

a Second Lieutenant from the U.S. Air Force Academy on May 28, 2014. While his time at the academy is coming to an end, there's no extended summer vacation in store for him. Lt. Schertz has been accepted into the prestigious pilot school program which starts three weeks later.

While the Academy's aviation programs give cadets the opportunity to fly in both powered and unpowered aircraft, learn advanced parachuting skills, and compete against students from colleges around the world, only the elite move on to the pilot school program. Lt. Schertz's next year will be focused and devoted to the program as his time will be filled flying and preparing for flights. Taking control of the most advanced aircraft in the world—and pushing their performances to the limit—requires extraordinary skill, precision, and commitment to mission accomplishment. All of these are attributes Lt. Schertz has shown time and time again.

At the Academy, Lt. Schertz distinguished himself as both a scholar and a leader. A regular presence on the Dean's List, he also found time to support and motivate his classmates, raise funds for charity, and host foreign exchange students. In addition to his intense military training, Lt. Schertz devoted many hours to community service and was a key member of the Academy's competitive athletic programs. All this was atop an academic workload that challenges our nation's best and brightest.

Lt. Schertz's dedication to excellence displays the best values of central Texas and is a reflection of the greatness of the men and women of our armed forces. I commend his achievements, celebrate his commitment, and wish him well in the future. I'm grateful that brave young men like him will be providing our nation's security in the years to come.

CONGRATULATING GRAND AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SMITH STREET SCHOOL

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 9, 2014*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and commend two schools in my district—Grand Avenue Elementary School in North Baldwin, NY and Smith Street School in Uniondale, NY—for being honored during the National Schools of Character recognition ceremony in Washington, DC, on Thursday, May 15, 2014.

In February, 48 schools and districts across 14 states were named as "State Schools of Character for 2014" by the Character Education Partnership. Grand Avenue Elementary School and Smith Street School were two out of six schools recognized from the state of New York for their outstanding achievement in character development. By imbedding values and character at all levels of learning, these schools are ensuring our students are successful at all aspects of life.

As a senior member of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, I have advocated for new and innovative ways to educate our students and help them become more engaged and productive members of society. Our future depends on their success, both in

and out of the classroom. Schools like Grand Avenue Elementary and Smith Street School are shining examples of this creative and well-rounded approach to learning, and I could not be more proud of the recognition they are receiving because of it. I commend the principals, administrators, teachers and parents on receiving this honor and for their ongoing commitment to preparing our students for success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DENNIS CAMPBELL

**HON. ERIC CANTOR**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 9, 2014*

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I submit the attached letter on behalf of myself and Congressman ROBERT HURT.

Mr. Speaker we rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Dennis Campbell, who—after seventeen years of service—will retire from his position as Headmaster of Woodberry Forest School next month. We are both honored to have represented Madison County, VA, where this excellent academic institution is located, and are proud of the great tradition Woodberry has of training great students and first-rate citizens.

Prior to becoming Woodberry's eighth headmaster in 1997, Dr. Campbell served as the dean of the Divinity School and professor of theology at Duke University from 1982 until 1997. Before his appointment as dean, he was a professor, college and university administrator, and college chaplain. Dr. Campbell grew up in Elmwood Park, Illinois, and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Duke University with both A.B. and Ph.D. degrees. In addition, Yale University awarded him the B.D. degree. A noted lecturer, seminar leader, and author, he is particularly known for his work in ethics and moral education. He has written numerous journal articles and reviews, and is the author or editor of eight books.

Dr. Campbell will leave Woodberry Forest a much stronger institution in all phases of secondary education including Woodberry's faculty, curriculum, athletics and physical plant. Moreover, these achievements have been made at the all-boys school while continually upholding Woodberry Forest's venerable honor code.

We are certain Dr. Campbell's contributions to American education will continue. He remains a trustee of The Duke Endowment, one of the nation's largest private philanthropic trusts, based in Charlotte, N.C., where he chairs the audit committee and serves as a member of the committees on educational institutions and child care. He also serves on the board of trustees of the International Coalition of Boys' Schools, the Boys and Girls Club of Orange, Va., and the Association of Boarding Schools. The Campbells are the parents of two children, Margaret and Trevor.

Today Woodberry Forest School will celebrate the tenure of Dr. Campbell, and we are honored to congratulate him for exceptional service to a unique educational institution of excellence in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ERIC CANTOR,  
Member of Congress.  
ROBERT HURT,  
Member of Congress.

