

Manager at the Freddie Mac Foundation, the metropolitan area's largest corporate philanthropic funder. He oversaw the Foundation's support for housing programs throughout the United States and oversaw the Foundation's investments in the Gulf Coast area after Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Klein came to the Foundation from Doorways for Women and Families in Arlington, where he was executive director and oversaw all operations for the organization including a Safehouse for Domestic Violence, Emergency Shelter for homeless families, a Thrift Store, and transitional housing for families. Mr. Klein also served for six years as executive director of Shelter House, overseeing this organization and serving homeless families in our community. He earned a Master of Social Work degree from Howard University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Advertising from Ohio State University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dean Klein for receiving the Katherine K. Hanley Public Service Award and in thanking Leadership Fairfax for continuing to develop such talented and passionate leaders for Northern Virginia.

IN RECOGNITION OF THETA BOULÉ  
OF SIGMA PI PHI FRATERNITY

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2015*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize a significant milestone in one of the pre-eminent organizations, not only in the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri, which I proudly represent, but throughout the region—Theta Boulé of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. I am especially proud to be a member of Theta Boulé. The milestone I mentioned is the celebration of its Centennial observance that will be held June 4–6, 2015 in Kansas City.

Theta Boulé was chartered on May 22, 1915 with fourteen founding Archons who laid a strong foundation of fraternal fellowship in the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. Dr. William J. Tompkins met Grand Sire Archon William C McCard while traveling in the eastern part of the country and was authorized by the Grand Sire Archon to plan the organization of a member Boulé in Kansas City. With the cooperation of Archons from Beta Boulé in Chicago and Eta Boulé in St. Louis, Dr. Tompkins and his colleague, Dr. Lloyd E. Bailer organized Theta Boulé. The charter Archons of Theta Boulé were all outstanding members of the Kansas City community and of their respective professions. Faced with cultural realities of the early Twentieth Century, these Archons found in each other a source of mutual support, enlightenment and a retreat of friendship and fraternity. Each sensed a significant void created by the pervasive permanence of American institutional racism and exclusionary practices predominant during that era. Throughout its history, the Archons of Theta Boulé have upheld the high standards of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, also known as "The Boulé", was founded in 1904 in Philadelphia. Theta Boulé was the 8th Member Boulé founded on May 22, 1915 with 14 outstanding Archons. Our founding members included

Lloyd E. Bailer, Gideon W. Brown, Charles H. Calloway, T.C. Chapman, John A. Hodge, W.C. Hueston, Woody Jacobs, J.P. King, J.E. Perry, J.D. Shannon, M.H. Thompkins, W.J. Thompkins, S.H. Thompson, and Homer Wilburn.

Theta has been privileged to host the Seventh Grand Boulé in 1921 and the Forty-First Grand Boulé in 1992. Many outstanding Archons have been privileged to sit within the august council of Theta Boulé. One of Theta's charter members, Charles H. Calloway served as Grand Sire Archon, from 1921 to 1923. Archon Calloway was also a founding member of the National Bar Association in 1925 and served as its second President. Another founding member mentioned previously was Dr. William J. Thompkins, an outstanding physician and civic leader, who later became a resident of the District of Columbia after he accepted the appointment of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1934 to serve as Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia. Dr. Thompkins was also instrumental in the establishment of General Hospital No. 2 in 1908.

Theta Boulé of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity is led today by Randall C. Ferguson, Jr., who serves as Sire Archon; Ralph D. Reid is Sire Archon-elect; and Dr. Roger C. Williams, Jr. who serves as Grammateus. The remaining officers are: Thesauristes, Nikki Newton; Agogos, Stewart S. Myers; Rhetoricos, Kelvin Simmons; and Grapter, Lonnie Powell. The Membership Council is Chaired by Judge Jon R. Gray, (Ret.) and includes Herbert Hardwick and Robert Hughes, Jr. as Members.

One Hundred years in the life of any person, organization or institution is a significant milestone and serves as a testament of fidelity to principles, seriousness of purpose and devotion to goals and objectives.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and our colleagues in expressing our collective congratulations to Theta Boulé of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and extending our heartfelt wishes for even greater success as it begins its second century.

TRIBUTE TO A. ALFRED TAUBMAN

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2015*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to A. Alfred Taubman, who made immeasurable contributions to my home state of Michigan and to our nation. Mr. Taubman passed away on April 17, 2015.

Mr. Taubman, known to many of us as Al, loomed large in the business, cultural and religious life of Southeast Michigan and far beyond, but his beginnings were far more modest. The son of Jewish German immigrants, Mr. Taubman began working at the age of 9 after his father's business went bankrupt during the Great Depression. After serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, Mr. Taubman attended the University of Michigan, where he studied architecture.

