

it was apparent in every aspect of his life. He was a lifetime member of the NAACP, and as a testament to his faith and service, Mr. Butts was ordained as a Deacon at the First Baptist Church of East Elmhurst, where he was also a member of the Men's Chorus.

Deacon Butts was also a good father. He was unwavering in his support, and took pride in the accomplishments of his son. He made sure that Calvin III, got an excellent education from Morehouse College. Even as his strength began to wane, you could still hear the respect and pride in Deacon Butts' voice when he extended his hand and greeted his son with a strong and clear, "Dr. Butts."

Deacon Calvin Otis Butts, II transitioned from labor to reward on April 21, 2014. He is survived by his loving wife, Eloise; his son and daughter-in-law, Calvin III and Patricia Butts; sisters Nadine Nealy, Elestine (Richard) Holloway, and Joan Blondell Williams; sisters-in-law Rosalee Butts and Emma Nell Butts; grandchildren Calvin IV (Tiffany), Alexander (Dina), and Patricia Jeanne; great-grandchildren Kyla Jeanne, Alexander II, Calvin V, Arthur Andrew, Reed Harris, and Ethan Nathaniel; and a loving host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept my faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my esteem colleagues to join me in honoring the Life of Deacon Calvin Otis Butts II.

HONORING PEDRO HUÍZAR

HON. PETE P. GALLEGO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Pedro Huizar. A surveyor by trade, his family roots and history date to the 1700s when accuracy in surveying depended on personal skill—not technology. Pedro was born in 1740. As a young man, he was trained as a sculptor in Spain and then sailed to the New World to seek his fortune.

Thirty-eight years later, he married his first love, María de la Trinidad Henriques. Historical records are somewhat hazy, but we know they had at least four children: three boys and a daughter. Sadly, in an event lost to history, María died. Pedro would later remarry to María Gertrudis Martinez in 1798.

In April 1793, Pedro was appointed surveyor when the San Antonio de Valero Mission—the mission we now know as The Alamo—was secularized. He was also present when Governor Manuel Muñoz distributed lands to 23 adult Indians. He too received a small piece of land for his service. Pedro went on to survey the lands at the missions San Francisco de Espada, San Juan Capistrano, San José and San Miguel de Aguayo, and Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción de Acuña.

Around 1790, Pedro was commissioned by Governor Manuel Muñoz to draw the plans for reconstruction of the San Antonio de Béxar Presidio. Shortly after, on March 4, 1791, Pedro was sent to La Bahia to report on the feasibility of irrigation for lands around Nuestra

Señora de Loreto Presidio, but later concluded that the efforts would be too costly.

Through his profession as a surveyor, Pedro Huizar played an important role by surveying the various missions and the presidios of San Antonio de Béxar. His reputation for honesty and sound judgment earned the trust of his community and made others call upon him when a reliable assessment or survey was required.

After many years of service, Pedro Huizar was appointed a justicia at San José in 1794 by Governor Muñoz. Later, in 1796, he was appointed justicia at Concepción, also by Governor Muñoz. In that position, he oversaw the temporal affairs of the Native American population.

Today, Pedro is most known as the probable designer or sculptor of the window of the sacristy at San Jose Mission. No documents exist to prove he was the sculptor, but it is believed he was the artist in charge of both the rose window and the façade. There are several variations of the legend concerning Pedro's connection with the rose window. Some claim that the window was dedicated to Saint Rose of Lima, but there are no roses in the window, only figs. The Huizar family maintains that the window was dedicated to Rosa, a love lost on the journey to the New World.

Today, on this floor, I honor the life and legacy of Pedro Huizar. I also honor his descendants—many of whom even today still live in the San Antonio area and in the area of the San Antonio missions.

IN MEMORY OF PETE HALL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 21, 2014, a Service of Devine Worship was conducted for in thanksgiving for the Life of Lt. Col. William C. "Pete" Hall at the Beaufort National Cemetery at Beaufort, South Carolina.

The following is the deserved tribute from the program of the service: Lt. Col. William C. "Pete" Hall, 83, U.S. Air Force, husband of Lucy Ann Preacher Hall, of Beaufort, SC, died Wednesday, April 16, 2014 in Beaufort Memorial Hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held on Monday, April 21, 2014, at 11:00 am in Beaufort National Cemetery with full military honors. Pete was born January 15, 1931, in Abbeville, SC, but grew up in Ridgeland, SC. He is the son of the late Samuel Blake Hall and Pearl Potter Hall.

