

America moving" and thus contributing to the local and national economies; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia is today, officially honoring, recognizing and congratulating ProCoaters, Inc., on their forty (40th) year anniversary as a business anchor in our District; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 18, 2014 as ProCoaters, Inc. Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of April, 2014.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT PITTENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall votes Nos. 218 and 219, I am not recorded because I was absent from the U.S. House of Representatives. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner.

On rollcall No. 218. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 219. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING MRS. DESTINY KYLES-JONES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable, well-rounded, and highly driven young woman, Mrs. Destiny Kyles-Jones. Born to Mr. Dennis Kyles, Sr. and Ms. Machele Shelby Kyles on April 25, 1991, Destiny was raised in the small, close-knit town of Bolton, Mississippi.

As a child, Destiny was an outstanding young woman who was deeply involved in her community and church home. She regularly attended Holy Ghost Missionary Baptist Church in Clinton, Mississippi and was active in Sunday school and various other auxiliaries.

Destiny is not only a well-mannered young woman, but also exceptionally bright. Her academic ambitions were accomplished and exceeded during her matriculation at Clinton High School, where she graduated in May 2009. She furthered her education at Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, Mississippi, ultimately receiving her B.A. in Business Administration.

During her time at Tougaloo College, Destiny was well known among her peers, faculty, and administrators. She was a highly prestigious scholarly student, graduating Sum Cum Laude in May 2013.

Among her extra-curricular activity involvements included Dazzling Divas Dance Team, Toast Masters, Pre-Alumni Council, Vice President of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Financial Secretary of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and Tougaloo Ambassadors of Meritorious Scholars.

While Destiny was heavily involved in student government and served in several positions, among them were Miss Freshman, Junior Class Representative, and Miss Tougaloo College.

As Miss Tougaloo College, Destiny embodied the noble qualities of her beloved college. Her kind spirit and positive attitude was highly infectious, affording her the opportunity to be featured with First Lady Michelle Obama on CNN and in Ebony Magazine as one the nation's Top Ten HBCU Campus Queens in 2013.

Currently, Destiny attends Texas A&M University, where she is pursuing her Masters degree in Business Administration. She also is employed with the Department of Justice through an opportunity afforded her via the Homeland Security Initiative at Tougaloo College. She resides in Rockwell, Texas with her husband Jarred Jones.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Destiny Kyles-Jones for her remarkable academic and extra-curricular performance as a young adult.

A TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 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.

HONORING THE NEWTON COUNTY LEADERSHIP COLLABORATIVE

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

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

Whereas, the Newton County Leadership Collaborative is celebrating a milestone 10th Anniversary; and

Whereas, the Leadership Collaborative brings together representatives from Newton County, the city governments of Covington, Oxford, Porterdale, Newborn and Mansfield, the Water and Sewer Authority, Board of Education and the Covington-Newton Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, these elected and appointed officials are guided by the statement, "We plan together and work together"; and

Whereas, this group meets monthly at the Center for Community Preservation and Planning (The Center) using four guiding principles—Protect Clean Water, Create Communities, Create Interconnected Corridors and Coordinate Public Investment, and

Whereas they have developed the 2050 Plan, which is Newton County's roadmap to a sustainable future; and

Whereas, the 2050 Plan was recently awarded the prestigious Excellence in Small Town and Rural Planning Award by the American Planning Association; and

Whereas, the Center has been a pillar of strength for Newton County ensuring that each generation has a sense of history; a strong sense of identity and an appreciation for a vibrant community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and laud the Center for their nationally recognized work on behalf of the citizens of Newton County now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 7th and 8th, 2014 as Newton County Leadership Collaborative Days in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 7th day of March, 2014.

HONORING ELAINE THANAY SCHREIBER

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and pay tribute to Elaine Thaney Schreiber, a teacher, wife, mother and former First Lady of the State of Wisconsin. The Silver Spring Neighborhood Center recently honored her through its dedication of the Elaine Schreiber Child Development Center.

Elaine served at Silver Spring Neighborhood Center for over 20 years as an early childhood teacher, board member, donor and campaign leader; she led the Center's successful 2001–03 capital campaign which resulted in doubling the size of the Center and greatly expanding their services. While serving as First Lady of the State of Wisconsin, she championed early childhood immunizations. Thousands of children in Milwaukee and throughout the state have benefited as a result of her advocacy.

Elaine Schreiber was born and raised in Milwaukee. She earned a degree in education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, as well as a graduate degree in early childhood education. She has been married to Martin Schreiber, former Governor of Wisconsin since 1961 and together they have 4 children and thirteen grandchildren. She is the adored aunt to her many nieces and nephews. Elaine is beloved for her graciousness, kindness and deep love of children.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Elaine Thaney Schreiber

for her contributions to the Fourth Congressional District. I am proud to call Elaine Schreiber my friend; she has acquired a lifetime record of accomplishment and contributed much to the greater Milwaukee community and the State of Wisconsin.

