

after the war to raise their families, and make this the greatest nation in the world.

Son of the late Annabell and Oscar Cook, he resided in Lesterville, Missouri where he and his wife Luellen Laramore Cook raised four children. They have been blessed with eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

He served his community as a teacher and principal. Additionally, he was the proprietor of Black River Floats and Canoe service, and active in numerous service organizations.

Mr. Cook will celebrate his ninetyeth birthday on July 2, 2014. It is my privilege to recognize Donald L. Cook's achievements before the House of Representatives with a hearty thank you from a grateful nation.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF GREATER PEACE BAPTIST CHURCH'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of Greater Peace Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia as the church's membership and leadership celebrates a remarkable 75 years. The congregation celebrated this very significant anniversary on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 3 p.m. at the church in Columbus, Georgia.

Greater Peace Baptist Church was founded by a group of Christian missionaries from New Mount Zion Baptist Church in 1939. Rev. H. Hunter served as the church's first pastor during its humble beginnings. With the hard work and perseverance of dedicated deacons and members, Rev. Hunter was able to keep the church alive until Rev. George E. King became the pastor in 1940. Unfortunately, the church was completely destroyed by a fire in 1951. Instead of regarding the event as a tragedy, the members of Greater Peace Baptist Church saw the fire as an opportunity to come together, reconstruct the church, and help it move forward.

In 1952, Rev. Oliver L. Holston became the pastor and brought new ideas to enhance the church. He oversaw the renovations and expanded the church to accommodate new members. Rev. Holston ordained many Christian men during his leadership, some of whom later became pastors themselves. In 1984, Rev. Holston passed away and later in the year, Rev. E.L. Sullivan took over leadership of the church.

Under Rev. Sullivan, numerous new ministries were formed to meet the needs of the church, including the Missionary Circles, Pastor's Cabinet, and Church Program Committee. Rev. Sullivan also helped establish reliable transportation and church hymnals, and procured robes and other items for the church's members. Several members were licensed and ordained under Rev. Sullivan's leadership including the current pastor, Rev. Corey J. Neal. In 2004 and 2005, many amenities were added to the fellowship hall, an administrative office was constructed, and the Pastor's study was remodeled. In December 2007, after 23 faithful years, Rev. Sullivan preached as Senior Pastor and prepared to

pass the torch to his grandson, Rev. Corey J. Neal.

Rev. Neal was installed as the new Shepherd of Greater Peace Baptist Church on December 30, 2007. Since his installation, the church membership has increased tremendously. Rev. Neal has continued his grandfather's legacy of forming and developing many new ministries at the church. After Pastor Emeritus Rev. E.L. Sullivan was called home to the Lord, the fellowship hall was graciously named in his honor. By following the vision God gave Rev. Neal, the church was able to pay off the E.L. Sullivan Fellowship Hall two and half years early.

The story of Greater Peace Baptist Church is telling of the dedication and perseverance of a faithful congregation of people who put all their love and trust in the Lord. What began as a small group of people worshipping 75 years ago has grown into an expansive and successful church that has overcome fire and other hardships.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the membership of Greater Peace Baptist Church in Columbus, 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.

#### HONORING A NEW THING MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

#### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, A New Thing Ministries International, Inc., has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county for the past twenty years; and

Whereas, The Reverend Dr. Normal Phillips, Pastor and Organizer and the members of A New Thing Ministries International, Inc., today continues to uplift and inspire those in our community; and

Whereas, A New Thing Ministries International, Inc., has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our District; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Parachurch of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past twenty (20) years by preaching the gospel, teaching the gospel and living the gospel; and

Whereas, A New Thing Ministries International, Inc., has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their members, but with DeKalb County their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize A New Thing Ministries International, Inc., for their leadership and service to our District on this the 20th anniversary of their founding; Now therefore, I,

HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 13, 2014 as A New Thing Ministries International Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of April, 2014.

RECOGNIZING THE UNITED STATES ARMY YUMA PROVING GROUND AND ITS COMMANDER, COLONEL REED F. YOUNG, PH.D.

#### HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground and its Commander, Colonel Reed F. Young, Ph.D.

The U.S. Army's presence in Yuma dates back to 1850, when Fort Yuma was constructed on a hill overlooking the Yuma crossing of the Colorado River. Soldiers at Fort Yuma maintained peace with the local Indians and protected the important Yuma crossing. That fort operated until 1883.

In 1865, a second facility known as the Yuma Quartermaster Depot was constructed in order to supply Army posts throughout Arizona and western New Mexico. That depot was also closed in 1883, and the Army would not return to Yuma on a permanent basis until the Second World War.

Beginning in 1943, the area was host to various bases, depots, and training grounds. In 1950, the mission of the facility changed drastically to become the nation's premier artillery testing site, hosting the longest overland artillery range in the country. The installation was renamed Yuma Proving Ground in 1963 during the reorganization of the Army. The Yuma Proving Ground has since been home to tests of long-range weaponry, the Apache Helicopter, M-1 Abrams tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, rockets, mortars, parachute and air-drop technologies, global positioning systems (GPS), and even automobiles. The Yuma Proving Ground contributes directly to both America's national defense and its national economy.

I must also thank and congratulate Colonel Reed Young, the Commander of the Yuma Proving Ground. He assumed command in May 2011. He leads over 2,700 military, civilian, and contractor personnel. Colonel Young is responsible for research and development of highly-advanced technologies valuable to the military, many of which also have civilian applications.

Before taking command of the Yuma Proving Ground, Colonel Young served as a Program Manager and Chief of the Technology Integration and Outreach Division for the U.S. Army Research Office in Durham, NC. He is also a member of the Arizona State Council on the Education for Military Children that helps remove barriers for children of military families. He is always quite courteous to my staff and me each time we visit, taking time out of his day to interact with us. His service to our country is exemplary.

