

Chapter's Program currently focuses on social justice, poverty, health, the African-American family, economic security, political awareness and the world community. Its work often involves collaborating with other organizations to facilitate numerous projects.

Beta Delta Omega is continually engaged in programming efforts that promote education, economic empowerment, healthy living, the Black family, the arts, and community involvement. In addition, the Chapter has distinguished itself by having the immediate past International Supreme Tamiouchos, Glenda Glover and the immediate past South Eastern Regional Director, Juanita Sims Doty, as members of the chapter. Also, two other South Eastern Regional Directors were/are members of Beta Delta Omega Chapter: 1) 14th South Eastern Regional Director Ernestine Holloway (deceased); and 2) 17th South Eastern Regional Director Esther Rigsby.

The Chapter's foci on building leaders and instituting effective chapter operations keep all members mindful of the goals of its charter members. Beta Delta Omega continues to make history with commitment, dedicated service, and exceptional programming. It is through "service to all mankind" that the sorority will prosper and be an ever present light in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Beta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated for their dedication to serving others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in a meeting in my office and was unable to be present for rollcall Vote number 138, the Lowenthal Amendment to H.R. 2824.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, in March, we celebrate Women's History Month; a time to revere on the vital contributions women have made to American history. Today, 140 women for every 100 men will earn a degree in American colleges while still experiencing a pay of 81 cents for every dollar men make.

In the health insurance market, women have often paid more and faced discrimination due to health status and gender. However, implementation of the ACA has provided the prospect of health coverage for up to 18.6 million previously uninsured women. In addition, there are more than 200,000 women in the military who serve on active duty. It is important to recognize their service, and honor them by providing them with the same opportunities as the men have in the military, along with an environment free from sexual assault.

Women remain the unsung heroes of our society. While progress has been celebrated, it is critical to the future economic and social fabric of the nation to work towards creating a more equitable environment that harvests future generations of prosperous and thriving women.

HONORING DR. ROGER UNGER

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Roger Unger, a distinguished leader in my community on the occasion of being awarded the 2014 Rolf Luft Award. The award is from Karolinska Institute, a medical university in Sweden that is also home to the Nobel Assembly, which annually honors one scientist worldwide for outstanding contributions to endocrinology and diabetes research.

Dr. Unger is a graduate of Yale University and earned his medical degree at Columbia University. He was elected to the National Academy of the Sciences in 1986 and to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1994. Dr. Unger currently serves as professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center, an institution which is a gem in my Congressional district. As one of the Nation's premier diabetic researchers, Dr. Unger has exemplified scientific and educational excellence.

Serving as a UT Southwestern faculty member since 1956 and director of the Touchstone Center for Diabetes Research from 1986 to 2007, he has shown an unwavering commitment to excellence in the sciences and has ensured that the future of Americans is a bright one through his research. While working at the Dallas VA Medical Center in 1959, Dr. Unger developed a test to measure concentrations of glucagon and established that glucagon was a true pancreatic hormone released in opposing partnership with insulin to maintain normal blood glucose (sugar) levels. His most recent discovery proves that a glucagon-suppressing hormone called somatostatin can normalize the glucose levels of type 1 diabetic patients.

The award he received recognizes his decades of contributions to diabetes research. UT Southwestern and our country have benefitted immensely from Dr. Unger's service. Dr. Unger deserves to be commended. In order to keep the United States at the leading edge of discovery, it will take more amazing professors such as Dr. Unger.

I wish to commend Dr. Unger and thank him for his service to this great nation. As leader in diabetic research, he has created positive pathways for the future of those affected by this illness.

HONORING MISSISSIPPI NAACP

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 Mis-

issippi NAACP. The first branch in Mississippi was chartered in Vicksburg, Mississippi in 1918 and re-charted on April 8, 1940.

In 1945, members of branches from across the state came together to charter the Mississippi State Conference of Branches to coordinate the efforts of local branches and to carry out the mission and vision of the national organization statewide.

The Mississippi State Conference was on the forefront of all the major battles of the civil rights movement in Mississippi during the 50's, 60's and 70's through and collaborating with other civil rights organizations to organize demonstrations, protests, selective buying campaigns, sit-ins, marches and legal action, all aimed at securing equal rights under the law for ALL citizens of the state.