The seeds of Al Taubman's success were watered by these experiences—his father's construction company, his studies in architecture, and the drive to work hard from a very young age. He also had a keen understanding of the needs and wants of people in America's

postwar economy, a period in which people migrated from cities to what would become thriving suburbs. Rather than building homes as his father did, Mr. Taubman focused on the shopping needs of suburban families, and helped to pioneer the growth of shopping malls.

Over the years, Mr. Taubman's company designed, built, and operated shopping malls throughout the country. These malls, and other investments, brought him significant wealth—wealth he decided to put to use not just in his business endeavors, but in a vast array of worthy causes. Dr. Mark Schlissel, President of the University of Michigan, quoted Mr. Taubman as having said that his father taught him that "If I make a donation, I have given once. If I then solicit monies, I gave twice. And if my contribution has inspired others to support a good cause, I will have given three times." The University of Michigan and its missions were especially close to Al Taubman's heart, as Dr. Schlissel and the entire U of M community would attest. While it is not possible to list each and every institution which benefited so greatly from Mr. Taubman's philanthropy, some of those which did in addition to the University of Michigan are Lawrence Technological University (where he also studied), Wayne State University, the College for Creative Studies, Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School, Brown University, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Jewish Federation, United Jewish Foundation of Metro Detroit and the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights.

Simply listing the institutions to which Al Taubman contributed so much does not provide the full measure of the person he was. On his death I communicated these thoughts: "Al Taubman impacted the well-being of millions who never met him because of his unwavering support for the health and education needs of all Americans. He earned great wealth but never forgot his roots. He reached the top but maintained compassion for the underdog. He could be very blunt but even more sensitive about the feelings of the others. He was much beloved by all of us privileged to know him over many years."

His commitment and active participation in the issues he cared about was on full display in the successful effort in 2008 to amend Michigan's Constitution to legalize expanded embryonic stem cell research in my state. Mr. Taubman was not only a vital financial contributor to the campaign, but as the Detroit Free Press noted, ". . . he crusaded in ways that couldn't be measured by dollar signs, arguably providing stem cell advocates with their loudest voice during the 2008 campaign." He organized a fundraiser with former President Bill Clinton, hosted meetings where people could learn more about the science involved, and weighed in with the press and with elected officials on the merits of embryonic stem cell research and the need for the constitutional amendment. The measure passed. There is no doubt that had Al Taubman not so fully invested his time, talents, and resources into the effort the present pioneering efforts now being undertaken at the University of Michigan would not be happening.

Mr. Speaker, the research at the A. Alfred Taubman Medical Research Institute on stems cells and beyond is a legacy of Al Taubman's and is likely to benefit untold numbers of people in our lives facing chronic disease who will

never have heard his name, but fame is not what he sought. His many endeavors have touched and will touch the lives of countless Americans. I encourage my colleagues to join in paying tribute to his many contributions to our country, and in offering condolences to his family, including his wife, Judith Taubman; his children William Taubman, Robert Taubman, and Gayle Taubman Kalisman; his stepchildren Tiffany Dubin and Christopher Rounick; and to his nine grandchildren and great-grandchild.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. ISAAC J. CRUMBLY

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2015*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a terrific educator and outstanding citizen, Dr. Isaac "Ike" Crumbly, who will be celebrating 50 remarkable years of teaching at the Fort Valley State University (FVSU) in Fort Valley, Georgia. He will be honored by the administration, faculty, students, and supporters at FVSU's 2015 Spring Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 2, 2015 in Fort Valley, Georgia.

Before earning two degrees in horticulture and a Ph.D. in botany, Dr. Isaac J. Crumbly was picking cotton to help support his ten brothers and sisters. With an inherent knowledge of the art of cultivation and the science of plant life, Dr. Crumbly was destined to end up at Fort Valley State University, a state and land-grant university founded in 1895 that has made significant contributions to agriculture and related fields.

Dr. Crumbly joined the faculty of Fort Valley State College, now Fort Valley State University, in 1965 as a Professor in the Biology Department. In the 50 intervening years, his role at the University has grown to include Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Director of the Cooperative Developmental Energy Program.

In 1983, Dr. Crumbly founded the one-of-a-kind Cooperative Developmental Energy Program (CDEP), a dual-degree STEM education program, in response to a call for proposals from the U.S. Department of Energy. The program's primary objective is to increase the number of minorities and women pursuing careers in the energy industry. With more than \$4 million dollars to support their education, students in the program have logged over 250,000 hours of hands-on experience. CDEP has been recognized by the University System of Georgia, the Georgia House of Representatives, and two U.S. Presidents, Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama, for its success.