**MOURNING THE LOSS OF
CONGRESSMAN JIM OBERSTAR**

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Speaker, this week there are so many of us mourning the loss of Congressman Jim Oberstar. He was a great leader for transportation and infrastructure, and did many good things for his district and all over the country. For years, I looked to him for his tremendous knowledge on transportation and water issues. We were fortunate to both serve at the same time as Chairmen of the Transportation and Agriculture Committees, respectively, but we used to jokingly say that he was my "Secretary of Transportation" and I was his "Secretary of Agriculture". I also used to tell him that when he was done paving over his district, he could get to work paving mine.

But Congressman Oberstar was about so much more than transportation. He cared deeply about his district and the people who lived there. Countless times I would personally watch him bring 8th District issues directly to the leadership and to the caucus. He never forgot his roots, his passion was contagious, and his love for his family was deep. Jim Oberstar leaves a remarkable legacy in Minnesota and across the country.

**RECOGNITION OF RUTH
VALENZUELA**

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Ruth Valenzuela, who has served as field representative for California State Assemblymember Patty Berg from 2005 to 2008 and Wesley Chesbro for six years thereafter as she is being honored for her civic engagement on May 8 and May 15 in Mendocino County—from the coast to the inland valleys.

Ruth's commitment to improving the quality of life for the residents of Mendocino County and California's Second Assembly District serves a model for public servants. Well-respected and appreciated for her ability to assist constituents with local and state matters in a calm and efficient manner, she has served the community with intelligence, patience and the highest caliber of professionalism with a variety of vexing issues.

Acting as California State Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro's eyes and ears in Mendocino County, as a volunteer for the Area Council on Aging and many other community organizations, Ruth is a trusted public resource and an indispensable asset to Mendocino.

Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to Ruth Valenzuela for her invaluable service to Mendocino County and the people of California.

**HONORING PASTOR JAMES C.
WARD**

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

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

Whereas, Pastor James C. Ward is celebrating today nineteen (19) years as Pastor of Antioch Lithonia Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Pastor Ward, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Antioch Lithonia 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 Ward 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 James C. Ward as he celebrates his nineteenth Pastoral Anniversary at Antioch Lithonia Baptist Church; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 9, 2014 as Pastor James C. Ward Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 9th day of March, 2014.

**HONORING COACH O'KEEFE
HENDERSON**

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach O'Keefe Henderson.

Coach Henderson is a proud product of Canton and a 1999 graduate of Canton High School. He attended Holmes Community College on a football scholarship. He received a football and track scholarship at Mississippi Valley State from 2002–2004.

After receiving ALL–SWAC honors in both sports he played two years of professional football in Laredo and Killeen, Texas. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Jackson State University in 2009 receiving a bachelor's degree in Health Physical Education and Recreation (HPER).

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Coach O'Keefe Henderson.

**AMERICAN RESEARCH AND
COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2014**

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in reluctant opposition to H.R. 4438, a bill to extend permanently the research and development tax credit. This is not an issue that I take lightly because this tax provision enjoys broad support in my district. But once again, a policy that has long enjoyed bipartisan support and has real economic impact in districts across the country has fallen victim to politics. Rather than advancing a package of tax extenders that places the priorities of working families and underwater homeowners alongside those of our business community, we are considering legislation that singles out the interests of one group over another.

Following the expiration of numerous important tax provisions at the end of last year, many constituents have contacted me to express their concerns about our inaction. From families who rely on the Earned Income Tax Credit to make ends meet, to renewable energy companies that will drastically scale back operations without the Production Tax Credit, to municipalities who use the New Markets Tax Credit to revitalize low-income areas, the scope of people and businesses that will suffer the consequences of inaction on a tax extenders package are too numerous to list here. To those who are looking to Congress for some indication that we are moving past political maneuvering, past the dysfunction that has characterized this body for too long, this bill is a step in the wrong direction.

Beyond the frustration that is felt at elevating this tax provision over the others I have previously mentioned, my constituents will wonder why we can pass this legislation and add about \$150 billion to the deficit, but we can't add a dime to extend emergency unemployment insurance benefits to millions of Americans. To advance this bill is an affront to the long-term unemployed who have been falling deeper into debt as Congress debates how it should pay for an extension of the vital benefits that could help keep them afloat while they continue to search for work.

I support extending the tax credit for research and development. It is vital to promoting American manufacturing and supporting our country's innovative technology sector, which is exemplified by the work done by companies like Intel in my district. But I support extending this credit alongside a package of others that also benefit my State, and every State in the country. Congress should consider a comprehensive tax extenders package, and should do so without delay.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 217, on final passage of H.R. 10, the Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter