

congratulating them on being honored by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations. Civic engagement is the root of a community and Fairfax County residents enjoy an excellent quality of life due in part to the efforts of these individuals. The contributions and leadership of these honorees have been a great benefit to our community and truly merit our highest praise.

A TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the First African Baptist Church of Philadelphia, the oldest African American founded Baptist congregation in Pennsylvania.

The First African Baptist Church of Philadelphia was established in 1809. Since then, it has helped establish many other churches and institutions, including the Downingtown Industrial School. The First African Baptist Church of Philadelphia has also played an integral role in helping to promote equality in Pennsylvania by establishing the first African American savings and loans bank and the first mortgage company for African Americans.

Throughout its rich history, thirteen pastors have held the honor of leading its distinguished congregation. Currently, The Reverend Terrence D. Griffith serves as the church's pastor. At its centennial celebration in 1909, the church welcomed Booker T. Washington as its keynote speaker. In 2009, both Ed Rendell and Arlen Specter joined the church to celebrate its bicentennial anniversary. This year, the church will be celebrating its 205th anniversary, which I am personally attending.

I invite you and all of my colleagues to join me in commemorating The First African Baptist Church of Philadelphia's 205th anniversary. May its success and commitment to helping the City of Philadelphia be an inspiration to all of us in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 194, H.R. 4292—"To amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 195, H.R. 3584—"To amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to authorize privately insured credit unions to become members of a Federal home loan bank, and for other purposes." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 196, Journal—On Approving the Journal. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 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 \$17,473,168,572,574.12. We've added \$6,846,291,523,661.04 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT PITTINGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. PITTINGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote Nos. 194–196, I am not recorded because I was absent from the House of Representatives. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner.

On rollcall No. 194. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 195. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 196. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

RECOGNIZING THE BROOK HILL LADY GUARD 2014 STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONS

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is with enormous pride that I recognize and congratulate the Brook Hill Lady Guard on a stellar 2013–2014 soccer season in which they once again captured the TAPPS Division III state championship.

The Brook Hill Lady Guard triumphed over the Austin Veritas Lady Defenders with a final score of 1–0, and finished a magnificent season with a perfect 19–0 record.

The defending champion Lady Guard boasted 17 consecutive shutouts, and the entire season only saw them giving up two goals.

The Brook Hill Lady Guard's championship success is a tribute to the coach who brought his team back for another chance at victory, as well as a tribute to the players and all who assisted them along the way.

This recognition of their accomplishment is extended to all of the athletic staff including the outstanding Head Coach David Collins, Assistant Coaches Jordan Roquemore and Neal McGowan, and Trainer Tristan Trevino, all under the outstanding leadership of Athletic Director Wally Dawkins, as well as the stellar school administration headed by Rod Fletcher.

The team members responsible for bringing the second championship title home to east Texas include Hayden Langemeier, Kennedy

Rose, Lily Cool, Katherine Stair, Tito Babatunde, Maria Moore, Ari Assad, Elise Hawkins, Danielle Adams, Janet Nwachukwu, Hope Cooper, Kendall Wells, Hayley Dumesnil, Li Ming, Morgan Moss, Penny End, Katie Smith, and Julia Troxell.

The Brook Hill staff and the entire community of Bullard have devoted countless hours to support and encourage these young ladies in the pursuit of their dream.

It is my most esteemed honor to congratulate everyone involved with this endeavor. May God continue to bless these young women, their families and friends, and all those individuals who call Bullard, Texas their home.

Congratulations to the 2014 TAPPS Division III State Soccer Champions, the Brook Hill Lady Guard, as their back to back championship legacy is now recorded in the Congressional Record that will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

RECOGNIZING 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF FAIRBURN, GEORGIA

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 160th anniversary of the City of Fairburn, Georgia, situated within Georgia's Thirteenth District. Since its early beginnings in 1830, Fairburn has continued to grow, evolving into a thriving community of historic homes, businesses, and places of worship. Originally named Cartersville, Fairburn's first charter was issued in 1854 which established the city's jurisdiction as a mere 600-yard radius from the central railroad depot. As time progressed, Fairburn steadily expanded, ultimately achieving "city" status in 1925. Throughout these years of development, the city gradually cultivated a bustling downtown area comprised of railroad infrastructure, public schools, and vibrant businesses which is now recognized in the National Register of Historic Places. With a population of nearly 14,000 residents, Fairburn still maintains the small town atmosphere that has remained a hallmark of the city's charm.

While remembering its past, Fairburn embraces the opportunities and challenges facing its citizens in the 21st century. In recent years, local voters approved a referendum to fund improvements for Duncan Park, downtown areas damaged by fire, infrastructure projects, and a new fire station. Further, Fairburn's Education Campus continues to expand, housing satellite locations of the Georgia Military College and Brenau University. This award-winning four acre campus, now boasting two 18,400 square-foot class room buildings and an 11,400 square-foot administrative building, is the result of a \$10 million project funded through the Development Authority of Fairburn. Continuing with the spirit of growth, Fairburn recently received a \$3.1 million grant for an innovative transportation project which is slotted to make the historic downtown area more pedestrian friendly. It is the city's hope that with an increased aim on a pedestrian-focused community, citizens will enjoy an improved connectivity between homes, shops, offices, and the campus.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the City of Fairburn on this momentous anniversary. Fairburn's storied history coupled with their innovative push to make their community not only a livable, but innovative, is truly something to be admired.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF CHANDRA DIANE CHAMPION-WALKER

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of life-long Memphian Chandra Diane Champion-Walker, who passed away Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Chandra Champion-Walker was born on December 30, 1959, and was the first-born daughter of Dr. Charles and Carolyn Bailey Champion, the owners of Champion's Pharmacy and Herb Store on Elvis Presley Boulevard in Memphis, Tennessee. She attended Father Bertrand Elementary School and graduated from Memphis Catholic High School in 1977. She furthered her education by attending Memphis State University, Talladega College and Lemoyne-Owen College, where she graduated in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration.

