

oversight of the institution. The Board also established an Independent Review Committee (IRC), chaired by former U.S. Comptroller General Charles A. Bowsher, to review the issues arising from an Inspector General's report, the Board's response, and related Smithsonian practices.

The IRC was forthright in its investigation and recommendations. The IRC stated explicitly that the root cause of the problems at the Smithsonian was an antiquated governance structure, which led to failures in governance and management. According to the IRC, the Board must assume a fiduciary duty that carries a "major commitment of time and effort, a reputational risk, and potentially, financial liability." The IRC further argued that the Smithsonian, with a budget of over \$1 billion a year, must have Board members who "act as true fiduciaries and who have both the time and the experience to assume the responsibilities of setting strategy and providing oversight." The IRC cited a lack of clarity in the roles of the Vice President of the United States and Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court on the Board in particular, and said that "it is not feasible to expect the Chief Justice to devote the hours necessary to serve as a fiduciary agent." The same observation could be made of the Members of the House and Senate who serve on the Board. The IRC recommended that the Board increase the level of expertise and the number of members to ensure that the Board has sufficient time and attention to dedicate to the Smithsonian. My bill follows this guidance.

The Smithsonian's own governance committee identified several Board weaknesses, concluding that the Board did not receive or demand the reports necessary for competent decision-making, that the staff whom the Board depended upon for oversight inquiries did not have direct access to information, and that the inability of staff to communicate red flags "crippled" internal compliance and oversight.

Only Congress, with the concurrence of the president, can amend the Smithsonian Charter. The last change to the Board's structure occurred over 30 years ago, but it only increased the number of private citizens on the Board from six to nine. The Smithsonian Board is still a board dominated by highly placed public officials.

The number of Regents, however, is not the root problem. My bill expands the Board from 17 to 21 members, but most importantly, it brings the Board into alignment with modern public and private boards by requiring all the Regents to be private citizens. The search for private funds by Smithsonian management was a major cause of the recent controversy. Faced with crippling budget problems, the Regents must be free to give new and unprecedented attention and energy to finding and helping to raise substantially more funds from private sources. The new structure envisioned by this bill will improve oversight and the capacity for fundraising from private sources. Unlike the eight federal officials on the current Board, the nine private citizens on the current Board are entirely free to assist in private fundraising. Most importantly, private citizens have sufficient expertise to serve on the Board, and are able to devote the personal time and attention necessary to fulfill the fiduciary responsibility that comes with serving such a venerable and complex institution.

Considering the seriousness of the findings of the Board's own governance committee, as well as of the IRC, the changes prescribed by this bill are nothing short of mandatory. The reform of the fiduciary and governance issues that have brought public criticism to this iconic American institution must begin with the indispensable step of making the Smithsonian's governance consistent with that of similar institutions today. Only congressional attention can reassure the public that the controversies that recently besieged the Smithsonian will not recur. In the face of an unprecedented public controversy and a \$1.5 billion fundraising goal, Congress would be remiss if it left the Smithsonian to its own oversight and devices alone. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING LUCILLE LOVETTE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a driven and ambitious woman, Ms. Lucille Lovette. Lucille has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Lucille Lovette, a resident of Anguilla, Mississippi, is the ninth of 15 siblings born into a family who believed in hard work and didn't believe in handouts.

Lovette earned a bachelor of science in elementary education degree from Mississippi Valley State University at Itta Bena, followed by a masters degree in educational leadership and supervision and a specialist degree in educational leadership and supervision, both from Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi.

She began her career as an office manager in 1978 for the South Delta School District (formerly known as Anguilla Line Consolidated School District) under the direction of a great superintendent who encouraged her to go a little further. Lovette was employed by the South Delta School District from 1978–2009, serving as curriculum director, federal programs director and principal. During her time as principal, she led an elementary school with a starting enrollment of some 740 students and 90 faculty members. During her tenure, the students' grade level reading scores on state assessments increased more than 38.4 percent and math score on state assessment increased more than 70 percent. The school achieved an Exemplary and High Performing School rating. Also while as principal the South Delta Elementary School received the Torch Award granted by the Mississippi Department of Education.

In 1994 she was one of 13 teachers who were chosen by the state of Mississippi for a six week study with NASA.

