

HONORING THE W.N. GRIFFIN, JR.,
GOSPEL CHOIR

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

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

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, many organizations strive to bring awareness and enlightenment to our community; and

Whereas, the W.N. Griffin, Jr., Gospel Choir formed in November, 1944 presents the gospel through songs of praise and inspiration touching the lives of thousands throughout the world; and

Whereas, today we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of not only a choir, but a ministry that started with the leadership of Reverend J.S. Roddy and seven (7) choir members which has now grown to one hundred twenty (120) members; and has been and continues to be a great gift by witnessing the gospel through music; and

Whereas, our beloved District has a jewel in this choir that touches the hearts, minds and souls of so many; and

Whereas, our community has been strengthened, our lives have been touched and our spirits uplifted by this anointed choir that shares so freely of themselves; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the W.N. Griffin, Jr., Gospel Choir of Saint Philip A.M.E. Church for its outstanding service to our District; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim February 9, 2014 as The W.N. Griffin, Jr. Gospel Choir Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 9th day of February, 2014.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DIANNE WOLF

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor First Lieutenant Dianne Wolf for her service to our country.

Lieutenant Wolf served in the United States Army Nurse Corps from September 1969 to August 1971. During her service as an Army Nurse, she served a year of duty in Vietnam with the 91st Evacuation Hospital, Republic of Vietnam. She is most proud of having had the opportunity to serve as a nurse while on active duty, including her tour in Vietnam.

After her service, Lieutenant Wolf was hired by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs where she continued to serve for over 30 years, caring for veterans from various wars and conflicts.

Through your courageous service, Lieutenant Wolf charted the path for future generations of women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to First Lieutenant Dianne Wolf for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America and the Veterans she has served.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 19, 2014, due to a family funeral, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on rollcall No. 218, "yea;" on rollcall No. 219, "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 222, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

BUSINESS WOMEN'S FORUM

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Business Women's Forum which is celebrating 20 years of supporting female professionals in South Central Pennsylvania.

Since its founding in 1994, the Business Women's Forum has brought together businesswomen and leaders from the South Central region of Pennsylvania for a one day event where they can meet with and learn from other women with a variety of backgrounds and organizations. Today, in partnership with more than nine Central Pennsylvania Chambers of Commerce, it is the largest one-day professional development and tradeshow event in the Central Pennsylvania region. By offering women with opportunities to develop their professional skills and plan for the future, the Business Women's Forum provides an invaluable resource to the businesswomen of South Central Pennsylvania and to the economic vitality of the region.

Mr. Speaker, for their efforts in creating a strong workforce of skilled and developed businesswomen, I thank the Business Women's Forum for their contributions to our state and congratulate them on reaching the momentous milestone of their 20th anniversary.

A TRIBUTE TO HAGOP AND KNAR
MANJIKIAN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hagop Jack Manjikian and Knar Rita Manjikian for the books they have published on the Armenian Genocide. An estimated 1.5 million Armenians perished between 1915 and 1923, but the statistics only tell part of the story. The first person accounts of the Genocide, which the Manjikianians had translated to

English in order to reach a broad audience, put a human face on the violence and suffering experience by the Armenians, as well as their unflagging will to survive.

"The Fatal Night"—(Volume 2) Mikayel Shamtanchian was among the hundreds of Armenian intellectuals rounded up on the night of April 24, 1915, and deported to the interior of Turkey, where the Turkish genocide of Armenians began. The author beat the odds and survived the first genocide of the 20th century. His memoir, *The Fatal Night*, is a detailed account of the extermination of Turkey's Armenian cultural and civic leadership in 1915. Shamtanchian recorded the fates of the innocent Armenian luminaries who perished in Anatolia—the echoes of "Lord, Have Mercy," the last hymn sung by the Armenian priest and music ethnologist Komitas and a throng of exiles held in a Turkish military fort, and the pangs of authors Daniel Varuzhan and Sevak as they were slaughtered in the field of death called Ayash. The book provides a partial list of the Armenian intellectuals, civic leaders and priests who were martyred during the Genocide.

