

Now more than ever, the U.S. and India must be about academic collaboration and exchange, and I commend those with the foresight to march ahead, echoing the vision of the founders of AISSMS.

CONGRATULATING IRAM ALI

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend congratulations to my constituent, Iram Ali, on her appointment to the Senior Executive Service at the Department of Defense as the White House liaison. Iram served in this body as a distinguished professional staff member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence under Chairman Reyes. After briefly working in the Senate, Iram was recruited by the Obama Administration to serve in the Department of Defense as the legislative lead for the Under Secretary for Policy.

She now returns to the Department with the duty of ensuring the President has the right personnel in place to implement his policies, a position of great responsibility and distinction. As one of the few Muslim-Americans serving in such senior positions, Iram represents the finest qualities of a public servant and is an asset to her nation. I am honored to have her as a constituent, and I wish her all of the best in her new position.

OUTLAST TECHNOLOGIES LLC

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Outlast Technologies LLC for being honored with the Business Recognition Award given by the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation.

The Business Recognition Award is given to a Jefferson County company which shows growth in employment, sales and capital investment in the last year.

Outlast Technologies LLC, located in Golden, Colorado, was founded on technology developed by a group of NASA researchers. The company develops temperature controlling technology that can absorb heat and reduce moisture in products such as ski jackets, socks, blankets and mattress pads. Outlast Technologies LLC owns over 96 issued patents and 59 pending patents related to thermally adaptive materials. They continue to explore medical, military, furnishings and other markets.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Outlast Technologies LLC for receiving the Business Recognition Award from the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation. I thank you for your commitment to innovation, high standards and quality products.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 1, I missed 3 rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on Nos. 149 and 151, and "yea" on No. 150.

HONORING THE REV. FRANCE DAVIS

HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rev. France Davis for a remarkable 40-year career building bridges, fighting racial discrimination and living the principles he teaches his flock at the historic Calvary Baptist Church in Salt Lake City, Utah.

With his wife Willene by his side, Rev. Davis has both lived and taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ, advocating for the impoverished, inspiring the young and invigorating the fight against racism. He has been a powerful mentor to young people, sponsoring scholarships as well as educational programs. His belief that everybody has worth and value, nobody is nobody and everybody is somebody has influenced a generation of youth.

Born in 1946 in Gough, Georgia, Rev. Davis graduated from the segregated Waynesboro High and Industrial School. He went on to serve as an aircraft mechanic in the U.S. Air Force. He has earned five college degrees, including a B.A. in rhetoric from Berkeley, a B.S. in religion from Westminster College and an M.A. in mass communication from University of Utah. Rev. Davis came to Salt Lake City for a one-year teaching fellowship at the University of Utah, but became an integral part of the city's religious and cultural fabric over the next four decades.

Rev. Davis was a pioneer in his own right before coming to Utah in 1972. He participated in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, meeting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in person and marching from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama to promote voting rights. He has been a tireless advocate for minorities in Utah. His own experiences with racial discrimination only inspired him to fight harder for equality. An NAACP board member for many years, Rev. Davis was instrumental in making Martin Luther King, Jr. Day an official state-recognized holiday. It goes without saying that he has been an integral part of Utah's cultural evolution on civil rights.

In addition to his ministry, Rev. Davis is the author of several books, has taught at the University of Utah and served as a member of the Utah Higher Education Board of Regents. He is also the benefactor of a scholarship for minority students. Professionally, he has served as the secretary of the Salt Lake Ministerial Association, a member of the South Africa Preaching Team for the National Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission and as an advisor, vice-president and assistant to the Dean of the Intermountain General Baptist Convention.

Mr. Speaker, Utah is a better place because of the efforts of Rev. Davis. We honor his sig-

nificant contributions, his willingness to be a voice for the voiceless, and his personal history of overcoming adversity. But most of all, we recognize his example as a teacher and follower of the teachings of Jesus Christ.