Prior to serving as principal of South Delta Elementary School, Lovette worked as educational technologist as South Delta Middle School, and has served as an adult education teacher at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead.

From 2009–2010 Lovette served as an educational leadership consultant at Dollarway Middle School in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and Eliza Miller Junior High School in Helena Arkansas. She was employed as school im-

provement coordinator with the Indianola School district from 2010 until 2011 and from 2011 until 2013; she served as educational leadership consultant for the Jackson Public School District and the Senatobia Public School District.

Among the awards she has garnered during her years in education are: the Mississippi School Board Association's School Improvement Beacon Award in 2009; the Mississippi Success for All School Reading Award in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007; the South Delta School District Administrator of the Year Award in 2007; Delta State University Educational Leadership Sabbatical in 2001; Mississippi Teacher of the Year State Finalist; Mississippi Second Congressional District Teacher of the Year in 2000; and South Delta Middle School and School District Teacher of the Year in 1998 and 2000.

Lovette joined the Yazoo City Municipal School District in 2013, where she served as assistant superintendent and as federal programs director. In February 2015, the Yazoo City Municipal School District School Board named Lucille Lovette the district's interim superintendent.

Lucille says, "Service is the rent we pay for being allowed to live on this earth. We're supposed to give back, so that's key for me."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Lucille Lovette for her passion and dedication to educate our youth and desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

TRIBUTE TO LT. COL. DOUG
ROSSELL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lt. Col. Doug Rossell of Atlantic, Iowa for his recent retirement from the Iowa National Guard on May 3rd, 2015. He served his country for 28 years in the Iowa National Guard and the U.S. Army.

Lt. Col. Rossell was a graduate of Griswold Community High School before receiving an Army ROTC Scholarship to Northwest Missouri State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts and U.S. Army Reserve commission. He immediately joined the Iowa Army National Guard, where he served in a number of different roles, as a guardsmen and as an active duty member of the military. Lt. Col. Rossell received a number of military awards while in service including, but not limited to: the Meritorious Service Medal, Army and Air Force Commendation medal, the Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. This is only a small sample of Lt. Col. Rossell's various awards during his decorated military career and we cannot thank him enough for his sacrifices for our country.

I commend and thank Lt. Col. Rossell for his many years of dedicated service to his fellow Americans and Iowans. It is because of people like Lt. Col. Rossell that we are able to sleep soundly at night knowing our safety and security are in their capable hands. I am proud

to represent Lt. Col. Rossell in the United States Congress and I know my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating him on his retirement. I wish him and his family nothing but the best moving forward.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 21, I missed a series of Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on #448 and #449.

HONORING CALVARY M. B. CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a church family whose desire is to do God's will, Calvary M. B. Church. Calvary M. B. Church has served the Yazoo County community over a century through faith and service.

Calvary M. B. Church desire is to bring people closer to the Lord. They want to build the foundation of faith in young people and remind the Yazoo community that anything is possible through love, faith and prayer.

Calvary, located on Broadway, began welcoming the community to its services over 100 years ago. November 15, 2015 will mark 131 years of praise, prayer and worship.

On April 1, 1889 a small group purchased a lot for \$50 which became the site of Calvary. For an additional \$35, another lot was purchased along with the original and this site would later develop into the modern day church.

According to church history notes the first pastor was Rev. Phillips. As the years progressed the congregation grew, even amidst growth, there were challenges. Small fires struck the church. Over the years several pastors called Calvary home. But it seemed like perfect timing when Pastor RaSean O. Thomas arrived at Calvary in 2009. Pastor Thomas is a product of Calvary.

Calvary has a rich history within the Yazoo community, its recent ministries and growth show what can be done through strong prayer and fellowship. Currently, the church has two hundred members and growing. The church has Sunday School, morning worship every Sunday, Wednesday night Bible Study, monthly street evangelism and prayer services, outreach project health fairs, men and women empowerment conferences and other ministries. There is always something going on inside the walls of Calvary.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Calvary M. B. Church for its dedication to serving the community and doing God's will.

IN HONOR OF DON A. BUCKALEW
AND BUCKALEW CHEVROLET

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I honor my dear friend, Don A. Buckalew, and the golden anniversary of his ownership of Buckalew Chevrolet. For five decades Don and his family have supported our community and been a huge part of the Montgomery County success story.

