

Whereas, it is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the two hundred and twenty-eighth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation; and

Whereas, public law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as constitution week;

Now, therefore, I, TOM RICE by virtue of the authority vested in me as representative of the Seventh District of the state of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23, 2015 to be Constitution week and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787.

IN CELEBRATION OF ALLISON TRANSMISSION'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Allison Transmission in celebration of its 100th anniversary. The company has a rich history in Indianapolis, but its accomplishments can be seen globally. It is my privilege to honor this strong Hoosier company as it celebrates 100 years of excellence.

Since its founding in 1915, Allison Transmission has become the largest manufacturer of fully automatic transmissions and a leader in hybrid-propulsion systems for city buses. The company's heritage traces back to when James Allison, co-founder of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and part owner of several racing teams, founded the Indianapolis Speedway Team Company.

While at first the company was focused on racecars, the company switched gears after the start of World War I and put all of its resources toward helping the United States military. In 1920, the name was changed to Allison Engineering Company. For its first couple of decades, Allison primarily manufactured engines and service parts for the military, but in 1946 Allison entered the commercial transmission field and would later go on to create the world's first fully automatic transmission. Since then, Allison Transmission has produced over 5 million transmissions and over 1 million fully automatic transmissions.

The company is a leader in innovative technological advancements and is responsible for multiple groundbreaking inventions. In addition to the world's first fully automatic transmission, one of its most notable inventions is steel-backed bronze bearings, which extend the service life of aircraft engines and were famously used in Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis in 1927.

Allison Transmission has strong roots in Indianapolis and its headquarters remains there today. The company now has an international presence with over 2,700 employees, a market presence in more than 80 countries, and approximately 1,400 independent distributor

and dealer locations worldwide. Allison transmissions can be found in cities and rural areas across the globe in a wide variety of applications such as buses, trains, cars, trucks, and airplanes.

James Allison founded the company under 5 key values: innovation, quality, integrity, customer focus, and teamwork. These values have led the company to its many achievements and remain evident today through the hard work and dedication of its employees. The company's commitment to providing high-quality services that improve efficiency and make work as easy as possible for their customers is manifested in the unrivaled reliability and durability of their transmissions.

In addition to all of Allison's achievements in the manufacturing world, they also have a robust history of community involvement. As part of their centennial celebration, Allison Transmission will be sponsoring a variety of community activities, including the building of a house for a family in need, sponsoring an essay contest for students at James A. Allison Elementary School in Speedway, and awarding 100 scholarships to local college students. The company has also earned the prestigious Centennial Business Award of the Indiana Historical Society.

On behalf of the citizens of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Allison Transmission on the celebration of its centennial anniversary. I am proud to represent a city that is home to exemplary businesses such as this one. I wish Allison Transmission all the best as it embarks on its next 100 years of excellence.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR. GEORGE BUCHANAN

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual, Mr. George Buchanan, of Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Buchanan, a part of the Greatest Generation, answered his nation's call to service during World War II.

Mr. Buchanan grew up in Hazel Green on a small subsistence farm. There were three boys in his family, all of whom served in WWII. Following high school, young George got a job in a drugstore, working behind the soda fountain. He was drafted shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack. Because of his drugstore experience he was chosen to be a medic, despite a great fear of the sight of blood and passing out several times during training. He completed his training and became a surgical technician 861. He was assigned to the 97th QM Battalion, where they packed onto the Aquitania for a very rough North Atlantic crossing.

Mr. Buchanan landed on Omaha Beach just a few days following the D-Day invasion. He and other medics treated the sick and wounded. They also checked the dead, tagged them, and took them to the morgue. They saw hundreds who were shot, burned, and mangled. His unit traveled across Europe, through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, and Czechoslovakia, continuing to treat the sick and wounded, tagging the dead and taking

them to the morgue. They lived in foxholes along the way and showered about once a month when they got a clean change of clothes. During the Battle of the Bulge, the medics were armed for the first time as they were surrounded by German troops. They were thankful to be rescued by General Patton's troops.

Mr. Buchanan never forgot all the death and injury he witnessed in the war. He went on to attend the University of Kentucky, where he met his future wife Margaret. They settled in Lexington and had four children. Buchanan enjoyed a long career with Commonwealth Life Insurance, where he rose to a prominent level and earned numerous awards. He and Margaret were charter members of Crestwood Christian Church where both were very active. Buchanan was also an active member of the YMCA, serving as a board member and a donor. He was awarded the prestigious Red Triangle Award for service by the YMCA. He was able to make a visit back to Normandy in recent years.

After a full and productive life, Mr. Buchanan passed away on July 20, 2015 at the age of 94. The bravery of Mr. Buchanan and his fellow men and women of the United States Army is heroic. Because of his courage and the courage of individuals from all across Kentucky and our great nation, our freedoms have been preserved for our generation and for future generations. He was truly an outstanding American, a patriot, and a hero to us all.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,151,096,731,763.19. We've added \$7,524,219,682,850.11 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

CONGRATULATING BATAVIA TOWNSHIP

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Batavia Township on their bicentennial anniversary and celebration.

For 200 years, Batavia Township has stood at the center of Clermont County and has lived up to its motto, "The Heart of Clermont".

Since its initial survey in 1788 and its incorporation in 1815, Batavia Township has been an industrial leader in Clermont County. From roller coaster production to the manufacturing of food and consumer products, Batavia Township boasts a wide diversity of commerce.

Home to the University of Cincinnati East, a higher education leader in the county, and the Clermont County Airport, a hub of economic activity, the township is central to the region's continued growth.