IN RECOGNITION OF BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 9, 2014*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of Bethel Baptist Church in Vienna, Georgia as the church's membership and leadership celebrate a remarkable 150 years. The congregation of Bethel Baptist Church will celebrate this very significant anniversary with a celebration on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at the church in Vienna, Georgia.

Tracing its roots back to the Civil War era, the church was founded in 1864 as a brush arbor church by Reverend Randolph Beach. Along with Rev. Beach, Deacons William Cobb, E.D. Brown, Sandy Nealy, and Adam Lewis cut logs and rolled them together to form seats. The building was called Bethel.

During the first year, Rev. Beach and the members purchased the one acre of land on which the church still sits today. The first church built on this land was a "shanty" church. The membership continued to increase and Rev. Beach served as pastor for eighteen years until he was called home to be with the Lord.

Rev. Beach was succeeded by Rev. Nathan Brown, who facilitated improvements to the church's structure. Rev. Brown resigned and was succeeded by Rev. Daniel Amica, who then resigned after one year. Rev. Brown returned to Bethel and continued to serve for eighteen more years until he was called from labor to reward.

Rev. Brown was succeeded by Rev. Amos Reid, a strong and beloved leader. For the next several years, the church was served by a number of pastors, each leaving their lasting mark on the church in some form or fashion. Perhaps the most notable were Reverend S.P. Miller, who advocated for a brick building to be erected, resulting in the foundation of the present brick structure being laid, and Rev. C.S. Wilkins, who continued the work by raising money to complete the erection of the brick building. The main auditorium and a tower, which cost \$10,000, were built, and a seven-hundred-pound bell was installed. Rev. Wilkins, who had stepped up to lead the church at a time when it was experiencing difficulties, set high goals for Bethel Baptist Church. He instituted many internal changes, including organizing the membership into clubs, which raised the spirit and morale of the church. The membership was very sorry to see him resign due to his poor health.

Throughout the years, the church would continue to improve both aesthetically and spiritually under the leadership of several devoted pastors. In May 1957, Rev. Moses A. Lee became pastor of Bethel Baptist Church. The church was transformed during the first twelve months of his pastorate and continued to make progress under his remarkable forty-one year tenure.

In September 1998, longtime Bethel member and ordained deacon, Rev. Dr. Bobby G. West, accepted the pastoral invitation and continues to serve as pastor today. He and his

family not only serve the church and its members, but also work hard to serve the surrounding community through an active and expansive outreach ministry.

The story of Bethel Baptist Church, which began as a small group of people worshipping in a brush arbor 150 years ago and has grown into an expansive and successful church, is truly an inspiring one of the dedication and perseverance of a faithful congregation of people who put all their love and trust in the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the membership of Bethel Baptist Church in Vienna, Georgia for their long history of coming together through the good and difficult times to praise and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and for serving the community through Him.

#### COMMEMORATING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONTINENTAL TAVERN

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 9, 2014*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today we commemorate the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the Continental Tavern, Yardley Borough, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Restoring the tavern to its historic state has been a passion shared by the Lyons family. Frank Lyons' enthusiasm for America history has lead him, for more than a decade, to spend his Christmas mornings volunteering in the annual reenactment of General George Washington's Christmas Day Crossing of 1776. Families and history buffs gather at the spot Durham boats left quietly taking soldiers across the Delaware River and on to fight heroically in the battles of Trenton and Princeton. Frank Lyons has said, "Reenacting is a progressive disease, the more you do it, the more you want to do it, the more you want to learn, the more things you want to do."

Frank was compelled to do more things which included restoring an old tavern on Main Street, Yardley Borough, known by locals as "The Continental." Joined by his wife Patty and daughter Kelly Lyons Vliet, they lovingly restored the 19th century tavern and created a gathering place for our community.

Once just an outbuilding on the estate of Thomas Yardley, over the centuries, the Continental Tavern has been a restaurant, tavern, home, hotel, library, speakeasy and perhaps even a destination point for runaway slaves traveling on the Underground Railroad. Speculation about unsolved mysteries, ghosts and infamous hotel guest John Wilkes Booth continue to fuel local legend and add to the character of The Continental.

Renovations have unearthed 5,000 empty whiskey bottles from the Prohibition era, children's toys, coins, old light bulbs, scraps of newspaper from the early 20th Century and even a bloody corset riddled with bullet holes. Many of these items are currently displayed throughout The Continental and will be part of the tavern's third floor museum.

Today, I would like to thank the Lyons family for their hard work, commitment to history and our community and congratulate them on the 150th Anniversary of the historic Continental Tavern.

