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HONORING GREGORY L. YOUNG

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 14, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, Mr. Gregory L. Young. Mr. Young has shown what can be done through hard work, setting goals, and aiming high.

Gregory L. Young was born December 20, 1963 in Yazoo City, Mississippi to Doris and Neal Young. Gregory graduated from Yazoo City High School in May of 1981. He attended University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS from August 1981 to May of 1982 when he joined the United States Navy in the spring of 1982. In August of 1982 he began his U.S. Navy career at the Navy Recruit Training Command (NRTC) in Great Lakes, Illinois.

After graduating from his Navy (A) School, Gregory was assigned to the U.S.S. *Estocin* FFG-15 home ported at Naval Station Mayport, Florida. In October 1985 he transferred to the U.S.S. *Charles F. Adams* DDG-2 and served until February 1989. Later in February, 1989, Gregory transferred to Navy Recruiting District (NRD) St. Louis, MO and served as a Navy Recruiter in Columbia, Missouri until March, 1993. While on recruiting duty, he attained the rank of E-6 and ultimately served as the Recruiter in Charge of the local recruiting office.

After a successful tour of recruiting duty, he transferred to the U.S.S. *Wainwright* CG-28 home ported out of Charleston, South Carolina. He served onboard the U.S.S. *Wainwright* from April, 1993 until November, 1993 as a CIC Watch Supervisor.

In November, 1993 Gregory decided to leave the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged as an Operation Specialist First Class. He served his country honorably for a total of 11 years. During that time, he participated in three six month deployments, two Special Operations deployments and numerous exercises and humanitarian operations. He has also received numerous awards throughout his naval services including: Navy Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, U.S. Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation, Battle "E" Award (3), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (3), Good Conduct Award (2), the Navy Recruiting Ribbon and Gold Wreath Award (2).

After Gregory's tenure with the U.S. Navy, he was hired by the SkyTel Corp. in May of 1994 as a Customer Service Representative in Jackson, MS. While in this position he was selected along with a few other employees to conduct testing of the Skytel Two Way Paging network through the United States. He was later promoted to Network Operator in the company's Network Operation Center. Gregory enjoyed working for SkyTel and stayed with the company until it was later sold and relocated in December, 2008. After a long period of unemployment due to the economic recession, he went to work for Comcast as a Customer Account Executive in February, 2010 and remained until November, 2010.

In December, 2010 Gregory accepted an offer from the Department of Homeland Security as a Transportation Security Officer (TSO) with the Transportation Security Agency (TSA). Currently, he is a dual certified TSO at the Jackson Municipal Airport. He was selected as TSO of the Quarter (April-June 2012) for the State of Mississippi. In January of 2013 he was selected as the TSO of The Year 2012 for the State of Mississippi.

Gregory is a devout member of North Jackson Baptist Church in Jackson, MS where he serves as a trustee.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Gregory L. Young for his dedication to serving our great Country and his community.

HONORING AMBASSADOR SHANKAR SHARMA FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF NEPAL, AS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 14, 2014*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the Honorable Ambassador of Nepal, Shankar Sharma, on behalf of the Congressional Nepal Caucus for his dedicated service both to his country and to the United States over the past four years.

No doubt due in part to his tireless and committed work for Nepal, the past four years have brought many positive changes to the country and its relations with the United States. Not only has the Congressional Nepal Caucus been established, which will continue to educate Members of Congress on Capitol Hill about Nepal and the benefits of a strong relationship between our two countries, but the Peace Corps has resumed in Nepal after an 8 year hiatus due to a now-resolved conflict. In addition, the Millennium Challenge Corporation has declared Nepal "threshold program eligible," strengthening the dialogue between the two countries and preparing Nepal for a future MCC Compact. And in April of 2011, a Trade and Investment Framework Agreement was signed, which established a framework for trade and resolved outstanding disputes between our nations. Each of these triumphs strengthens our relationship and will continue to help Nepal in their path to development and democracy.

The Congressional Nepal Caucus would also like to acknowledge Ambassador Sharma on his many years of service to Nepal. As Deputy Chairman at the National Planning Commission in Nepal, Chief Advisor in Ministry of Finance, Alternate Governor of Nepal for the International Monetary Fund, and Senior Economist in Institute of South East Asian Studies, Ambassador Sharma has steered Nepal in a viable direction.

