

are practiced on school patrons. The clinical area is equipped with at least 10 modern built-in stations, 10 mirrors, 10 hydraulic chairs, 3 sinks, 3 dryer chairs, a dispensing area, and a reception area. This salon environment prepares students for professional operation in the career field.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Upper Kutz Barber & Style College for its dedication to serving and giving back to the community.

#### CAMP LOGAN, TEXAS: 1917

#### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2015*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Memorial Park is to Houston what Central Park is to New York City. It is our haven in the woods in the heart of Houston, Texas. Many joggers, runners and walkers hit the park's trail daily to make the three mile loop. I know this park well. In my past life as a criminal court judge, I took to the gravel trail for my daily run, as later did my kids. But what people may not know is the rich history that lies beneath their feet. Much of Memorial Park is located on the grounds of a historical WWI military facility—Camp Logan.

Camp Logan was an emergency training center that was established when the U.S. entered WWI.

After declaring war on Germany, The War Department, now known as the Department of Defense, sought out Harris County, Texas for its moderate climate and Houston's newly opened ship channel.

These elements made it a prime spot to train young American "doughboys" to go "over there" to fight in the Great WWI in Europe.

Two military installations were built: Camp Logan for the Army and Ellington Field for the Army Air Service. The camp provided shelter and training to thousands of soldiers from all over America from 1917–1919.

Set up like many other army camps in the United States, Camp Logan's primary function was turning young American boys into fighting men.

Tens of thousands of National Guard soldiers were trained for duty in France. The soldiers that trained at Camp Logan entered camp straight out of civilian life and found themselves in intense combat preparation.

Tear gas and explosives were used to simulate the conditions on the front lines. But a new type of warfare was harder for the soldiers to imagine—trench warfare. The trenches were bloody, muddy, cruel and under constant attack. History shows how brutal and costly the trench war was.

Even with all the training at Camp Logan, soldiers were not fully prepared for life in the trenches.

To help the soldiers cope with the wounds and harsh reality of war, the commission on Training Camp Activities enlisted the help of several nationwide service organizations like the YMCA, Red Cross, American Library Association, Knights of Columbus, Jewish Board of Welfare and others. Through these private organizations the soldiers had entertainment, counseling, religious services, athletic programs and more.

The kindness of the local Houston community surrounding the camp did a lot to support the men of Camp Logan as well.

With the thousands of men at Camp Logan, the Camp was not without its problems. A conflict by soldiers with local police in 1917 resulted in the death of four police officers, three African American soldiers and ten local civilians after a riot.

After the war, the Camp continued to serve vital functions. In 1919, it was used as a hospital for wounded soldiers coming back from Europe. It also served as a unit of the City of Houston's health care system until 1923. After that, the Camp remained deserted until 1942.

Catherine Mary Emmott wrote to the Houston Chronicle advising the city to "buy some of the land and turn it into a park in memory of the boys." Her efforts led the way in turning the land into a park. Thus Memorial Park—a memorial to the ones who were trained in Texas to fight in Europe.

Emmott's efforts did not fall upon deaf ears. William C. Hogg, son of Texas Governor Jim Hogg, bought two tracts of the former Camp Logan site and sold it to the City of Houston. That May, the City of Houston officially established a park in remembrance of the WWI soldiers who trained there.

Today, Memorial Park includes a golf course, bike paths, tennis courts, baseball fields and a nature center. It is an attraction for runners, walkers and joggers of all ages. The grounds are now a training area for athletes rather than a training area for soldiers.

It is estimated that almost 1,000 Camp Logan soldiers gave their lives during the Great WWI and over 6,200 were wounded.

The Logan soldiers served with distinction in combat in the forest and trenches of Europe. Seventy-five of the African American soldiers trained at Camp Logan from the 370th Infantry were awarded the French Croix de Guerre and 12 received the U.S. Army's Distinguished Service Crosses for their acts of valor.

Memorial Park, as it is appropriately named, has begun a project to commemorate the doughboys who trained at Camp Logan by planting trees in their honor.

The series of trees will be lined up like columns of soldiers in an area called "Memorial Groves." This section of the park contains the highest number of Camp Logan remnants, artifacts and WWI memorabilia.

It is vital that communities know their history.

