

George W. Bush and took effect in 2008. Despite clear economic progress since then, more than four million Americans have been out of work for six months or longer. These are hard working Americans who are now struggling to pay their bills and feed their families.

Yesterday, our colleagues in the Senate took an important first step toward extending the unemployment insurance program for an additional three months. I urge our leadership in the House to allow a similar vote so that the federal government can again provide vital relief for people who worked hard, played by the rules, but at no fault of their own have lost their jobs.

I understand the need to bring our budget under control, but let us not do it on the backs of hardworking Americans. Let us not create even more uncertainty in their lives. Ending this lifeline for America's working families will not grow the economy and it will not balance our budget. Mr. Speaker, I call on you to bring an extension up for a vote today.

HONORING CATHY KIMBROUGH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mrs. Cathy Kimbrough. Mrs. Kimbrough has served adults and children in numerous capacities. Some of the service area include: reading instructor in Germany, General College reading instructor at Alcorn State University, and self-contained and inclusion teacher in the Attala County School District.

Mrs. Kimbrough has served her community as local president of the Attala County Association of Educators. Mrs. Kimbrough has also served on the Board of Directors for the Boys' and Girls' Club in Kosciusko/Attala County.

Mrs. Kimbrough is a member of the following organizations: Order of the Eastern Star, National Council of Negro Women, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She is also a member of Pleasant Hill M.B. Church, pastored by Rev. Osie C. Grays.

Mrs. Kimbrough earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Jackson State University. She was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Alpha Beta Alpha Library Science Fraternity.

She is married to Mr. Henry Kimbrough. She has four children: Jerry Jr. (Erica), Essence Crystal (Theodore), Sonja Merrie', and Joyanne' Faith; six grandchildren—Deontrez Jerrick, Jersia, Kamiah, Kayla and Shytianna. She enjoys creating song lyrics, writing poetry, reading and fishing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Cathy Kimbrough for her dedication to serving others in Attala County.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR ON POVERTY

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker. in his first State of the Union address on January 8, 1964, President Lyndon Baines Johnson declared an "unconditional war on poverty in America." Today, as a member of Congress and as a member of the Democratic Whip Task Force on Poverty and Opportunity, I join my colleagues to mark the 50th anniversary of this declaration and stand in solidarity to continue the fight against economic injustice.

The War on Poverty policy initiative introduced federal programs such as Head Start, Job Corps, Volunteers in Service to America, and legal services for the poor. It also strengthened America's safety net for poor through food stamps and expanding social security and healthcare programs, which American families, including those in my district of American Samoa, continue to benefit from today.

Our nation has made significant progress over the past half century. We have seen, for example, the percent of the population in poverty drop from 26% in 1967 to 16% in 2012. But the war has yet to be won. Today, poverty continues to plague our communities and Americans continue to suffer the effects of economic recession and long term unemployment.

As President Johnson declared 50 years ago today, "Our task is to help replace their despair with opportunity." Government can still play a crucial role in reducing hardship for Americans and increasing opportunities for families who struggle just to make ends meet. As we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the War on Poverty, let us be resolved to continue the fight so that all Americans can have the opportunity to attain the American dream.

SONYA ESTES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sonya Estes for her outstanding service to our community.

Sonya is dedicated to the health and fitness of her community. For over nine years she has promoted the sport of running and its opportunities for community involvement. She was recognized by Jefferson County Public Schools for her support of cross-country and track events, and she sponsors middle school and high school races and Girls on the Run. As the owner of Lakewood's Runners Roost Sonya has opened up her store as a lecture and event location for local charities including Team Challenge, the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado and the American Lung Association of Colorado. She also donated thousands of recycled shoes to the More Foundation. Working with the City of Lakewood Parks and Recreation she contributes to the Lakewood Trail Running Series and the Bear Creek Grin

and Bear It. Sonya doesn't walk the talk . . . she runs it!

I extend my deepest congratulations to Sonya Estes 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.

HONORING WILLIE COOPER'S CAREER OF SERVICE

HON. VANCE M. McALLISTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. McALLISTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the impressive career of service of Willie F. Cooper. Not long ago, Willie marked 40 years of serving as the State Executive Director of the Louisiana Farm Service Agency and now has a total of over 56 years of work with USDA.

