

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
SWEEZER

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 Eyunie 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 Iveyettes 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 ANNIVER-
SARY

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

range of military and commercial aircraft as well as marine propulsion systems. More Rolls-Royce products are built in Indianapolis than anywhere else in the world. Many innovative and legendary aircraft are powered by engines built in the Indianapolis facility, such as the P-51 and P-38 aircrafts flown in World War II. Current examples include the F-35B Lightning II, C-130J Super Hercules, V-22 Osprey, and Global Hawk and Triton UAVs, which are used to power Department of Defense aircraft, civil helicopters, regional and business jets, and power systems for U.S. Naval vessels.

In addition to all of Rolls-Royce's achievements in the manufacturing world, they also have a commitment to Indiana. The company recently announced Rolls-Royce will invest in the Purdue Research Park Aerospace District in West Lafayette, Indiana. Rolls-Royce is the first company to announce it will move into the research park. Additionally, the company recently announced exciting news that it is making a nearly \$600 million investment to modernize manufacturing operations in Indianapolis and conduct technology research. It is the largest investment by the company in Indianapolis since its original purchase here in 1995.

This investment contributes to the company's commitment to Indiana for many decades to come.

On behalf of the citizens of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Rolls-Royce on the celebration its centennial anniversary. I am proud to represent a city that is home to exemplary businesses such as this one. I wish Rolls-Royce all the best as it embarks on its next 100 years of excellence.