

Sonoma County Economic Development Board and the Gerald Hathaway Memorial Award for Significant Contributions to Chamber of Commerce Management in California.

In her spare time, Kathy is a master chef, a classically trained musician, and a graceful leader who builds consensus for every effort of which she is a part. Kathy has been a valuable contributor to her community for her entire life. But her most noted and beloved role is that of mother to her two sons.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that we honor Kathryn Moira Hayes at this time. She has been a model citizen and leader in Sonoma County and her presence has enriched the lives of all those in our community.

HONORING THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS, DIVISION 39

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 39, proudly celebrating their 125th anniversary in May, 2014. Their motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity can be seen throughout the division's history, from helping Irish immigrants obtain work in the early 1870's to the present day, by awarding scholarships, holding fundraisers for those in need and collecting thousands of dollars and much needed supplies for those in New York and New Jersey who were devastated by super storm Sandy.

In 1884 Irish immigrants built and attended St. Leo's Catholic Church, which still stands today. In 1885 an Irishman and Hibernian, Frank Jordan, built the Tacony Music Hall, which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990. Today ancestors of the Irish immigrant families still reside in the Tacony area of Philadelphia. During the 1950's and 1960's many more divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians were started in Philadelphia and surrounding areas and Division 39 lost members. By the late 1960's when there were less than 50 members remaining, the officers and members undertook a revitalization of this once great division. By the early 1980's Division 39 had over 300 members, and by the mid 1990's there were over 900 members, making Division 39 the largest in the country. As of today the membership remains at approximately 750 members.

Some of the annual functions at the division are the communion breakfast, Veterans Day mass and social, children's Christmas party, mass before the St. Patrick's Day parade and post parade party, awarding of scholarships based on a written essay, three scholarship awards on Thanksgiving Day to Father Judge High School football players, erection and dismantling of the Christmas creche in downtown Philadelphia, the annual chili cook off and membership drive and weekly crab night. These events are only some of the ways the Division 39 gives back to the community.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 39, on its 125th anniversary of serving the Tacony community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,447,321,527,551.15. We've added \$6,820,444,478,638.07 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.8 trillion in debt on our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF KAMERON GRUBAUGH ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO AT- TEND THE UNITED STATES MILI- TARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Kameron Grubaugh of Convoy, Ohio has accepted an offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Kameron's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2018. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Kameron brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2018. While attending Crestview High School in Convoy, Ohio, Kameron was on the Honor/Merit Roll and was a member of the Red/Blue Club and National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Kameron played soccer and football, earning a varsity letter in football and led the Ohio Extreme Soccer Club as team captain. In addition, Kameron was a member of the Model United Nations, Van Wert County Historical Society Junior Curator, and attended Buckeye Boys State. I am confident that Kameron will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kameron Grubaugh on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Kameron will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATU- LATING THE CUBA NEW YORK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Cuba, New York Chamber of Commerce on its 100th anniversary. Over the past 100 years, the Chamber has successfully provided small businesses and local entrepreneurs with the resources, expertise, and advice needed to succeed.

The town of Cuba is stronger and more vibrant because of the Chamber. This organization has proven to be an invaluable resource for promoting local businesses by providing them with opportunities for growth. The Chamber brings businesses together, creating strong economic bonds and partnerships between its members. In addition, it provides referrals that are crucial to many businesses in the area. Due to the Chamber's unrelenting work in assisting commerce, local businesses continue to provide well-paying jobs and high-quality products and services to our region.

The Chamber is also a strong advocate for local tourism. It supports local events and industries that attract visitors to Allegany County, including a wide variety of agritourism and outdoor activities.

Once again I wish to congratulate the Cuba, New York Chamber of Commerce on 100 successful years of service and I look forward to the great contributions it will continue to make to New York's 23rd Congressional District.

THE INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLU- TION MARKING THE 60TH ANNI- VERSARY OF BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution marking the 60th anniversary of the United States Supreme Court decision of *Brown v. Board of Education*, which was handed down on May 17, 1954. This case was a landmark decision for the 20th century civil rights movement and a turning point for our nation.

Brown overturned 58 years of a "separate but equal" policy established in *Plessy v. Ferguson* that was anything but equal. Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote in the Court's unanimous opinion that even if facilities are equal with respect to buildings, curricula, qualifications and salaries of teachers, and other "tangible" factors, that the effect of segregation, the very concept itself, meant that separate facilities could never be equal facilities. The Court ruled: "Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal" and, consequently, "segregation is a denial of the equal protection of the laws." After this decision, access to public facilities could never again be denied on the basis of race.

The decision was a victory for the mid-century civil rights movement that also led to legislative pushes which drastically changed the

outlook of race relations in America: the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act, and the Fair Housing Act. Brown helped level the playing field for all Americans regardless of race.

While the battle over segregation continued at the state level for many years afterward, and our nation still today has many civil rights issues to address, Brown remains a moment of historical significance that ushered our country to contemporary standards of humanity and compassion. As we mark this important milestone in our nation's history, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

135TH BIRTHDAY OF NANNIE
HELEN BURROUGHS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 135th birthday of Nannie Helen Burroughs and in recognizing her many contributions to our nation, and especially the District of Columbia. Ms. Burroughs was born on May 2, 1879, and in 1975, Mayor Walter Washington declared May 10 "Nannie Helen Burroughs Day" in D.C.

Born in Orange, Virginia, Ms. Burroughs moved to Washington with her mother when she was five years old. In 1896, Ms. Burroughs graduated with honors from M Street School, now Dunbar High School. She proceeded to make immeasurable contributions to our city and country as an educator, civil rights advocate and religious leader.