"Death March" (Volume 3)—Shahen Derderian was barely eight years old when the Ottoman Turkish government deported his family, along with the entire Armenian community of his native Sebastia (now Sivas). The uprooting was part of an elaborate Turkish plan to exterminate the Armenian population of Anatolia. In the ensuing forced marches, the Sebastia caravan—one among countless others—was subjected by the Turkish police and hired criminals to a systematic spree of murder, robbery, rape, and death by starvation and disease. Young Shahen Derderian survived the carnage through sheer miracle. In *Death March*, he tells a harrowing story of dehumanization and loss, whose enormity would eventually be matched only by the Armenian survivors' spirit of renewal.

"The Crime of the Ages" (Volume 4)—In 1919 Sebuhi Aguni chronicled the large-scale plunder, deportations, and massacres that were systematically perpetrated by the Turkish government in its effort to exterminate the Armenian population of Turkey. The *Crime of the Ages*—the first English translation of Aguni's study—is an invaluable work of historiography as it encompasses not only firsthand victim accounts of the Turkish atrocities, but a wealth of evidential information culled from Turkish, European, and American official sources. Brimming with the eloquent, vivid narrative of a journalist and survivor, *The Crime of the Ages* portrays, in prodigious documentary detail, one of history's most heinous crimes, the Genocide of the Armenians.

"Defying Fate" (Volume 5)—For the fifth volume of the Genocide Library, we chose the memoirs of Mr. and Mrs. Aram and Dirouhi Avedian, both of whom were survivors of the Genocide of Armenians by the Turks. Aram Avedian's writing consisted of a small book of handwritten notes titled "The dark days I've lived." Dirouhi Avedian's memoirs comprised a relatively longer, though still compact, handwritten diary titled "My life." Originally written in Armenian and translated to English, their memoirs reveal a childhood of sorrow and anguish as they relate how they lost their families and how they survived thanks to the kindness of strangers. Their infrangible faithfulness toward their cultural identity leads them to risk their lives and escape their circumstances. Amidst the tragedy, a happy ending emerges.

"Our Cross" (Volume 6)—Our Cross is a collection of autobiographical short stories about survivors of Mets Yeghern, the 1915 Genocide of the Armenians. M. Salpi (Aram Sahakian) was a medical officer in the Turkish army during the First World War. In the course of his service, he met many Armenian soldiers and officers who recounted to him the plight of their families following the deportations and massacres of their communities by the Turkish government. After his capture by the British, Sahakian was appointed resident doctor at an Armenian refugee camp in Port Said, Egypt. Here, as well as during his sojourns in Syria and Lebanon, he met numerous Genocide survivors who struggled to rebuild their lives. Sahakian found their experiences at turns heartbreaking and inspiring, and went on to portray them in his writings. Complementing the laser-sharp observations of a man of science with the compassion and sensitivity of someone who himself had walked the path of devastation, Sahakian's stories pulsate with unforgettable images and characters, each a microcosm of a nation's cataclysm but also its irrepressible will to endure.

I hereby ask all Members to join me in honoring Hagop Jack Manjikian and Knar Rita Manjikian for their efforts to keep the memories of those who experienced the Armenian Genocide alive.

HONORING JOE CAPPUZZELLO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of an exemplary public servant, Joe Cappuzzello from Girard, Ohio. After 39 years working in the school system, Mr. Cappuzzello will be retiring from Girard High School as athletic director.

Under his guidance as assistant Athletic Director, Girard won the 1992–93 state Division II boys' basketball championship. Joe later became Girard High School's first full-time athletic director.

A Girard native, Joe is truly a leader in our community and has proven this by his dedication to educational values. Joe has advocated the importance of balancing athletics and education in schools today and has personally worked toward achieving this objective through his work as Athletic Director and teacher at Girard High School.

