

a job training or workfare program. While many states may have qualifying programs, only five states guarantee a spot to those adults subject to the work requirement. As a result, even if someone is actively looking for work but can't find it, they can lose their eligibility for SNAP benefits.

Recently, this issue hasn't been at the forefront. The economic downturn has made states eligible for waivers to the work requirement because of high and sustained in-state unemployment. Almost all states—42—are eligible for and using a waiver in 2015. However, the economy's continued growth is expected to prevent most states from qualifying for the waivers in 2016. While economic growth is a great thing, it doesn't mean that everyone has a job nor does it mean that everyone looking for a job is able to get one. As a result of the loss of waivers, the CBPP predicts more than 1 million adults who are unable to find jobs and aren't offered an opportunity to take part in a job training or workfare program could lose their eligibility for SNAP benefits in 2016.

The SNAP Work Opportunity Act would make the 3 month limit for eligibility only apply if a person was offered a job training or workfare opportunity. With this fix, those who are looking for work aren't penalized because their state doesn't have the resources to offer a job training or work program.

SEYFER SPECIALTIES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Seyfer Specialties for receiving the 2014 Wheat Ridge Reinvestment Award. This award recognizes a business that invests in a significant improvement or maintains an excellent level of quality in a business property.

Seyfer Specialties was established in 1961 and is primarily focused on restoring classic cars and building hotrods, so it is fitting that they purchased an old dilapidated barn and rebuilt it into a modern performance garage while still emphasizing the classic barn-style. Seyfer delivers a great service with a knowledgeable and friendly staff, and they are a classic component of the Wheat Ridge Community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Seyfer Specialties for this well-deserved recognition by the City of Wheat Ridge and the Wheat Ridge Business Association.

HONORING MR. ROY L. CLAY

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mr. Roy L. Clay. Known throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and the nation as a computer engineer, investor, community leader and a dedicated husband and father, Mr. Clay has left an indelible mark on our nation.

Mr. Roy L. Clay was born in Kinloch, Missouri on August 22, 1929. Even at a young

age, Mr. Clay was inspired to learn. In 1947, seven years prior to the Supreme Court's 1954 decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, Mr. Clay was granted an academic scholarship to attend Saint Louis University. He graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and, by 1956, he was among the first modern computer programmers.

After serving as a computer programmer in what is now the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, Mr. Clay was invited to join David Packard, co-founder of Hewlett-Packard Co., to build the first reliable computer. Mr. Clay established software development, directed research and development of all computer products, and served as the General Manager of the computer division. By the time he left Hewlett-Packard, he was the highest ranking African American employee in the company.

Mr. Clay's contributions to the information technology sector continued to grow. In 1971, Mr. Roy L. Clay consulted with Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers, a venture capital firm, to evaluate their investments in computer related firms such as Tandem Computer Company, Compaq Computer Company, and Intel. Then, in 1977, Mr. Clay founded ROD-Electronics to develop the first electronically controlled Dielectric Withstand tester. This test ensured that a product is safe from fire or electrical shock. Hewlett-Packard Co., IBM, AT&T, and Xerox adopted his Dielectric Withstand tester and added it to their production lines. In 2003, in recognition of his many accomplishments in Silicon Valley, Mr. Clay was inducted into the Silicon Valley Engineering Council's Hall of Fame.

Beyond his contributions to the information technology sector, Mr. Roy Clay has been a dedicated member of his community. He was the first African American to serve as City Councilman and Vice Mayor for the City of Palo Alto in 1973. Mr. Clay is also a Founder and Emeritus Board Member of the Olympic Club of San Francisco Foundation; founded with the purpose of generating funds to support underprivileged children in the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual, Mr. Roy L. Clay. His dedication and efforts in the information technology sector have impacted so many lives and helped to break the barrier for many African Americans throughout California and the nation.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DANE A. MILLER

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor a distinguished Hoosier, Dr. Dane A. Miller, whom passed away on February 10, 2015. I would like to express my appreciation for his community and economic development leadership in our state and nation. Most important to me, he was a friend who always gave me good, direct advice.

Although Dr. Miller was born and raised a Buckeye, Hoosiers are proud to claim him as one of our own. Dr. Miller graduated from General Motors Institute with a B.S. in Mechanical Materials Science Engineering, and a

Masters degree in Materials Science from the University of Cincinnati. While performing as Director of Biomedical Engineering for Zimmer U.S.A. in Warsaw, Indiana, Dr. Miller simultaneously earned his Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati.

