

Mr. Speaker, as an African American born in 1929, when segregation nationwide barred the doors to success, Dr. Ashe could hardly have dreamed of achieving these accomplishments. Dr. Ashe did more than dream—he worked until he moved 20th century discrimination out of his way.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and work of Warren K. Ashe, Ph.D. and in sending condolences to his wife, Grace and to Dr. Ashe's entire family.

HONORING MS. TATYANA KALINGA

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Tatyana Kalina, a senior and critical member of my staff. In the coming days, Tatyana will be leaving my office after 11 years to pursue the next steps in her career.

Like many Congressional staff members, Tatyana started in my office as an intern and joined the team full-time in June of 2004.

Since she started in the office, I have relied on her professionalism, judgement and superior work product as my executive assistant, scheduler and office manager.

For the past 11 years, she has also served as my key liaison to the Congressional Black Caucus, which I had the privilege of chairing during the 111th Congress.

During her years of dedicated service, Tatyana's most valuable skill has been her ability to step up and perform nearly any task, including assisting with media interviews, making policy recommendations and representing my office in high-level meetings, including with Heads of State.

She has been and remains a consummate professional who is truly dedicated to her work and serving my constituents.

In fact, Tatyana's work has been so exemplary in my office that she is often asked to train new staffers in the offices of my colleagues.

On a personal note, I have witnessed Tatyana's growth and development from a young intern into a mature and brilliant young woman. She has a very promising future, which my staff and I look forward to witnessing. We all intend to keep Tatyana as a valued member of Team Lee within our hearts and in our deeds.

On behalf of myself and the people of California's 13th Congressional district, I'd like to thank Tatyana for her years of dedicated service.

Tatyana, we will miss you as you start this new chapter in your life but we wish you every success. We cannot wait to see all that you will accomplish!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF STANLEY AND VIRGINIA SZEJNAR

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 70th wedding anniversary of

Stanley and Virginia Szejnar, of Hanover, Massachusetts. The Szejnars celebrate seventy years of marriage on Wednesday, July 29, 2015.

Stanley and Virginia's story is one of romance, dedication, and patience. Their love has endured from Quincy, Massachusetts to the high seas of the Pacific theater; Norfolk, Virginia to Hanover, Massachusetts. Born in Buffalo, New York, Stanley was stationed at the U.S. Naval Air Station in South Weymouth, Massachusetts during the early years of World War II. It was during this time, in 1941, that he was nervously set up on a blind date with Virginia by her friend and, later, maid of honor. After meeting in the town of Quincy, a trip for ice cream was followed by a long walk—the start of many more dates and conversations to come.

As their relationship blossomed, Stanley learned that he was being transferred to the newly commissioned USS *Ticonderoga*. He asked Virginia to come with him to Norfolk, Virginia, where the aircraft carrier was docked, and stay at the local USO. When Virginia returned home to Boston, she excitedly called her mother with a joyous announcement: she and Stanley were engaged to be married. Shortly thereafter, Stanley shipped out on the USS *Ticonderoga*. During his time at war, during which Stanley survived severe damage to the *Ticonderoga* and a deployment on the Navy destroyer, USS *Dyers*, Stanley and Virginia stayed in close contact. They may have been separated by oceans between them, but their love remained strong.

Upon his return, Stanley and Virginia were at last married in 1945. They spent their honeymoon enjoying the mists and impressive waterfalls at Niagara Falls near Stanley's hometown. Following the end of the war, they moved to Hanover, Massachusetts where they reside today. A proud veteran, Stanley is the former commander of the Post #149 American Legion and V.F.W. #178804, as well as a retired member of the Local #537 Pipe Fitters Union. After more than seventy years of love, their most precious gift and proudest achievements are their daughter, Candace Finnie, and granddaughter, Ericka, who live in Ocala, Florida.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Stanley and Virginia Szejnar on the joyous occasion of their 70th anniversary. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing them many more years of happiness.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF BISHOP RANDY BROWN ROYAL

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and remember my good friend and a cornerstone of eastern North Carolina, Bishop Randy Brown Royal, a resident of Greenville, North Carolina who was called to be with God on Sunday, July 26, 2015 at the age of 63.

Bishop Royal was born on January 6, 1952, in Craven County in New Bern, North Carolina to George Emerson and Sarah Louise Royal. He spent his formative years being educated in the Craven County School system and later

attended Shaw University in Raleigh where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Religion and a Master's degree in Divinity.

Following his matriculation at Shaw, Bishop Royal attended my alma mater of North Carolina Central University in Durham and earned a Master's Degree in Psychology. He completed his education by attaining a Doctoral degree in Religion and Clinical Psychology from the Interdenominational Theological Center, Morehouse School of Religion in 1979.

Bishop Royal served as pastor in many churches throughout his career, including New Greenleaf Church of Christ in Goldsboro from 1973 until 1978 and Philippi Church of Christ in Greenville, North Carolina beginning in 1982. Under Bishop Royal's leadership, Philippi Church of Christ has expanded several times to accommodate the growing number of parishioners which now tops 2,500. Just last year, Bishop Royal celebrated his 36th Pastoral anniversary.

In addition to his service as a pastor, Bishop Royal was also a community activist and dedicated public servant in Pitt County, North Carolina. He served as a Pitt County Commissioner and on the board of many local organizations, including the Pitt County United Way, Pitt County Health Department and Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Bishop Royal also worked with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Bishop Royal is survived by his three adult children Bryan, Onica, and Stephanie; three brothers, Rev. Daniel Royal, Rev. George J. Royal, and Erroll Royal; four sisters, Rev. Barbara Davis, Brenda Middleton, Vonshelia Bacon, and Cathy Bacon Lyons; and six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Bishop Randy Brown Royal meant so much to so many people. His lasting contributions to his church family as Bishop and to his community and its citizens as County Commissioner will always be remembered. His community, our state of North Carolina, and our great nation are better because of Bishop Randy Royal.