I want to extend my warm and sincere thanks to Joe Cappuzzello for his lifelong devotion to educating and coaching students in Trumbull County. I would like to wish him congratulations on all he has accomplished and all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF LT. COL. BILLIE OLIN LENDERMAN, JR.

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Lt. Col. Billie

Lenderman. Billie was born on May 19, 1949 in Atlanta, Georgia, attended Auburn University, and earned an MBA from Georgia College and State University. He served in the United States Air Force for twenty years. He fought during Desert Storm, served as a command pilot and instructor pilot in the KC–135, and retired in 1992 after acting as the Commander of the 912th Air Refueling Squadron. After his retirement, Billie worked as a program manager for TRW and as Chief Instructor Pilot of JSTARS training for the Air Force.

Billie served our country with honor and courage. His service to our country and his contributions to our community can never be quantified. His generation gave us the freedom that we've enjoyed all our lives. I am confident that his distinguished service record and many accolades do not even come close to telling his story. Like so many of his fellow soldiers, he returned home to start a family, raise his children, and pursue the American dream he fought for. Besides being the consummate American hero, Billie was a loving husband, devoted father, and doting grandfather.

My thoughts and prayers are with Billie's family during this difficult time. It's heroes and family men like Billie that make our country great. They will continue to bless us, and their memory will carry on. I feel honored to stand today and recognize the memory of Billie Lenderman. He will be truly missed.

LUCILE WISE, WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP) Lucile Wise for her service to our country.

Lucile served in the Women Air Service Pilots (WASP) from May 1943–December 1944. She joined the military because she loved to fly and wanted to help the war effort. After an intense six months' training, Lucile received her flying wings and was assigned to the Air Force Weather Regional Office where she carried weather officers on inspection trips and to meetings. Lucile felt her WASP experience was important, because it gave the opportunity to show women could fly military aircraft just as well as men.

Lucile became a strong advocate for the WASP organization, and in 1988 she was elected their president. She was instrumental in the organization's efforts to obtain Congressional military recognition and veterans' benefits for the WASP. In 2010, along with the other remaining WASP women, Lucile was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

Through her courageous service, Lucile charted the path for future generations of women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Women Airforce Service Pilot Lucile Wise for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 19, 2014, I was unable to be present for the last vote in a series of recorded votes. I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 219 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 685, as amended).

HONORING UNITED ASSOCIATION LOCAL 342

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Congressman GEORGE MILLER, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, and Congressman ERIC SWALWELL to honor the United Association (UA2 Local Union 342, which is celebrating its 100 anniversary. For 100 years, UA Local 342 has trained and represented qualified journeymen and apprentices in the trades of plumbing, pipefitting and heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigerating (HVACR) across Alameda and Contra Costa Counties in Northern California.

Chartered on May 1, 1914, UA Local 342 started with just over 21 members, working tirelessly in support of the rights of workers in the pipe trades industries. Today, they represent over 3,200 members. Over the years, Local 342 has been essential in leading various projects and ongoing maintenance of regional infrastructure including at four refineries, two chemical plants, and ten cogeneration plants in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. In addition, their work has positively impacted major hospitals in the area, including Sutter Hospital, Highland Hospital, and Kaiser Hospital in both Oakland and San Leandro.

United Association Local 342 promotes a high standard of excellence, focusing on worker safety and providing rigorous training for each union member. The apprenticeship program has been recognized at the national level for its quality training. Many apprentices have competed and won in state, regional and national level competitions.

Moreover, UA Local 342 is dedicated to supporting and giving back to their community. Among the many donations to local high schools and community colleges, Local 342 members also participate in local food drives at Alameda and Contra Costa County Food Banks. In addition, members of Local 342 have volunteered their services to improve Shepherd's Gate, a safe haven for abused women, by installing plumbing in their facility.

We commend the United Association Local 342 for leading the charge in the fight for worker's rights. In addition, we applaud the men and women of Local 342 for their dedication to preparing and training their membership for the advancements in technology and the challenges of today's expanding and diverse industry.

On behalf of the residents of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, we congratulate the