

the Georgia Municipal Government Hall of Fame, which “recognizes current and former city officials who have made extraordinary contributions to their communities and actively participated in the Association.” In 2012, he was one of four city officials to receive the prestigious Certificate of Distinction from the Georgia Municipal Training Institute at the Georgia Municipal Association’s (GMA) Annual Mayors’ Day Conference. He has actively served on GMA committees that oversee employee retirement benefits and training courses for leaders of cities across Georgia.

Mr. Conyers is heavily involved in the community and is a member of the Rotary Club, American Legion Post No. 502, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Bainbridge-Decatur County Chamber of Commerce. He is also the City Council’s liaison to the city’s Planning Commission and teaches about planning and zoning issues during Bainbridge’s annual Student Government Days.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays often said: “You make your living by what you get, you make your life by what you give.” Throughout his life, Mr. Conyers has done so much for so many for so long. He is an example of public service at its finest and his advocacy on behalf of students of all ages has been invaluable throughout the state of Georgia. His service to his country and his community are but a small testimony to the high caliber of character that he embodies.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me and my wife Vivian, and the more than 730,000 people of Georgia’s Second Congressional District, in recognizing and commending Mr. Luther Conyers for his leadership in education and service to his community.

#### INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING BERRY GORDY

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution honoring the achievements of Berry Gordy, Jr. and his musical legacy, Motown Records. By establishing the Motown record label in 1959 in Detroit, MI, Mr. Gordy cultivated the careers of musical legends such as Smokey Robinson, Michael Jackson, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, and many, many more. Not only did the music of Motown advance its way to the top of the charts and the front of the music scene with timeless hits such as “Please Mr. Postman” and “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough,” but it also communicated across race barriers and touched people regardless of the color of their skin. In a racially divided and politically charged time, Motown Records, under the leadership of Mr. Gordy, was the first to integrate an all-white sales department and produce music beloved by all.

Mr. Gordy’s accomplishments are reflected in his numerous awards and recognitions including his induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, his autobiography “To Be Loved: The Music, the Magic, the Memories of Motown,” and the Broadway success of “Motown The Musical.”

Decades after its inception, Motown is remembered as one of the most significant creative outlets of the 20th century, and the music it fostered continues to entertain and inspire us all. Thanks to Mr. Gordy, Motown created a uniquely American sound and defined the American experience for generations. Through this resolution, we recognize and thank Mr. Gordy for creating a timeless musical sound, for being a force of positive social change, and for his countless contributions to American culture.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I was not present in the House chamber for the following roll call votes. Had I been present on November 16th, 17th, 19th and 30th, I would have voted “yea” on roll calls 627, 628, 632, 640, 642, 644 and 645 and “nay” on roll calls 626, 629, 630, 631, 633, 638, 639, 641 and 643.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JERRY McNERNEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, on December 2, 2015, the House took roll call vote 644. I am recorded as voting “aye” on this amendment, but I want to reflect that I intended to vote “no” and oppose the Barton of Texas Amendment No. 25 to H.R. 8.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF MAGGIE LOUISE KNIGHT KNOX

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a terrific educator and beloved mother, grandmother and cousin, Mrs. Maggie Louise Knight Knox of Martin County, North Carolina. Sadly, Mrs. Knox passed away on Saturday, November 28, 2015. A Homegoing Celebration will be held on Friday, December 4, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Michigan Park Christian Church in Washington, D.C.

Born on February 3, 1928 to the late Annie Slade Knight and Eddie Knight, Maggie Louise Knight Knox, known as Louise or Lou to family and friends, grew up on the family farm in Martin County, North Carolina. She developed a passion for education early on and immediately upon graduation from Winston Salem State University, she began her teaching career within the Charles County Public School System.

Her abiding commitment to education was reflected in her personal academic achievements, as she pursued a higher level of edu-

cation with her enrollment at the D.C. Teachers’ College. She participated in the Teachers’ Program at Columbia University, culminating in her receipt of a Master’s Degree in Education at Trinity College. Ultimately, Maggie Louise accepted a tenured position as a third grade teacher at J.C. Nalle Elementary School in Southeast Washington, D.C.

