

HONORING SAMUEL D. FOSTER,
JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to honor a tremendous student Mr. Samuel D. Foster, Jr., who is a Wingfield High School Senior graduating in the top five of his senior class.

Mr. Foster, throughout his high school career, was always a shy and timid young man who valued the opportunities given to him by his school. No matter the challenge, Mr. Foster strived to maintain good grades and also value knowledge.

Mr. Foster was inducted into both the National Honor Society and the Entergy Scholars, which displays a group of students who have expressed an enhanced interest in being the best that they can be. Being a part of the National Honor Society, he has been very helpful volunteering for his school's annual college fairs. Mr. Foster is also an active volunteer at his church, the New Galilean M.B. Church, where he helps out mostly during the holidays.

Mr. Foster is the son of Samuel and Anita Foster and has shown great accomplishments throughout his whole life, but now being a high school senior; he has advanced up the ladder of excellence and is now given the title of Valedictorian, holding over a 3.5 grade point average at Wingfield High School.

Along with being Valedictorian, Mr. Foster has even had the honor of being voted Mr. Wingfield of his high school for the 2013–2014 school years.

In addition to being Mr. Wingfield, he has also won first place in the district reading fair, being able to make it to the regional reading fair to represent the high school Division-F for Jackson Public Schools.

Mr. Foster plans to attend Jackson State University on a full scholarship, where he plans to double major in Manufacturing and Design Technology and Art.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Samuel D. Foster, Jr.

HONORING THE CONYERS ROTARY CLUB

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 Conyers Rotary Club is a beacon of light to our district; and

Whereas, today, The Conyers Rotary Club, in concert with thousands of clubs across the nation and the world, has launched a campaign to help eradicate hunger; and

Whereas, club President Neal Sanford, the "Rotary Has Heart" Chair Diane Adoma and the entire local Rotary membership are stepping up with funding for the local Food Bank; and

Whereas, this remarkable organization is showing its heart by giving hope to the hopeless, feeding the hungry and empowering our community; and

Whereas, The Conyers Rotary Club has for many years produced, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and most of all visionaries who have shared their resources with citizens throughout Rockdale County; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Conyers Rotary Club for their leadership on this day of heartwarming community service; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim February 13, 2014 as Rotary Has Heart Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of February, 2014.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SACRAMENTO'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rotary Club of Sacramento as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of their founding. As members and supporters of this fine organization gather, I ask all my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Rotary Club of Sacramento for a hundred years of incredible service to the Sacramento region.

For a century, the members of the Rotary Club of Sacramento have stayed true to their mission, which is to "encourage and foster the ideal of service." They have successfully done this by providing Rotarian's time, talent and fundraising abilities to improve the quality of life for groups and individuals throughout the Sacramento area. One of the greatest things anyone can do for their community is to invest in the future of our youth. The Rotary Club of Sacramento understands the importance of offering a hand of service to youth organizations and they have worked with over 250 non-profit organizations that include the Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, Boys and Girls Club, Sacramento Children's Receiving Home, Sacramento Children's Home, WIND Youth Services, Society for the Blind, BloodSource, YMCA, Sacramento Zoo, Sacramento Library and Powerhouse Science Center. Additionally, the club sponsors the Burt Chapell Golf for Kids Golf Tournament which benefits orthopedically handicapped children. The golf tournament had its inaugural tournament in 1927 and is the longest continuous event in all of Rotary.

Much of the world has changed over the last 100 years, but one constant has been the Rotary Club of Sacramento's service to our community. The Rotary Club of Sacramento has the distinction of being the 85th oldest club in all of Rotary International and it has grown to be one of the twenty largest clubs in the world. The club started with 34 members and now has over 500 members. Members of the Rotary Club of Sacramento come from a wide variety of careers, backgrounds and cultures, which has given the club a unique perspective and a shared passion for service.

