

and Joyce Kruse of Shenandoah, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Merrill and Joyce were married in 1965.

Merrill and Joyce's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. I congratulate this devoted couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them and their family nothing but the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF FLAT ROCK

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Flat Rock, Michigan on its 50th anniversary of incorporation. The City of Flat Rock embodies so much of what makes Michigan and the 12th Congressional District great; it is a privilege to represent the city and its people.

Flat Rock began as a Wyandot Native American settlement, and later was designated as a reservation for the Wyandot, functioning in that way until 1830. In 1818, Solomon Sibley purchased 330 acres of land in the area, and in 1824 the Vreeland family purchased nearly 800 acres, including the 330 acres belonging to Mr. Sibley. The land was plotted as the villages of Vreelandt and Smooth Rock. In 1838, the village of Flat Rock was platted and recorded by the Gibraltar and Flat Rock Land Company, who purchased a large portion of the land. At that time, the company was attempting to build a canal to connect Lake Erie with Lake Michigan. While that effort did not succeed, it was a larger indication of the fact that many people from the east coast, and especially New York state, were traveling to the fertile farmlands in what is now Southeast Michigan. The area was officially incorporated as a village in 1923 and later as a city in 1965, the occasion which we celebrate today.

In the 20th century, the village and city of Flat Rock has enjoyed tremendous growth through thoughtful and capable leadership, including the work of the current Mayor, City Council, and staff. The City's booming growth in the past ten years has significantly increased property values and population, a trend that is expected to continue for the foreseeable future. Henry Ford recognized the special nature of Flat Rock and established the Ford Motor Company Lamp Factory on the banks of the Huron River in 1925. This relationship with Ford Motor Company has been a successful one, and today, Flat Rock is the proud home of the Flat Rock Assembly Plant which produces the iconic Ford Mustang and the Ford Fusion. The City of Flat Rock has captured the best aspects of industry and production, while at the same time, maintaining a unique identity with a small town feel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the 50th anniversary of the City of Flat Rock and to wish the city many more years of success.

HONORING JIM PALMER

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate baseball Hall of Famer Jim Palmer, who turns 70 years old on October 15, 2015.

Jim was one of the greatest pitchers while playing with the Baltimore Orioles. Jim joined the team in 1963 after graduating from Scottsdale High School, made his major league debut in 1965, and continued to play for the Orioles until his retirement in 1984. He won the American League Cy Young award three times, the Gold Glove Awards four times, was named to the American League All-Star Team six times, and was a key part of three World Series winning teams. Jim was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1990 in his first year of eligibility, and his number, 22, was retired by the Orioles following his retirement.

Jim is truly an exceptional man, not only on the field but off the field. Over the years, he has devoted his time to numerous charities including the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Baseball Assistance Team. He has two daughters, Jamie and Kelly.

I join with his friends and family in celebrating this wonderful milestone. I wish him good health and continued success in the coming years.

REGARDING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the International Day of the Girl and to advocate for robust funding for programs that benefit the education of refugee children in general and refugee girls in particular.

Today, there are more forcibly displaced people roaming the earth than at any other time since World War II. 60 million men, women and children currently qualify as refugees. One in every two is under the age of 18 and about 50% of them are girls. While the U.S. is a generous supporter of global aid programs, less than 10% of that aid goes to education and less than 2% goes to educate children trapped in emergencies.

Many refugee children have no schools nearby to attend and in those cases where education is an option, refugee children face significant challenges such as overcrowding, language barriers and the lack of learning materials. As a consequence, many refugee children around the world do not receive the quality education they need to survive as adults. Access to education is especially vital for young girls who are six times more likely to marry as children if access to secondary education is unavailable to them. Those who fall between the cracks often become victims of human trafficking and child labor.

The average refugee is displaced from their home for 17 years. Without an adequate edu-

cation, refugee children can become economically handicapped for life. They grow up without the skills to earn a living or support a family. According to the Girl Up organization, every additional year of secondary education completed by refugees results in a 10% increase in earnings. Every bit of the support we provide can help break the cycle of poverty that threatens the majority of refugees.

That is why I rise on this International Day of the Girl to commend groups like Girl Up and organizations like UNICEF and UNHCR for all they do to support refugees and especially for their support of childhood education.

CONGRATULATING VOORHEES HIGH SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Voorhees High School of Hunterdon County, New Jersey for being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools award honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' levels of achievement. Voorhees was cited as an "Exemplary High Performing" school, as measured by state assessments and national tests. This recognition is a testament to the outstanding work and dedication of the faculty and staff, as well as the efforts and successes of the students in creating a safe and welcoming school where students master challenging content.

The curriculum at Voorhees High School has prepared students to attend some of the finest universities in the Nation and the extracurricular activities, electives, leadership training and guest speakers offer students a wide array of academic experiences. Voorhees High School's athletic program continues to grow as well, both in scope and success.

This is a prestigious award to receive and Voorhees High School is a proud example of academic excellence and worthy of this national distinction.

TRIBUTE TO ROGER AND BETTY KUBIK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Roger and Betty Kubik of Avoca, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Roger and Betty were married at the First Lutheran Church in Avoca on August 22, 1965.

Roger and Betty's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Kerri and Angela, and their grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. I commend this devoted couple

on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them nothing but the best moving forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF PROFESSOR
DELORES STEPHENS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to extend my personal congratulations to my former college professor, Dr. Delores Stephens of Morehouse College, upon her receipt of the Vulcan Materials Company's Teaching Excellence Award for the 2015–2016 academic year. Professor Stephens has served Morehouse College faithfully as a Professor of English since 1964.