After graduating from Clemson University, Pete served his country in the United States Air Force for over 21 years, and was a fighter pilot with over 3,000 hours in various aircraft, including the T-33, B-57, and F-4D. He flew many bombing missions during the Vietnam War and earned numerous decorations including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters.

After retiring from the Air Force, Pete served his community in several capacities, including President of the Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce, President of the Low Country Chapter of Retired Officers Association and as a member of the Beaufort County Aviation

Commission, Beaufort County Tax Equalization Board, the Beaufort-Jasper Economic Opportunity Commission and the Beaufort-Jasper Water Authority. He served as vice-chairman of the Beaufort County Republican Party and represented them as a delegate at several state level conventions. Pete enjoyed attending Clemson University football games, boating, fishing, and shrimping in Beaufort's waterways, as well as spending time with his family.

Mr. Hall is survived by his wife, Lucy P. Hill (married 59 years), his two sons, Williams C. Hall Jr. and Robert B. Hall, and his five grandchildren. He will be missed by his family, as well as the many friends he has made over his years of service and living in Beaufort. In lieu of flowers the family suggests that donations be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the family.

CONGRATULATING RIVER OAKS SQUARE ARTS CENTER IN ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

HON. VANCE M. McALLISTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. McALLISTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate River Oaks Square Arts Center in Alexandria, Louisiana on its 30th anniversary.

Opening in February of 1984, River Oaks Arts Center was originally the home of the Bolton Family of Alexandria and was donated solely to be used to promote the arts. It is proudly listed under the National Registry of Historic Places and after years of renovation, River Oaks opened its doors to the community featuring artwork from more than 150 artists.

Over the years, River Oaks Square Arts Center has stimulated interest and appreciation for artists around the local community by its display of work. Located in Downtown Alexandria's Cultural District, this art center continues its mission intended by the Bolton family of promoting and emphasizing the value of fine arts and crafts.

I commend River Oaks Square Arts Center and congratulate them on 30 years of success, leadership, and community contribution and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring them on this momentous occasion.

SRI CHINMOY

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 50th anniversary of Sri Chinmoy's arrival to America. As a spiritual teacher, poet, artist and composer, Sri Chinmoy used his many talents to make the world a more peaceful place to live.

Sri Chinmoy was born in the village of Shakpura, Chittagong, in Bangladesh, which was at the time called East Bengal. In 1964, Sri Chinmoy first traveled to the U.S. and later embarked on a fifty-state American lecture

tour to promote his powerful message of peace, cooperation, and respect for all. His first stop was Rhode Island's Brown University. His message of peace resonated with Rhode Islanders because he sought what so many people seek—a peaceful world for himself and others.

His quiet and selfless work has served as an important example to all those who work toward peace and harmony. A few years ago, I was proud to help dedicate a statue portraying Sri Chinmoy in Roger Williams Park to celebrate the World Harmony Run, founded by Sri Chinmoy, which seeks to strengthen international ties and promote friendship. Providence is among the many cities in America and across the world that recognize the peaceful principles taught by Sri Chinmoy. In fact, there are over 100 countries that participate in the World Harmony Run.

On the 50th anniversary of Sri Chinmoy's arrival to America, it is important that we remember his message and renew our commitment to make the world a more peaceful place. His leadership is sorely missed, but his spirit and message live on. As he so aptly described: "we are all seekers, and our goal is the same: to achieve inner peace, light, and joy, to become inseparably one with our Source, and to lead lives full of true satisfaction."

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.
SHIRLEY BLUITT LEONARD

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize beloved wife, mother, grandmother, Mrs. Shirley Bluitt Leonard, who passed away on Sunday, April 13, surrounded by her family. Mrs. Leonard was born in Mexia, TX to John C. Bluitt and Katie Wiley Bluitt Hurd. She graduated from Dunbar High School of Mexia in 1953. In 1956, she received the B.A. degree in Business from Wiley College in Marshall, TX. She earned the Master of Education from Prairie View A&M University (formerly Prairie View A&M College) in 1964. It was at Prairie View A&M University, on the steps of Suarez Hall, that she met her husband of 50 years Joe. E. Leonard, Sr. on February 28, 1964. Joe and Shirley Leonard graduated from the Master's program at PVAMU, marching together in May, 1964. She soon became certified as an educator in the State of Texas in Supervision and as a Reading Specialist, and subsequently took graduate education courses at the University of North Texas and Colorado University in Denver.

