

great reverence, as it held personal significance and he felt it should be treated with respect and honor. The name Luqman was mentioned in the Quran as the wise man, and the name Hamza was that of the Prophet Mohammad's uncle.

In 1971, Hamza returned to Kansas City to raise his own family. His music career would continue to thrive as he became the featured performer at Kansas City's Playboy Club until it closed a few years later. Hamza continued to play around Kansas City at various clubs until he ventured to St. Louis in 1992, before returning to Kansas City just five years later.

In 2000, at the age of 69, Hamza released two nationally acclaimed recordings, *With this Voice and When a Smile Overtakes a Frown*, which received strong praise. Hamza was honored with the American Jazz Museum Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008 when they highlighted his work with the Five Aces, amongst other achievements.

In addition to a successful personal career, Hamza has also committed himself to mentoring and tutoring future musicians at his alma mater, Lincoln High School. He still performs regularly, oftentimes in a quartet that includes his lovely wife and songstress, Raynola. Hamza once commented, "I love music, and it doesn't matter to me about being no star. I'm blessed to be at my age and be able to sing, play and make people enjoy, that makes you rich."

Mr. Speaker, please join me and our colleagues in honoring and celebrating Mr. Luqman Hamza on his 84th Birthday for a lifetime of devotion to the melodies of jazz. His music, his voice, his teachings have served as inspiration to generations of artists and peaceful enjoyment for the thousands who have listened to him.

CONGRATULATING SUPERINTENDENT QUINTON LEE MARSHALL SR. ON HIS PASTORAL RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Supt. Quinton L. Marshall Sr. on his pastoral retirement after 25 years of service.

Supt. Marshall was born and raised in Flint, Michigan. In 1975, he graduated from Flint Southwestern High School. For decades after, he has been an authority for the improvement of those in his community. In 1990, he founded New Life Tabernacle Ministries. In 1997, Supt. Marshall married his lovely wife, Missionary Queen Esther Marshall.

In 2006, Supt. Marshall was elected president of Genesee County Church of God in Christ Alliance. Under his leadership, the GCCA continued to build upon the foundational principals of having a central hub to exchange information, enhance churches fellowship, and to address the social needs and issues concerning parishioners and the community within the Genesee County area.

Supt. Marshall had a vision to bring economic development to Flint and thus started the Genesee County Black Business Expo. It

originated as an annual Black History Month event to connect area entrepreneurs. This February, the fourth annual Genesee County Black Business Expo attracted an estimated 600 to 700 people and showcased 63 businesses.

Additionally, Supt. Marshall is a proud father, grandfather, an accomplished athlete and business man, author, singer and songwriter, organist, voice for the community in political circles and respected leader amongst his Clergy brethren.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Supt. Quinton L. Marshall Sr. and extend my deepest appreciation to him for his years of service to the community.

NUCLEAR DEAL WITH IRAN

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr Speaker, I rise today, on the fourteenth anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks, and the third anniversary of the Benghazi attacks to join the bipartisan opposition to the president's unverifiable, unenforceable, and unconscionable Iran deal.

This deal will lift sanctions that will unleash billions to Iran and reward those who chant "Death to America"—those who are the world's leading state sponsor of terror.

In March, I signed a bipartisan letter with 367 of my colleagues saying, "A final . . . agreement must constrain [Iran] . . . so that [it] has no pathway to a bomb

On this floor, Republicans and Democrats alike have explained how this deal will lead to a nuclear Iran in a dozen to 15 years or earlier.

Will a nuclear Iran make the world a safer place? When I spent a week in Israel in August, the answer I heard from civilian and military leaders across the political spectrum was resoundingly "NO" to this deal.

Iran's neighbors are among those most opposed.

The senior Democratic Senator on the Foreign Relations Committee has said, "If Iran is to acquire a nuclear bomb, it will not have my name on it."

I urge my colleagues to add their names to the bipartisan opposition to this dangerous deal with Iran.