#### CONDEMNING THE KIDNAPPING OF NIGERIAN SCHOOLGIRLS BY BOKO HARAM

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 9, 2014*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my outrage over the brutal assaults on human dignity and freedom committed by the Boko Haram, a militant group that has no respect for the rights of women and girls.

Since 2013, more than 4,400 men, women, and children have been slaughtered by Boko Haram.

The victims include Christians, Muslims, journalists, health care providers, relief workers. And schoolchildren.

I rise today to urge our government, the United States of America, to assist the Government of Nigeria, working through the African Union, to rescue the more than 200 schoolgirls who were kidnapped from the Chibok School for Girls in Borno State on April 15, and the 11 schoolgirls kidnapped last night in the Warabe community of Borno, and reunited with their families and loved ones.

Boko Haram's reign of terror must be brought to an end.

I call upon the international community to work in concert to detect, disrupt, and dismantle Boko Haram's funding sources derived from other Islamist groups, including Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) and to al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), the Al Muntada Trust Fund, and the Islamic World Society.

I commend President Obama on his decision to deploy American security experts and equipment in Nigeria to help locate and rescue the abducted schoolgirls and we applaud Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan for accepting that assistance.

The leader of Boko Haram has threatened to ransom or sell the abducted schoolgirls into the human trafficking market for about twelve dollars each (\$12.00 USD).

I say to him: "Don't you dare."

Boko Haram's outrageous conduct will be tolerated or overlooked for not only is it a violation of the girls' human rights, it is also contrary to United States policy which supports and promotes equal access to education and economic opportunity for women and girls.

As the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

So we will not stand idly by.

But we do stand in solidarity with the good people of Nigeria and especially those beautiful and courageous schoolgirls who wanted nothing more than to get an education to make life better for themselves and their beloved country.

We will not forget or forsake you.

This is what I think we should do.

Since we know that terrorist groups cannot operate effectively without reliable and steady funding to support their criminal acts, the United States should work with the international community to detect, disrupt, and dismantle the funding networks financing Boko Haram, which published reports indicate has received as much as \$70 million from other Islamist groups, including Al-Qaeda in the Is-

lamic Maghreb (AQIM) and Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), the Al Muntada Trust Fund, and the Islamic World Society.

Additionally, the United States should work with the Government of Nigeria to develop its own capacity to deploy specialized police and army units rapidly to prevent and combat sectarian violence in cities and around the country where there has been a history of sectarian violence.

The creation and deployment of an elite highly-trained rapid response unit was used to successful effect by the Indonesia Government in 2004 to neutralize the Laskar Jihad terrorist organization.

The United States should also take appropriate action to help the Government of Nigeria establish a Victim's Fund to provide humanitarian relief and economic assistance to the victims of attacks by Boko Haram so that they can rebuild their lives and communities.

"People are the great issue of the 20th century," declared, then-Senator Hubert Humphrey in 1948.

Mr. Speaker, the well-being of people remains the great issue of the 21st century.

And there is no better measure of any society than the way it treats its women and girls.

Boko Haram understands that when Nigerian girls are educated, Nigerian women can succeed; and when Nigerian women succeed, Nigeria succeeds.

And that is why it is so important that the United States help Nigeria ensure that Boko Haram fails.

#### HONORING GWEN MOFFEIT'S DEDICATED SERVICE TO HENDERSON COUNTY

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 9, 2014*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, Gwen Moffeit has served Henderson County for over thirty-five years—twenty-four of them as County Clerk. She was elected to the position in 1990 as the first Republican candidate to win a county-wide election. During her tenure, she converted the process of recording documents from the traditional hardback books to the new technology of digital imaging. Gwen has had the pleasure of working with many elected officials during her tenure, including five County Judges: Winston Reagan, Tommy Smith, Aubrey Jones, David Holstein, and Richard Sanders.

Gwen has been very active in the community and has recently served on the I.T. committee, the Henderson County Elections Committee, the Bail Bond Board, as well as many other county committees throughout the years. She has also been a member of the Athens Kiwanis for over twenty years—serving as secretary for almost ten of those years. She is a member of Lone Star Republican women, Henderson County Republican Women's Club and the Cedar Creek Republican Club.

Ms. Moffeit has been married to her high school sweetheart 43 years. They have two daughters: Misty Wilmeth and Amy Cooper, with four grandchildren: grandson Bailey and granddaughters, Allie, Bradie, and Gracelyn. Ms. Moffeit and her husband are longtime members of Leagueville Baptist Church.