

RECOGNIZING THE WOMAN'S CLUB
OF ARTESIA-CERRITOS

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos and their 100 years of service. It is an honor to represent a distinguished organization that embodies leadership, service, and commitment to the community. I am proud to represent an organization such as the Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos whose dedication and accomplishments over the past 100 years have had a profound impact on the community.

Founded in 1915 as the Westside Reading Club, the Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos is one of the oldest community service organizations in both cities. Their community service has supported local programs and charities, including the Community Family Guidance Center, Friends of Cerritos Library and Artesia Library, and the Long Beach Veteran's Hospital.

Each year the Woman's Club hosts a number of events and educational programs, and organizes volunteer services to support local community programs and charities. Their hard work and dedication illustrate the positive influence that women have in our community.

The positive impact the Woman's Club has had, not only in the community they represent, but also in the surrounding neighborhoods is worthy of recognition. I wish them continued success and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos as they celebrate their 100 Year Anniversary.

HONORING MARK WRAY

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great pride to honor the life of Mark Wray, a dedicated family man who committed himself to his community in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Mark Daniel Wray, Sr. was born on January 30, 1960 in Los Alamos, New Mexico. When Mark was one year old the family decided to move to nearby Santa Fe. It's here, in Santa Fe, where Mark built his life, raised his family, and watched his children grow in a community he loved dearly.

It did not take long for Mark to find and marry the love of his life. Shortly after graduating, Mark and his high school sweetheart Elizabeth Salazar tied the knot and embarked on a lifelong journey together. That journey began with Mark's new job with the Santa Fe Fire Department, an experience that molded Mark into the man he became. In 21 years of dedicated service, Mark ascended to rank of Captain earning a reputation for his selfless bravery. He took many risks to save people's lives; his greatest joy was to see the smiles on the faces of those he saved.

In September 1999, Mark's beloved Elizabeth was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

Mark spent countless hours volunteering with the local Multiple Sclerosis Support Group and National Multiple Sclerosis Society, helping with pot lucks, securing resources, and raising money for the society to develop a cure for the disease. Mark's support for his loved ones was unwavering, and he saw his community as an extension of his family.

Mark was known as "Team Dad" among members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) at Santa Fe High School and the Pony Express Drill team at St. Michael's High School. He was a Boy Scout leader, a leader at the local Little League and All Star baseball teams, helped build props for his children's classes, and volunteered at many organizations, including the St. Francis Catholic School and National Dance Institution of NM.

While Mark is no longer with us, his lasting contributions are still a presence in the community to this day. His character is espoused in the individuals he inspired throughout his life, and his enduring principles live on in the hearts and minds of all those he met. May the memory of Mark continue to live on in all of us.

OBSERVING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PASSAGE OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965

HON. KATHERINE M. CLARK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, 50 years ago, when Congress passed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, they recognized the fact that education is a right, not a privilege.

President Johnson celebrated this achievement, stating, "it will offer new hope to tens of thousands," and will help "children of poor families overcome their greatest barrier to progress: poverty."

Today, millions of children face similar challenges, as the gap between the very rich and the very poor continues to grow and the path to the middle class is disappearing.

Instead of ideologically-driven cuts to education that undermine our economic future, we should invest in early learning programs that yield high economic returns. We should protect the ESEA's investments in the students, teachers, and families who need it most.

We need an education law that gives teachers the tools and flexibility they need to do what's best for their students.

We have to protect our country's most fundamental promise to children: the promise of opportunity—that all children deserve a fair shot and a high-quality education regardless of their zip code; and regardless of the size of their parents' bank accounts.

Communities across the country are working hard to meet today's economic challenges. They deserve a Congress that will roll up its sleeves, make the tough decisions, and work together on an education law that puts kids first.

A TRIBUTE TO KATIE STOCKING

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Katie Stocking for being named a 2015 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2015 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

Katie has the determination and drive to be successful in all of her pursuits, which is highlighted by her exemplary work with Happy Medium LLC. As the Founder and Owner of Happy Medium, she utilizes her go-getter attitude to continuously advance the vision of her company. In her free time, she serves her community through volunteering with Beacon of Life, Youth Emergency Shelter & Services and WesleyLife Meals on Wheels. In all aspects of her life, Katie is an example of the hard work and service that makes our state proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Katie in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Katie on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2015 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DAVID HOLMES SWINTON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. David Holmes Swinton in recognition of his 20 years of service as president of Benedict College. In commemoration of his two decades of leadership, he has been presented with the college's Legacy Award, an honor of which he is most deserving.

Dr. Swinton's tenure at Benedict has been exemplary. He has guided the institution through two successful regional accreditations as well as the national accreditation of seven schools and programs. He has overseen a remarkable transformation of the Benedict campus, acquiring over 120 acres of new land and overseeing the construction or acquisition of numerous facilities, including a football stadium, six residence halls, a business development center, an administration building, a student health center, and a state-of-the-art campus center and dining hall. He also spearheaded the redevelopment of the surrounding

neighborhood through Benedict's nationally recognized Community Development Corporation, led negotiations with the U.S. Department of Education for the MSIs/HBCUs on Title IV issues, and served as Chairman of the United Negro College Fund Member Presidents.

Dr. Swinton's able stewardship has achieved results. Last year, Benedict ranked 14th in Washington Monthly's baccalaureate college rankings, which rated schools based on their contributions to social mobility, research, and service. In 2011, the college received the Higher Education Civic Engagement Award from the Washington Center in recognition of its outstanding contributions to our community. People have taken notice—since Dr. Swinton became president, the college's enrollment has more than doubled.