Mrs. Leonard's lifelong passion was educating others. During the course of her professional career, she taught in the Cleburne Independent School District, Aldine I.S.D., Austin I.S.D., and served as a Reading Specialist throughout the state of Texas. In the latter role, she supervised and coordinated the Title I Reading Program for the Austin Independent School District and coordinated programs for the Texas Youth Commission, formerly known as the Texas Youth Council. Mrs. Leonard was also a small business entrepreneur who owned and operated a beauty and fashion boutique for several years.

Mrs. Leonard was the mother of Dr. Joe E. Leonard, Jr., whom I also know personally through his work serving as Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and previously as the lead staff member for the Congressional Black Caucus. Mrs. Leonard, a vivacious, spirited, and loving presence among her family, friends, and the many students she taught over the years, will be deeply missed. I extend my deepest condolences to the Leonard family during this time of grieving. Our country has benefitted immensely from Mrs. Leonard's career and her memory will continue to inspire others. Through her life she has created positive pathways for many future generations.

RECOGNIZING LT. COL. EDWARD
COOK AS THE 2014 EXCEPTIONAL
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARD
WINNER

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lt. Col. Edward Cook as the 2014 recipient of the Exceptional Community Volunteer Award at the United Way of Central New York Achievements in Caring Celebration at the Palace Theatre in Syracuse, New York.

Lt. Col. Edward Cook, a member of the 174th Attack Wing based in Syracuse, is the standard bearer of dedication and commitment in serving his local community. Lt. Col. Cook lead a team of volunteers to collect food and toys during Drop Off Day for the Salvation Army's biggest event of the year—Christmas Bureau. Lt. Col. Cook coordinates all the logistics with his team to deliver food and toys, first to the Salvation Army, then to the Oncenter distribution point. The process culminates with Distribution Day, where Lt. Col. Cook once again leads his team to serve over 2,700 families who are most in need in Central New York.

The level of commitment shown throughout the Christmas Bureau process is remarkable, particularly this past year's Drop Off Day, where Lt. Col. Cook and his team braved below zero temperatures outside to make sure the logistical intake of food and toys ran smoothly.

This operation would simply not happen without Lt. Col. Edward Cook and his team. Lt. Col. Cook is present at every planning meeting throughout the year, and is always one of the first to step up to the plate for any other volunteer opportunity that may arise.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Lt. Col. Edward Cook as this year's recipient of the Exceptional Community Volunteer Award. We can only hope that all of us strive to have the same selfless dedication that Lt. Col. Edward Cook exhibits not only in protecting our freedom with the 174th Attack Wing, but in and around the community that we call home.

A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE WILD
HORSE AND BURRO MANAGE-
MENT STRATEGY

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as an advocate over the years for wild horses, I rise today to join a chorus of advocates in urging the Bureau of Land Management to implement a safer and more sustainable wild horse and burro management strategy. Along with a majority of Americans, I recognize that our federally-protected wild horses and burros are national treasures to be protected and preserved for future generations.

For decades, the agency has pursued an unsustainable and highly controversial approach to wild horse management. Today, the U.S. government maintains more wild horses in captivity than remain free in the wild. At the same time, the Bureau is underutilizing proven, cost-effective and humane alternatives for wild horse management that would keep wild horses on the range and avert the need for roundups, removals, sale and slaughter. This is an untenable situation, both for America's wild horses and for American taxpayers.

A June 2013 report by the National Academy of Sciences recommended using available fertility control as a "more affordable option than continuing to remove horses to long-term holding facilities." I urge the agency to fix what is not working and to move toward these science-based recommendations. I stand ready to engage in a constructive dialogue with my colleagues and with agency officials to implement much needed changes to the current management program and to provide a more certain future for America's wild horse and burros.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 01, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.