TRIBUTE TO TILLIE HEIM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Tillie Heim from the Tri-Center Varsity Cheer team, as she has been honored with the status of All-American at the Tri-Center cheer camp.

To achieve this status, Tillie had to try out in front of the entire camp, demonstrating her knowledge and skill in all areas of cheer. Tillie has dedicated her time and talents to achieving a single goal and I commend her for her hard work and determination.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Tillie demonstrates the rewards of dedication and hard work. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Tillie on a job well done, and wish her nothing but continued success.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CONGRESS LEADS BY EXAMPLE ACT OF 2015

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Congress Leads by Example Act of 2015, to subject Congress and the rest of the legislative branch to the federal whistleblower and antidiscrimination laws that now protect employees in the private sector and the executive branch. Congress should abide by the laws it imposes on the American people, American businesses, and others. Congress made that promise when it passed the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA).

The CAA was an important first step in making the legislative branch accountable for its employment practices, but it did not finish the job. The CAA did bring the legislative branch under 13 major civil rights, labor and workplace safety and health laws, but it exempted the legislative branch from important notice and training provisions, and altogether omitted important substantive and administrative protections.

The Congress Leads by Example Act of 2015 is a necessary follow-up bill to our 2010 investigation concerning staff complaints of conditions at the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC) and to the ongoing recommendations from the Office of Compliance (OOC), which found a gap in OOC's authority to enforce the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA) provisions against the legislative branch. In the 111th Congress, as chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, I held a hearing examining claims by OOC, which was created by the CAA, of an estimated 6,300 safety hazards in the U.S. Capitol complex, as well as complaints by CVC tour guides that they were compelled to work in uniforms that were inappropriate for outdoor work in the summer and winter, and that there were limits placed on their water consumption. Our hearing demonstrated that many of the serious safety hazards in the Capitol complex had been resolved, and the Architect of the Capitol testified and offered evidence that it was continuing to correct the outstanding hazards with due speed. Eventually, the formation of a union with AFSCME Local 658 by CVC tour guides, aided by our hearings, helped speed up specific improvements in uniform and water consumption practices and policies.

However, in its annual report for fiscal year 2014, OOC identified additional provisions of federal workplace laws and standards that should be applicable to the legislative branch. OOC's recommendations include laws that grant the OOC General Counsel subpoena

power, provide whistleblowers with protection from retaliation, and require the maintenance of employment records. The OOC report presents the successes and shortcomings of the CAA by tracking the trends in legislative branch employee complaints and workplace safety hazards in fiscal year 2014. This bill takes into account the OOC report, and seeks to both apply the standard of fairness to employees in the legislative branch that Congress requires for other employees and to provide a safer work environment for Congress, Capitol Hill employees, and visitors by bringing the legislative branch in line with the legal requirements of private sector employers and the executive branch.

Legislative branch employees have no way to report misuse of federal funds and other violations without fear of retaliation. This bill provides general whistleblower protections, and makes applicable additional OSHA provisions to the legislative branch, including providing subpoena authority to OOC to conduct inspections and investigations into OSHA violations, and requiring the posting of notices in workplaces detailing employee rights to a safe workplace under OSHA.

This bill also furthers the CAA's mission to prevent discrimination in legislative branch offices by prohibiting the legislative branch from making adverse employment decisions on the basis of an employee's wage garnishment or involvement in bankruptcy proceedings pursuant to the Consumer Credit Protection Act (CCPA) and Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code. This bill requires legislative branch employers to provide their employees with notice of their rights and remedies under the CAA anti-discrimination provisions through the placement of signage in offices highlighting relevant anti-discrimination laws, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. This bill also requires legislative branch offices to provide training to employees about their CAA rights and remedies. Adding the CCPA and bankruptcy provisions will deter economic discrimination, while the notice and training provisions will empower legislative branch employees with full knowledge of their rights.

Finally, this bill bolsters the CAA's record-keeping requirements. It extends to the legislative branch the obligation to maintain accurate records of safety information and employee injuries, as otherwise required by OSHA, as well as employee records necessary to administer anti-discrimination laws. The enhanced recordkeeping requirements will facilitate better enforcement of laws.

