

for other people, according to family members. He was going to take his brown-belt test in karate next week.

“I don’t know how we’re going to move forward with our lives without Quinn. Our lives have been shattered beyond repair,” the family statement said.

“I can’t actually believe you are gone,” wrote Cooper’s friend Andrew Phillips on Facebook. “You always made me laugh and we always finished each other’s sentences.”

Former classmate Luke Counsell wrote on Facebook about a time that Cooper was the only one to follow him to the changing room to comfort him when he broke down while rehearsing for a play.

“He wasn’t just a ‘friend,’ he was a brother,” Counsell wrote.

REBECKA ANN CARNES, 18, MYRTLE CREEK

Rebecka Carnes had just started both a new job and her college career, according to her cousin Lisa Crawford. She was studying for a job in a health care field.

“She had people in her life that loved her fiercely and are devastated,” Crawford wrote on Facebook.

Carnes was a relative of U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley—his cousin’s great-granddaughter.

Merkley called Carnes a “beautiful spirit,” according to The Oregonian.

She graduated South Umpqua High School in June. She played softball.

Kristy Westbrooks, an English teacher said, “Going to UCC was always her plan. A she worked really hard to earn scholarships last year.”

“Everybody said she was a sweet person and very well thought of,” said Jim Howard, superintendent of the South Umpqua School District.

LUCERO ALCARAZ, 19, ROSEBURG

Lucero Alcaraz was in the UCC Scholars program and studying to become a pediatric nurse. Friends called her beautiful and kind-hearted.

Friend Brittany Eggers said Alcaraz was a talented artist and a great person.

“She was probably the sweetest person I know, probably the most genuine too,” Eggers said. “She never once said anything bad about anybody.”

Eggers said she is confused and angry about what happened to her friend.

“I just don’t understand,” she said.

Alcaraz’s sister Maria Alcaraz, heartbroken, wrote on Facebook that she never got the chance to tell her how proud she was of her accomplishments.

“You were going to do great things love,” she wrote.

JASON JOHNSON, 33, WINSTON

Jason Johnson spent the last few months of his life fighting.

A part of The Salvation Army’s rehabilitation program to battle addiction, Johnson went from being beat up and physically ill to being a role model, said close friend Chuck Bellinger, who described their friendship as a brotherhood.

“He was always right there,” said Bellinger who was in the program along with Johnson. “His room was right next to mine and every night I’d go to bed and before that boy would get into his bed, he’d come pop my door open and tell me good night and that he loved me.

“We have to carry the torch. His torch is a bright one and probably very difficult to go on with,” he said.

But Bellinger said that Johnson’s death was not in vain.

“Our brother was following his dream and sobered up and was becoming a productive member of society,” he said. “He died a sober and upright man—a dude that was loving his family and an example for everyone.”

He was attending UCC and his family said Johnson had found the right path and they were proud of him for enrolling in school.

SARENA DAWN MOORE, 44, MYRTLE CREEK

Sarena Moore was a Seventh-Day Adventist who loved animals, according to Oregon Public Broadcasting.

According to the online Adventist magazine Spectrum, Moore was a firm believer of prayer, a single mother with few possessions but a big heart. She attended Reno High School and had recently moved to Myrtle Creek from Grants Pass to attend UCC.

Her pictures on Facebook are of dogs and horses, suggesting she was an animal lover.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House’s attention today to recognize the 125th anniversary of the founding of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, in Aniston, Alabama.

The church was founded in March 1890 by four local reverends, when it was then known as the Galilee Baptist Church. During the first 10 years of the church’s existence, the congregation held services under a tent in what is now a local park in Lincoln, Alabama.

In 1900, the church moved into their first building. Sadly, this burned down in April of 1905. The congregation again met under a tent for services, doing so until 1910 when they built their own church, a wooden structure. With a significantly expanding membership, Reverend W.L. Maddox ordered the construction of a red brick building on the site in 1921, which still stands today.

The church has had four pastors since then, and seen significant expansions, such as the construction of a family life center. The current pastor, Reverend Carlton L. Phillips, has served since 2010.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the congregation of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on their 125th Anniversary.