The work being done for "Memorial Groves" at the park is an appropriate way to see that history and honor the memory of Camp Logan and the young warriors it produced.

Texas has had a long history of supporting and uplifting America's military. The history of Camp Logan is our own. Camp Logan should be remembered just as it is—a memorial for the soldiers who trained on Texas soil before they fought on foreign soil 100 years ago.

Of the Logan soldiers, some served and returned, some served and returned with the wounds of war and some served and did not return. Memorial Park is a memorial for them all. As we approach November 11th—Armistice Day, now Veterans Day—the end of WWI, it is with deep gratitude that we honor the men of Camp Logan, Texas.

And that's just the way it is.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2015*

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 582 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1853, to direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), and for other purposes, I am not recorded because I was absent due to the birth of my daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye.

#### HONORING DAMIAN MURRIEL

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2015*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Damian Murriel.

It sounds strange, but owning and operating a funeral home has been a childhood dream for Mr. Damian Murriel—at least it has been ever since he started working in the business.

Damian Murriel began his first job in a funeral home at the age of 16. Then a sophomore in high school, Damian Murriel performed various custodial services at Cook's Funeral Home. When he graduated from Forest Hill High School in 1994 he left for Gupton-Jones School of Mortuary Science. Two years later after he completed his schooling and became a licensed funeral director and embalmer, he began traveling, doing internships and apprenticeships in other states, including brief stints in Illinois and Indiana. In 2000 he left for a job as funeral director of Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home in Atlanta, Georgia, where the wake for TLC's Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes was held.

On April 17, 2003 Damian Murriel's life-long dream to own and operate a funeral home became a reality. "I never lost sight of what I was pursuing," Damian Murriel said "I want to clean up the area and enhance the community with the funeral home." Murriel said. Murriel's motto is: "Serving Families in Their Time of Need." He is a member of the Mississippi Funeral Directors and Morticians Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Damian Murriel.

#### RECOGNIZING THE JOLIET REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY'S 2015 CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS HONOREES

#### HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2015*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorees of the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry's 2015 Celebration of Success.

Every year, the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry honors businesses, non-profit organizations, and individuals who have made an impact in our community. This

year, the Chamber is recognizing Joseph Adler and Robert Stephen with Lifetime Achievement Awards for their contributions to our community through Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Adler and Mr. Stephen have built 58 homes for families in the Joliet area and have made a lasting impact through their volunteer work.

Additionally, the Chamber will be recognizing CARCARE Collision Centers, Advanced Family Dental & Orthodontics, Newsome Home Health Care Agency, Providence Bank, David Nelson Exquisite Jewelry, and Breast Intentions of Illinois.

I would like to congratulate the honorees of the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry's 2015 Celebration of Success and thank the Chamber for recognizing success in our community.

IN TRIBUTE TO BARBARA R.  
ARNWINE

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2015*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise to pay tribute to a dedicated champion and pivotal civil and human rights leader, Barbara R. Arnwine.

On this important Election Day, where millions of Americans exercise their fundamental right to vote, it is exceptionally meaningful to applaud this remarkable hero.

Barbara Arnwine has dedicated her life to making our world a better place, and because of her lifetime of achievements and victories, our history will be forever marked with confirmation that we have and continue to advance to a better place.

Throughout her 25 years of service as the Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and nearly 10 years of prior service at the Boston Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and legal aid to the public of North Carolina, we have all benefited from her tireless advocacy and fight for justice.

From the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act in 2006, the development and expansion of Election Protection from 2004 through 2008, and steadfastly giving voice to those disenfranchised for criminal convictions and discriminatory practices nationwide, Barbara Arnwine has never backed down but continues to this day to lay the foundation for freedom and justice for every citizen.

Not only in the critically important area of voting rights, Barbara Arnwine has left a beautiful and exemplary footprint on all necessary aspects of social justice, including community development, housing and lending, employment law, women's and immigration rights, criminal justice reform, racial profiling, affirmative action, healthcare, LGBTQ rights, environmental justice, and breaking down international barriers of racial oppression, discrimination and xenophobia in Africa and Asia.

Barbara Arnwine is not only a phenomenal woman, she is a worldly warrior.