Shortly after earning his doctorate, Dr. Miller served as Director of Biomedical Engineering for Cutter Biomedical. After three years he returned to Warsaw and joined three others to form Biomet, Inc. which eventually became one of the premier orthopedic manufacturing companies in the world. He would later start several more companies in the medical device industry, helping cement Warsaw, Indiana, as "The Orthopedic Capital of the World".

Dr. Miller had served on numerous boards, including as Director of Biomet 3i, LLC, Biomet Sports Medicine, LLC, Soft Tissue Regeneration, Inc., and 1st Source Corporation. He also devoted his time and entrepreneurial spirit to his adopted home as Director of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. As a proud alumnus, Dr. Miller also served as Trustee to the University of Cincinnati Foundation.

Dr. Miller was highly regarded in his community for his philanthropic and business endeavors. He was often recognized for this leadership earning many awards and honors throughout his life including: Outstanding Small Business Person in the State of Indiana, Business Week's Top Performing CEO, Warsaw Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year, and the Phoenix Lifetime Achievement Award for the Healthcare Industry. Dr. and Mrs. Miller established the Dr. Dane and Mary Louise Miller Foundation in order to provide financial assistance to various charitable organizations and educational scholarships.

Dr. Miller leaves his beloved wife Mary Louise, two daughters and four grandchildren to carry on his innovative and entrepreneurial spirit. His work helped drive advancements in biomaterials and implant design that helped patients around the world live better lives. His academic and economic contributions, both direct results of his pioneering efforts, to our state and its citizens will be an endearing legacy for future generations of Hoosiers.

LOGAN HUGHES APPOINTMENT TO UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to congratulate Mr. Logan Hughes on his appointment to the United States Military Academy.

Mr. Hughes is an incredibly accomplished young man from Evans, Georgia. Logan is the son of Michael and Laura Hughes, and will graduate from Greenbrier High School. During his time there, Logan has exhibited dedication to leadership while serving as the High School NJRTOC Battalion Executive Officer.

Among his many accolades, Logan also showcased academic prowess by his involvement with the National Honor Society, and the Spanish Honor Society.

Mr. Speaker, Logan Hughes is also a young man who is dedicated to improving his community through service. Logan led service efforts at Wesley United Methodist Church as a service acolyte.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I understand that Mr. Hughes is no stranger to the rigorous work ethic required to be considered as a candidate for the United States Military Academy. With Mr. Hughes' grandfather as outstanding example of an Army Officer, I am confident that Logan will accomplish his ultimate goal of serving his nation as a United States soldier.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Mr. Logan Hughes.

BANNER SIGNS AND DECALS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Banner Signs and Decals for their outstanding service and commitment to the community.

Dan, Carol and Jeff Lundin bought the company in 2007 with a vision to ultimately make Banner Signs and Decals one of the best sign companies in Colorado. The original business had been located at Colfax and Carr for more than 11 years. The Lundins recently moved the business to the new 40 West Arts District at Teller and Colfax. This Small Business of the Year goes above and beyond for their customers and their local community each and every day.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the Lundin family and Banner Signs and Decals for their honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt they will exhibit the same commitment and service in all future accomplishments.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUGUST 6TH AS NATIONAL VOTING RIGHTS DAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution designating August 6th as National Voting Rights Day.

On August 6, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law. The Act not only outlawed discriminatory voting practices and exponentially expanded the level of African American voter registration and participation, but also vastly increased the number of African American and other minority elected officials. For nearly five decades the Voting Rights Act has served as our nation's most important safeguard against racial discrimination in our electoral system. As we prepare to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of its passage, establishing a day recognizing its magnitude will pay homage to this transformative law, which remains one of the most effective pieces of civil rights legislation ever enacted, and will serve as a critical reminder of the importance of continued efforts to ensure that all Americans are able to fully participate in our electoral process.