Always striving to help his students achieve greater heights, Dr. Crumbly has given of his time and talents to mentor thousands of FVSU students in his STEM classes. Through CDEP, he is responsible for the education, employment, and successful careers of over 126 CDEP graduates who are engineers, geoscientists, and health physicists.

Dr. Crumbly's impact has stretched far beyond his immediate students, however. A skilled grantsman, Dr. Crumbly has helped bring in over \$30 million for the University and its students through funded grants, intern-

ships, and scholarships. He also has helped established partnerships with over 70 corporate, private, and university entities. Dr. Crumbly has been recognized numerous times by various professional and scholarly organizations for his work in educating students in STEM.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the Fort Valley State University community in honoring Dr. Isaac J. Crumbly for 50 outstanding years of contributing to the education and success of students at the Fort Valley State University.

CONGRATULATING MARION STILLSON FOR RECOGNITION AS THE RESTON CITIZEN ASSOCIATION'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 2014

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2015*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Marion Stillson of Reston on being recognized as the 2014 Citizen of the Year by the Reston Citizens Association.

The Reston Citizens Association was founded in 1967 to promote and protect Reston's founding principles by serving as a non-partisan forum for all residents and as an advocate for the community with County and State governments.

The RCA Citizen of the Year Award dates back to 1976 and honors an individual whose actions are consistent with the goals of Reston and the RCA. Recipients are recognized for contributing to the quality of life in Reston and for providing assistance to our neighbors in need. Marion and her husband Dick arrived in the Reston area in 1973. Marion's service to the community began in October 1980 when she was selected as one of the first members of the Reston Community Center's Board of Governors and provided valuable input on accessibility issues. Since then, she has been involved in a wide variety of issues important to Reston, the region, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation.

Marion was elected Vice-President of RCA in 2009 and President in 2010 and served our community in that role over two terms. During her tenure, RCA established the Reston Accessibility Committee, which helps ensure that local businesses provide access to retail, office and public amenity locations for those with mobility impairments, created the Reston 2020 Committee to analyze and advocate on land use issues, and implemented the Sustainable Reston Initiative to raise awareness of the need to address the effects on the Reston community of peak oil, global climate change and economic disruption.

At the county level, Marion has been appointed to the Election Improvement Commission, the Wiehle Avenue Steering Committee, the Hunter Mill District Budget Committee and has served as an elections officer.

Marion's passion for fairness and justice have been reflected in her distinguished professional career which has included serving as a lobbyist for the American Association of University Women; Staff Attorney National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws; Staff Attorney for the National Labor Relations

Board; Director of the Criminal Justice Advocacy Project for the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Attorney/Counselor/Mediator for the Architect of the Capitol Fair Employment Practices Office. In these roles, she directly influenced and in some instances created national policy in numerous areas.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Marion Stillson for this award and thanking her for her committed and selfless service to our community.

IN HONOR OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2015*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor the 40th anniversary of The Rotary Club of The Woodlands, Texas. Across our nation and world, service organizations make communities stronger through educational, vocational and community health programs. Since its formation, the leaders and members of this Rotary Club, of which I'm a proud member, has achieved all that—and more.

As the Vietnam War was ending, 20 local business leaders stepped forward to find solutions and make a positive difference in a new master planned community known as The Woodlands, Texas. Within two months of their first meeting, Rotary International approved their charter on May 9, 1975.

Over the last four decades, much has changed both within our Rotary and world, but the Rotary Club of the Woodlands continues to grow and serve. Today 174 business and community leaders keep the Club moving forward by putting servant leadership first. The number of service projects and programs has increased, while educational scholarships for local students remain at the heart of it all.

Before this new century the Club's Scholarship fund reached \$250,000, necessitating the creation of a foundation. Over \$1.3 million has been raised for deserving students—and many new community leaders credit their Rotary scholarships for making their education dreams a reality.

Our Rotary Club sponsors five Interact clubs at local high schools where future Rotarians and community leaders connect with mentors, develop leadership skills and make connections through service projects and club meetings.

Our club works with Interfaith of the The Woodlands on a program called "Serving Our Seniors." Twice annually, Rotarians, Interact students, Interfaith staff and volunteers come together to help seniors with a variety of home repair, improvement and landscaping chores.

Our Club annually supports an international exchange student who attends high school in the community. This cultural and educational exchange benefits the hosted student, their home country and local students who get to know more about other cultures.

The Club also provides layettes for the care of newborns in a South American medical clinic near the areas known for the Children of the Dump. This project ensures many lives begin in a sanitary environment and involves our local Interact Clubs who put together the layettes from supplies purchased by the Club with matching funds from Rotary International.