

rise to honor two members of African American black history. They were two innocent lives cut short, Mr. Clinton Melton and his wife, Mrs. Beulah Melton of Glendora (Tallahatchie County), Mississippi.

Being a part of history does not always require some extraordinary feat but sometimes simply being innocent and unjustly victimized. This is the case, Mr. Speaker with Mr. Melton and his wife, Mrs. Melton. They were two young African Americans living in the small town of Glendora, MS working hard and raising their four children. He was a gas station attendant but her occupation was never mentioned because her murder was covered up and only mentioned as a reckless driving incident and not really spoken of.

Clinton Melton, Murdered: On December 3, 1955, Mr. Melton, a 33 year old gas station attendant of Lee McGarrh Firestone gas station in Glendora, went outside to gas up the car that Elmer Otis Kimball was driving. The car belonged to J.W. Milam, who had been acquitted on September 23, 1955 for the mutilation and murder of Emmett Louis Till.

The story goes that Mr. Kimball asked for \$2 worth of gas but because the amount Mr. Melton actually put in the car was not \$2 (amount unknown) he was killed. Mr. Kimball had become enraged about the gas, and very loud and publicly vowed to return and kill Mr. Melton—a promise he kept, returning shortly thereafter leaving only to retrieve his shotgun. Mr. Clinton Melton was killed instantly in front of three witnesses (the owner, a friend, and a bystander) leaving behind his young wife and children.

The trial of Elmer Otis Kimball, as in the Emmett Till's murder trial held at the Sumner Courthouse in Sumner, Mississippi (Tallahatchie County), resulted in yet another "not guilty" verdict.

Beulah Clinton, Murdered: She was a wife and mother of four who didn't deserve being murdered and forgotten about. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I rise today to also make sure her life is not forgotten by telling her story. At that time, the acquittal and humiliation of the Emmett Till murder trial was a fresh wound in Glendora, home of the murdered, and across entire Tallahatchie County. But, as a mother and wife, Mrs. Melton would not let that stop her. In March, 1956 one day, while out driving in an effort to gather information for the upcoming murder trial of her husband, Mrs. Melton was forced off the road into a bayou. In the car she had two of her small children, Debris and Clinton Melton, Jr. Both were rescued by a relative who saw the car while driving by.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the late Mr. Clinton and Mrs. Beulah Melton for Black History Month, whose lives were cut short for no justifiable reason from the Mississippi Second Congressional District.

#### OLINGER CROWN HILL CEMETERY AND MORTUARY

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 4, 2014*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Olinger Crown

Hill Cemetery and Mortuary for achieving 25 years of outstanding membership in the West Chamber serving Jefferson County.

Membership in a Chamber of Commerce comes with commitment, dedication and contribution to community. Chamber members are leaders in the community mentoring other businesses, creating positive environments for business to thrive. The West Chamber serving Jefferson County is a strong and vibrant organization today due to members like Olinger Crown Hill Cemetery and Mortuary.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Olinger Crown Hill Cemetery and Mortuary for 25 years of leadership and inspiration you provide in our community. I look forward to many more years of your service.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 4, 2014*

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I was delayed and missed rollcall vote No. 40 on Wednesday, February 5, 2014.

If I had been present, I would have voted "nay" for the Motion to Recommit H.R. 3590, the Sportmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Act of 2013.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 4, 2014*

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes during the week of February 10th due to eye surgery.

Had I been present, I would have cast the following votes: on rollcall No. 55, I would have voted "yes;" on rollcall No. 56, I would have voted "yes;" on rollcall No. 57, I would have voted "yes;" on rollcall No. 58, I would have voted "no;" on rollcall No. 59, I would have voted "no;" on rollcall No. 60, I would have voted "no;" on rollcall No. 61 regarding the Temporary Debt Limit Extension Act, I would have voted "yes;" on rollcall No. 62, I would have voted "yes."

#### HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EL PASO

#### HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 4, 2014*

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Catholic Diocese of El Paso as they celebrate their 100 year anniversary.

El Paso and the Catholic Church have shared a long history. The El Paso region was settled by Franciscan missionaries in the 1600s. Since then, the Catholic Church has contributed to El Paso in many important ways. From the founding of the first hospital in El Paso, Hotel Dieu; to building the Ysleta Mission, the oldest continuously operating

church in the State of Texas; to installing the first Hispanic bishop in the nation, Bishop Patrick Flores installed in 1978.

