

foster networking, cooperation, and trust between Indiana and Chinese businesses. Albert also started the Asian American Alliance, which aims to inspire Asian Americans to mobilize and be leaders in the community, and provided funding for the Asian Learning Center of Indiana, which aims to educate, connect, and engage Hoosiers about the history, cultures, and emerging business opportunities of Asia through public, private, community and business partnership in Indiana.

Albert is a champion in fostering economic growth and enhancing relationships between Indiana and Chinese businesses. Although Albert is retiring, his commitment to Telamon Corporation and the Hoosier community will live on through his continued mentorship. Albert is proud that his legacy will live on through his children Stanley and Stephanie. Stanley will be taking over as Chief Executive Officer and Stephanie as Chief Operating Officer. He is an inspiration, both as a businessman and a community leader, and for that we extend a huge thank you. On behalf of all Hoosiers, I'd like to congratulate Albert on his success and wish him and Margaret the best as he enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

TRIBUTE TO BERNIE AND CONNIE
PETTINGER

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 Bernie and Connie Pettinger of Anita, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Bernie and Connie married in 1965.

Bernie and Connie's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Paul, Dave, Mark, Kathy, Kim and Amy, their grandchildren, and great-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 and their family nothing but the best moving forward.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY
OF EMILY LUCILLE JONES

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the birthday of a hardworking and enduring woman, my aunt, Emily Lucille Jones. Emily was born on October 16, 1925 in Cooper, Texas, to Alfred and Cordie Jones.

Emily was born the third of eight children, all whom were active at a young age in day to day operations of the family farm. This taught Emily the importance of hard work and earning a living early on. After graduating from Gober High School in 1943 she moved to

Bonham, Texas, to work for the county clerk's office. While there, she started attending the First Baptist Church. Becoming involved in the church led her to meet Dan Carver, the man she would eventually marry in 1947 and with whom she would move to Lubbock, Texas.

As Dan attended Texas Tech University, Emily was employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone. After Dan earned his degree they had three beautiful children, Jeffrey, Judy, and Mary. In 1967 Emily received her Associates degree in elementary education from Trinidad Jr. State College and went on to earn her Bachelor of Science in elementary education in 1972 from Texas Tech University. Working with children was always a great passion of hers and she has always been a strong role model.

Emily was always an active teacher in various church organizations including Sunday school, Girls Auxiliary, and Bible School, to name a few. She worked as a teacher as well as managed finances for various companies. Even in her retirement Emily remains active in several senior groups within the church. Travel was her leisurely passion, as Emily has travelled extensively throughout Europe and the United States. She is an avid quilter and enjoys crossword puzzles, cooking, working in her yard, and spending quality family time with her only grandson, Andrew.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to celebrate the birthday of such a fulfilled and jubilant person, my aunt, Emily Lucille Jones. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating her ninety years.

RECOGNIZING THE MINDEN-SOUTH
WEBSTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FOR 2015 LOUISIANA
SMALL CHAMBER AWARD

HON. JOHN FLEMING

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to recognize the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce for being presented the 2015 Louisiana Small Chamber of the Year Award. Since its inception in 1942, the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce has worked towards the economic development of its members and the establishment of strong business relationships within the community. They are also actively engaged in strengthening and recognizing the contributions of all South Webster Parish residents. Recently the Chamber of Commerce hosted an inaugural First Responders Lunch, where they honored the self-sacrifice and dedication of all emergency first responders in the community. Through projects such as the Webster Education Endowment Fund, the Webster Youth Leadership Program, and 15 Under 40 Awards, students are poised for success and Webster schools are widely recognized as among the best in Louisiana. Furthermore the Chamber has achieved a rare combination of preserving the beautiful history of the community while incentivizing new urban development. They have the security interests of the entire nation at heart, as they coordinate closely with the National Guard in the

economic development surrounding Camp Minden. All members of the chamber should feel confident that because of their dedication to initiative, our community will continue to prosper. I applaud the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce for receiving this award, and I thank them for the exceptional work they provide in support of their community.