HONORING JOAN PRICE

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Joan Price, a leader in San Antonio whose life and work was a testament that neighborhood associations are vital to a democracy and in exercising civic responsibility and power.

Mrs. Price was born in Philadelphia, PA in 1932 but it was in San Antonio, TX where, as one of the founders of the Ingram Hills Neighborhood Association, she made an enduring mark. For 14 remarkable and trail-blazing years, she served as the association's president.

Earlier than most, Mrs. Price saw the democratic and communitarian potential of neighborhoods. She understood and demonstrated that neighborhood associations are ideal for building relationships, creating community, developing leadership, raising voices and keeping officials accountable. She knew that the advocacy of good neighborhood associations led to quality services such as public safety, parks, community centers and zoning laws that did not violate the character of a neighborhood.

Mrs. Price worked closely with all of her elected officials in thinking about and carrying out projects that would benefit not just the neighborhood she deeply loved but also the city she equally cherished. For many years, Mrs. Price successfully fought hard for a neighborhood park. In 2011, that park was renamed in her honor.

Mrs. Price wrote the award-winning Ingram Hills Neighborhood Association newsletter, "The Neighbor Connection." That title also speaks to her life and work. Not only was she the distinctive voice of a neighborhood but in the true spirit of neighborliness, she connected people with each other, connected them with their elected officials and connected them with their civic ideals and responsibilities.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have been blessed to have Joan Price as a friend and I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize this magnificent woman, great San Antonian and true neighbor to all she knew.

SPOTXCHANGE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud SpotXchange for being honored with the Business Recognition Award given by the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation.

The Business Recognition Award is given to a Jefferson County company which shows growth in employment, sales and capital investment in the last year.

SpotXchange is a digital video advertising technology company connecting thousands of publishers with trusted demand sources. Each month SpotXchange video inventory reaches over 200 million visitors in more than 80 countries. Their advanced transparency and unmatched customer service around the world is a testament to their success. SpotXchange hired 48 engineers and is poised to expand rapidly this year.

I extend my deepest congratulations to SpotXchange for receiving the Business Recognition Award from the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation. I thank you for your commitment to outstanding customer service, high standards and quality products.

RECOGNIZING THE MANIGAULT-HURLEY FAMILY'S SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate to recognize the Manigault-Hurley Family for their dedicated service to the Midlands community. After 90 years of dedicated service to generations of South Carolinians, the oldest family-owned funeral home in the Columbia area, closed its doors earlier last month.

Founded in 1923, by William Manigault, the Manigault-Hurley Funeral Home was a family business in every sense of the word. After William's passing his wife, Annie Rivers Manigault continued to operate the funeral home until 1954. Anna May Manigault-Hurley, daughter of William and Annie, took over the business becoming the first female licensed embalmer in the state. She managed the successful business for 50 years. Anna's son and current owner Anthony (Tony) M. Hurley grew up helping with the family business which he operated with the help of his wife, Alice Wyche Hurley, and their three children, Brian, Kelly, and Michelle.

According to The State Newspaper's March 15th article 'Nothing is Forever,' "Manigault's was one of four black undertaking establishments operating in Columbia during the late 1920's according to the Roberts photo book, 'A True Likeness.' His shot of the storefront, in the 700 block of Main, shows a street lined with black Cadillacs.

Manigault expanded into caskets. During the Depression, his Congaree Casket Co. reportedly employed more black people than any other black-owned business in South Carolina."

Nate Abraham, Jr., in Carolina Panorama on March 20 reported "We have served four generations of the Columbia community," said Mrs. [Alice] Hurley. "And we are happy with that. We will certainly miss being a part of the business community, but like everything else, life goes in stages. We are just now moving into another stage."

