resources Committee. At 10:39 am, Rep. Flake's office informs EF office that message will be forwarded to Rep. Flake. At 12:08 pm, Rep. Flake sends message saying he will speak to Ranking Member Doc Hastings of Natural Resources Committee. At 12:31 pm, Republican Leader John Boehner's Chief of Staff responds thanking EF office for bringing this to his attention and stating that they will respond appropriately base on conversations with their two Ranking Members. At 12:30 pm, EF speaks to Ranking Member Doc Hastings on House floor, and also Rep. Flake who has also spoken to Ranking Member Hastings and Ranking Member John Kline of the Education and Labor Committee agree to let bill go to the Floor by suspension. At 12:38 pm, EF office informs Majority Leader Hoyer's office that Republicans will agree to let the bill be brought to the House floor by suspension instead of UC, meaning a voice vote will be requested and that the measure must win by a vote of 290. At 5:18 pm, ML Hoyer's office agrees to put bill on House floor. ML Hoyer calls EF. At 8:52 pm, EF office begins providing Samoa News with regular updates.

On September 30, at 12:19 am, EF office informs Samoa News that vote is taking place. At 12:27 am, EF issues press release stating bill passes House by a vote of 386 to 5. At 12:31 am, EF office emails White House requesting assistance to get bill on President's desk for signature. At 8:00 am, White House emails EF office thanking EF for flagging the bill for signature. At 8:36 am, EF office contacts Majority Leader Hoyer's Chief of Staff requesting assistance to get the bill from the House to the White House. At 8:40 am, ML Hoyer's COS states he is working it. At 10:58 am, Majority Leader Hoyer's Chief of Staff informs EF office that he has taken the bill to the Clerk's office and that it is at the Parliamentarian's office awaiting clearance, then it goes to Speaker Pelosi, then to the Senate, then to the President of the United States for signature. At 5:06 pm, White House informs EF that President has signed H.R. 3940. At 5:09 pm, EF office informs Samoa News bill has been signed. Samoa News issues breaking news flash. At 5:38 pm, EF issues press release announcing that bill has been signed into law.

FRAN BAKER

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 3, 2014*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Fran Baker for her tireless dedication and love for the community in Jefferson County.

As the founder and Executive Director of the Gold Crown Enrichment Program, a free program that serves 400 kids per year which focuses on art and technology, Fran has raised over \$350,000 each year to keep the program running for free. Under Fran's direction, Gold Crown Enrichment was awarded licensing for an international after school program, The Computer Clubhouse, part of a global network of tech based after school programs. While dedicating herself full time to this program, she does not take home a paycheck. In addition to being a full-time volunteer for Gold Crown, she also works in Jefferson County for other causes that support children.

For nine years, Fran worked as a Title One Reading Teacher and Literacy Coach in Jef-

erson County. Fran has received the Jefferson Foundation Community Service Award and was named Channel 7's Everyday Hero.

I extend my deepest appreciation and congratulations to Fran for her positive impact in Jefferson County and for the numerous kids she has and continues to support.

### ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY CLUB OF PONTIAC, MICHIGAN

### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 3, 2014*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Golden Opportunity Club, which was established as a venue for senior citizens in the Greater Pontiac community to connect and learn. Founded with the philosophy that increasing age does not need to impact an individual's quality of life, the Golden Opportunity Club is a community organization that directly engages senior citizens in the City of Pontiac to support a wide variety of activities that keeps them both mentally and physically active.

Founded in October 1964, the Golden Opportunity Club first met at the Lakeside Homes Center in Pontiac with ten original members in attendance. Its supervisor, Mrs. Johnson, immediately recognized the club's unique potential and engaged in efforts to expand its reach within the community. After much debate, she came up with the club's signature name under the presidency of Mrs. Annie Thompson. Two locations and thirteen presidents later, the thriving Golden Opportunity Club is now comprised of 400 members.

To carry out its mission, the club arranges activities and events for all people aged fifty-six and up. Club members participate in recreational gatherings including: trips, picnics and parties. In addition, the club offers its members a forum to use their compassion and desire to others by participating in charitable events to support their community. The Golden Opportunity Club also reaches out to ill, hospitalized and homebound members by providing financial and emotional support to them and their families.