By passing this bill, Congress will help restore the trust of the public in this institution by redoubling our efforts to exercise leadership by example. I urge bipartisan support for this important measure.

CONGRATULATING THE NEW JERUSALEM GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE INSPIRATIONAL VOICES OF NEW JERUSALEM ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing The New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church and the Inspirational Voices of New Jerusalem on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

New Jerusalem is renowned in the City of Flint for its history of perseverance in the face of tragedy and its contributions to the Flint community throughout the last 50 years.

On October 15, 1965, a council of men and women met at the home of Rev. L.W. Owens to organize a new Baptist Church in the city of Flint. Seven days later, they began their mission at 1033 E. York Street, where people from all walks, talents and gifts began to join the congregation.

In December 1967, seeing the need for future expansion, the membership relocated to 1024 Holtslander Avenue with a membership of 350. Throughout the following thirteen years, the church opened three additional buildings to welcome hundreds more members to service throughout the week.

In July 1991, with membership flourishing over two thousand, New Jerusalem's edifice was destroyed by a fire. Over \$650,000 in damages was done, but the congregation was not deterred. By the following Sunday, services were relocated to C.A.R.E. Inc. while the church was rebuilt.

The membership decided to take this tragedy and create an opportunity to benefit their community. They constructed a new educational center/fellowship hall and founded "Operation Blessing" to provide clothing and food for the needy on the site of the burned-out facility.

For five decades as of October, New Jerusalem has worked tirelessly to help those in the community most in need. Residents in the area have come to rely on the church for their contributions to the Soup Kitchen, scholarship funds, and other service projects.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the tenacity of The New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church and the Inspirational Voices of New Jerusalem and thank them for the service they have provided to the City of Flint and surrounding communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. TAL ESLICK

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Tal Jimy Eslick for his service to my office and the 21st Congressional District of California over the past three years.

Mr. Eslick was born in Spokane, Washington to parents Tal and Candice Eslick. After

moving to Clovis, California as a child and attending Buchanan High School, Mr. Eslick went on to receive his Bachelor of Arts from California State University, Fresno in 2006. While attending Fresno State, he developed an interest in politics and began volunteering on local campaigns. He also spent a summer in Washington, D.C. as a Congressional intern. After earning his Bachelor's Degree, Mr. Eslick began working for Congressman DEVIN NUNES as a Field Representative and, later, as District Director.

In April of 2012, Mr. Eslick adopted a six-year old cat named Mason. On May 25, 2013, Mr. Eslick married Rachel Azevedo. They currently reside in Clovis, California.

Mr. Eslick has been a member of my team since 2010, first as my Chief of Staff in the California State Assembly and now as my Chief of Staff in the United States House of Representatives. He brought a wealth of legislative experience and professionalism to my team and has been a very dependable and resourceful advisor and friend. Throughout his career, Mr. Eslick has been an invaluable asset to Team Valadao and the people of the Central Valley.

In February 2015, Mr. Eslick returned to Fresno State in pursuit of a Master's in Business Administration for Executives.

On September 27, 2015, Mr. Eslick's time in my office will come to an end. Mr. Eslick will be moving on to a new chapter of his life. While I know he is very excited about this opportunity, he will be greatly missed as a member of my team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Tal Eslick for his public service to the people of the Central Valley and wishing him well in this next chapter of his life.

TRIBUTE TO RILEY LONSDALE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Riley Lonsdale of Greenfield for receiving a state 4-H communication project award. Riley is the daughter of Martin and Maureen Lonsdale.

A state 4-H project award is the highest achievement one can receive in the 4-H project work category. Project awards are given to youth who demonstrate leadership, communication, and volunteerism in certain project areas. A total of 152 youth from 55 counties competed for these project awards on the state level. Achieving this honor is a true testament to Riley's perseverance and dedication to serve others, and I commend her for her hard work.

Mr. Speaker, Riley's actions embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Riley on her achievement and I wish her and her family nothing but continued success.