I am grateful for the leadership and dedication of Ambassador Sharma; and I thank him for his contribution to strengthen our relationship between Nepal and the United States. He will be missed in Washington, and the Caucus wishes him best of luck in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF SARA MILLER McCUNE

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 14, 2014*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Sara Miller McCune for a life and career distinguished by tremendous accomplishment, success and generosity.

Mrs. Miller McCune is a prominent business leader, charitable philanthropist and valued member of the Central Coast community. Originally from Queens, New York, Sara and her late husband, George McCune, founded the renowned SAGE Publications in 1965. Since that time, SAGE Publications has flourished as a prestigious institution of academic publishing, employing nearly 1,000 people around the world. The company publishes hundreds of journals and has thousands of academic titles in print. Sara is also the founder of the Miller-McCune Center for Research, Media and Public Policy and the SAGE Center for the Study of the Mind at the University of California Santa Barbara.

Mrs. Miller McCune's philanthropy is far-reaching and has been aimed at improving educational opportunities for all. Her giving represents her commitment to the underprivileged, and fulfilling achievement gaps for students everywhere. Sara and her husband established the McCune Foundation in the 1990s with the goal of empowering underserved populations through targeted grant-making. Today, the Foundation supports a number of community building initiatives that address a wide range of issues up and down the Central Coast. Additionally, Mrs. McCune has endowed a competitive internship program at the University of California, Santa Barbara to provide service-learning opportunities for students to give back to their community.

Sara is also a supporter of Cottage Hospital and the Granada Theater in my hometown of Santa Barbara. These are only a few of the many examples where Sara has proven her benevolent spirit and we cannot thank her enough.

I am pleased to celebrate Sara's countless achievements as she is honored by her friends and colleagues tonight. She is truly a pioneer in the world of publishing and a treasured member of our community.

COMMEMORATING THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

**HON. MICK MULVANEY**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 14, 2014*

Mr. MULVANEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to bring to my colleagues' attention the 225th anniversary of the founding of Georgetown University. As a proud alumnus of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, I will always know that the University and these United States began together in 1789. The University's founding is tied to the first deed of property from which the current University took shape on January 23, 1789—acquired by

Bishop John Carroll, the first Catholic bishop in the United States and the University's founder.

From that date forward, Georgetown's growth and that of our nation have been intertwined. I am proud that the University's federal charter—the second such charter approved by Congress after that of the U. S. Military Academy—was proposed in legislation introduced by one of the University's first students, Congressman William Gaston of North Carolina. As a Carolinian myself, I have to say, from the beginning, Georgetown was off on the right footing. It is fitting that the University's main lecture hall bears the name Gaston Hall.

Our school colors have roots deep in our nation's history as well. During the Civil War more than 1,000 Georgetown alumni served in both the Union and Confederate armies. The blue and the gray, then, reflect the divided allegiances of both students and alumni during that war.

Today, the student body is comprised of students from every state and from 141 nations around the globe.

I am heartened that Georgetown has remained true to the Roman Catholic and Jesuit values on which it was founded. The University prides itself as a place of vigorous dialogue. It pushes students to pursue lives enriched by research and scholarship. I am happy to say that, since my election to Congress, I have had several opportunities to explore some of the issues we are working on in the House of Representatives with faculty who have deep and valuable knowledge on these topics.

I was lucky to study at Georgetown under professors such as Madeline Albright and Fr. James Reddington. They made me think and challenge my assumptions. They helped me grow and shaped my subsequent career. Certainly, Georgetown's commitment to encouraging students to explore public service is reflected in its Mission Statement which ends with an admonition to those who have studied there "to be reflective lifelong learners, to be responsible and active participants in civic life and to live generously in service to others." It is not surprising then that, since William Gaston entered Congress in 1814, over 150 Georgetown alumni and faculty members have served in the U. S. Congress. Others have served as President, governors, cabinet secretaries, judges and as senior diplomats around the globe. Likewise, the University is equally proud of alumni who have gone on to be leaders in their communities in fields such as business, arts, health care or the law.

It is an honor to recognize Georgetown on this occasion of its 225th "birthday," but, more importantly, to wish my alma mater great progress in the centuries ahead.

HONORING CORPORAL SHERONDRA  
MCGEE BAILEY

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 14, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, Mrs. Sherondra McGee Bailey. Mrs. Bailey has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to make a positive difference in serving others.

Sherondra McGee Bailey is a resident of Vicksburg, Mississippi born on August 8, 1982 to Beverly Thomas and Patrick Pope in New Orleans, LA. She is the oldest of eleven children born to Beverly Thomas. She graduated from South Delta High School in 2000.