TAIWAN’S DOUBLE TEN DAY

HON. CHARLES J. “CHUCK”

FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, as the people of Taiwan celebrate their national holiday, Double Ten Day, on October 10th, I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes to them.

The United States and Taiwan enjoy a long-standing relationship that stems from our shared values: democracy, the rule of law, and free enterprise. Taiwan is a strong national security and economic partner. The island is now our 10th-largest trading partner. Also, Taiwan is the 5th largest export market for Asia in my home state of Tennessee.

In recent decades, Taiwan has created a democracy which conducts direct presidential

elections every four years and has witnessed the peaceful passage of power from one political party to another on two occasions. This serves as a powerful example to other nations in the region and beyond who aspire to democracy. Taiwan is a regional and global economic force, and they make global contributions culturally in many diverse fields. Through our shared security partnership, the island also contributes to the security of the Asia-Pacific and is a humanitarian force around the globe.

I would like to congratulate Taiwan on the occasion of Double Ten Day, and I look forward to many more years of friendship between our two countries.

IN HONOR OF THE HERITAGE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH ON THEIR 37TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Heritage Fellowship Church of Reston, Virginia. Heritage Fellowship Church, initially named Christian Community Fellowship, began in 1978 as the town of Reston’s first African-American church. In the church’s early stages, it moved around, having its services in different high schools. Howard University’s School of Divinity and the Washington DC Community of Faith provided pastors to lead the church and the church’s first pastoral advisor was Dr. Harold Hunt of Howard Divinity School, who served from May of 1978 to January of 1979. Dr. Earnest W. Armstrong, Sr. was next to give pastoral leadership to Heritage Fellowship Church, serving from January of 1979 to March of that same year. Over the years, Heritage Fellowship Church has had many distinguished advisors from the religious community, attesting to its deep community ties. In 1995, on the first Sunday in November, Reverend Dr. Norman A. Tate began his 20 year tenure at Heritage Fellowship Church as an Interim Pastor. Three dedicated years later he rose to the office of Senior Pastor. In June of 2012, a 73,000 square foot building was finished, the result of a year-long capital campaign. This building houses a youth center, staff offices and many other rooms that benefit the entire community. This year, on Saturday, October 10th, they will celebrate two significant events. The first is the 37th anniversary of Heritage Fellowship Church and the second is the 20th anniversary of Reverend Dr. Tate’s leadership at Heritage Fellowship Church. Heritage Fellowship Church and Reverend Dr. Tate have both made a great impact on our community, and for that, we are all grateful.

104TH NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as the 104th National Day of the

Republic of China approaches on October 10th, I rise today to commemorate that historic event and to congratulate the people of Taiwan. October 10th, 1911 marked the beginning of the Wuchan Uprising, which led to the establishment of the Republic of China in 1912. Today, Taiwan is one of the world's most developed economies, a consolidated representative democracy, and a great friend of the United States of America.

Taiwan is there to lend a helping hand wherever and whenever there is a natural disaster or other humanitarian tragedy. When the World Health Organization declared the Ebola outbreak an international public health emergency, Taiwan stepped up preparatory measures to protect its citizens while collaborating with the international community to mount an effective response. Taiwan's Center for Dis-

ease Control set up an emergency response team and organized expert consultation meetings for more than 100,000 public health professionals.

Additionally, under the leadership of President Ma Ying-jeou, Taiwan made a significant donation to the CDC Foundation's Global Disaster Response Fund, pledged all necessary measures to prevent the spread of Ebola in Taiwan, and agreed to donate 100,000 sets of protective equipment for the Ebola workers in West Africa. Taiwan seeks to become a member of important international organizations such as the World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL). Given Taiwan's proven success in international healthcare and peaceful operations, we should do all we can to support

Taiwan's participation in those key international organizations.

Taiwan is also a responsible member of the international community and constantly works for the peaceful resolution of disputes. Taiwan has achieved a remarkable reduction of cross-strait tensions, and I believe that Taiwan deserves to be a member of international organizations so that it can more effectively work for peace, harmony, and civilized conduct by all nations throughout the world.

It was my privilege to visit Taiwan in July of this year. I personally witnessed Taiwan's vibrant democracy, advanced development and women's right promotion. I encourage my colleagues to visit Taiwan, support of our friends there, and support their bids for entrée into international organizations.