Under the leadership of its current president, Carolyn Price, the Golden Opportunity Club has continued to stay focused on its mission of engaging seniors in activities that encourage civic activism and promote an active lifestyle. Recently, the Golden Opportunity Club has allied with Community Network Services and other organizations to ensure that their charitable contributions are benefiting the community. The funds that the Golden Opportunity Club raises through its events are used to make a significant impact on the residents of Pontiac. Specifically, the Golden Opportunity Club uses some of these funds to award annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors, as well as an annual contribution to the God U-C Youth Group, which is committed to inspiring and enriching the lives of youth in Pontiac. In conjunction with annual donations, the Golden Opportunity Club is committed to improving Pontiac as it continues to grow and develop. This past year it made

significant contributions to Coats for Kids, and the WHRC Elementary School when its roof caved in.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the remarkable impact the Golden Opportunity Club has made over the last 50 years on the lives of senior citizens in the City of Pontiac. As more and more members of the Baby Boomer generation become seniors, the health and happiness of senior citizens will become increasingly important to sustain robust communities. The Golden Opportunity Club is vital to this work in the Pontiac community. I congratulate the Golden Opportunity Club on its many achievements and wish its members continued success in fulfilling their mission and encouraging the spirit and vitality of Pontiac's seniors.

### CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISPANIC-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 3, 2014*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Morris County Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce, located in Morristown, New Jersey as it celebrates its 25th Anniversary.

The Morris County Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit organization, whose purpose is to serve the growing market needs of the U.S. Hispanic-American businesses and residential communities, specific to Morris County and adjacent areas.

In the summer of 1989, Esperanza Porras-Field, John Sanchez, and Neyla Porras Moreno founded the Morris County Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce. The three founding members began an organization with the mission to "advocate, promote, and advance the interests of business owners, professionals, organizations and corporations within Morris County and the adjacent areas that target and serve the U.S. Hispanic-American market." Since then, the Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce has helped to foster the prosperity not only of the Hispanic community, but of Morris County as a whole. Both Esperanza Porras-Field and John Sanchez remain active members of the chamber, while Neyla Porras de Moreno remains an active member of another Hispanic Chamber.

Esperanza Porras-Field, a founding member, current president and CEO of the Chamber, is stepping down after years of distinguished service. She has shown her dedication to promoting the welfare of the community in founding several more Chambers of Commerce and facilitating their development. Her involvement extends beyond Morris County to an international scale, where she is on the Advisory Board for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Toronto. Over the years her experience and guidance have been a major factor in the success of the Chamber, and her leadership will be missed.

Throughout the past 25 years, the chamber has continuously been recognized as one of the Best Chambers in the Northeast, within Region V, by the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. In 2007, the chamber was declared the Best National Medium Hispanic Chamber, and received the award again

in 2014. At the 2014 United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Convention, the Morris County Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Toronto Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to provide mutual membership in each other's respective chamber and host cross-border events with their Canadian friends in order to promote international trade.

With over 350 members, the chamber offers over 20 annual events purposed to further growth and success. These events include networking and social events, fundraising, business incubation, business card exchanges, procurement opportunities, training, and seminars.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Morris County Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

#### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 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 \$17,988,139,701,976.27. We've added \$7,361,262,653,063.19 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.

#### CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF HARLEM RENAISSANCE POET LAUREATE JAMES BALDWIN

#### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to join all of the people in the village of Harlem and my Congressional District to pay tribute to Mr. James Baldwin, a legendary writer who broke new literary ground by exploring racial and social issues embedded in American history.

On Saturday, August 2, 2014, the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce, the Harlem Arts Alliance, the New Heritage Theatre Group, Columbia University School of the Arts, The National Black Theater, Street Corner Resources, Harlem Renaissance High School, and HARLEM WEEK, Inc. joined elected officials, community board members, residents, and poet laureates to recognize August 2nd as James Baldwin Day in celebration of his 90th birthday. Among the many tributes, the marquee of the famous Apollo Theater read "Happy 90th Birthday James Baldwin." Above all, a portion of East 128th Street, between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue, where he once lived was renamed "James Baldwin Way".

Mr. Baldwin was born to Emma Jones, a single mother, on August 2, 1924 in Harlem,

New York. While he never met his biological father, Mr. Baldwin did have a father figure growing up, Baptist Minister David Baldwin. The preacher's religious influence had a lasting impression on James and his writings. The language of the church shaped the cadences and tones of his work, becoming unmistakable hallmarks of his literary style. He would go on to spend three years as a youth minister.