Willie began his career with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) while he was still in college and began working his way up the ranks until he was eventually appointed the State Executive Director in April 1972, a role he has held ever since. During his career, Willie has distinguished himself by working tirelessly for the farmers of the state of Louisiana while remaining the approachable family man inherent in his humble roots. These attributes have led him to be named "Progressive Farmers' Man of the Year" and to be honored by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation with their Distinguished Service Award.

As impressive as his career has been, his service to his community and his dedication to his family has been equally as impressive. He is an active member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Alexandria, a member of the MacArthur Drive Lions Club, and holds a lifetime membership in the Louisiana Lions League for Crippled Children.

So, please join me in recognizing and honoring this great civil servant. His life and career should serve as an inspiration to all who seek to better their community and state.

HONORING MR. GEORGE "BOOMER" SCOTT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of baseball's greatest contributors to the game, Mr. George "Boomer" Scott. His attitude and stature did determine his altitude.

Mr. George "Boomer" Scott knew pick'n cotton was not all he could do. The Jim Crow south prepared him for the challenges and opportunities that would be forthcoming. And his ability to tackle any task and meet any challenge was a "God given talent." Many wanted him, the University of Oklahoma, University of California in Los Angeles, Michigan State University, and Jackson State University.

In May 1962, Red Sox scout Ed Scott, recognized that God given talent and signed

George "Boomer" Scott with the Boston Red Sox and he reported to the minor leagues training camp. This was during the time in which blacks did not receive sign-on bonuses but were eager to play the game. His dream to play in the major league following in the footsteps of his ideal, Willie Mays, came in 1965 when he made the Red Sox roster and opened the season on third base. During his career in major league baseball, George eventually met Willie Mays and played against him in several games.

Mr. George "Boomer" Scott helped to break many barriers in major league baseball and set his own records to be beat. At his first rookie camp his talent was appreciated but not his color. Nevertheless, his love for the sport and determination to not return to Mississippi the same kept George in the race. He was not allowed to have the same eating and sleeping arrangements as his white baseball team mates.

In 1966, he hit his first major league home run against the Detroit Tigers; while also earning the reputation as one of the greatest defensive first basemen to ever play in the league. Aside from that, he hit a homerun against Whitey Ford that is remembered as one of the longest homeruns in baseball history with acknowledgements coming from some of baseballs greatest like Mickey Mantle. In that same year, 1966, George was considered as one of the leagues batting leaders, hitting .330 earning him a slot behind Tony Oliva and Baltimore Robinson boys, Frank and Brooks. As a rookie his career highs and some of the best games ever played in baseball slated George to be "Rookie of the Year" by many of his colleagues. Baseball Hall of Famer, Rick Ferrell said, "In all my years in baseball I have never seen a player have a debut like Scott. He's amazing."

In 1971 he was traded to the Milwaukee Brewer's and that became his career year when he won his seventh Gold Glove and recognized as Milwaukee's MVP. But change came in 1978 when George's career slowed down due to injuries. His career began to experience continuous highs and lows. Starting in 1979, he was traded to Kansas City and shortly afterwards to the New York Yankees, the Texas Rangers, and in 1980 to the Mexican League. A career decision was inevitable, so George decided to retire from major league baseball but, not his love and dedication to the game.

George held many managerial positions, in both the Mexican League and the Independent League with such teams as Saskatoon Riot, Massachusetts Mad Dogs, and Rio Grande Valley White Wings of the Texas-Louisiana League. From 1991 to 1996, George coached at Rothbury Community College. He finished his managing career in baseball with the Berkshire Black Bears of the Northern League in 2002.

In 2006, George was inducted into the Red Sox Hall of Fame and the Mississippi Hall of Fame. Sure, career lows are expected just as careers highs are preferred, but both contributed to him having a great baseball career. We are thankful however, that his career highs out-numbered his career lows helping George to earn the reputation bestowed upon him by his baseball colleagues, as one of the best in many positions of the game.