With its closing, the Manigault-Hurley Funeral Home leaves behind a legacy of a family business dedicated to professionalism and compassionate service. The Wilson and Johnson families know firsthand of the Hurley Family's thoughtfulness in times of grief. They

were instrumental in providing world-class arrangements. South Carolinians will offer the Manigault-Hurley family best wishes for success in future endeavors. May their lives be filled with health and happiness knowing they have made a lasting difference for so many families.

RECOGNIZING SUSAN FINN BRITA

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Susan Finn Brita for her more than 29 years of dedicated public service, in both the legislative and executive branches. Susan was my closest committee advisor when I came to the House in 1991 and remained invaluable counsel until she became General Services Administration (GSA) Deputy Administrator in 2010.

Susan began her career in public service as Chief of Staff to then GSA Administrator Terence Golden in 1985, after earning her Master's degree in Public Administration from George Washington University. In 1992, Susan was recruited to become Staff Director for the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, a position she held for 15 years. In 2010, Susan was recruited by the Obama administration to become GSA Deputy Administrator.

During her 29 years of federal service, Ms. Brita has mastered all phases of federal property management, including asset acquisition through construction, leasing, purchase, and long-term financing, repair and alterations, and surplus property disposal. She also has played a key role in the implementation of federal energy policy in federal buildings, including courthouses, as well as in the implementation of policies directed at building sustainability. Ms. Brita was heavily involved in evaluating and making recommendations to improve GSA's nationwide leasing program, reforming the GSA Courthouse Construction Program, and giving GSA the authority to redevelop and sell underutilized federal property. In addition she played pivotal roles in many projects under the jurisdiction of GSA, including the redevelopment of the Old Post Office Building, the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center, the Hotel Monaco, the Southeast Federal Center, and the West Campus of St. Elizabeths.

On March 31, 2014, Susan Brita retired from the GSA. Susan's advice and counsel have been indispensable to me, to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and the Congress in helping to make GSA a true partner with the private sector to construct and redevelop property across the nation, while containing cost to federal taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Susan Finn Brita for a life of committed service to the people of the United States and the federal government, and in congratulating her on her extraordinary achievements as she retires from the administration and federal service.

TRIBUTE TO CLARKSON UNIVERSITY DIVISION I WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Clarkson University women's ice hockey team for winning the 2014 Women's "Frozen Four" NCAA Division I National Championship.

The Clarkson University women's ice hockey team also led the nation with the fewest goals allowed per game (1.12) and a top-ranked penalty kill of 92.5 percent. Their efforts earned them an impressive 31–5–5 record and the first NCAA Division I national championship in the history of Clarkson University athletics.

Numerous players on Clarkson's championship team were recognized for their individual achievements. Three players, forward Jamie Lee Rattray, defenseman Renata Fast, and goalie Erica Howe were named to the 2014 NCAA Frozen Four All-Tournament Team, with Rattray also recognized as the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Several days before the championship, Ms. Rattray was recognized with the prestigious Patty Kazmaier Award presented annually to the top player in NCAA Division I women's ice hockey. According to the USA Hockey Foundation, selection criteria for this award include outstanding individual and team skills, sportsmanship, performance in the clutch, personal character, competitiveness, and a love of hockey. Consideration is also given to academic achievement and civic involvement.

Clarkson players also led the nation in several categories this year. Ms. Rattray finished the season leading in total points with 66 and in power-play goals with 10. Erin Ambrose led among defensemen with 50 points, 14 goals, and 36 assists. Clarkson goalie Erica Howe compiled the lowest goals against average, 1.10, and the most shutouts with 14.

This championship is an historic achievement for Clarkson University's women's ice hockey team. While I was unfortunately unable to attend the championship game, the team's success serves as an enduring example of what can be achieved through great teamwork and a shared commitment to excellence.

OZ SNOWBOARDS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Oz Snowboards for being honored with the Business Recognition Award given by the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation.

The Business Recognition Award is given to a Jefferson County company which shows growth in employment, sales and capital investment in the last year.

Oz Snowboards manufacturer integrated aerospace design concepts into its construction by replacing heavy fiberglass with high