The presidency of Benedict College is only the most recent position in which Dr. Swinton has distinguished himself. He previously served as Dean of the School of Business at Jackson State University and as Director of the Southern Center of Studies in Public Policy at Clark College. He is a renowned scholar, specializing in the economic status of African Americans. His scholarly work has been featured in an impressive array of publications, including the National Urban League's *The State of Black America*, *American Economics Review*, *The Review of Black Political Economy*, *Public Administration Review*, *Journal of Urban Analysis*, *Business in Society*, and ". . . And Miles to Go Before I Sleep," a scholarly collection published by the Institute for Public Service and Policy Research of the University of South Carolina in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education decision.

With Benedict's emphasis on community service, it is fitting that Dr. Swinton has used his economic expertise to benefit the public. He was the first African American Chairman of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce Board in the organization's 92-year history. He helped organize a group of investors to create South Carolina Community Bank, the only minority-owned bank in the state. Dr. Swinton has shown his commitment to be long-term, having served as an economic advisor to the National Urban League since 1980 and on Black Enterprise magazine's Board of Economists since 1990.

With such an illustrious career, it is no surprise that Dr. Swinton has received numerous honors and awards, including the National Economic Association's Samuel Z. Westerfield Award, the Phi Beta Sigma Lifetime Achievement Award in Education, and the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest civilian honor. In 2007, he was elected to the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Swinton on this milestone. I look forward to continuing to work with him in the years to come, and I wish him Godspeed.

IN HONOR OF THE ROTARY CLUB
OF ZANESVILLE'S 100TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many achievements of the Rotary

Club of Zanesville on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the club's founding.

For a century, the citizens of Zanesville and Muskingum County have benefited from a group of men and women who are committed to promoting community service. A milestone such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Rotary Club of Zanesville's history spans two World Wars, the birth and demise of the Soviet Union, the spread of mass transportation and the advancement of high speed, global telecommunications. Throughout this, the Rotary Club of Zanesville's members have served their community and worked to improve the lives of their neighbors.

Service to others and service to the community are timeless American traditions and hallmarks of what has made our nation so great. For 100 years, the members of The Rotary Club of Zanesville have fashioned a reputation that reflects their core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. Through projects like The Phoenix Award and the Rotary Club Christmas Party for Zanesville Special Needs Students, the club continues Rotary International founder Paul Harris' vision of a group of business professionals gathering in friendship and fellowship to create positive, lasting change in their community and around the world.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I thank the Rotary Club of Zanesville for their service to the community. I wish them continued success in the next 100 years.

BRITTANY EXLEY'S ESSAY

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share them with my House colleagues.

Brittany Exley attends Pearland High School in Pearland, Texas. The essay topic is: in your opinion, why is it important to be involved in the political process?

"No matter where you stand politically—even if you are unsure of what your political ideology is—it is important to take part in the process of shaping our government" (Brad Henry). The awareness gained by being involved in the political process is not only a good thing but a fantastic thing because ignorance can be dangerous. Also being active in politics is one of the very few ways, in today's world, that one human can change the nation just by voting or stating their ideas and opinions.

If more people were involved in politics there would be more people that are more aware of what is happening in the world outside of themselves. They could listen to the reports on other nations and their relationships with each other. However, they

wouldn't just hear about other countries and their problems but what is going on within our own nation, both good and bad aspects of it. Young people are the biggest group of non-voters within the United States' population of able voters. They believe that they have too much work and things to do that they do not vote, which is one of the few ways that they could influence the government's direction and create a bigger voice for themselves. If they were to get involved they would be more aware of the occurrences happening in all the world's countries and every relationship each nation has with one another. Therefore the young people would be more knowledgeable, less ignorant, and have more ability to state and try to stand up for their views in the political process.

If you had the chance to change the world for the better by one simple action, would you? Being active in shaping the government is one way to do this. Voting for the change or way you believe the government should be ran is your voice, why not use it? One person's vote can determine who is in office, what bills are passed, and the actions of the government. If a person votes it takes their values, beliefs, and opinions are one more step closer to actually happening. Voting, stating, and claiming their ideas and opinions can influence other people's beliefs around them and can eventually shape the government.

Taking an active role in the government can transform politics to fit your own views, and change for the better of the nation. It can also make you more aware of your surroundings and less ignorant of what is actually happening in the world. Being active within the political process can change the world in many ways.

TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT 36TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on April 11, we marked the 36 year anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, which serves as the legal foundation of our nation's important and enduring relationship with Taiwan.

The United States and Taiwan are united in common interests and a shared commitment to freedom and democracy. The Taiwanese people share our same cultural values of respect for individual liberties, freedom of speech, adherence to the rule of law, and support for human rights. Taiwan also shares a similar political system and works with our nation on issues of global security and counter-terrorism.

In addition to this close cultural, political, and security relationship, the United States and Taiwan also share a thriving economic partnership. Bilateral trade between the United States and Taiwan surpassed \$67 billion last year, making Taiwan now our 10th largest trading partner—an impressive feat considering Taiwan's relatively small size of only 23 million people. In fact, my home state of Florida exported nearly \$300 million worth of goods to Taiwan in 2013 alone, supporting jobs and livelihood for American workers.

Over the last few decades, Taiwan's economic and political ascension, with close American cooperation, has proven to be one of the great success stories in Asia, and we look forward to many more decades of friendship and mutual support.