Raised by L. A. and Nellie Mae Buckalew in the sawmill community of Magnolia, Don was Valedictorian of Magnolia High School before earning his business degree at Baylor University. After starting his automotive career in Tomball and Humble, he became a partner in the Weisinger Chevrolet Company in Conroe. When W. B. Weisinger sold 50 percent of the company to Don in January of 1965, the name became Weisinger-Buckalew Chevrolet. After Mr. Weisinger's passing, Don bought the remaining 50 percent and the name became Buckalew Chevrolet.

Over the last half century, the name Buckalew has been synonymous with customer service and community. Don has served as chairman of the Board of the Texas Automobile Dealers Association and on the Board of Directors of the Houston Automobile Dealer Association.

This Lion of the Year, Past International Director and Lions International Ambassador of Goodwill is a Lifetime Executive Committee Member and Director for the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Lifetime Executive Committee and past Chairman of Montgomery County Fair Association, and has served as Chairman of Greater Conroe Economic Development Council, two-time Chairman and Man of the Year of Conroe/Lake Conroe Area Chamber of Commerce, President of Conroe Industrial Park, Inc., and Chairman of Montgomery County Hospital District. From being awarded the Time Quality Dealer Award by Time Magazine and National Automobile Dealers Association to receiving the Texas Automobile Dealers Association Legends Award, Don's industry and community accolades prove that with strong business and family principles, everything is possible.

Don Buckalew's unwavering support of youth and education is evident in his service as past President and Board Member of the Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees. In a rare honor, Conroe ISD opened Don A. Buckalew Elementary School in 1998. In keeping with Don's love for all things Baylor, the Bear was named the school mascot and the colors are, not surprisingly, Green and Gold.

Don and his wife Elaine are members of First Baptist Church Conroe. They have 7 children, Debbie, Donnie, Denny, Deann, Kristen, Bryan and Lacey and 13 grandchildren. Five of Don's children, a daughter-in-law and three grandchildren have earned Baylor degrees and at least two more grandchildren will soon follow.

An outstanding record of leadership, service, honesty and integrity and love of family are only part of the Don Buckalew legend. My friend's philanthropic heart—his unsung support of those in his community who need it the

most—is an example to us all of how to walk in the steps of Our Lord. Please join me in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Buckalew Chevrolet in Conroe and in honoring the man who has set that standard, Don Buckalew.

CONGRATULATING THE CANDLE-LITE COMPANY

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, on July 25, 2015, we congratulate the Candle-Lite Company of Leesburg, Ohio, for 175 years of continuous business in Southern Ohio, dating back to 1840.

Across three different centuries, the Candle-Lite Company has manufactured quality candles, lighting the region for generations. The company thrives on the American values of hard work and entrepreneurial perseverance as its employees craft beautiful, quality goods to share with residents throughout Ohio, the United States, and the world.

Candle-Lite Company's story is the American story. Founder Thomas Emery, an immigrant from Europe to Southwest Ohio, started simply enough: door to door sales.

Innovation and dedication led to a growing business and new formulas for higher quality candles that continued Emery's tradition of maintaining a vision for the future.

175 years later, Emery's vision and persistence is now the largest employer in Highland County with products around the world.

As we recognize this historic anniversary, we follow the example of the Candle-Lite Company and look to the future, knowing that the Candle-Lite Company will continue to flourish as a company and employer we are proud to have in Ohio.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SGT. CARSON ALLEN LOUIS HOLMQUIST

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I stand today to recognize the death of Sgt. Carson Allen Louis Holmquist. Sgt. Holmquist was a loving man: He loved cars, trucks, and farming. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, and devoted to his family, friends and serving his country.

On the morning of July 16, 2015, Sgt. Holmquist gave his life for the country he loved. He was shot and killed while working at a military facility in Chattanooga, Tennessee. It is in these stark moments, when soldiers are killed on our own soil, that we recognize just how fragile our freedom is. Liberty is a precious gift whose benefits we all enjoy, but too often we give little thought to the price that is paid.

Vice President Cheney once said, "Our nation grieves for the brave men and women whose lives have ended in freedom's cause. No one can take away the sorrow that comes to the families of the fallen. We can only say