Since its founding, the State Conference has been led by some notable leaders including:

Aaron E. Henry, State Conference President for 33 years and perhaps the chief architect of integration in Mississippi;

Medgar Evers, the civil rights martyr, who served as executive director and led voter registration campaigns;

Winston Hudson, who served as a state vice president and advocated for Head Start programs and rural health clinics;

C.C. Bryant who served as a state vice president for many years and assisted students in the McComb area with establishing the first freedom school; and

Dr. Gilbert Mason of Biloxi who forced the integration of the Biloxi Beach.

Retired Supreme Court Justice Fred Banks is currently the longest serving member of the National NAACP Board of Directors and serves as a distinguished member of the executive committee.

Today, the Mississippi State Conference consists of 112 units, which include branches, college chapters, and youth councils. NAACP has a revolving membership of over 11,000 members across the state and at least one member in 74 of the 82 counties in Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mississippi NAACP for their dedication to serving.

HONORING KEIFER MARSHALL, JR.

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Keifer Marshall, Jr., recipient of the Drayton and Elizabeth McClane Community Achievement Award for individuals who truly exemplify public service leadership. Marshall's life of sacrifice and activism reflects the very best values of central Texas.

Marshall, a native son of Temple, TX, bravely stepped forward when his country needed him most and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII. Stationed in the Pacific Theater, he fought the ferocity of the Japanese head on. At Iwo Jima, the casualties of his company were the severest of the entire campaign. Out of 250 Marines, Marshall was one of the lucky few to survive.

This proud Marine is also a committed citizen. Marshall returned to Temple and began

the next chapter of his life of extraordinary service. A member of numerous councils and boards, he later became a City Councilman and a two-term Mayor. Marshall was President of the Temple Chamber of Commerce, was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel, and was awarded Temple Citizen of the Year honors in 1992. He remains a respected leader who's made a real and positive impact on his community.

Ronald Reagan once said, "Some people live an entire lifetime wondering if they've made a difference in the world, Marines don't have that problem." Keifer Marshall is a local treasure and a fitting recipient of the Drayton and Elizabeth McClane Community Achievement Award. I join all who celebrate his selfless service to his nation and his hometown.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL
STANFORD "STAN" E. BROWN,
USAF, (RET)

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, CA are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Brigadier General Stanford "Stan" E. Brown, USAF, (Ret) is one of these individuals. On March 27, 2014, Stan will be honored as the 2013 "Citizen of the Year" at the Riverside Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner.

On December 25, 1928, Stan was born in the college town of Champaign, Illinois, to Rose Marie and Gilbert Brown. Stan grew up watching his father establish a successful career as a police officer, and listening to stories of his mother's family emigrating from Sicily. Times were tough and the Great Depression had hit the family living on one income hard. Stan's natural entrepreneurial spirit proved useful, and the family was able to survive on the income generated by the chicken coup he set up in their basement and the lush garden in their backyard. His athletic nature eventually earned him a baseball scholarship to serve as starting pitcher at the University of Illinois.

Though his passion for America's greatest pastime was strong and could have turned into a career, Stan felt a greater calling to serve his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He left his sweetheart, Beverly, behind, but would come back shortly thereafter to marry her. Stan's natural leadership ability was noticed within the Air Force, and afforded him the opportunity to move up very quickly in the enlisted ranks. After earning an officer's commission, Beverly, Stan, and their three boys Stan Jr., Bradley, and Gilbert, took up military life as they moved frequently from base to base. A successful application for pilot's school would eventually send him all over the world and up the chain of command. He experienced many an adventure: from flying reconnaissance jet missions over the Soviet Union, to a combat tour doing classified missions in Vietnam.

In July 1973, Stan and his family would be transferred to a brand new terrain, sunny Southern California at March Air Force Base (March AFB). By August 1975, he had excelled in many positions, and eventually earned one of the top jobs on site, Wing Commander. Though he had lived all over the country, Stan had never quite experienced anything like the camaraderie at March AFB. During his time there, he was credited with starting the Airman's Picnic, the Riverside Trophy Dinner, leading the 22nd Bombardment Wing to become one of the most prestigious in the Strategic Air Command, and establishing the land space that would eventually become the Riverside National Cemetery. He had formed invaluable friendships with individuals who provided him counsel throughout his time at his next assignment serving at the Pentagon and over his many years with the Strategic Air Command.