After High School Sherondra attended the University of Southern Mississippi where she met and married Brandon Bailey and to that union they have one son, Brayden Bailey.

Sherondra enlisted in the United States Air Force in April 2008. She graduated number two in her Meteorologist class. She was later stationed at the Barksdale Air Force Base located in Louisiana.

Sherondra is a devout member of Clark Chapel United Methodist Church in Cary, MS. She enjoys time with family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Sherondra McGee Bailey for her dedication to serving our great Country.

CONGRATULATING DONALD  
"DONNY" BYNUM AS THE 2014  
ALABAMA SUPERINTENDENT OF  
THE YEAR

**HON. MARTHA ROBY**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 14, 2014*

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an exemplary public servant, Donald "Donny" Bynum, recipient of the distinguished 2014 Alabama Superintendent of the Year award.

A prime example of servant leadership, Superintendent Bynum has served for over 29 years as a teacher, coach, and administrator. He holds an AA Degree in School Administration plus a Master of Science in School Administration, both from Troy University in Dothan, and a Bachelor of Science in Education from Troy University.

Prior to his tenure as the Superintendent of Dale County Schools, Mr. Bynum served as an Education Specialist with the Alabama Department of Education and in various capacities within the Dale County School System. Such positions included the Transportation Supervisor; Principal at G.W. Long Elementary School; and as the Assistant Principal at G.W. Long School.

Almost one year ago, the nation watched a terrifying situation emerge in Dale County, Alabama. The murder of a school bus driver, abduction of a five-year old student, and the prolonged hostage situation that ensued presented a unique challenge for all levels of state and local government. That was especially true for Dale County Schools, which was faced with the murder of an employee and the abduction of a student, all while the need to ensure the safety and stability of the schools was paramount. Superintendent Bynum handled this challenge with strength and grace, helping lead the students, parents, faculty and community through the tragedy. By all accounts, Dale County emerged stronger and more united than ever, thanks in large part to Superintendent Donny Bynum's leadership in this trying time.

Also active in the Dale County community, Superintendent Bynum is involved with the Dale County Children's Policy Council, Dale

County United Way Board of Directors, School Superintendents of Alabama Board of Directors District III President, and he and his wife Paula, a retired educator, are members of the Ozark Baptist Church. He and Paula have two children, Mason and Elizabeth.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Donny Bynum as the 2014 Alabama Superintendent of the Year. His exceptional moral character, experience, and dedication to the Alabama school system render him a qualified recipient of this honor. I am grateful for Bynum's service and proudly recognize his contributions to the betterment of the great State of Alabama.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 14, 2014*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from votes in the House January 7–10, 2014, due to the death of my mother. Had I been present, I would have voted: rollcall No. 1 (Quorum call): Present; rollcall No. 2 (H.R. 724): "yea"; rollcall No. 3 (H.R. 3527): "yea"; rollcall No. 4 (H.R. 3628): "yea"; rollcall No. 5 (Previous Question): "yea"; rollcall No. 6 (Rule for H.R. 2279 and H.R. 3811): "yea"; rollcall No. 7 (Sinema Amendment to H.R. 2279): "nay"; rollcall No. 8 (Tonko Amendment to H.R. 2279): "nay"; rollcall No. 9 (Motion to Recommit H.R. 2279): "nay"; rollcall No. 10 (Passage of H.R. 2279): "yea"; rollcall No. 11 (Passage of H.R. 3811): "yea."

CONGRATULATING MARY KAY  
RUMMEL

**HON. JULIA BROWNLEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 14, 2014*

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Mary Kay Rummel, a community poet, who was inaugurated on January 10, 2014 as the first Poet Laureate of Ventura County.

Nominated by the Ventura County Arts Council, Mary was ultimately selected as the county's first laureateship for her long and celebrated career as a poet in the region. In conjunction with the title of Poet Laureate, Mary will also serve a two year position as official poet and ambassador to the community, a position that is dedicated to putting a spotlight on poetry and expanding the audiences of the literary arts in the area.

Mary's work has been described as "luminous meditations on the nature of love in which imagery and the beauty of language shine." Her literary work will serve to promote, encourage and inspire community members to develop their own creative interests.

Over the last 35 years, more than 350 of Mary's poems have appeared in national and international literary journals and anthologies. Throughout her career, she has also received over a dozen poetry awards that range from local accolades to multiple nominations for the highly prestigious Pushcart Prize.

Beyond her poetry career, and her duties as a wife, mother of three and a grandmother,