CONGRATULATING THE JEFFREY
MODELL FOUNDATION ON THEIR
NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH CHILDREN'S
NATIONAL HOSPITAL IN
WASHINGTON, DC

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with my heartfelt congratulations that I rise today to recognize the Jeffrey Modell Foundation on the dedication of its newest Diagnostic and Research Center here in Washington, DC. Home to diagnostic and clinical care as well as an additional research facility, this new center will undoubtedly be a beacon of hope for families with children suffering from Primary Immunodeficiency both here in the metro-Washington area and across the country.

In 1986, Vicki and Fred Modell lost their only son, Jeffrey, to Primary Immunodeficiency, a genetic disorder that leaves the body unable to fight off infections. Not long after their son passed away, the Modell's created the Jeffrey Modell Foundation—not to commemorate Jeffrey's death, but rather to celebrate his life by giving life to others who suffer from the same illness.

Today, the Foundation is a global organization devoted to early and precise diagnosis, meaningful treatments, and research toward a cure. A thriving force in the field, it achieves its aims through basic and clinical research, physician education, patient support, advocacy, public awareness, and newborn screenings. The Jeffrey Modell Centers Network now includes 600 expert physicians and 250 research, diagnostic, and referral centers. It has a presence in 206 cities, in 80 countries, on six continents.

On Tuesday, September 29th, Vicki and Fred came to Washington, DC to celebrate the dedication of the newest Jeffrey Modell Diagnostic and Research Center for Primary Immunodeficiency at Children's National Medical Center. This world-class facility will help sick children and their parents deal with the trauma of serious illness. Under the leadership of Dr. Michael Keller, this new Center will be a national center of excellence in patient diagnosis, clinical care, and research.

This great step forward for children suffering from serious illness throughout the Washington region came about because of the dedication, commitment and support shown by Vicki and Fred Modell and the Jeffrey Modell Foundation. I could not be more proud to congratulate and thank both the Jeffrey Modell Foundation and Children's National Hospital for all that they do to save so many precious lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. ANTHONY D. BRUNO, RECIPIENT OF 2015 ITALIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION'S PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anthony D. Bruno II, M.D., who will be awarded the Italian-American Association's Person of the Year Award on Sunday, October 11, 2015. Anthony is a native of Pittston and is the son of Dr. Anthony Bruno and Pauline Bruno.

Anthony attended Wyoming Area High School and graduated from the University of Scranton with a bachelor's degree in biology, magna cum laude. Following college, Anthony earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska. During his time there, he received the Most Outstanding Student in Surgery Award. Following medical school, Anthony trained in general surgery at Westchester Medical Center in New York and at Creighton University Medical Center. Anthony completed an additional three years of training in plastic and reconstructive surgery at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. Today, Anthony is certified by both the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Plastic Surgery and is a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

In 2007, Anthony returned to the Wyoming Valley to raise a family and serve the community of Northeast Pennsylvania. He started the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Department at Geisinger Wyoming Medical Center. He was recognized for his leadership and professionalism by the Times Leader and was awarded the paper's 40 Under 40 Award.

It is an honor to recognize Anthony for all of his accomplishments, and I extend my congratulations on his award. I wish him the best in all future endeavors and thank him for the contributions he has made serving his fellow Pennsylvanians.

NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the National Day of the Republic of China, commonly known as Double Ten Day, on October 10.

The United States and Taiwan maintain strong economic and cultural ties as evidenced by the fact that Taiwan is now our 10th largest trading partner.

In Connecticut, we are particularly close with the people of Taiwan. Connecticut is the proud home to thousands of people born in Taiwan and countless children and grandchildren of immigrants from Taiwan.

I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes to the people of Taiwan and all Connecticut residents of Taiwanese descent. Happy Double Ten Day.

IN RECOGNITION OF MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

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 and pleasure to extend my sincerest congratulations to the congregation of my church home, Mount Zion Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia, as we celebrate a remarkable 150 years. A celebration in honor of this very significant anniversary will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2015 at the church. This celebration will also serve as an opportunity to honor Pastor Daniel Simmons for his 24 years of faithful leadership to the church.