Mr. George "Boomer" Scott broke barriers and set records; he had three sons of which

he was very proud, often boasting about them to friends and colleagues. Dion, his oldest played professional baseball but is currently a principal in the Atlanta Public School District. George, III is in real estate in New Bedford, MA. His youngest son, Brian, played college baseball for Mississippi Delta Community College and had a batting high of over .400 in 2006 breaking his Dads record of .330 in 1966.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. George "Boomer" Scott, one of baseball's greatest players; I am proud that he was a product of the Mississippi Second Congressional District. Rest in peace Boomer.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STAFF SERGEANT JOSEPH ANDERSON

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Staff Sergeant Joseph Emmanuel Anderson, a dedicated father and an active duty U.S. Army Sgt., who was cruelly taken from us by gun violence at the age of 31. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all that knew him. I join with them today in grieving the loss of this special man and hope they find some comfort in celebrating his life and the knowledge that it serves as an example for all of us.

A loving father, brother, son, and friend, John Anderson was born and raised in Marrero, Louisiana. At the age of 20, he joined the Army so that he could take care of his family.

A devoted father to his three children, Sgt. Anderson worked hard to provide for them and loved them completely.

During his 12 years of service in the U.S. Army, Sgt. Anderson served our country through three deployments in Iraq. He also earned his Airborne Wings and was proud to follow in the footsteps of his grandfathers who both served in the Army.

The loss of Sgt. Anderson deeply saddens me and all those who care about our communities. While we mourn the loss of Sgt. Anderson, let us look to who he was and the life he led as inspiration. We should all strive to live our lives with the same overwhelming love for our families and dedication to our country that Joseph Anderson showed in his life. His vitality and love should be celebrated and honored. I am proud to stand here today to honor the life and legacy of an exemplary man, Staff Sergeant Joseph Anderson.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE EXTENSION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my Republican colleagues to give stability to the American economy by restoring emergency unemployment insurance.

Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, the Senate moved one step closer in extending unemployment benefits, and the House must do the same and act immediately.

Less than 2 weeks ago, unemployment insurance payments were cut for 1.3 million Americans and will expire for a further 3.6 million this year.

It is estimated 213,793 Californians have been affected by the cut, including over 14,000 individuals in Orange County.

According to CBO estimates, our GDP would be boosted and employment would be increased by 200,000 jobs if unemployment benefits were to continue in 2014.

Mr. Speaker, it is our job to make sure the economy recovers and we find a way to get people back to work.

But we should not leave those trying to find a job without a lifeline. We must act now.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WILSON A. "DUTCH" SHOFFNER, USA, RETIRED

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and service of Lieutenant General Wilson A. "Dutch" Shoffner, USA, Retired, of Colleyville, Texas, who passed away on January 3, 2014, at the age of seventy-five.

Lt. Gen. Shoffner, born in 1938 to Fred and Jewell Shoffner, was originally from Ryan, Oklahoma. He attended Cameron State Agricultural College (now Cameron University) where he participated in ROTC, Phi Theta Kappa, and the Student Government Association; and later graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1961. Shortly thereafter, he joined the United States Army, and was commissioned in Field Artillery in 1967.

In his thirty-two years of service, which included the Vietnam War, Lt. Gen. Shoffner commanded the 214th Field Artillery brigade in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, the 3rd Infantry Division in Wurzburg, West Germany, and the Combined Arms Command at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. His many positions also included being the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations in Washington, DC. He earned his third star and the rank of Lieutenant General in 1991. Lt. Gen. Shoffner had also received a Bronze Star and a Distinguished Service Medal, which is awarded for exceptional performance in a duty of great responsibility.

After retiring from the Army in 1993, Shoffner became Vice President for Product Development at Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control in Grand Prairie, Texas. In 2003, he retired from that position but continued to volunteer at community organizations and speak to ROTC cadets at Cameron University. He is in the alumni hall of fame at both Cameron and Oklahoma State University.

Lt. Gen. Shoffner was recently preceded in death by his wife of fifty-two years, Beverly, of Lawton, Oklahoma. Together they had two sons, Al and Andy. He is survived by four sisters—Myra, Jean, Joan, and Judy—and three grandchildren—Kristin, Lauren, and Austin.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in remembering