On behalf of the State of Arizona, I want to recognize the Yuma Proving Ground for its rich history, and I want to thank Colonel Young for his hospitality and dedication to this nation.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, due to responsibilities within my district I would like to submit how I intended to vote on the following:

Tuesday May 6—"yes" on rollcall 194; "yes" on rollcall 195; "yes" on rollcall 196.

Thursday, May 8—"yes" on rollcall 205; "yes" on rollcall 206; "yes" on rollcall 207; "no" on rollcall 208; "yes" on rollcall 209.

Friday, May 9—"no" on rollcall 210; "yes" on rollcall 211; "no" on rollcall 212; "no" on rollcall 213; "no" on rollcall 214; "no" on rollcall 215; "no" on rollcall 216; "yes" on rollcall 217.

**HONORING THE TECHNOLOGY AND MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATION FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO TRAINING AND EDUCATION IN THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN ILLINOIS'S TENTH DISTRICT**

**HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Technology and Manufacturing Association (TMA) for its outstanding commitment to training and education in the advanced manufacturing industry in the district I represent and across the country.

Since 1925, the TMA Training & Education program has served as a valued source of employee learning and development for member companies. TMA training has experienced a significant resurgence.

Its Related Theory Apprentice Training program has been assisting member companies in training their apprentices for more than 70 years, and is one of the largest, most recognized precision metalworking apprenticeship programs in the United States.

Remarkably, enrollment in this program has more than quadrupled in the last three years. TMA has also expanded its curriculum to include the latest advancements and, for the first time since 1925, incorporates hands-on training.

The Fred W. Buhrke Training Center in Arlington Heights trains in the programming, set-up and operation of new, state-of-the-art computer numerical control (CNC) machines. More than 100 students have completed CNC training with TMA and can now earn nationally-recognized, stackable credentials.

TMA continues to partner with local organizations to expand training and work hand-in-hand to help bridge our skills gap and ensure our future success in advanced manufacturing.

I personally thank TMA for all it does to support advanced manufacturing and to expand economic opportunities throughout our communities and in the Tenth District.

## TRIBUTE TO PASTOR JOSEPH WILLIAMS, SR.

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Pastor Joseph Williams, Sr., is celebrating today thirty-two (32) years as Pastor of Greater Moses Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Pastor Williams, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Greater Moses Baptist Church, as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Pastor Williams is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Pastor Joseph Williams as he celebrates his thirty second Pastoral Anniversary at Greater Moses Baptist Church;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 13, 2014 as Pastor Joseph Williams, Sr. Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of April, 2014.

**RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAMP PINCHOT NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA**

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Camp Pinchot National Historic District located in Northwest Florida.

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in October 1998, Camp Pinchot is nestled in the Choctawhatchee National Forest, near Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, along the west bank of Garnier's Bayou. One of the first national forests and designated as one of President Theodore Roosevelt's original eleven Forest Service Headquarters in 1908, Choctawhatchee National Forest aided in the area's regional development and the establishment of the Camp, nearly six years later. In its earlier years, the forest served as a means for timber and wood turpentine. During this period, hundreds of miles of county and state roads were also built to help service the area, while maintaining the natural beauty of the forest, which was a fundamental goal of Gifford Pinchot, the first Chief of the United States Forest Service and namesake of Camp Pinchot.

During the Great Depression, Camp Pinchot and the Choctawhatchee National Forest

stood as a location for work relief for the Civilian Conservation Corps. In 1940, the national forest was ceded to the War Department to be used for a proving ground for aircraft armament. Major General William E. Kepner, who served as the Commanding General of the Air Proving Ground, helped preserve the site of Camp Pinchot, and today it is home to Eglin Air Force Base Commander's quarters.

Mr. Speaker, surrounded by live oaks draped with Spanish moss, Camp Pinchot to this day maintains the turn of the century spirit of a quiet and simple life, and I am honored to commemorate its one hundred years of existence.

**HONORING FRANKLIN "FRANKIE" DELANO LAX II**

**HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Mr. Franklin Lax, on being selected as the 2014 Buford Pusser National Law Enforcement Award winner. This public recognition is well deserved and represents Mr. Lax's lifetime commitment to all areas of law enforcement throughout West Tennessee.

After graduating from Jackson's Southside High School and Jackson State Community College, Mr. Lax began his law enforcement career as a patrolman for the City of Medina and then Deputy Sheriff for Henderson County. In 1992, Mr. Lax joined in his family's security business, Maxxguard Incorporated, as Vice President, and upon the death of his father, as President in 2005.

Throughout nearly two decades with the company, Mr. Lax has expanded Maxxguard from family and business security to include other areas of expertise like private investigations and handgun safety instruction. While serving on numerous State boards and commissions, Mr. Lax was also appointed to the Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission by Governor Bill Haslam in 2011. The POST Commission is responsible for developing and enforcing standards and training for all police officers. Following in his beloved father's footsteps, Mr. Lax was elected as a Constable for Madison County, Tennessee in 2002 and continues to serve the citizens in that capacity to this day.

The Buford Pusser National Law Enforcement Award is given yearly to deserving individuals who have demonstrated leadership and dedication in law enforcement.

On behalf of Tennessee's 8th Congressional District, I congratulate Mr. Lax on being selected as the 2014 Buford Pusser National Law Enforcement Award recipient. I wish him the best of luck for all future endeavors.

**RECOGNIZING CHIEF LOUIS DIRKER FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**HON. DAVID P. JOYCE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

Mr. JOYCE. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Stow Police Chief Louis Dirker on his