Mr. Speaker, as they gather for their Centennial Gala, I am pleased to honor the Rotary Club of Sacramento and its members for their longstanding commitment and service to the entire Sacramento region. I ask my colleagues

to join me in wishing the club continued success in creating a positive, lasting change in the Sacramento area.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PIPELINE INSPECTION ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2014

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Pipeline Inspection Enforcement Act of 2014 to prevent oil pipeline leaks like the one that greatly damaged the community of Wilmington, CA.

Los Angeles is home to one of the most vast pipeline networks in the United States. Both oil and gas pipelines connect the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach with the refineries in the area. Therefore, pipeline safety is a very important topic for me and the communities which make up the neighborhoods surrounding the Port of Los Angeles—including Wilmington, a primarily working class community. I have represented Wilmington for over 10 years—first on the Los Angeles City Council, and now as a Member of Congress.

Because Wilmington sits on top of one of the largest oil fields in the nation and a complex system of pipelines, this community lives with a heightened threat of a pipeline leaking or exploding. This became an unfortunate reality for many residents of Wilmington this March when an idle pipeline burst, causing thousands of gallons of crude oil to spill onto a residential street reeking havoc on the lives of families who live in the community.

The legislation I am introducing today would have prevented the damage these families experienced by forcing companies like Phillip 66 to simply have firsthand knowledge of what their pipelines contain and empowering our state regulatory agencies to be engaged in pipeline inspections.

These basic improvements to federal policy would protect countless communities like Wilmington at no additional cost. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to make this legislation law.

IN HONOR OF SUE MARIE THOMPSON TURNER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen and servant of humankind, Mrs. Sue Marie Thompson Turner. Sadly, Mrs. Turner passed away on Thursday, May 8, 2014. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Luke Methodist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

A Columbus native, Mrs. Turner was born on August 28, 1929 to Dr. John Barkwell Thompson and Mildred Marie Dykes Thompson. She graduated from Columbus High School and attended Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. In 1948, she returned to Columbus to marry the love of her life, William

“Bill” B. Turner. During their remarkable sixty-five years of marriage, Mrs. Turner was the epitome of a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. A strong-willed woman, she was fiercely committed to raising a loving family by instilling in each of them the good values and morals that she and her husband embodied. Known as “Precious” to her family, she showed her support for her six children, 21 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and countless friends at hundreds of ball games, dance recitals and birthday parties.

One of the things I admired most about Mrs. Turner was her ability to make each person she met feel special because he or she was indeed special to her. No person was ever a stranger to her because she could make anyone feel like part of the family from the moment they met.

Mrs. Turner loved her community dearly and was constantly working to improve it. She was active in the Bradley-Turner Foundation, a charitable non-profit organization that has given millions of dollars to various projects in Columbus and the Chattahoochee Valley region. The Turner family also helped launch the Pastoral Institute forty years ago. The organization provides counseling and educational resources to assist people who are going through difficult and traumatic times in their lives. The Pastoral Institute established the Sue Marie and Bill Turner Servant Leadership Award to honor couples who have made significant contributions to the community. The Turners received the first award in 2012. In addition, the Turner family has long supported St. Francis Hospital. The new Women’s Hospital was named in Mrs. Turner’s honor last fall.

George Washington Carver once said, “No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it.” We are all so blessed that Mrs. Sue Marie Turner passed this way and during her life’s journey did so much for so many for so long. She leaves behind a great legacy in service to her beloved family and to all those whose lives she touched and brightened with her radiant smile and rich laughter. She will truly be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me, my wife, Vivian, and the Columbus, Georgia community in paying tribute to Mrs. Sue Marie Turner for her outstanding contributions to her community. We extend our deepest sympathies to her family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time and we pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL
JOSEPH A. SIMONELLI, JR.

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the meritorious service of Colonel Joseph A. Simonelli, Jr., who will transfer in June from the Secretary of Defense’s Office of Legislative Affairs.

