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IN MEMORY OF PASTOR TIMOTHY J. WINTERS' LIFETIME OF SERVICE

**HON. JUAN VARGAS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 26, 2014*

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Dr. Timothy J. Winters, Pastor Emeritus who led the Bayview Baptist Church in San Diego from 1973 to 2013 and offered spiritual guidance to thousands of people within the region.

Pastor Winters came to San Diego by way of the United States Navy, in which he served until his honorable discharge. Following his career with the U.S. Navy, Pastor Winters became a San Diego Police officer for over 10 years. Some of those who served with him spoke warmly of his "no nonsense" attitude on the job and the leather jacket he became known for wearing almost as a part of his uniform.

Pastor Winters presided over the Bayview Baptist Church when it built the 40,000 square foot Martin Luther King, Jr. Christian Center, which houses its ever-expanding Christian Education ministry and the Nubia Leadership Academy. Pastor Winters was a minister of vision who expanded the Bayview Baptist Church from 60 families to a congregation of more than 2,500 followers.

Pastor Winters is survived by his wife, Mrs. Betty Winters, daughters Phyllis and Tori, grandchildren, extended family members, close friends, including Senior Pastor Terry Wayne Brooks, and the Bayview Baptist Church family.

Pastor Winters was an exemplary member of our community and showed an admirable commitment to improving the spiritual lives of residents within San Diego County. I would like to commend him for his leadership and thank him for his contributions to the community.

THE RETIREMENT OF RANDALL PUGH

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 26, 2014*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize Georgia native Randall Pugh as he prepares for his retirement at the end of the month. Randall has dedicated his nearly 50-year career to the vital work of rural electrification, and I especially want to highlight his two decades of service at Jackson Electric Membership Corporation (EMC).

Randall's career began in 1968 at the Walton EMC in Monroe, Georgia. He held various management positions in the company and served as general manager for nine years. Randall came to Jackson EMC to serve as President and Chief Executive Officer of the nation's second-largest electric cooperative, measured by customers served, in 1984.

Randall's simple philosophy of providing solid customer service helped grow Jackson EMC into the provider reliable electric service for more than 209,000 customers in 10 Northeast Georgia counties, making it a vital utility provider in my district. He also served as director of the Oglethorpe Power Corporation Board of Directors and as a member of the Georgia System Operations Corporation Board of Directors.

In addition to his vibrant professional life, Randall is an active part of his community. He is a Member of the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America's Northeast Georgia Council. Randall is a member and past president of the Jackson County Area Chamber of Commerce as well as the Jefferson Rotary Club. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for both the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Georgia Department of Economic Development.

I'm sure that Randall's family—especially his wife, Patricia—is looking forward to spending more time with him as he enters this next phase of life.

I join our community in congratulating Randall for all his accomplishments and wish him the very best in the future.

HONORING ALPHA EPSILON LAMBDA CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 26, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Alpha Epsilon Lambda of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. On June 10, 1927, Alpha Epsilon Lambda was organized in Jackson, Mississippi with Brother D.J. Jackson officiating for the General Organization.

Alpha Epsilon Lambda has the distinction of being the first chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, alumni or undergraduate, in the State of Mississippi. The charter members were Brothers: S.R. Redmond, D.J. Thomas, J.W.E. Bowen, H.C. Latham, E.A. Lanier, E.R. Lawrence, F.W. Martin, and Frederick Hall. The establishment of Alpha Epsilon Lambda, like many other graduate chapters, was the result of graduate brothers requesting the General Organization to set them apart as local chapters because of their desires to establish closer unity among themselves and renew old Alpha ties.

Alpha Epsilon Lambda provides a pool of leadership which serves as the advisory arm for three undergraduate chapters in the metro Jackson area: Gamma Upsilon at Tougaloo College, Delta Phi at Jackson State University and Omicron Gamma at Milsaps/Belhaven Colleges.

The Chapter is committed to fostering the growth and development of the collegiate brothers in order that they may become and remain actively involved in all aspects of the Fraternity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Alpha Epsilon Lambda of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated for their dedication to serving others.

RECOGNIZING THE LONE PEAK HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. JASON CHAFFETZ**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 26, 2014*

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Lone Peak High School basketball team, who made history in Utah this month. For the first time ever, the state basketball championship has been won by the same team for 4 consecutive years.

The Lone Peak Knights, led by a group of seniors with unprecedented success, completed their latest championship run with a decisive victory over the outstanding Pleasant Grove High School.

Congratulations to the greatest team in Utah high school basketball on making history with their 4 consecutive seasons of excellence culminating in the 2014 5A State Championship. Coach Quincy Lewis deserves recognition for producing consistent results, including last year's award for best high school basketball team in the Nation according to website Max Preps.

I recognize the contributions of each player to this historic achievement. In particular, I acknowledge the unprecedented success of the senior players who have contributed to each of the 4 state championship titles won during their career at Lone Peak High. Seniors T.J. Hawes, Zach Frampton, Jantzen Allphin, McKay Webster and Spencer Curtis have now played their last game as Knights, but they can be proud of their contributions to this team during their high school careers.

Finishing their season with a 23–3 record, the Knights scored a blistering 14 3–point shots during the championship game. Spectacular performances by Hawes and Frampton made the victory a decisive one. Hawes scored a game high 29 points, including making 8 of 14 shots from three-point range. Frampton dominated the scoreboard in the early part of the game with 21 points before halftime and ultimately ending the night with a double double.

The win must also be credited to the impressive execution of younger players who will continue to build on the success of this season.

Mr. Speaker, high school basketball is a competitive sport that places great physical demands on players. These young people have worked hard to balance the rigorous demands of their sport with impressive academic achievements. They reflect the best today's youth have to offer. I honor their commitment, dedication and achievements and look forward to the contributions each one is sure to make in the future, both on and off the basketball court.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**HON. ALAN GRAYSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 26, 2014*

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP OF VAL DEMINGS

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize

Chief Valdez B. Demings. Val, the youngest of seven children, was born to James and Elouise Butler in Jacksonville, Florida. She attended Duval County Public Schools and is a graduate of Wolfson High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology from Florida State University and her Master of Arts degree in Public Administration from Webster University. Val is also a graduate of the 226th session of the FBI National Academy as well as the FBI National Executive Institute.

After working as a social worker in foster care, Val moved to Orlando in 1983 to attend the Orlando Police Academy. She was elected president of her class at the Academy and later received the Board of Trustees Award for overall excellence. Val's many assignments with the Orlando Police Department included assignments in the West Patrol Division, the Criminal Investigation Division, Crime Prevention, Explorer and Cadet Unit, Public Information Office, Internal Affairs, and as Commander of the Airport Division. She also served as the Commander of Special Operations where she managed special events, dignitary protection, traffic enforcement, traffic homicide, marine patrol, the K-9 and Vehicles for Hire units, and the Reserve and Auxiliary units. In addition to her regular job assignments, Val served 12 years on the Crisis Negotiation Team, was Commander of the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team, and was Executive Vice President of the International Association of Airport and Seaport Police.

In 2007, Val was selected to serve as Chief for the Orlando Police Department. She was the first woman to ever hold the position. Her tenure was marked by a dramatic forty percent reduction in violent crime, including robberies, shootings and murders.

After twenty-seven years at the Orlando Police Department, including three and a half years as the Department's top cop, Demings decided to retire from the force and continue her commitment to public service in another way. In 2012, Val Demings ran for the United States House of Representatives in Florida's tenth congressional district.

Today, Chief Demings stays involved in her community through numerous social service activities. She is an active member of Saint Mark A.M.E. Church, where she is a Steward, Trustee, and Chairperson of the Annual Church Women's Conference. She is also President of the Women's Missionary Society through which she has participated in mission trips to Peru and Haiti.

Val is very active in her community through numerous social service activities. She is Chairperson of the Committee on Global Housing and Homelessness, and serves on the boards of Heart of Florida United Way, Central Florida Police Athletic League, United Negro College Fund, and Guardian Care Nursing and Rehabilitative Center. In addition to several other affiliations, Val was named one of Orlando's "50 Most Powerful People."

Val is married to Jerry L. Demings, Sheriff of Orange County and former Orlando Police Chief. They have three sons, Austin, Antoine, and Antonio.

I am happy to honor Val Demings, during Women's History Month, for her service and contributions to the Central Florida community.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ERIN SULLIVAN

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Erin Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan is the daughter of an Irish immigrant mother who came to the United States as a teenager in the 1960s with only a third grade level of education. Her Irish-American father was a fervent believer in social justice and responsive government. A proud graduate of the University at Albany, State University of New York, Ms. Sullivan was the first in her family to graduate from college.

Today Ms. Sullivan is the editor of Orlando Weekly, an alternative newsweekly dedicated to strengthening the community by keeping readers informed about important local issues, events and politics. She began her career in journalism at a business newspaper in Albany, N.Y., but soon discovered a desire to report on issues that impacted people's lives, so changed her focus to political and issues-based reporting. Ms. Sullivan covered state government in New York for five years before moving to Baltimore, Md., where she became the managing editor for the award-winning investigative weekly, Baltimore City Paper.