Presaging her future success in academia, Professor Stephens graduated as valedictorian from Spelman College, where she earned a B.A. in English. She went on to earn an M.A. in English and American Literature from Atlanta University, and a Ph.D. in English at the prestigious Emory University. In fact, her academic accomplishments are not limited to the United States. She has also received a certificate of completion from the University of London and a Testamur from the University of Exeter. Prior to teaching at Morehouse, she was a member of the faculty at the Atlanta School of Business, as well as Norfolk State University and Dillard University.

Professor Stephens arrived at Morehouse College in 1964, and has since played an integral role throughout the campus. She served as chair of the English department for seven years, and was elected to the Executive Committee of the Association of Departments of English. Professor Stephens also served as an associate editor of the *Journal of Negro History* for many years.

Professor Stephens' dedication to students extends beyond the classroom. She is a charter member of Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society, organized at Morehouse in 1976. She has been recognized by the national office as the Upsilon Nu Chapter's sponsor for twenty years. In addition, Professor Stephens has served as a reader for the Educational Testing Services (ETS) for AP examinations and for testing and validation of the SAT Writing Examination. Her advice and tutelage is highly sought after, and she assists by mentoring numerous current and former students.

On a personal note, I was fortunate enough to be a student of Professor Stephens' and also to serve as a student assistant in her office during my freshman and sophomore years at Morehouse. I greatly benefited from her wise counsel and sage advice, which I carried with me through law school and my career, as well as throughout my time in the state legislature and now, in the United States Congress.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating and honoring an outstanding educator and dear mentor, Professor Delores Stephens. I firmly believe that Professor Stephens helped lead me on the path that has brought me to where I am today, and

she has charitably provided the same level of astute guidance to many who have come before and after me. We should all aspire to build such a prolific and inspirational legacy as Professor Delores Stephens.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CABLE
INDUSTRY'S COMMITMENT TO
DIVERSITY

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the cable industry's decades-long commitment to enhancing diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

Last week, cable operators, program networks, and business career development experts gathered in New York City for "Diversity Week" to discuss ways to increase the representation of women, people of color, and other underrepresented groups at all levels of their organizations. At this annual meeting, leaders in the industry measure the industry's progress, share effective diversity strategies and best practices, honor the industry's diversity heroes, and raise substantial financial support for industry diversity initiatives like the National Association for Multi-Ethnicity in Communications and Women in Cable Telecommunications.

A recent industry workforce diversity survey revealed that 39 percent of full-time cable employees are people of color, which is higher than the national average. The same survey found that thirty two percent of women are industry executives compared to just 20 percent in other industries. These promising results, among other encouraging metrics, demonstrate the cable industry's commitment to greater diversity.

The cable industry fully understands that diversity spurs innovation. It is committed to promoting an inclusive culture that will lend itself to fully engaged and more productive workplaces across the country. Indeed, infusing diversity and inclusion into various layers of the industry will best reflect the customers and communities it serves.

Mr. Speaker, the steps taken by this industry to promote and boost the contributions of women and multi-ethnic professionals are earnest and effective. These efforts not only outline a moral infrastructure for the manner in which companies should conduct business, but reaffirm the industry's commitment to producing meaningful and lasting change in employment diversity.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF LANA AND HENRY POLLACK

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Lana and Henry Pollack for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Michigan League of Conservation Voters. The Pollacks both have long, distinguished careers in public service and environmental advocacy.

If you live in Michigan and care about conservation or environmental protection you have likely crossed paths with the Pollacks because they are both tireless workers and experts in the field. Michigan and the nation owe both Lana and Henry a tremendous debt of gratitude for all of their efforts and accomplishments over the years.

A founding member of the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, Lana Pollack has a distinguished record of public service and is one of the most consistent and powerful environmental advocates in the country. First elected to the Michigan State Senate in 1983 where she served for 11 years, Lana quickly made her mark on environmental policy in the state by authoring the landmark "Polluter Pays" statute that required polluters to pay the cleanup costs of their contamination. This ultimately saved Michigan taxpayers over \$100 million while improving our environment at the same time. Her legacy as an environmental champion continued as president of the Michigan Environmental Council where she served from 1996–2008. In 2010, President Obama appointed her as the U.S. Chair of the International Joint Commission, where she continues to work to protect the Great Lakes in partnership with Canadian officials.

Henry Pollack is one of our nation's pre-eminent experts on climate change, a field that he has studied for a majority of his life. He is currently a professor of geophysics at the University of Michigan where he has served for over 40 years. Henry's contributions to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) were numerous and he was one of the scientific leaders of the group. The capstone of his career was when the IPCC was awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize along with Vice President Al Gore for their incredible work. Henry's work on climate change research and policy continues as an adviser to Vice President Gore's Climate Project.

What stands out the most to me about Lana and Henry is their unique appreciation of the urgent need to protect our natural resources that is paired with unmatched expertise in the field. This rare combination of talent has made Michigan a better place to live, work and raise a family. There is no couple more deserving of this tremendous honor than Lana and Henry Pollack. You continue to inspire all of us with your unparalleled work, and we know there are still more chapters to be written in your already incredible story. Congratulations once again for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Michigan League of Conservation Voters—a fitting tribute to a lifetime of service.

HONORING TAIWAN
INDEPENDENCE

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday the people of Taiwan will celebrate the National Day of the Republic of China.

For millions of Taiwanese and Taiwanese-Americans, Double Ten Day recognizes the start of the Wuchang Uprising of October 10, 1911 which ultimately led to the establishment of the Republic of China in 1912. Throughout