Prior to his tenure in Legislative Affairs, Colonel Simonelli has already had a long and distinguished career in the United States Army. Upon graduation from the United States Military Academy, he received his commission in 1987 as an Air Defense Artillery officer. He served 27 years with great distinction in the field and in command. Prior to his work in the Secretary’s office, he was the Garrison Commander at Fort Bliss, Texas. He also served as the Director of Operations for the Multi-National Security Transition Command (Iraq) and the Executive Assistant to the Vice Director of the Joint Staff’s Director of Operations.

Colonel Simonelli is no stranger to the halls and offices of Capitol Hill, having spent the last two years in Legislative Affairs as the Director of House Affairs and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for House Affairs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs (OASD-LA).

His character, capabilities, and good humor enabled him to interact effectively with Members of Congress and their staffs and other Executive agencies under the most strenuous circumstances. Colonel Simonelli’s work ultimately led to successful legislative outcomes on a wide-range of issues critical to our national defense and to the enhancement of the lives of the country’s military men and women.

Colonel Simonelli represents what our military seeks in a congressional liaison and officer in uniform. His dedication to service, commitment to excellence, and performance of duty have been extraordinary throughout his career and most recently in the Office of Legislative Affairs. I am proud to share in the celebration of Colonel Simonelli’s tour on Capitol Hill, and I join his colleagues in honoring his distinguished service.

Colonel Simonelli was supported, encouraged, and nurtured by a strong and loving wife, I would like to recognize his wife, Bettye Marie. As he goes on to pursue new endeavors and challenges as the Chief of Staff of the Arlington National Military Cemeteries, I wish Colonel Simonelli and his family well.

HONORING SARAH KING

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, One hundred five years ago a virtuous woman of God was born in Moreland, Georgia on February 11, 1909; and

Whereas, Ms. Sarah King was born to Mr. John King and Mrs. Elizabeth King, she was educated in the local school system in Georgia; and

Whereas, this Phenomenal Proverbs 31 woman has shared her time and talents as a Community Advocate and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all who wants to advance the lives of others; and

Whereas, Ms. King has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Ms. King along with her family and friends are celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, her 105th Birthday, we pause to acknowledge a woman who is a corner-

stone in our community in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. King on her birthday and to wish her well and recognize her for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all; now therefore, I, HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim February 11, 2014 as Ms. Sarah King Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of February, 2014.

HONORING TOMMIE MABRY

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 Mr. Tommie Mabry, a native of Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Mabry has four brothers and one sister, and he’s the first person in his family to finish high school.

Mr. Mabry graduated from Bailey Magnet High School and went on to attend Missouri State University. While there he played on the school’s basketball team as a small forward. He also attended Lawson State University, playing on that basketball team, as a small forward, as well. From there, he transferred to Tougaloo College, where he studies to obtain an Undergraduate Degree in Health and Recreation Education and also played for the nationally ranked basketball team.

Having quickly acclimated into the Tougaloo family, Mr. Mabry was elected Mr. Tougaloo by vote of his peers for the 2010–2011 school years. Mr. Mabry now speaks to kids all around the world hoping to provide inspiration with his story. Mr. Mabry graduated from Tougaloo College in May 2011 with a degree in education and is currently a teacher at Whitten Middle School.

Mr. Mabry published his first book titled “A Dark Journey to A Light Future”, which made him one of the youngest authors in the state of Mississippi at the age of 24.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Tommie Mabry.

TRIBUTE TO ISRAEL’S
INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, since its establishment in 1948, Israel has been one of America’s closest allies. Today, we celebrate Israeli Independence Day, or Yom Ha’atzmaut, to honor the proclamation of State of Israel. As a strong supporter of Israel, I join millions of my fellow Americans in wishing Israelis a Happy Independence Day.

Zionism, the movement to create a Jewish homeland, emerged in the 1800s as a response to centuries of anti-Semitism. Theodore Herzl, a Zionist pioneer, created the World Zionist Organization to initiate the preliminary steps to attaining a Jewish state free from persecution. Waves of immigrants flowed