

BESTEC Security provided state of the art security systems and equipment to individuals and families throughout the Central Valley for 23 years. Joe sold the business in 2006 and continued to serve as a Fresno Police Department Reserve Officer.

Prior to leaving the Reserve Unit, Joe was assigned to the Mounted Unit, where he continued to carry out his duty to protect and serve the citizens of Fresno while on horseback.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Joe Infausto as he celebrates his retirement from the Fresno Police Reserve Unit.

CONGRATULATING JON REEDY ON
BEING THE NSSGA'S 2013 SAFETY
AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OF
THE YEAR

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jon Reedy of Irving, Texas, on receiving the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association's (NSSGA) 2013 James M. Christie Safety and Health Professional of the Year award.

The award, established in 1987, gives national attention to an individual who contributes outstanding efforts to his or her company regarding healthy work practices. Mr. Reedy, Director of Environment, Safety, and Health for the South Region & Hanson Building Products, Lehigh Hanson, Inc., has been a strong advocate for a safe work environment and brought proactive changes to daily procedures, particularly in mining. His tireless efforts have led to many man-hours without workplace injuries among several facilities as well as reductions in compensation costs. He is a great asset to not only the company but the community as well. NSSGA President and CEO Michael Johnson stated that "Jon's diligent work to boost safety and health performance is a great example of the aggregate industry's commitment to worker wellness celebrated by the Christie Award."

Jon Reedy's receipt of this honor evidences his hard work and dedication to not only his company but his workers and community. Keeping a safe and healthy work environment is beneficial to all parties involved. It is an honor to represent such a distinguished and hardworking constituent in Congress and I look forward to seeing the results of that success in the form of safer workplaces in North Texas.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Jon Reedy on his award.

HONORING CATHERINE MILLER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Civil

Rights Activist, Mrs. Catherine Miller who is a resident of Friars Points, Mississippi.

Mrs. Miller was born in the historical Taborian Hospital in Mound Bayou, Mississippi and resided with her parents the late James Lee Nolan, Sr. and Juanita Grandberry Johnson and her sixteen siblings in Friars Point, Mississippi. At the age of five her family moved to Memphis, Tennessee and after three years the family relocated to Friars Point to run their farm.

Mrs. Miller was educated in the Memphis City School District, Friars Point Elementary School, and graduated from Coahoma Agricultural High School and Coahoma Junior College. She furthered her education at Alcorn State College and received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from LeMoyné College in Memphis, Tennessee, and continued her studies at Walden University towards a Master Degree in Non-Profit Management.

In the early 1970's Mrs. Miller participated in boycotting stores in Friars Point where people were being treated unjustly and got involved with activities which highlighted change for equality. She became a member of the Young Democratic Organization, and worked and campaigned in several Coahoma County Board of Supervisors Elections where her interest in politics evolved.

Mrs. Miller lives by the motto, "action speaks louder than words". In 1982 she entered the political arena and ran unsuccessfully for the position of Town Clerk for the Town of Friars Point, but that did not deter her because she was determined to be the town clerk. In October, 1986 she was elected Friars Point Town Clerk. After being in this position for about two years, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance making the Town Clerk's position an appointed position instead of an elected position. During this time Mrs. Miller stated that she would never run for another elected office because her mother was totally against her being involved in politics. She was employed in the appointed position as town clerk for over 20 years.

In February, 2009 Mrs. Miller left the Town of Friars Point Town Clerk's position and was hired as the Administrative Assistant to the newly elected Coahoma County Sheriff Charles Jones. A lot of things had changed in her life, with the passing away of her mother, she decided that she would no longer sit back and just talk about how she was not pleased with the leadership or the conditions of the town where she lives.

After soul searching and much prayer about the situations Mrs. Miller decided to enter the political arena, once again, in March, 2009 to seek the position of Mayor and was unsuccessful. Over the next four years she continued to show an interest in becoming Mayor of the Town of Friars Point, to see, make changes and improvements in the town. In March 2013 she threw her bid in to run for the position of Mayor of the Town of Friars Point. On June 4, 2013 her dream became a reality. She was elected the first African-American woman to become Mayor of the Town of Friars Point in over 120 years in history of being incorporated as a town.

Mrs. Miller's former position as the Town Clerk of Friars Point afforded her a wealth of knowledge and experience to assist her in the position of Mayor. In serving as Mayor she welcomes the challenges with the help of her constituents and the Board of Aldermen to move the Town of Friars Point forward.

Mrs. Miller is married to Arthur Lee Miller, Jr and they have five children: Danielle, Domanique, Rosalind, Chantauna, Arthur, III; seven grandchildren: Cameron, Hollis, Arveon, Lauren, Itlay, Asia, London and one grandson, Carson. She is a member of the First Community Church in Dubbs, Mississippi under the leadership of Pastor Rodney Hibbler.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing Civil Rights Activist, Mrs. Catherine Miller Williams, for her dedication to change and equal rights.

HONORING THE TORNADO VICTIMS
AND SURVIVORS OF MENIFEE
COUNTY, KENTUCKY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the victims and the surviving families of Menifee County on this second anniversary of the devastating EF3 tornado that ravaged eastern Kentucky.

On March 3, 2012, Kentuckians were devastated by the worst storms in almost 25 years, affecting at least 27 counties. The storms were responsible for injuring over 300 people and taking the lives of 20 of our loved ones in the Commonwealth.

Today, I would like for us to especially remember three of those individuals from Menifee County: Beverly Bowman, Vershal Brown and Anita Smith. May their memories continue to live in our hearts forever.

I would also like to recognize the resilience of the residents of Menifee County as well as many of the surrounding counties that have, without question, suffered much.

The Bible promises us in Psalm 147:3 that "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." The people of Frenchburg and communities across the Commonwealth have renewed this hope and promise of healing. This catastrophic event has reminded us that when tragedy strikes, it strikes in the hearts of us all.

It is a testament to the character and compassion of Kentuckians that individuals from all across the Commonwealth were willing to step in and help so that the victims of these storms did not have to carry the burdens alone.

In the face of adversity, communities find a way to come together. Over the last two years, the citizens of Menifee have banded together, leaned on each other and come out of this tragedy stronger than ever.

OBAMACARE AND HISPANICS

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2014

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, the White House has declared this week National Latino Enrollment Week, just five weeks short of the delayed deadline for purchasing insurance.

Healthcare.gov was a mess at its rollout, but the Hispanic website was even less functional.

Once it finally opened for business, the text was riddled with basic grammar errors, as if

the designers were using Google translate to build the site.

Now, Spanish-speaking Americans have the pleasure of finding out just how costly coverage in the Obamacare exchanges is.

In Pennsylvania, premiums in the individual market will run about 39 percent more than what they were previously.

Since Hispanic Americans are on average younger than the general population, they will face an even greater premium hike.

There are plenty of ways to expand access to insurance without forcing people into an expensive, government-dictated marketplace.

Obamacare is hurting many Americans, but its poor treatment of Hispanic Americans is notable.

We can do better.

IN RECOGNITION OF AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL'S SUCCESS AT THE MASSACHUSETTS "WE THE PEOPLE" COMPETITION

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2014

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Auburn High School for their selection as the state champions at the 2014 Massachusetts We the People Competition.

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution is an innovative program designed to educate elementary, middle, and high school students about the U.S. Constitution and the founding of our country. At the high school level, the lessons prepare students for district, state, and national academic competitions, where high school teams participate in simulated Congressional hearings.

On January 25, 2014, 8 schools from across our Commonwealth competed in the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution Massachusetts High School State Finals. After a rigorous competition, Auburn High School was named the state champions, and the team was awarded the opportunity to compete at the national finals in Washington, D.C. this April.

Last month, I was pleased to meet with the bright and enthusiastic students competing on the Auburn High School team: Matthew Amiot, Connor Aubuchont, Matthew Blais, Erin Breen, John Bylund, Andrew Carpenter, Ture Carlson, Elise Cavanaugh, Erin Collins, Christopher Cubbedge, Tyler Ducharme, Matthew Frappier, Sarah Gardner, Nicole Grabowski, Liam Gribbons, Claire Hutner, Nicholas John, Katherine Johnson, Raymond Leo, Jaimee Martin, Jacqueline Matthews, Lillian McPherson, Matthew Nelson, Richard Phan, Nicole Plona, Kyle Quitadamo, Matthew Rodwill, Alekxis Rojee, Scott Ruane, Bakhtyar Shairani, Camille Thomas, Michael Travers, and Jaime Vera. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these students for their incredible work in mastering a number of topics including the foundation of our political system and selected contemporary issues. I would also like to recognize teachers Vincent Benacchio and Spencer Kennard for their work in mentoring the Auburn High School team.