Though he was transferred to the Pentagon 1977, Stan could never seem to get the Inland Empire off of his mind after leaving behind many friends and family members. With hard work and dedication, Stan achieved the rank of Brigadier General in a matter of two years. A multitude of assignments came his way, until four years later he finally retired from the service as commander of the Defense Nuclear Agency at Kirtland AFB, N.M. With his retirement from the service came a new opportunity to serve as Vice President of Northrop Corp, an experience that eventually gave him the skills necessary to start his own defense company in Southern California.

After quite a ride, Stan made the decision to officially retire in Riverside where his wife Beverly continued to fight cancer; sadly, a battle she would lose in 2002. Despite this, Stan had grown to love the community and became even more involved projects throughout the Inland Empire. He began planning of the Medal of Honor Memorial at Riverside National Cemetery, which led him to become the founder of the cemetery's Monuments and Memorial Committee established to make decisions regarding future memorials. Because of his clear leadership, Stan was appointed by the National Cemetery Administration to its Advisory Committee on Monuments and Memorials in 2004, which allowed him to assist other cemeteries throughout the nation in developing their programs and planning boards.

Stan's experience created a need for his involvement in development for the March Joint Powers Authority. He also earned appointment to the Riverside Planning Commission in 2003, where he served two terms, would keep him actively involved in the community. Currently, Stan chairs an advisory committee aimed at establishing a U.S. Veteran Initiative at March Air Reserve Base, which would provide job training to U.S. Veterans.

Stan is most known as an effective leader with a natural ability to organize the efforts and goodwill of others. He proudly served his country with the love and support of his family, and went on to contribute to the character of the Inland Empire as a keen businessman. Considering all that Stan has done for Riverside, the Riverside Chamber of Commerce named him their 2013 Citizen of the Year. Stan's tireless passion for service has contributed immensely to the betterment of our country and community. He has been an inspiration to many and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I

know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he receives this prestigious award.

IN SUPPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA'S SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT BEING RECOGNIZED AS A "PURPLE HEART DISTRICT"

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to North Carolina's Seventh Congressional District as home to recipients of the Purple Heart. So many of its residents have honorably served our nation in its times of need—all gave some and some gave all. As a reflection of Eastern North Carolina's pivotal role in war efforts past and present, and the deep personal sacrifice of so many of its residents, I stand to proclaim that North Carolina's Seventh Congressional District should be recognized as a "Purple Heart District."

As you know, The Purple Heart is one of the oldest and most recognized American military medals, awarded to service members who were killed or wounded by enemy action. In 1782, George Washington created the Badge of Military Merit to reward "any singularly Meritorious action" displayed by a soldier, non-commissioned officer, or officer in the Continental Army. This award was intended to encourage gallantry and fidelity among soldiers. General Douglas MacArthur (then Army Chief of Staff) revived the award on February 22, 1932, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth. Since its inception and through several wars and conflicts, the Purple Heart has been given to more than a million wounded or killed while serving our nation.

North Carolina is home to the third largest military population in the United States. Because of its unique location between Fort Bragg, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, and Air Force Base Seymour Johnson, North Carolina's Seventh Congressional District is simply an exploding center for military life. It is estimated that there are over 50,000 Purple Heart recipients currently living in our great state, and a large percentage of these valiant men and women reside in the district I am honored to represent.

Mr. Speaker, Eastern North Carolina has dispatched thousands of its sons and daughters to fight the enemy; many have sacrificed their health and many have sacrificed their lives. We will never forget these sacrifices and are grateful for the valiant men and women who have been harmed defending our country and our freedom.

I ask that my colleagues to join me in recognition and appreciation of Eastern North Carolina's Purple Heart recipients past and present. Now, in the spirit of that appreciation, let it be known that North Carolina's Seventh Congressional District should be recognized as a "Purple Heart District."