In 2010, she moved to Orlando to take over as editor of Orlando Weekly, where she re-envisioned the paper as an invaluable community asset that keeps the Central Florida community apprised of important local and state news, politics, and social issues. She is also a regular commentator on National Public Radio affiliate WMFE 90.7 News FM, where she has created a weekly segment that focuses on topical local news stories that other media outlets often overlook.

Over the years, Ms. Sullivan has earned awards and recognition for public-service reporting, feature reporting, and news writing. She appears on local TV news shows to offer alternative viewpoints on issues that are often treated one-dimensionally. She has also led workshops and seminars for young journalists on developing their skills as reporters.

Ms. Sullivan is also dedicated to giving back to the community through public service. She has served on the board of the Association for Alternative Newsweeklies and Baltimore City's Animal Control Advisory Board, and is a founding member of a nonprofit organization that offers humane-education workshops for schoolchildren living in Baltimore's inner city. Currently an animal rescue volunteer for the Humane Society of the United States, Ms. Sullivan spends as much time as she can educating people about the link between animal cruelty and domestic violence and about how the humane treatment of animals intersects with creating a stronger, more compassionate, and evolved community.

I am happy to honor Erin Sullivan, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MICHELE RENEE LEVY

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Michele Renee Levy. Michele was born in The Bronx, New York on August 25, 1942. She grew up in the city and attended public schools. Her father was a political activist and union leader, so she and her brother learned at an early age to never cross a picket line and to respect

the working people of this country. Michele's dad was a history buff who made dinner table discussions a learning experience. It was expected that she would study hard and get the grades necessary to attend the local university, the City College of New York (CCNY).

During college, Michele became involved in student politics. It was the 1960s, and there was so much to protest. She took part in student rallies at CCNY to "ban the bomb" and became active in the civil rights movement when she joined the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). When her brother was drafted and sent to Vietnam she took her two children (a toddler and an infant) to anti-war protests in the New York area.

In 1973, Michele and her family moved to Orlando and she began a career as a social worker. She worked for the state of Florida in what was then the Department of Family Services, determining eligibility for welfare, food stamps, and Medicaid. Several years later she began working for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities where she worked with children and adults with developmental disabilities. Michele retired in 2005 and began her own company, MRL Training Consultants through which she trained job coaches, supported living coaches, and direct care staff.

In 2007, Michele joined the League of Women Voters to become more involved with community and local politics. She joined the Local Government Committee where she met other women who were active community leaders. Michele became Chair of the League's Government Committee where she championed changes to the Orange County Charter which would make citizen access easier. She used the public comments part of local government meetings to speak out about the issues impacting the Central Florida community.

More recently, as the Co-President of the League of Women Voters of Orange County, she highlighted the Orlando Orange County Expressway Authority's ethical reasons for not hiring former State Representative Steve Precourt. She received an appreciative letter from Mayor Teresa Jacobs for her attention to the issue.

Michele was also active in a local campaign against an amendment to the Orange County Charter that would have required a mail-in ballot, abolished the Tax Collector's office, and made it more difficult for a citizen-initiative to be put on the ballot. The amendment did not pass.

Michele believes that all citizens have an obligation to, at the very least, participate in their government by voting, and by participating to the best of your abilities. One of her favorite quotes is by the founder of the League of Women Voters, Carrie Chapman Catt, who said, "[t]o the wrongs that need resistance, to the right that needs assistance, to the future in the distance, give yourselves."

I am happy to honor Michele Renee Levy, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LINDA  
SUTHERLAND

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Linda Sutherland. Ms. Sutherland has served as the Executive Director of the Orange County Healthy Start Coalition since February 2001. She oversees a \$3 million budget and related staff and programs which support the Coalition of over 160 members, as well as a variety of direct maternal and child health and social services offered to the community. These services include a Fatherhood program, ACA enrollment help, and Children's Health Insurance (KidCare). The Coalition served over 7,000 women and 5,000 infants last year.

The Coalition is responsible for identifying needs in the community, and designing and supporting related services for mothers and babies who are at-risk. Through its work, the Coalition ensures that every baby gets a "healthy start" in life. In order to develop and maintain the Coalition and build community collaborations with the purpose of improving target health indices, Ms. Sutherland works with a wide variety of area maternal and child health providers, community agencies, and service providers.

As Healthy Start Director, Ms. Sutherland has taken an interest in health disparities, serving as Founding Member of the Primary Care Access Network, Chair of the Central FL Partnership on Health Disparities, and initiating programs specifically to reduce racial disparities in birth outcomes. She also serves on the March of Dimes State Planning Council.

Prior to her work with the Coalition, she served as the President of the Orange County Council of PTAs and then on the Orange County School Board for twelve years, from 1990–2002. During her tenure she served as both Chairman and Vice Chairman of the local School Board and as President of the State School Board Association. She also represented Florida on the Council of Great City Schools and the National School Board Association.

Ms. Sutherland was invited to the White House by then First Lady Laura Bush and former First Lady Barbara Bush for a discussion on early literacy and school readiness in 2001. Her areas of special interest and advocacy have always been early childhood issues, especially related to early intervention and prevention, and legislative matters affecting the welfare of children which have involved working closely with neighborhood groups, community leaders, and political representatives.

First and foremost a child advocate, Ms. Sutherland has spent considerable time learning about brain research, child health and best practices of parenting, and educating. She was a pioneer in advocating for the importance of investing in the early years for better long term outcomes. She is a sought-after speaker at events related to the well-being of children. She also serves on many boards responding to issues facing children and families in Central Florida and around the state, includ-

ing the Florida Children's Campaign and the Children's Cabinet of Orange County.

Ms. Sutherland has been married to her best friend, Doug, for 40 years and they have one son, Andrew.

I am happy to honor Linda Sutherland, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DEBORAH C.  
GERMAN, M.D.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Dr. Deborah C. German, a physician, educator, and administrator. Dr. German has served as Vice President for Medical Affairs at the University of Central Florida (UCF) since July 2010 and as the Founding Dean of UCF's College of Medicine since December 2006.

After receiving her M.D. from Harvard Medical School, Dr. German worked at a number of prestigious institutions. She was Resident in Medicine at the University of Rochester, Fellow and faculty member at Duke, Associate Dean for Students and Senior Associate Dean of Medical Education at Vanderbilt, President and CEO of Saint Thomas Hospital in Nashville, and Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Petersdorf Scholar-in-Residence.

In her current position at UCF, Dr. German is working with a team of over 2,400 full-time, part-time, and volunteer faculty and staff members to develop a 21st century research-based medical school as part of Orlando's emerging Medical City. Recognizing the central role of the College of Medicine in Lake Nona, she takes an active leadership role in facilitating partnerships and expanding the reach of the Medical City. Dr. German led a community effort to fund scholarships for tuition and living expenses for the entire Charter Class. This was the first such effort in the history of American medicine, and to date has not been matched by any other college.

Dr. German's service to her community has been recognized by several local and national organizations. She is the recipient of honors and awards including the Athena Award from the City of Nashville in 2000, the AAMC Women in Medicine Leadership Development Award in 2002, the Orlando Sentinel Editorial Board's Central Floridian of the Year in 2002, the National Library of Medicine's a Local Legend of Medicine in 2005, Orlando Sentinel's "25 Most Powerful People in Central Florida" in 2012, and the Orlando Blueprint Women of Distinction Award Honoree in 2014.

I am happy to honor Dr. Deborah C. German, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, I was unavoidably de-

tained due to a family emergency and missed the following votes:

An amendment, offered by Mr. LOWENTHAL, numbered 1 printed in Part B of House Report 113–374 to require States to implement the June 30, 1983 Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement stream buffer zone rule, unless a State has a program with greater stream protection. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this amendment.

An amendment, offered by Mr. CARTWRIGHT, numbered 2 printed in Part B of House Report 113–374 to ensure that States maintain the ability to issue their own stream buffer rules. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this amendment.

A Motion to Recommit, offered by Mr. BERA. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this amendment.

H.R. 2824, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to stop the ongoing waste by the Department of the Interior of taxpayer resources and implement the final rule on excess spoil, mining waste, and buffers for perennial and intermittent streams, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this bill. H.R. 2824 is another cynical attempt to threaten the clean air and clean water my constituents in Illinois' 8th district rely on. Passage of this bill would undoubtedly open up our precious waterways to toxic mine waste and roll back the gains the Clean Water Act, the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA), and Endangered Species Act have had for our communities. I have voted in the past to limit the materials that can be dumped in our waterways, including an amendment by Mr. MORAN on H.R. 2609, and would have voted again to protect the miles of waterways and numerous communities that would be affected under H.R. 2824.

HONORING BETA DELTA OMEGA  
CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA  
ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Beta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated that was organized on May 28, 1934 at Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, Mississippi while Margaret Davis Bowen was the South Eastern Regional Director and Ida M. Jackson was the Eighth Supreme Basileus. Its charter members were Inez B. Prosser, Katie M. Wilson, Helen Griffin, Aquila Jones, Florence O. Alexander, and L. Zenobia Coleman.

Beta Delta Omega Chapter has a current membership of over 150 women and is the largest Chapter in the state of Mississippi. The