The current Diocese serves more than 680,000 Catholics in and around El Paso. As champions of the poor and the vulnerable, the Diocese of El Paso operates one of the largest legal aid clinics in the southwest and provides health care and education to thousands in my community. It has also welcomed and given shelter to migrants and refugees from Mexico and around the world.

The Diocese of El Paso has been of the El Paso community for one hundred years. I invite my colleagues to recognize their history of service as they embark on their next century.

#### MAYOR STEVE BURKHOLDER

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 4, 2014*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mayor Steve Burkholder for receiving the first annual Steve Burkholder Diamond Legacy Award from the West Chamber serving Jefferson County.

The award is given to an individual who is recognized as a "shining star" due to their leadership and contributions in making Jefferson County a better place to reside.

Mayor Burkholder spent his adult life contributing to the betterment of Jefferson County and their residents. Steve's accomplishments are many. They include serving as past President of the Colorado Municipal League, a member of the Metro Mayors Executive Committee and serving as fellow of the Institute on the Common Good at Regis University.

Steve's latest quest is making sure every two and three year old from high risk or vulnerable families are preschool ready through the Parent-Child Home Program (PCHP). Steve is a founding member of the PCHP Jeffco Advisory Group. Their mission is to positively impact school readiness and long term learning.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mayor Steve Burkholder for this well-deserved honor from the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt Mayor Burkholder's commitment to community will be felt by Jefferson County residents for years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF MR. JOHN MORAN

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 4, 2014*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a special individual whose contributions to this country, especially its veterans, are innumerable. His name is John Moran, and he has just retired from Federal service as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Veterans' Employment and Training Service.

Last week, John closed out a career that has spanned 35 years of dedicated service to his country. His accomplishments in that time

are remarkable. In fact, John began his career protecting the public and Members of the House and Senate as a United States Capitol Policeman.

John was born and raised in Worcester, Massachusetts. In 1979, he graduated from Westfield State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. As I stated earlier, he began his Federal career as a member of the United States Capitol Police, then, later as a Federal Air Marshal/Special Agent with the FAA. Throughout his 35 year career, Mr. Moran progressed through a variety of managerial and senior executive positions:

Special Agent in Charge, Washington, D.C. Civil Aviation Security Field Office;

Chief of Staff, FAA Office of Airports; Program Assessment and Evaluation Officer, in the Office of Civil Aviation Security;

Director, of the Red Team and Explosives Security Division, at the Office of Civil Aviation Security.

Following the attacks on September 11th, Mr. Moran played a crucial role in helping to shape the legislation that founded the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and was instrumental in building it from the ground up. For his hard work and dedication, Mr. Moran received a September 11th Service Medal from the Secretary of Transportation in recognition of his pivotal role and unwavering service to his country.

He then became the TSA Assistant Administrator responsible for all aspects of training of a workforce of over 50,000 personnel and served as Vice Chair of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation Board. In 2005, Mr. Moran was asked to serve as the acting Associate Administrator.

Mr. Moran's final Federal service was as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Veterans Employment and Training Service or VETS at the Department of Labor. In this position, Mr. Moran was the go-to executive during a leadership transition in which he was responsible for important veterans employment programs such as the Jobs for Veterans State Grant program, the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program, the Women's Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program, the Incarcerated Veterans Program, the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, and the Transition Assistance Program. Literally thousands of veterans are now employed because of John Moran's dedication to the betterment of those who have worn the nation's military uniforms.

On behalf of the House Committee on Veterans' affairs, I wish John and his family every success in the future.

HONORING LARRY W. WHITE

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 4, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a self motivated and innovative man, Mr. Larry W. White. Mr. White has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication and a desire to achieve.

Mr. White was born January 26, 1959 in Cannonsburg, MS; he is the second of seven children. His mother Josephine Jackson is his greatest inspiration.

After high school Mr. White proudly served his country from 1977 to 1997 in the U.S.

Navy where he retired as an Aviation Electronic Technician. During his career, Mr. White traveled the world: Guam, Italy, France, Germany, Europe, Korea and many other countries, and was stationed in Memphis, Lemoore, Norfolk, Jacksonville and San Diego in the U.S. He received his education, training, numerous awards and certificates while serving in the Navy.

Mr. White serves on the Yazoo City Chamber of Commerce, FCC Community Development Board and member of the American Legion. Larry W. White is Founder, President and CEO of AA Calibration Services, LLC, a fast growing measurement and repair service for test and measurement equipment users, that was founded in 2004 after Larry became unemployed, with the closing of L-3 Communication's calibration lab. Larry purchased L-3 Communication's lab equipment and formed of AA Calibration Services on the Main Street of Yazoo City, MS, he was the sole employee.

Rejected by banks for loans, Larry worked and saved to expand his business in 2010. Today, AA Calibration Services, LLC, located at 111 Roosevelt Hudson Drive in Yazoo City, MS, employs eighteen and has a customer base of about one hundred.

Mr. White is a member of King Solomon M. B. Church. In his free time he enjoys attending family functions, playing dominos, golf, fishing, and watching the Chicago Bears.

Mr. White is married to Dorothy White and to that union they have five children: Jamie, Anthony, Etoya, Yolanda and Ariel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Larry W. White for his passion and dedication to serving our great Country and desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

#### IRAN SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM WORLDWIDE

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 4, 2014*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, recent attention on Iran has focused on its nuclear weapons program—but this is not the whole picture.

Iran is also the world's largest state sponsor of terrorism.

Using both its own military operatives and its proxy Hezbollah, Iran has planned attacks around the globe.

Iran has no problem sending members of its Revolutionary Guard Corps and Quds Force to target Western interests abroad.

They also have their very own terrorist organization—Hezbollah—to do their bidding.

The Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps funds, trains, arms, and directs Hezbollah, one of the world's deadliest terrorist organizations.

Years ago Hezbollah was a limited, regional threat. Today, it is an international movement.

Right now, Hezbollah is most actively engaged in Syria.

With Iran's backing, Hezbollah supports the murderous Assad regime, which slaughters innocent Syrians every day.

Without Hezbollah, Assad would have been defeated. Instead, Iran has stayed in the fight and more than 140,000 lives have been lost.

Unfortunately, Iran and Hezbollah are not confined to attacks in the Middle East.

In Afghanistan, the Iranians provide arms and training to Taliban fighters who use them to kill U.S. and Afghan forces.

In Africa, Iran and Hezbollah have planned attacks in Nigeria, Sudan, and Kenya, and are expanding their terrorist and criminal networks in Senegal and Gambia.

In Europe, Iran has attempted to assassinate foreign diplomats and tourists.

A 2012 attack in Bulgaria killed six and injured 32 people. Other attacks were also planned in Turkey, Georgia, and Azerbaijan.

The same has been true in Asia. Iran and Hezbollah have planned numerous plots in India and Thailand.

Perhaps most troubling is Iran's expansion into Latin America and the fact that our State Department denies it is happening to this very day.

Despite clear evidence that Hezbollah is colluding with drug organizations to launder money and gather support, the Obama Administration continues to downplay this threat.

Hezbollah uses Venezuela banks to launder hundreds of millions of dollars a year and smuggle narcotics to U.S. and European markets.

It has also conducted terrorist training on Margarita Island for recruits from Venezuela and other Latin American countries.

No one is safe, including Americans abroad and even here at home.

In October 2011, the Saudi Ambassador to the U.S. was targeted in Washington, DC. There is strong evidence linking Hezbollah and the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps to this attack.

Anyone who hoped that the new Iranian President Hassan Rouhani would have stopped all this is wrong.

Like his predecessor, he continues to support terrorism.

Just last month Iran's parliament claimed that Hezbollah has "tens of thousands" of missiles prepared for a battle with Israel.

Director of National Intelligence, James Clapper, described it best when he said the Iran-Hezbollah relationship was "a partnership agreement, with the Iranians as the senior partner."

International efforts to combat this expanding threat have improved, but still fall short of what needs to be done.

I commend the European Union for blacklisting Hezbollah's military wing, but they must understand that there are not two separate Hezbollahs.

There is one Hezbollah. The military wing and political wing are not separate. The entire organization needs to be sanctioned in order for those tools to really bite.

2014 marks the 30 year anniversary of Iran's placement on the State Department's "State Sponsors of Terrorism" list.

This problem will only get worse if the Administration allows Iran to develop nuclear weapons.

Clearly, it is time for the United States and its allies to develop a coherent and comprehensive plan to stop Iranian-backed terrorism.

We can start by renewing the sanctions on Iran rather than easing them. Iran only can be forced to do the right thing internationally because their moral code regarding right and wrong is amiss.

And that's just the way it is.