

years—reaching sales records above \$3,000 a year—and even earning a college scholarship. He earned Cub Scout's highest award, the Arrow of Light, as a Webelos Scout before crossing over to Boy Scout Troop 208 in Clive, where his parents, Pete and Kristin Jeffries, are active in Troop Leadership.

As a Boy Scout, Mason has volunteered in the community with the Variety Telethon, Waukee Food Pantry, Clive Greenbelt Park, Meals for the Heartland, Vacation Bible School, and various other Eagle Scout projects. Due to his dedication to the community, he was honored by his fellow Scouts in Troop 208 who elected him to serve in the Order of the Arrow, where he became a Brotherhood Member with the Mitigwa Lodge. Mason has held a number of leadership roles in Troop 208, including Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Librarian, Scribe, and twice as Patrol Leader.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout must pass specific tests organized by requirements and merit badges, and complete an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Mason refurbished the front of the Waukee Public Library after the construction of the facility's new addition in 2014. He led a group of Scouts and adults in pulling up all the existing shrubs, bushes and plants, adding metal edging, planting over 30 grasses, shrubs and plants, and finishing the landscaping with new mulch and decorative rocks.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his family's service to their community demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Mason and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE SHELBYVILLE-BEDFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. SCOTT DesJARLAIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud today to recognize the grand opening of the Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library, formerly the Argie Cooper Public Library.

In any community, libraries serve an extremely important role by operating as a point of access for literary classics, promoting educational opportunities for local citizens, and fostering a love for reading in both children and adults. The Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library has done all of these things, both meeting and exceeding our community's demands for educational resources and programs.

The new library is a tremendous asset to Bedford County and is the result of decades of a lot of good people doing great things for their community. We are all very excited to see a long-awaited dream become a beautiful reality, possessing a sense of the past while embracing the future.

I wish the best and look forward to the library's many years of service to Bedford County and its residents.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. BENITA OSBEY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of Mrs. Benita Ann Robinson Osbey, she gave of herself to better our community and the causes that were near and dear to her heart; and

Whereas, Mrs. Osbey's work is present in DeKalb County, Georgia for all to see, being an advocate for the youth, education, ovarian cancer support and research; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, her time, her talent and her life; never asking for fame or fortune but only to uplift those in need; and

Whereas, Mrs. Benita Ann Robinson Osbey led by doing, behind the scenes, as well as front and center for the city of Los Angeles, California, DeKalb County, Georgia, the Georgia Ovarian Cancer Alliance, her beloved church Saint Phillip African Methodist Episcopal Church, and for her beloved Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and

Whereas, this virtuous Proverbs 31 woman was a wife, daughter, niece, sister, aunt and a friend; she was a warrior, a matriarch, and a woman of great integrity; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional recognition on Mrs. Benita Ann Robinson Osbey for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of Georgia and throughout the Nation; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR., do hereby attest to the 114th Congress that Mrs. Benita Ann Robinson Osbey of DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor."

Mrs. Benita Ann Robinson Osbey, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 3rd day of May, 2015.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SSGT FALEAGAFULU ILAOA

HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN

RADEWAGEN

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Staff Sergeant (SSGT) Faleagaafulu Ilaoa, who lost his life while serving our great nation.

Ilaoa, whose parents hailed from the village of Leone, American Samoa was born on April 6, 1948, in San Francisco, CA, SSGT Ilaoa spent his youth like many of us do . . . dreaming of one day serving his country in our armed forces. Never to be deterred from his goals; following graduation from high school, Ilaoa joined the Air Force as a Military Policeman. These men not only serve as police officers to their fellow service members, but also participated in rescue operations, often in hostile territory.

On Monday, May 13, 1975, the U.S. merchant ship *Mayaguez* was seized by Khmer

Rouge forces off the coast of Cambodia. The following evening a rescue operation to save those on board the merchant vessel was launched by the Air Force's 56th Security Police Squadron (SPS).