The township is also home to a wide array of outdoor recreational activities from its new Williamsburg-Batavia Bike Trail to the East Fork State Park, which hosts some of the region's finest rowing competitions and camping options.

I am honored to represent Batavia Township today, an area of the state with a rich history and strong community. Again, I congratulate Batavia Township on this historic milestone, and I wish the township the very best over their next 200 years.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR.
MIKE BACH

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Kentuckian and a prominent member of the agriculture industry. Mr. Mike Bach, of Owingsville, Kentucky, served for twenty-eight years as an officer in the United States Army. For four years, he worked as a sales agent for a farm machinery distributor and in 1978 purchased several farms. In 1996 he inherited the family farm in Bath County. Currently Mr. Bach operates B&E Farms along with his wife Mary and son Steven. His farm covers 2,000 acres of beautiful Kentucky farmland in Bath County, where he operates a cow and calf farm and his son Steven raises 1,000 acres of row crops.

In addition to his own farm operation, Mr. Bach is an active leader in Kentucky agriculture. He is past president of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association and currently serves on the board. He is program chair of the Montgomery County Cattlemen's Association. Bach serves on the board of the Bath County Farm Bureau. Mr. Bach understands the need to educate and encourage the next generation of farmers and as part of that commitment, he serves on the Kentucky 4-H Foundation Board.

Mr. Bach's love of farming and dedication to the agriculture industry in Kentucky were recently recognized by his selection as a member of the Bath County Agriculture Hall of Fame. This honor was well deserved and Bach is a role model to farmers of the future.

In addition to his agriculture interests, Bach is a member of the Association of Officers for the U.S. Army Reserve and is a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. He enjoys working with old farm equipment.

I am honored today to recognize the accomplishments of Mr. Mike Bach, who has great love for his country and great love for the land. He exemplifies all the men and women across our nation who work hard every day in a job they love—the American Farmer.

“LOVE MOM AND DAD”

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, “Love Mom and Dad,” are the words stenciled on a piece of cardboard, attached to a 36-foot-tall beam known as the “Last Column.” Mom and Dad are Arnold and Rosemary Roma of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who lost their son, Keith on September 11, 2001. Serving as a make shift memorial, the column was covered with personal messages from first responders who lost loved ones. Arnold, “Dad,” retired NYPD and several Port Authority Police officers spray painted “KR FP2” in honor of Keith Roma, son and friend, of Fire Patrol 2.

Presently, the “Last Column” stands as an exhibit at the 9/11 Museum in New York City.

On Christmas Eve 2001 Arnold helped uncover the body of his son from the ruins of the North Tower. The Roma's considered themselves fortunate as they were able to bring their son home for a proper good bye.

Following the attacks on September 11, 2001, we would say “good bye” to 343 New York Firefighters, 72 Law Enforcement Officers, and one New York Fire Patrolman, Keith Roma. As September 11th approaches, we are reminded to express appreciation for the sacrifice paid by these first responders and their families.

Today, in the midst of many conversations regarding the state of law enforcement in our country, we still find ourselves saying “good bye.” Those conversations must also include, “Thank you.”

HONORING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE
OF THE CASCADE FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. GLENN GROTHMAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fire Department of Cascade, Wisconsin on 100 years of service to their community. The Cascade Fire Department has a long and proud history of providing fire protection services to the Village of Cascade, the Town of Lyndon, and the Town of Mitchell.

On September 2, 1915, a group of citizens met in Cascade to discuss the formation of a fire department. This newly formed department started out with just \$681 worth of firefighting equipment. Over the next several years, they acquired more advanced firefighting equipment and learned advanced firefighting practices to make firefighting safer and more effective to make our communities safer.

I am grateful to the members of our local fire departments who put their lives on the line to keep their communities healthy and safe. The towns and villages across America continue to enjoy peace of mind knowing that their own community members are willing to step up and protect their neighbors. I join with the people of Cascade, Lyndon, and Mitchell to offer a heartfelt thank you to the Cascade Fire Department for their service. It is a privi-

lege to represent such fine public safety officers in Congress.

RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF TAYLOR DANCE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Taylor Dance Program and celebrate its founder, Joy Squire. Since 1966, Joy has made it her life's mission to promote awareness and appreciation of the art of dance across Southeast Michigan.

Joy understands the importance of kindness in instruction, as evidenced by the affection of her hundreds of students from more than 30 metropolitan Detroit communities across generations. From the very first class she taught, Joy has always sought to awaken and promote the creative gifts that exist in each student. She has nurtured the talents of dancers of all ages, even supporting scholarship opportunities for her pupils to attend prestigious dance programs across the country.

It should be no surprise then that Joy has been noted for her excellence by the Downriver Council for the Arts and has been inducted into the Taylor Sports and Recreation Hall of Fame. Her dedication to keeping the Taylor Dance Program a place for high-quality, affordable dance instruction has led to it being named one of the “premier” dance training centers in the country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Joy Squire and the Taylor Dance Program for inspiring generations of students in Southeast Michigan toward reaching their full potential. I thank her for her devotion to the community and wish her many more years of success.

H.J. RES. 64

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.J. Res. 64—Disapproving of the agreement transmitted to Congress by the President on July 19, 2015, relating to the nuclear program of Iran.

First, I would like to commend all the individuals from the Obama Administration and their counterparts across the globe for the tireless work they put into this agreement.

Since the Iranian revolution in 1979, this is the closest our country and the international community have come to signing a peace agreement.

That progress did not come without significant sacrifice of personal and professional time.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, I am unable to support the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

While I commend all those involved and recognize the importance of a comprehensive nuclear agreement with Iran, I do not believe that is what we are getting.