Mr. Speaker, I'm so proud of Auburn High School's We the People team, and wish them the best of luck as they prepare for the national finals. Please join me in recognizing the accomplishments of the Auburn High School team.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND ROSA PARKS

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2014

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, every February, we celebrate Black History Month by honoring the achievements and contributions of those African-Americans who have courageously challenged the status quo, pushed boundaries and moved our country forward in the name of justice and equality for all.

Rosa Parks, the Mother of the Modern Civil Rights Movement, embodied courage and strength when she refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama bus to a white passenger on December 1, 1955.

Her courage and perseverance continues to inspire me, my constituents in the third congressional district of Ohio, and our nation.

I was privileged to have met her and so proud to sponsor the legislation that made Ohio the first State to recognize December 1st as Rosa Parks Day.

This Black History Month, I am honored to reflect and celebrate the rich legacy of Rosa Parks and so many other African-Americans who have shaped our Nation's history.

HONORING EDDWIN ALEXANDER SMITH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, this is Black History Month and I rise to honor Mr. Eddwin Alexander Smith who was born on May 27, 1974 to Dr.'s Jimmy Lee and Jo Ann Smith. He has one sister, Ms. Geraldine Smith.

Mr. Eddwin Smith graduated from Port Gibson High in 1992. He matriculated through Alcorn State University receiving a B.S. degree in Elementary Education in 1996 and a Masters in Administration and Supervision in 1998.

All through Eddwin's family life, he has been heavily engaged in civil rights and politics in his community. He learned early on of the importance of people and community. As he grew and matured, this allowed him to witness his family for over two generations, come to understand why it takes a village to make change with effective leadership.

Eddwin has been in Education for 16 years in various capacities as: Teacher, Assistant Principal, and Principal. He has been employed in the: Claiborne County Public Schools, Memphis City Public Schools, Jackson Public Schools, Noxubee Public Schools and Wilkerson County Public Schools. He has demonstrated a real passion for students which he believes, "A well equipped Male/Female

male will make any community a better place." When he visits the different communities, where he once was employed, he can now begin to see the fruits of his labor. Some of the students are beginning to graduate from college and start their careers.

After a number of years serving in education, there came a greater calling, in terms of him wanting to become more engaged in his community, therefore, he ran for Supervisor. Eddwin ran for this office in 2011, won the election and began working in this office in January, 2012. During his first year in office, he focused on the needs of the people. In his second year, he was elected President of the Board of Supervisors by his peers. His continued goals are to improve community and economic development through effective leadership and his success has been seen in the Community of Claiborne County.

Eddwin is a devoted father of one daughter, Embree Gwendolyn Smith, who is following in the leadership of her father. He is also a dedicated member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Port Gibson, Mississippi. He states that, "He accepts that God wants him to be a change agent for the betterment of all its citizens in Claiborne County, Port Gibson, Mississippi."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Eddwin Alexander Smith, a sincere and dedicated man with a mission for change, during this Black History Month.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF FRANK PROTO

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2014

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the long and successful public service of Tompkins County Legislator Frank Proto. Having served since 1985, Frank will be leaving office after nearly three decades. Mr. Proto chaired numerous committees during his tenure and played a leading role in shaping our community.

Mr. Proto's impact on our region is truly difficult to quantify as he has influenced countless aspects of the community. As Chairman of the Solid Waste Committee, he oversaw the growing emphasis that was placed on recycling and the area's diminished waste production. He fought for the distinct needs of our rural communities as Chairman of the Rural Affairs Committee and promoted public library reading rooms in small municipalities. Outside of his legislative service, he spends his time assisting others through organization such as BOCES, the Cayuga Medical Center, and the Brooktondale Fire Commissioners.

Despite leaving his legislative post, Frank will continue serving the community in a variety of roles: as board member of both the Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Tompkins County Soil & Water Conservation District and with Slaterville Ambulance. His passion for public service and his dedication to the community are unmatched and it is with great pleasure that I honor Frank here today.