Following in the footsteps of her family, Chandra became a Certified Pharmacy Technician and joined the family business in delivering pharmaceutical and alternative medicines to the people of Memphis. Her father, Dr. Champion, a renowned herbal pharmacist, referred to her as his "Rock" and has received many prestigious awards with her by his side. These include the Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service by a pharmacist and the 1987 Pharmacist of the Year Award.

Chandra proved to be a woman capable of showing endless love and affection for all people who entered her life. She was a selfless giver and was always willing to help a friend in need. It was said that she always thought about how to take care of and make things better for others—never about how to take advantage of any situation for her own gain. Such compassion for others is rare among people and all who knew her are fortunate to have been able to call her a friend.

Chandra Diane Champion-Walker leaves behind her husband, Jeffrey Lind Walker; her children, Charles Edwin Champion and Jessica Michelle-Lynne Walker; her parents, Carolyn Bailey and Dr. Charles Champion; her adoptive grandmother, Bernice Sullen; two sisters, Dr. Charita "Ricky" Champion Brookins and Dr. Carol "Cookie" Champion; one niece, Rikki Charee Brookins, and many other loving friends and family throughout Memphis. She was eulogized at Mt. Olive Cathedral C.M.E. Church in Memphis, which she joined as a young child. The city of Memphis has lost a beloved member of the community and the difference she made each and every day will be remembered. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Chandra Diane Champion-Walker. Hers was a life well-lived.

LYMPHEDEMA AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, today I hope to raise awareness of lymphedema, a debilitating disease for which no cure has yet been developed.

Lymphedema is a blockage of lymph vessels that causes an accumulation of fluid, protein, and other cellular waste. This results in a swelling of the body in places where the blockage occurs. Though lymphedema can be passed down genetically, it most frequently occurs after surgical procedures to remove damaged lymph nodes or vessels. Often it is a tragic side-effect to cancer treatments, the highest risk occurring in breast and prostate cancer patients.

Doctors can screen for lymphedema using a number of diagnostic tools, and early detection is important to minimize the effects of this disease. Lymphedema, sadly, is not curable, but it is treatable through compression, specially designed exercises, or, in some cases, surgery.

One of my constituents, Jennifer Onks Hovatter of Johnson City, lost her husband Thomas to complications arising from lymphedema in 2007. Every year around June 18th—the day that Thomas passed away—Jennifer holds the Thomas Hovatter Lymphedema Awareness Day in memory of her husband. This year, Lymphedema Awareness Day is June 21.

Jennifer's efforts to raise public recognition of this disease—which have been reported on by the Associated Press—led the Tennessee legislature to declare that the third week of June each year to be "Lymphedema Awareness Week."

I applaud Jennifer for her tireless work to bring awareness to lymphedema, and encourage all Americans to learn more about this condition.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE LATINO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COUNCIL

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tremendous work of the Latino Children and Families Council and their programs for the Latino community in Wisconsin's Second District.

The Latino Children and Families Council hosts El Día de los Niños, an annual event in Madison, Wisconsin for Latino children and their families. This event includes music, food and plenty of games and educational activities for youth to enjoy. Also featured are opportunities for parents to receive information about childcare, parenting and the resources available to them in our community. The day culminates with a parade of Latin American Nations which allows the children to showcase their talents and celebrate their heritage.

Through education and advocacy, the Council continually promotes the success and

wellbeing of Latino children and families. The Council promotes strong partnerships between community organizations and works to ensure our schools provide quality education that is inclusive of all students and the unique backgrounds from which they come and the diverse languages that they speak. The Council also provides leadership, giving a strong voice to the concerns of the Latino community.

I am proud to celebrate Saturday, May 3, 2014 as "El Día de los Niños." I thank the Latino Children and Families Council for their efforts to engage with and support the Latino community in Madison. This recognition is a most fitting honor of the important work that they do, not just today but throughout the year.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 110TH BIRTHDAY OF EULA MAE BREWER PROPHITT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to honor Mrs. Eula Mae Brewer Prophitt on the occasion of her 110th birthday.

Mrs. Prophitt was born in Our Town, Alabama. When she was nine, she went to live with her brother, James William Brewer, and at 11, she began working at Avondale Mills in Alexander City. In fact, Mrs. Eula Mae Prophitt worked in textile mills including Avondale Mills, Mr. Vernon Mills, M. Snower Mill, Pepperell Manufacturing Company, Swift Spinning Mills, and Opelika Manufacturing, until she retired at the age of 66.

Eula Mae married Mr. Willis Guary Prophitt on March 10, 1923. They were blessed with four daughters, Ruby Frances, Mary Elisabeth, Willard Carolyn, and Dorothy Jeanette. Mrs. Prophitt has many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Prophitt served with her husband, a Church of God pastor, teaching young people in Sunday School for 37 years. She continued to independently maintain her home until age ninety, and now lives with her eldest daughter, Ruby. Mrs. Prophitt enjoys a little gardening and her beautiful flowers.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating Mrs. Prophitt's 110th birthday. She is a blessing to her family and friends, and they plan to celebrate her birthday this Saturday, May 10th.

HONORING MR. CAO K. O

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an important pillar in New York's Asian American community, an advocate for equality and progress, and a steadfast champion for justice, Mr. Cao K. O.

Mr. O was a founding member of the Asian American Federation (AAF) and served as its first executive director until late last year. Over more than 23 years, Mr. O built the Federation