After nurturing and educating three generations of students, Maggie Louise retired with more than thirty years of service as an educator. She was considered to be one of the most respected Reading Specialists in District of Columbia Public Schools. Even after her retirement and to this day, she is fondly remembered by many of her students.

Her passion for education mirrored her everlasting faith as a woman of God. Accepting Christ as her Savior at an early age, Maggie Louise began her Christian life in Martin County, North Carolina and continued her Christian journey in Washington, D.C. where she became an active member in Michigan Park Christian Church in 1960. She brought her God-given teaching talents into the church, teaching Vacation Bible School and Sunday school. She was a chairperson of the Diaconate and a member the Christian Women’s Fellowship. As is the church’s tradition, in her eightieth year of life, Maggie Louise Knight Knox was humbly inducted into the Diamond Club.

To Maggie Louise, family was everything. It was on May 5, 1950, in Washington, D.C., that Maggie Louise married her loving husband, Mr. Reese Conway Knox. Devoted and committed to each other, the union of Maggie Louise and Reese produced three beautiful daughters: Regina Louise, Denise Yvette and Edna Teresa.

On a more personal note, Maggie Louise and I are born of the same lineage—the Slades of North Carolina. The union of Simon and Anna Slade produced thirteen children. Of those children, Walter Columbus Slade (grandfather of Maggie Louise) and Robert Slade (my grandfather), were born. Maggie retained many valuable lessons from her youth, but the most important one came from her grandfather, Walter Columbus Slade: “Always stick together.” Maggie fervently adopted this as a guiding force throughout her life and passed that same value to her daughters and grandchildren. The concept of “staying together” is extremely important in our family. We annually gather for reunions throughout the nation and remain close with one another throughout our lives.

George Washington Carver once said, “How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these.” Maggie Louise was a gentle and loving woman who treated all people with respect. She loved her God. Her wisdom and kindness goes unmatched, and her gentle soul served humanity in a special way. Each day she graced the people around her with an enthusiastic sincerity of presence. The impression she leaves on earth extends beyond herself to those whom she inspired and supported, and for it she will be remembered for time to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me and my wife, Vivian, in paying tribute to Mrs. Maggie

Louise Knight Knox for her outstanding achievements, service, and public distinction. We pray that her children, grandchildren and loved ones will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

**MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WITH SENATOR PAUL SIMON AWARD**

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 3, 2015*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to recognize Mount Holyoke College and its accomplishments in international education. On November 17, Mount Holyoke College President Lynn Pasquerella accepted the 2015 Senator Paul Simon Award for excellence in international education at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. The week of November 16 marked the 16th anniversary of International Education Week.

Mount Holyoke College, located in South Hadley, Massachusetts, was among five institutions selected to receive this prestigious honor from NAFSA: Association of International Educators. The designation is given to institutions that demonstrate significant progress in expanding the reach and fostering collaboration among students, faculty, and staff in the interest of internationalization.

Twenty-five percent of Mount Holyoke students are international citizens and the college boasts a rich tradition of leadership in international education. Mount Holyoke was among the first institutions to send women abroad for scholarly study. Additionally, the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives was established in 2004 to serve as a catalyst for comprehensive international education.

According to Eva Paus, Carol Hoffmann Collins Director of the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives and professor of economics, international education became a strategic priority at Mount Holyoke in 2003, following on a legacy of international engagement reaching back to the early days of the college's founding. The McCulloch Center, which Professor Paus helped found, brought greater cohesion and visibility to international education; and its many initiatives across Mount Holyoke have increased students' understanding of the global world and their engagement with other cultures.

In classes and through off-campus experiences, students and faculty analyze questions from cross-disciplinary or cross-cultural perspectives, making connections between the local and the global, and harnessing classroom learning to solve concrete problems. The many forms of integrative and cross-cultural teaching and learning at Mount Holyoke and abroad support the college's goal of educating women to be the global leaders of tomorrow.