It is with great pleasure that I thank Barbara Arnwine for her service to the cause of justice and wish her well as she embarks on her new journey in the continuing struggle for social justice and equal opportunity for all persons.

HONORING PASTOR LINDA  
SWEETZER

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2015*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a driven and ambitious woman, Pastor Linda Sweezer. Pastor Sweezer has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to make a positive difference in doing God's will and spreading his Word.

Linda Sweezer was born the youngest child in a family of ten to Bessie Dillard and the late Alfred Dillard, Jr. in Vicksburg, Mississippi. She was saved at the tender age of ten.

She is a 1978 graduate of Vicksburg High School and attended and graduated from Milsaps College, Jackson, MS in 1982. She worked at Vicksburg Family Development Service for 19 years—fourteen of those years as the Co-Director.

She was called into the Gospel Ministry on February 5, 1995, ordained in 1997 and again in 2006 by Bishop T.D. Jakes of Dallas, Texas at The Potter's House International. She was called to pastor and founded The House of Peace Worship Church in December 2001. It is known as: "The Church Where the Holy Spirit is in Charge." In May 2006, the Holy Spirit led Pastor Sweezer to begin another church in the Rolling Fork area; it is known as The House of Peace Worship Church International/Delta.

Apostle Linda Sweezer is also a playwright and has written, produced and directed fifteen major productions, which were performed in the theater in the surrounding areas of Vicksburg, Rolling Fork and Fayette, Mississippi and Texarkana, TX.

She is the author of a book entitled, "Eating Along the Way!—A Survivor's Guide for People Who Are Serious About Hearing God's Call." In addition, she was the co-owner of a Christian bookstore.

She was affirmed into the Apostolic calling on July 29th, 2011. The Affirmation Ceremony was conducted by Apostle Michael O. Exum, Executive Director of The Potter's House International Pastoral Alliance and Apostle Eyvone Smith of His Harvest Ministries, Oxford, Mississippi.

Some other achievements include: appointed Board Member of the United Way of West Central Mississippi (2011–2014); Director of The House of Peace Substance Abuse Prevention Program; appointed for a second term to the Election Commission (2009–2012); appointed to the Election Commission (2005–2009); appointed twice to the City of Vicksburg Civil Service Commission. Pastor Sweezer was honored as a Local Recipient of 100 Black Women; recognized as a Distinguished African American by St. Mark Freewill Baptist Church; nominated as one of the 50 Leading Business Women of America.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. named a scholarship in Pastor Linda Sweezer's name at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast and she was appointed to the Vicksburg-Warren School District Advisory Council to develop plans for building Mega Schools. She also has received several awards and recognitions. She was selected by the Iyettes of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. as one of the

Religious Role Models; Outstanding Young Women of America; Woman of Excellence Award in Art and Literature; Sower of the Lord Award and Peacemaker Award given by the Flying High for Jesus Outreach.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pastor Linda Sweezer for her passion and dedication to spread the word of God and desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 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 \$18,152,981,685,747.52. We've added \$7,526,104,636,834.44 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.

IN CELEBRATION OF ROLLS-  
ROYCE'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2015*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rolls-Royce Indianapolis in celebration of its 100th anniversary. The company has made significant contributions to the city of 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.

The company's Indiana roots took hold in 1915, when Indianapolis businessman James Allison founded his engine shop. Within the first years of business, Allison entered the rapidly growing aerospace industry and began collaborating with Rolls-Royce on several aerospace ventures. After decades of collaboration and partnership, Rolls-Royce purchased what had been the Allison Engine Company in 1995, and has been serving the aerospace and marine industries with innovative, customer-focused products ever since. This anniversary is especially historical for Rolls-Royce as it not only marks 100 years of operations in Indianapolis, but it also marks 20 years since the company purchased the enterprise which Allison created.

Today, Rolls-Royce is a trusted leader for land, sea, and air power solutions worldwide with a significant and growing presence. The Rolls-Royce facility in Indianapolis is home to the largest Rolls-Royce manufacturing location in North America and is one of the largest employers in Indianapolis. Rolls-Royce employs the best and the brightest engineers who are committed to maintaining Rolls-Royce's long-standing reputation of excellence. The company has 4,600 employees who contribute to designing and producing engines for a wide