At around 8:30 in the evening, on route to the *Mayaguez*, the Chinook helicopter carrying the 23 security police operators, including SSGT Ilaoa disappeared from radar approximately 40 miles from their base in a remote area of Northwest Thailand. To this day, the cause of the crash, whether it was mechanical malfunction, pilot error or enemy fire, is not known.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to join me recognizing the sacrifice of all who lost their lives on this mission and I personally would like to salute SSGT Ilaoa for his service to our nation and the proud legacy he left for all American Samoans.

HONORING THE BRAUN FAMILY

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a family whose commitment to service and Jewish prayer, study and music at my own synagogue, Valley Beth Shalom, spans more than six decades. The Braun family's dedication to Valley Beth Shalom has enriched the lives of our congregation and strengthened our community.

In 1960, Dick and Barbara Braun became members of Valley Beth Shalom. During the past fifty-five years, five generations of the Braun family have been involved in Valley Beth Shalom synagogue life. This includes, in addition to Dick and Barbara, Dick's mother Elisabeth, Dick and Barbara's four children and their spouses—Jon and Lynn, David and Sherri (of blessed memory) and Ellen, Robert and Sandra, Sarah and Shai, as well as their nine grandchildren and their spouses, and finally a great grandchild.

The contributions of the Braun family to Valley Beth Shalom are legend. Dick has sung in the congregational choir and served as Hazzan Sheyni since 1968. He has served on the Valley Beth Shalom Board of Directors for more than 40 years and also served on the Executive Committee. Barbara is also a long time member of the synagogue choir, and was an involved member of the Sisterhood and a member of the first class of the Valley Beth Shalom Counseling Center where she served for over 20 years. Jon and his wife Lynn have also served on the Valley Beth Shalom Board of Directors, and Lynn has chaired the Annual Gala Event and served on the Executive Committee of the synagogue. David is a member of the Valley Beth Shalom Board, the Board of the Schulweis Institute and is a Vice-President-elect of the congregation. Nate, one of the grandchildren, is secretary of the synagogue's Board, and his wife, Effie, is a Board member. In addition to all of the family's leadership contributions to the synagogue, members of the Braun family have also been generous benefactors of Valley Beth Shalom in support of all of its enriching programs.

The Braun family's contributions to the community reach farther than just our congregation: Dick is a general surgeon, who for many

years was the chief of surgery at Kaiser Permanente in Panorama City. Barbara was an elementary school teacher. Among the four children and their spouses are four physicians, a mental health therapist, an attorney, a teacher and a rabbi. Dick is also the founder and chairman of the Jewish Music Commission of Los Angeles, which brings new Jewish music into the life of the community. Lynn visits my Washington, D.C. office every year to meet with me as an advocate for the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

I am proud to be part of a synagogue that values these contributions by honoring the Braun family in their Family of the Year Celebration. They are living the legacy of our teacher and late rabbi, Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis. I thank the Braun family for their significant contributions towards bettering our synagogue and our community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. BOBBY LEE
GLEATON, JR.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals and families whose loved ones have given the "last full measure of devotion" by serving our country; and

Whereas, Mr. Bobby Lee Gleaton, Jr., an American hero, grew up and was educated in the Fourth District; and

Whereas, Bobby Lee Gleaton, Jr., who led an exemplary life, was born October 17, 1989 and received his education from Cedar Grove Elementary, Cedar Grove Middle School and Cedar Grove High School where he received a full band scholarship to Morris Brown College and ultimately became a member of the Purple Haze Drum Line; and

Whereas, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve as a Medical Logistics Specialist (E4) that was assigned to the 384th Medical Logistics Company in Fort Gillem, GA; and

Whereas, he faithfully served his Country until April 4th, 2015 when he departed this life as we know it; and

Whereas, this remarkable young man gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life as a soldier, a son, a brother, a servant of the Lord, a musician-drum major and friend to many; and

Whereas, this nation owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to him and his family who made a great sacrifice to serve this Country and;

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia recognizes Mr. Bobby Lee Gleaton, Jr., as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby attest to the 114th Congress that Mr. Bobby Lee Gleaton, Jr., is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor" by declaring Mr. Bobby Lee Gleaton, Jr., U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 9th day of April, 2015.