Ms. Burroughs was launched onto the national scene in 1900 with her speech at the National Baptist Convention in Richmond, Virginia, "Hindering the Women from Helping," about giving women a greater role in the church. Her speech led to the establishment of the Women's Convention to the National Baptist Convention and her selection as its secretary. Ms. Burroughs held this position until 1947, when she was elected president and served in that capacity until her death in 1961.

Ms. Burroughs' signature achievement was the founding of the National Training School for Negro Women and Girls in the Deanwood Area of Washington, D.C. in 1909, where she served as its principal until her death in 1961. The school would later be renamed the Nannie Helen Burroughs School and remained in operation until 2013.

Ms. Burroughs contributed to many other parts of the nation, including: establishing a Negro women's industrial club—the first of its kind—in Louisville, Kentucky in 1898; serving as keynote speaker at the first Baptist World Alliance Congress in London, England in 1905; establishing Woman's Day in the Baptist Church in 1907, while a member of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church in D.C.; giving the commencement speech at Tuskegee Institute in 1934—the first woman to do so; serving on the listeners' advisory panel of the National Broadcasting Company; and giving a radio address to the nation and soldiers fighting abroad men abroad in 1943. She was also a primary force in establishing the Frederick Douglass House Museum. Most recently, in 2012, Mrs. Burroughs was posthumously

awarded membership in the American Automobile Association—a benefit which had been denied in 1930.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Nannie Helen Burroughs for a life of committed service to our children. Her legacy continues to offer a powerful example for how we should conduct our lives and strive to teach the next generation.

IN RECOGNITION OF NEW MEXICO
SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF'S ACADEMIC BOWL TEAM

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to acknowledge the success of the Academic Bowl Team at the New Mexico School for the Deaf. This impressive group of students travelled to Austin, Texas earlier this year to take part in the Regional Academic Bowl Competition, a tournament measuring contestants in different areas of knowledge. Over the course of matches consisting of three one-hour rounds, competitors were tested on their knowledge of the humanities, sciences, current events, deaf studies, and many other disciplines.

For the first time in school history, the NMSD team won the Regional Competition, going undefeated in all eight of their matches. Their winning performance earned them a trip to the national competition, held annually here in Washington, D.C. at Gallaudet University, the first university in the world founded to give instruction specifically to the deaf and hard of hearing. The team continued its run of excellence at the highest level by winning three out of five of matches on the first day of competition. On day two, NMSD won its first match before a loss in the playoffs eliminated them from competition.

This impressive performance was a result of hard work, dedication and perseverance, and is a source of pride for the state of New Mexico. The team features a diverse group of students from different backgrounds, hailing from different parts of the Land of Enchantment, along with one exchange student—Kalle Lovgren—from Sweden. Two of the NMSD team members, Jasmine Sisneros and Tyrel Wilding, were selected as All-Stars for the entire Southwest Region. These fine young students, together with teammates Augusta Skoog, Hadassah Aguilar-Davis, and former National Most Outstanding Player Paige Foreman, who rejoined the team for the national competition, performed brilliantly through the Academic Bowl Competition.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the NMSD Academic Bowl Team and their coaches, Scott Vollmar and Nate Harrison, on all their success.

IN RECOGNITION OF FATHER
OWEN J. MULLEN

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Father Owen J. Mullen, a dedicated

member of my Service Academy Selection Committee and an outstanding person who will be celebrating 50 years service as a Catholic Priest on May 16, 2014.

Born in Troy, New York in 1938, Father Mullen attended Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary for eight years in Emmitsburg, Maryland before being ordained a priest for the Wilmington Diocese in Delaware on May 16, 1964. He was then sent to Villanova University in Philadelphia in order to obtain a Masters Degree in Educational Administration and it was here that he worked for the next 17 years serving as both a teacher and a high school administrator. Following Villanova, Father Mullen became Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Chestertown, Maryland.

Aside from serving in his church, Father Mullen also proudly served our nation. In 1968, he was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Delaware National Guard and in 1979 was transferred into the Army Reserves where he was stationed at the United States Military Academy Admission Office counseling candidates for West Point. During the summer he also served as a Chaplain for the incoming Cadets at West Barracks and continued doing so for the next 20 years. In 1981, Father Mullen accepted a position to become Associate Chaplain at the University of San Diego until 1989.

Father Mullen was again invited to serve our nation's young military cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point as an active duty Army Lieutenant Colonel Catholic Cadet Chaplain for the United States Corps of Cadets, where he served from 1989–1997. Father Mullen was then promoted to full Colonel and assigned as the Senior Army Chaplain in Hawaii.

Despite retiring on August 31, 2001, as a Colonel in the US Army after 30 years of active and reserve service, Father Mullen continued his service by becoming Pastor at Holy Family Parish and Academy until June 2004. He then returned to the University of San Diego as a University Chaplain with a multitude of responsibilities, including Chaplain for the Football, Baseball, Basketball Teams and the Lacrosse Club. Father Mullen also found the time to serve as an Advisor to the Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity and recently became the twenty-fourth alumnus to be elected as Phi Kappa Theta's Fraternity President.

During his time in San Diego, Father Mullen has served as a member of the Service Academy Selection Committee for both me and my father, former Congressman Duncan L. Hunter. In this capacity he has provided much needed insight and guidance to many young men and women as they prepared for careers in the military.

The common theme throughout Father Mullen's career has been one word—service. As Father Mullen knows well, Jesus taught his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew, "But the greatest among you shall be your servant." This biblical principle has been the standard to Father Mullen's approach to any request, challenge or need, and we have all benefitted from his commitment to this standard. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating and thanking Father Mullen for his 50 years of service to both his community and our nation.