After striking out on his own and moving away from home, Mr. Baldwin published short stories in national periodicals under the tutelage of his mentor, Beauford Delaney, a renowned Harlem Renaissance painter. Disillusioned by the growing bigotry towards African-Americans and the gay community, Baldwin left our country and settled in France at the age of 24. He found that the distance gave him enough space to reflect on his experience as a black man in white America. Please allow me to quote Mr. Baldwin's later thoughts on this dramatic change in his life: "Once I found myself on the other side of the ocean, I saw where I came from very clearly . . . I am the grandson of a slave, and I am a writer. I must deal with both." Through his writing, Baldwin was forced to confront this enlightening reality.

While he spent much of his life abroad, Baldwin was recognized as a quintessential American writer. In 1953, Baldwin published his first novel, a semi autobiography called *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, which explores the repression, moral hypocrisy, religious inspiration, and community ties that characterized the Black American experience. His two collections of essays, *Notes of a Native Son* (1955) and *Nobody Knows My Name* (1961), as well as his two novels, *Giovanni's Room* (1956) and *Another Country* (1962), were immediate bestsellers. The works Baldwin published during this unsettling time in American history, explored the deep-rooted racial tension with eloquence and unparalleled honesty. As his collection of notable literary works continue to exude words of strength, power, and wisdom, his writing will forever remain an essential part of the American literary canon.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me as we celebrate this year, the 90th Birthday of Harlem Renaissance Poet Laureate James Baldwin.

#### HISTORICAL RECORD OF FEDERAL EXPENDITURES TO AMERICAN SAMOA 1995–2012

#### HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include, for historical purposes, the following information on federal expenditures to American Samoa.

From 1995 to 2001, the amount of federal expenditures from federal agencies to American Samoa totaled over \$1 billion. The following is the amount of federal expenditures per year:

1995: \$116,008,922  
1996: \$115,099,073  
1997: \$174,193,691  
1998: \$150,888,302  
1999: \$171,449,811  
2000: \$175,979,717  
2001: \$181,203,793

TOTAL: \$1,084,823,309

From 2002 to 2007, the federal expenditures from federal agencies to American Samoa totaled nearly \$1.4 billion. The following is the amount of federal expenditures per year:

2002: \$212,103,366  
2003: \$231,696,258  
2004: \$249,179,251  
2005: \$238,160,608  
2006: \$226,979,671  
2007: \$233,242,815  
TOTAL: \$1,391,361,969

From 2008 to 2012, the federal expenditures from federal agencies to American Samoa totaled over \$1.6 billion. The following is the amount of federal expenditures per year:

2008: \$234,839,570  
2009: \$333,785,001  
2010: \$510,005,555  
2011: \$293,663,747  
2012: \$262,246,963  
TOTAL: \$1,634,540,836

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF CECIL MOZEL BAILEY

#### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Cecil Mozell Bailey who recently passed away on February 23 at the age of 91. Cecil was a man of God dedicated to his faith, family, and community. I consider myself fortunate to count Cecil and his family as personal friends and I know he will be greatly missed.

Cecil was born on November 11, 1922 in Grand Saline, Texas. The values of family and hard work were ingrained in Cecil from an early age as he grew up helping his parents, Harvey and Tennie Fisher Bailey, on the family farm. After graduating from Grand Saline High School, he received an offer to play football for Arlington State College. Cecil then decided to serve his country in the United States Army where he was stationed in Germany.

After returning home from war, Cecil and his first wife Margarite raised their family together while Cecil worked as a warehouse superintendent with A&P Grocery in Dallas and served as a Sunday School Teacher and deacon at Urban Park Baptist Church.

Following the passing of his wife Margarite, Cecil returned to Grand Saline. He then married his second wife, Irene, and the two moved to Canton where they retired. His faith was important to him, and together, Cecil and Irene Bailey helped start Lakeside Baptist Church. Cecil continued to actively serve the Lord and His church body as the First Chairman of the deacons.

Family was also very important to Cecil. The Baileys enjoyed many trips together, traveling to Israel, Hawaii, Alaska, New England, and Branson. He also spent time growing large vegetable gardens, canning its produce, and sharing what he grew with his family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Cecil Bailey. He was a man who fully believed in the values of faith, family, and community, and I believe everyone can benefit from his example.