HONORING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF
GLADYS AGATHA MORTON

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Gladys Agatha Morton and the many contributions she has made as she prepares to celebrate her 90th birthday. Gladys is a consummate community leader, a kind and generous person who has been dedicated to her family and the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota throughout her life. She has made a lasting and positive impact on Saint Paul families and neighborhoods.

Born in Ramsey County, Minnesota on May 31, 1925 to Eli and Christine Preble, Gladys has always considered the East Side of Saint Paul home. In 1953 she married Russell Morton and raised a son named Philip. Like many East Siders, Gladys became a valued employee at 3M, serving as a Payroll Manager.

Soon Gladys found herself very busy outside of work and family too—volunteering and serving on behalf of her community. Her work ethic, knowledge and commitment to the city earned her appointment to numerous leadership positions. She served on the Board of Zoning Appeals for 40 years, the Saint Paul Planning Commission for 23 years, the Saint Paul Charter Commission and even as an interim Ward 7 Saint Paul City Councilmember in 1997. In 2000, Gladys earned a place in U.S. history serving as a Minnesota Elector for the 2000 Presidential Election.

Gladys had a hand in shaping every neighborhood in Saint Paul, but her passion has always been rooted in the East Side. She chaired numerous local task forces and the North East Neighborhoods Development Corporation. Her guidance helped develop Saint Paul into the beautiful and economically vibrant community that we enjoy today. Few can match her expertise and knowledge on municipal zoning, planning regulations and economic development.

Now Gladys spends much of her time with the people who give her the greatest joy in life: her granddaughter Lisette, and her husband Hugh, and great-granddaughter Elissa. It is no surprise that Gladys' enthusiasm for public service has been passed on to Lisette. I know that she is very proud of her granddaughter's own public service career, which began with my friend and predecessor, the late Congressman Bruce Vento, and continues today serving as Legislative Director for Congressman JERROLD NADLER of New York.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in rising to honor Gladys Agatha Morton on her 90th birthday. As many family and admirers prepare to gather and wish her well, we can all recognize the great inspiration her service is to all of us who strive to make our country better.

A TRIBUTE TO JERRY CLARK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jerry Clark for his

many years of service on the Guthrie County Fair Board.

Mr. Clark represented Dodge Township for more than 40 years on the fair board, just like his father had done before him. His grandson, Collin Clark, has now stepped into the role and will continue the family's hard work on the Guthrie County Fair Board that began 50 years ago with his great-grandfather.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Mr. Jerry Clark for his service to Guthrie County and wish him the best following his retirement from his duties. It is an honor to represent Iowans like him in Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO LATOYA JOWERS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, our greatest and most valuable assets are our children. Our children are the future and are educated and guided by our teachers; and

Whereas, Ms. LaToya Jowers is a teacher in DeKalb County, Georgia and an educator at Dunaire Elementary School, who has demonstrated fifteen years of leadership and service to our children and our district; and

Whereas, Ms. Jowers has been awarded the honor of Teacher of the Year 2015, representing Dunaire Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman is not only active at Dunaire Elementary School, but also in our community, her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and her church, Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia; and

Whereas, Ms. Jowers can be described as a Proverbs 31 woman. She is devoted to serving our community daily as an educator who imparts knowledge and skills for the success of our children. She is a motivator, an innovator and a model citizen who gives and asks for nothing in return; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. LaToya Jowers for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2015 Teacher of the Year at Dunaire Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR., do hereby proclaim May 6, 2015 as Ms. LaToya Jowers Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 6th day of May, 2015.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO
THE FAMILIES OF THE MARINES
THAT DIED IN THE HELICOPTER
CRASH IN NEPAL ON MAY 12, 2015

HON. ANDER CRENshaw

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2015

Mr. CRENshaw. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, as the co-chair of the Congressional Nepal