

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.

HEATHER KAPANDE

**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 Heather Kapande for her outstanding service to our community.

While building her own successful small business in Jefferson County, Heather has positively influenced the small business community as a whole across the County. She began her professional career as a teacher and has continued with her legacy of serving others. Heather is an influential mentor in the community and goes the extra mile to deliver the absolute best she can to her family, friends, clients and community.

Since 1999, Heather manages Nick's Pro Fitness and has helped make it into the prosperous organization it is today. In 2003, Heather took on the additional role as an international event planner. She continues to run Nick's Pro Fitness, but also has a key role at The Bastian Group planning events for businesses in the corporate and entertainment arenas. Heather has a passion and drive that her family, friends, clients and the community all benefit from.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Heather Kapande for her well-deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF JOHN H. RIVES

**HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 3, 2014*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John H. Rives, who passed away on November 22, 2014 at his home, surrounded by loved ones.

John was a dedicated and loving husband and father. John devoted his life to his passions: clock repair and restoration. For 15 years, John was responsible for the weekly winding of the Worcester City Hall clock tower. John was an avid runner, having completed 14 marathons; he was also the running coach at the Notre Dame Academy in Worcester.

On behalf of the people of Worcester, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in keeping the Rives family in our thoughts and prayers.

IN CELEBRATION OF DR. TIMOTHY S. MESCON, PRESIDENT OF COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 3, 2014*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to extend my personal congratulations to Dr. Timothy S. Mescon, the fourth president of Columbus State University, who will be leaving Columbus State to work at the

Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International as the senior vice president and chief officer for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. On Wednesday, December 3, 2014, he will be honored by the community for his career and many achievements at Columbus State University.

Dr. Mescon, along with his wife Lauren and four children William, Preston, Abbie, and David, have lived a fulfilling life supporting the mission of excellence at Columbus State.

Before arriving at Columbus State in August 2008, Dr. Mescon was Dean of the Michael J. Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University in Atlanta for 18 years, holding the Tony and Jack Dinos Eminent Scholar Chair of Entrepreneurship. He is a Ph.D. recipient from the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business, and also has received an MBA from Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business and a B.A. from Tulane University. Dr. Mescon also served on the faculties of the University of Miami and Arizona State University. He was founding Dean of the Frank Perdue School of Business at Salisbury University in Maryland and serves on the Advisory Board of the Kingston University (U.K.) School of Business and Law. Additionally, Dr. Mescon has served as a visiting fellow at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Under his six years of leadership, Columbus State University has grown in prestige and stature. It launched its first doctoral program and an array of graduate programs, including the nation's first program in Servant Leadership. The university restructuring under his tenure created Columbus State's Honors College and Graduate School, College of Letters and Sciences, College of the Arts Turner College of Business, and College of Education and Health Professions. Additionally, the School of Nursing added graduate programs and changed its accreditation to the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the chemistry program received national accreditation from the American Chemical Society, and in 2014 CSU was named winner of the Senator Paul Simon Prize for outstanding international education programs.

Columbus State has established extensive partnerships with Ft. Benning, the Maneuver Center of Excellence, and has been recognized as both a Yellow Ribbon and a Military Friendly School. It added 20 club sports, five NCAA Intercollegiate sports, and built the nation's top Student Recreation Center. Lastly, under his leadership, the 2011 NCAA National Rifle Championship was hosted by Columbus State University and the Army Marksmanship Unit based at Ft. Benning.

For the first time ever, Columbus State was named by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top 50 Comprehensive Public Universities in the South for 2013 and 2014. Additionally, Columbus State's online graduate programs in business and education were named among the top 35 in the nation by U.S. News and World Report for 2013.

Dr. Mescon is the author of more than 200 articles and case studies, and has co-authored four books and an audio book series covering topics ranging from entrepreneurship to management, development to business success.

Locally, Dr. Mescon has given much to our community. As a trustee of the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts in Columbus, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), and the

Chattahoochee Council with the Boy Scouts of America, Dr. Mescon's philanthropic presence will be sorely missed in the greater Columbus area. He also serves as an ally in the Circles in Columbus anti-poverty program, Chair for the annual campaign for the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley, and a member of the Fort Benning Futures Partnership Board.

Of course, Dr. Mescon's service has not gone unnoticed. Georgia Trend Magazine named Dr. Mescon one of the 100 Most Influential Georgians in 2012, 2013, and 2014. Nationally, the White House has named him a winner of the President's Volunteer Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation and he has received the national Award of Excellence from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Dr. Timothy S. Mescon for six outstanding years as President at Columbus State University. He has truly implemented an outstanding vision for Columbus State University and brought leadership to our community. I am profoundly grateful for his outstanding stewardship and dedication and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE UAB DENTISTRY CARES COMMUNITY DAY

**HON. SPENCER BACHUS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 3, 2014*

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, it is the privilege of the State of Alabama and the City of Birmingham to be the site of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Dentistry, host to the second annual UAB Dentistry Cares Community Day held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014. UAB Dentistry Cares is an event that brings together UAB and community volunteers, sponsors and partners to provide one day of free dental treatment and oral health education to the homeless and underserved, giving priority to patients suffering from dental infections or pain. It was my pleasure to be able to see this event first-hand and the dedicated work provided by everyone involved, including the dental students, was truly impressive.

Recognizing that lack of Medicaid dental coverage for adults has created a pressing need for primary care dental treatment among the low-income, UAB School of Dentistry and Alabama Dental Association leadership have collaborated on initiatives such as an incentive program to encourage dentists to establish practices in rural and underserved areas of the state. In 2012, the groups also joined to establish the first UAB Dentistry Cares Community Day which was held in October 2013. The day-long event provided emergency dental treatment to over 300 needy adults. Services included examinations, blood pressure checks, x-rays, almost 100 dental cleanings and 130 dental fillings, and over 300 dental extractions, all at an estimated cost of \$130,000.

The event has grown to include many sponsors and partners. This year, over 400 needy adults were provided with free dental treatment at one of four clinic sites around the Birmingham area. UAB School of Dentistry