Today, Mount Holyoke is committed to giving all students access to the life-changing experiences that learning abroad often provides. Over the past few years, it has funded nearly all students who apply for a Laurel Fellowship in support of study abroad. Additionally, a 2013 pledge to fund one summer internship or

research experience for every student now makes it possible for all interested students to have an internship abroad.

Mount Holyoke was joined in receiving the 2015 Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization by North Central College of Naperville, Illinois, the University of Delaware, the University of San Diego, and the University of Virginia. President Pasquerella participated in a panel discussion on internationalization in higher education with presidents of the other award-winning institutions to promote this vital pursuit. The award is named for noted Illinois Senator Paul Simon.

Mr. Speaker, through courses, conferences, research, international internships, study abroad, collaborations with external partners, and the unique learning opportunities offered by international student and faculty diversity, Mount Holyoke College students acquire the skills they will need for citizenship and careers in today's global world. At a time when the ability to work across national borders is crucial to addressing global problems, I wish Mount Holyoke College and the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives continued success in their future endeavors.

**WELCOME LUCY GRACE STIPICEVIC**

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 3, 2015*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate Deputy Chief of Staff for Floor and Member Services John Stipicevic and his wife, Kristin Stipicevic, Executive Assistant in the Office of the Majority Leader, on the birth of their new baby girl. Lucy Grace Stipicevic was born at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, November 28, 2015. Born at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C., Lucy weighed seven pounds and two ounces and measured 19 and 3/4 inches long. She is the first child for the happy couple and I have no doubt her talented parents will be dedicated to her well-being and bright future.

I would also like to congratulate Lucy's grandparents, James and Katherine Stipicevic of Yonkers, New York, and Tim and Jan Thomson of Buttonwillow, California. Congratulations to the entire Stipicevic and Thomson families as they welcome their newest addition of pure pride and joy.

**RECOGNIZING DR. KELCEY SWYERS**

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 3, 2015*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Kelcey Swyers on being selected as the 2016 Rising Star in Colorado Agriculture. This honor is reserved for those who have made a significant contribution to the agricultural industry of Colorado and the United States.

Dr. Swyers has an extensive background in Colorado agriculture. She received a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Agricultural

Business from Colorado State University, where she also worked two internships that taught her about the feed and nutrition industry. She later went on to receive a Master of Science in Equine/Monogastric nutrition at the University of Maryland. She then returned to Colorado where she received her Doctorate in Ruminant Nutrition.

In addition, Dr. Swyers started Grassland Nutrition Consulting where she offers nutritional work for cow-calf, feed yard, and equine among other services. Dr. Swyers has shown true leadership in her industry and community.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes as Dr. Swyers pursues her future endeavors. Her passion and dedication to the agricultural industry makes her more than worthy of this distinct recognition. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Dr. Kelcey Swyers for her accomplishments.

**IN HONOR OF ROBERTA SANDLER**

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 3, 2015*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Roberta Sandler a New Jersey native who is celebrating her 100th birthday on December 7, 2015.

Roberta was born on December 7, 1915, and was one of nine children. She was born and raised in Camden, New Jersey and moved to Brooklyn to raise her three children, Marvin, Paul and Lynn, along with her husband Max. After her husband's death Roberta went to work to support her family. After her time in New York, she moved back to the state she loved and has been a resident of Cherry Hill for the last 35 years.

Age does not seem to affect Ms. Sandler, she still exercises every day; does all her own cooking and cleaning; and as a loving matriarch, insists on cooking at all family gatherings. She stays very active in the lives of her family including her 4 granddaughters Meridith, Jodi, Julie, and Jillian and her two great granddaughters Isabel and Andrea. She loves to sing, dance, and continues to keep up with current events.

Mr. Speaker, on this momentous occasion, please join me in wishing Roberta Sandler a happy and joyous 100th birthday.

**VOTE EXPLANATION ON H.R. 8, THE NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY SECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT**

**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 3, 2015*

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position on a vote cast on December 3, 2015. The vote was on passage of H.R. 8, the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act.

H.R. 8 contains a number of provisions that would negatively impact the environment and undermine our nation's ability to move away from fossil fuels and proactively combat climate change. It would undermine previously