I am pleased be joined by 36 of my colleagues in introducing this resolution. They include: Representatives: MARK TAKAI (D-HI), ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON (D-DC), JOHN GARAMENDI (D-CA), GREGORY MEEKS (D-NY), DEREK KILMER (D-WA), CHARLES RANGEL (D-NY), BETTY MCCOLLUM (D-MN), PETER WELCH (D-VT), TED DEUTCH (D-FL), TERRI SEWELL (D-AL), ROBERT BRADY (D-PA), FREDERICA WILSON (D-FL), SANFORD BISHOP, Jr. (D-GA), PATRICK MURPHY (D-FL), MAXINE WATERS (D-CA), DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (D-FL), CHERI BUSTOS (D-IL), JUAN VARGAS (D-CA), JUDY CHU (D-CA), MARCY KAPTUR (D-OH), GWEN MOORE (D-WI), ANDRÉ CARSON (D-IN), JOYCE BEATTY (D-OH), MIKE HONDA (D-CA), LOUISE SLAUGHTER (D-NY), ADAM SMITH (D-WA), AL GREEN (D-TX), BOBBY SCOTT (D-VA), CORRINE BROWN (D-FL), ELIJAH CUMMINGS (D-MD), MARCIA FUDGE (D-OH), STEVE COHEN (D-TN), EARL BLUMENAUER (D-OR), JOHN YARMUTH (D-KY) and KATHY CASTOR (D-FL).

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Black History Month, I urge my colleagues to co-sponsor this resolution, so that we may all properly recognize the significance of the Voting Rights Act by designating August 6th as National Voting Rights Day.

HONORING SOUTH TOMS RIVER MAYOR OSCAR CRADLE

HON. THOMAS MACARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I rise to recognize a prominent leader in my district who has gone above and beyond to help better our community. That man is Mayor Oscar Cradle from South Toms River. Through his work and his life, Oscar has greatly improved our community for his neighbors, friends, and all those who are lucky enough to know him.

Mayor Cradle has been a resident of Ocean County for sixty years. Growing up in South Toms River, Oscar was a member of youth choir and Sunday school at Wells Chapel AME Church. After graduating from Toms River High School, he enrolled in Hampton Institute and studied mathematics. After facing issues with addiction, Oscar overcame his struggles and decided he wanted to focus on helping others in his community battle this terrible disease.

Oscar became involved with several different organizations in South Toms River. With his own journey in mind, he helped create the South Toms River Alcoholics Anonymous, the South Toms River Narcotics Anonymous, and the South Toms River Neighborhood Watch Committee. But his work didn't stop there—he recently founded the South Toms River Historical Society to help preserve the history of this great town. At Wells Chapel AME Church, Oscar has been ordained as a Reverend and helped to create the church's Community Outreach Center. Additionally, Oscar has served his community as an elected member of the South Toms River Borough Council for seven terms and was elected as the town's mayor on November 4, 2014.

Oscar's dedication to improving the lives of those around him is remarkable. Mr. Speaker,

we are all blessed to know Oscar, and are grateful for the impact that he has made in our community. South Toms River would not be the same without him.

GWEN REESE

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the outstanding and invaluable contributions of African Americans during Black History Month and all year long. I am proud to pay tribute to African American men and women who exemplify the spirit of selfless and patriotic service.

I rise today to honor a dedicated community leader and equal rights champion, Gwen Reese of St. Petersburg, Florida. Ms. Reese was born in St. Petersburg and is a proud graduate of Gibbs High School as well as St. Petersburg Junior College. Ms. Reese has dedicated her career to supporting initiatives that lift families. She began as a counselor for Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting Services for the YWCA of Tampa Bay. Thanks to her passion and diligent work, she was consistently promoted, rising to become the Director of Administrative Services of the YWCA of Tampa from 1994–1999. Ms. Reese continued to be a voice for Florida families by serving as a Coordinator for both Healthy Start of Pinellas and the Midtown Health Council. In both capacities she focused on reducing infant mortality as well as other initiatives designed to improve the effectiveness of health care delivery and outcomes.

Ms. Reese's unrelenting service has led her to play an important role in numerous service organizations and projects in Tampa Bay. Currently, she serves as the District Manager of Professional Opportunities Program for Students (POPS) Inc. which provides career seminars, college tours, internships, and community service projects to assist area high school students in exploring and experiencing different career goals. Furthermore, Ms. Reese organizes the annual Stand Against Racism event and the Week Without Violence activities. These events bring attention to significant issues facing our community.

Ms. Reese has been an outspoken advocate for preserving the history of African Americans' contributions to the St. Petersburg community. Her passion led to her selection as the President of the African American Heritage Association. Under her leadership, the African American Heritage Association developed a walking trail through historic neighborhoods in St. Petersburg. It captured the oral histories of the great people like those who built tracks for the Orange Belt Railway, laid Augusta blocks in the Historic Old Northeast, and made the prized hex blocks seen on some city sidewalks.

Ms. Reese brought the St. Petersburg community together through this project. She has witnessed great moments in the community created by the project. Her favorite instance was when 25 high school students from Gibbs High School, Pinellas County's first public high school for black students, interviewed the residents who had witnessed immense changes in the community on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.