I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest condolences to the family of Bishop Randy Brown Royal, his congregation, and his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 467, my flight was delayed due to weather. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO LT. GOVERNOR KIM REYNOLDS IN THE FIRST SESSION IN THE 114TH CONGRESS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds for being named a 2015

Woman of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, the Des Moines Business Record.

Since 2000, the Des Moines Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a group of standout female leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities either personally or professionally, forging a path for other women to follow. The women given this prestigious award are individuals who have selflessly dedicated their time and proven their leadership abilities across a variety of professional fields.

Lt. Governor Reynolds began her political career by serving four terms as the Clarke County Treasurer. She was then elected State Senator of Iowa's 48th Senate District, where she served until 2010. During her time in the Senate, the Republican nominee for Governor, Terry Branstad, asked then Senator Kim Reynolds to serve on his ticket as the nominee for Lt. Governor. She accepted his request and the rest is history.

Lt. Governor Reynolds has dedicated her life to serving the people of Iowa. As Lt. Governor she has leveraged her unique understanding of small rural communities and their governments to bring good, high paying jobs to the state. Lt. Governor Reynolds has also built strong, lasting relationships with some of Iowa's most important global trading partners. Her long list of accomplishments is a testament to her hard work, dedication and willingness to selflessly serve all Iowans.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better the State of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating her on receiving this esteemed designation, and wishing her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 22, 2015, I was detained in a meeting and unable to make the first vote in a series. I would have voted "No" on roll call vote No. 450 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 369).

IN RECOGNITION OF JANET SIKES' SERVICE AS FIRE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF WOODHAVEN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Janet Sikes for her 29 years of service to the Woodhaven Fire Department, 18 of those served as Fire Chief. During her career, Janet has saved many lives, and enriched countless others.

Janet has served as a role model in our community as Woodhaven's first female fire

chief. Her qualifications and professionalism as an emergency medical technician, paramedic, and arson investigator have inspired others towards public service and her ability to coordinate with the department's partners is much-praised among her colleagues. Her dedication and good humor has been a tremendous asset for the city, and has helped the Fire Department offset budget restrictions and foster a greater sense of community in Woodhaven and beyond. Janet is a true gem in our community and Woodhaven is fortunate to call her their own and grateful for her contributions.

Janet's commitment to education has been evidenced by her annual trips to each elementary school in the city to teach fire safety. "Firefighter Jan" is no stranger to the classroom, and has used her experience as a physical education instructor to promote fire prevention techniques that students find as exciting as they are informative. Jan has also promoted higher education in Woodhaven, partnering with Wayne County Community College to provide two full scholarships for students in her community to pursue a career in public safety.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Chief Janet Sikes for her twenty-nine years of service and her lasting impact on the Downriver communities. I thank her for her leadership, and wish her many years of success.

URGING AWARD OF CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO PRESIDENT LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute and revise and extend my remarks.

Today I introduced legislation awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th President of the United States whose vision and leadership secured passage of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965, the Social Security Amendments Act (Medicare) of 1965, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Higher Education Act of 1965, and the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1965.

The awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal is long overdue recognition of the remarkable record of achievement in the field of domestic affairs of the person most responsible for several of the nation's landmark laws that mark their 50th anniversary this year.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress from the Tenth Congressional District of Texas, as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate, Vice-President and President of the United States, Lyndon Baines Johnson's domestic accomplishments in the fields of civil rights, education, and economic opportunity rank among the greatest achievements of the past half century.

As President, Lyndon Johnson proposed, championed, led to passage, and signed into

law on August 6, 1965 the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which swept away barriers impeding millions of Americans from meaningful participation in American political life.

On July 30, 1965, President Johnson signed into law the Social Security Amendments Act of 1965, which we today know as Medicare, which has transformed the delivery of health care in the United States and which, along with Social Security, reduced the rate of poverty among the elderly from 28.5 percent in 1966 to 9.1 percent in 2012.

On July 2, 1964 President Johnson secured passage and signed into law the most sweeping civil rights legislation since Reconstruction, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination in employment, education, and public accommodations based on race, color, religion, or national origin.

On November 8, 1965, President Johnson signed into law the Higher Education Act, which provided need-based financial aid to students in the form of scholarships, work-study grants, and loans, and thus for the first time made higher education more accessible to populations of persons who were previously unable to attend college because of economic circumstances.

On October 3, 1965, President Johnson signed into law the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1965, which transformed the nation's immigration system by abolishing the racially based quota system that had defined American immigration policy for the previous four decades and replaced it with a policy whose central purpose was family reunification, with a preference for immigrants with specific skillsets.

According to Robert A. Caro, the pre-eminent biographer of Lyndon Baines Johnson, with the single exception of Abraham Lincoln, Lyndon Johnson was the greatest champion of the poor and underprivileged in the history of the Republic and was the President "who wrote mercy and justice into the statute books by which America was governed."

I invite all Members to join me in sponsoring this legislation awarding the Congressional Gold Medal and recognizing the extraordinary domestic achievements of President Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th President of the United States.

HONORING DAVID FINKEL

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the remarkable life of David B. Finkel, an honorable veteran, a distinguished civil rights attorney, an esteemed elected official, and someone I was privileged to call a friend. David deeply impacted countless lives by standing up for civil rights, freedom of speech, affordable housing, and educational equality for over six decades. David was also a longtime and devoted member of the Sholem community and will be remembered for his integrity and compassion as a "warrior for justice."

David, the son of Jewish immigrants fleeing persecution in Europe, lived through historical events such as the Great Depression and World War II. These heavy experiences