Tracing its roots back to the Civil War era, the church was founded in 1865, the same year that the Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery was passed by Congress and ratified by the States. In the beginning years, the members of the church met at Jerry Walter's Blacksmith Shop at the corner of Highland Avenue and Jackson Street. The church had purchased land and was constructing a new building at Washington Street and Highland Avenue but the structure was destroyed by a storm before it was completed.

The church next purchased land at Whitney Avenue and Jefferson Street. A Yankee colonel donated a house that was brought to Albany from nearby Leesburg. The house served as the first church structure at that site until years later when it was torn down and a church of brick was built. This brick structure is known as the Old Mount Zion building.

Mr. Speaker, this ardent community of believers, whose ancestors had finally been freed from the bonds of slavery, were subjected to continuous oppression and injustice, ultimately resulting in the Civil Rights Movement. They attempted to register to vote, they rallied, they marched, and they were thrown in jail. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. came to Albany to mobilize the African-American community and was himself incarcerated. Yet, the spirit of the congregation of Mount Zion was not broken, and their faith in God grew stronger than ever before as they prevailed.

Many of the rallies during the Albany phase of the Civil Rights Movement were held at Mount Zion and to commemorate those struggles, the church donated the building to the Albany Civil Rights Museum which is currently housed there. In 1972, the church moved to a new location at 1905 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue.

In 1994, Mount Zion again faced adversity when floods inundated the church with eight feet of water. The congregation took the old adage, "come Hell or high water," to heart and continued to worship at the local Jewish Temple B'nai Israel until the church building was reconstructed a little over a year later.

In its 150 years, Mount Zion has seen only nine pastors but each has left a lasting mark on the church. The founding pastor, Rev. R.R. Watson faithfully served the church during its first 15 years of existence until he was called to his heavenly reward. In 1944, Rev. Dr. E. James Grant began leading the flock. During his 47 years of service, the church grew and flourished tremendously.

In 1991, Pastor Daniel Simmons took leadership of Mount Zion and this year, he celebrates 24 years of service to Mount Zion. A charismatic evangelical innovator, Pastor Simmons' spiritual zeal is both infectious and highly contagious. Under his leadership, Mount Zion expanded its ministry services, increased its membership tremendously to the point where a second worship service was added, and moved into its new state-of-the-art facility on 109 acres of land at 901 South Westover Boulevard in 2010.

With a congregation of over 3,000 members and 54 ministries, including both radio and television ministries, Mount Zion is truly "reaching the world for Christ through evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, and missions."

On a personal note, I am proud that Mount Zion is my church home and that I am an ordained Deacon and Trustee. My wife, Vivian, and I have been blessed by Pastor Simmons' wise counsel and sage advice. Over the 19 years I have been a member of the church, I have known some of the most kind, loving, and generous Christians who truly have a heart for Jesus. To God be the glory, for He is doing amazing things through Mount Zion.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me and my wife, Vivian, in honoring and commending Mount Zion Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia for its enduring commitment, despite adversity, to each other and to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May Mount Zion continue to inspire the community in courage, in dedication, and in faith for many more years to come.

HONORING DR. CHARLES V. SHANK

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Dr. Charles V. Shank. Known by many for his seminal development of ultrafast lasers and his visionary leadership as Director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory from 1989 through 2004, Dr. Shank made the Advanced Light Source a world-leading center for soft X-ray science. As a recipient of the U.S. Department of Energy's Enrico Fermi Award on October 20, 2015—presented to outstanding scientists for distinguished achievement—we honor Dr. Shank's life work and lasting legacy.

Graduating summa cum laude in 1965 from UC Berkeley, Dr. Shank went on to receive an M.S. and PhD in Electrical Engineering. These early academic achievements were the catalyst for a distinguished twenty year career at AT&T Bell Laboratories, where Dr. Shank made his mark as a pioneer in femtosecond laser spectroscopy and the study of ultrafast events.

In 1989, following his meteoric rise at AT&T, Dr. Shank was appointed Director of Berkeley Lab. Here, Dr. Shank would more than double the annual budget and grow the Lab's workforce to nearly 4,000 personnel. Under his watch the stage was set to attract the National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (NERSC) and the creation of the Joint Genome Institute (JGI) to settle at Berkeley. Not long after, he championed the Supernova Cosmology Project, which led to the Nobel