

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2016

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sisters of the Holy Family, the only religious order founded in New Orleans that still exists today.

The Sisters of the Holy Family were founded in 1842 by Henriette Delille, a free woman of color. Sisters of the Holy Family defied the norms of the time and chose to live a chaste life dedicated to God. In a time where white communities were not accepting of black communities and laws forbade blacks from living with white; there was much need for a set of church and civil authorities to give the people a place to call home in the midst of so much racial aggression.

In memory of Henriette, the fearless and gracious leader of the Sisters of the Holy Family, St. Mary's Academy the first secondary school for free girls of color was founded in New Orleans. Today the school educates co-ed students from grades pre-kindergarten to fifth grade while only girls are educated from sixth through twelfth grade. St. Mary's Academy graduates have become prominent professionals across the U.S.

For over 174 years, The Sisters of the Holy Family have continued their mission of educating the youth, caring for the sick and elderly, amongst many other dutiful deeds. The sisters have been recognized by civil and church authorities for their dedicated services to the people of God. By staying connected to God's transformational love as well as ensuring the continued growth of St. Mary's Academy. The Sisters will live in the hearts of hundreds for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the courage, commitment and sacrifice that the Sisters of the Holy Family have shown for over 174 years.

IN RECOGNITION OF LOUDOUN INTERFAITH RELIEF'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the 25th anniversary of Loudoun Interfaith Relief and their steadfast service to the good citizens of the Loudoun community. I would like to personally commend the volunteers who so selflessly dedicate themselves to providing support to those less fortunate without asking anything in return. These notable citizens truly embody the very best of our nation's values through their service to the community and commitment to the betterment of others' lives.

Loudoun Interfaith Relief has increased their service exponentially since forming in 1991, growing into the largest food pantry in Loudoun County. From 2013 to 2014 alone, the total assistance rose from 40,959 to 52,955 and continues to grow regularly. The pantry is open six days a week and has over 320 volunteers working daily to help provide services to those in need. This growth is a clear testament to the outstanding dedication to service conducted by the staff and volunteers at Loudoun Interfaith Relief.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me immense pride to recognize such a fine group, and I sincerely hope that we all can live up to their tremendous example. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Loudoun Interfaith Relief. I wish them all the best and hope that they continue to be a positive example of service to the community.

HONORING WILLIAM PATTERSON

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career and lifetime of leadership of Mr. William Patterson as he receives a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Boys Scouts of America—San Francisco Bay Area Council. Mr. Patterson's dedication and contributions to the San Francisco Bay Area have aided in the success and advancement of thousands of people and he is widely recognized as one of Oakland's civic champions due to his involvement in many political campaigns and community organizations in the last four decades.

Mr. Patterson first learned to help others at all times when he became a Boy Scout in 1948. As a Scout, Mr. Patterson learned the values of Scout Law that would ultimately guide his life of service. Further, Mr. Patterson received both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from San Francisco State University.

Mr. Patterson went on to serve as the President of The East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD) Board of Directors and left a lasting impact. Mr. Patterson was able to significantly expand the retirement fund assets. He is also a retired Oakland Parks and Recreation Manager, who has been credited widely by many established athletes who have gone on to gain Hall of Fame Recognition, including the likes of basketball's Bill Russell and baseball's Joe Morgan. In addition, Mr. Patterson was a close confidant and advisor to the late Oakland Mayor Lionel Wilson and worked for the Oakland Parks and Recreation Commission for thirty seven years until his retirement. He is the only former employee to serve as a member of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Commission, displaying his exceptional dedication to the greater Oakland community.

Mr. Patterson has an extensive and impressive background of involvement in the commu-

nity. Mr. Patterson was a three-term president of the Oakland chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), a seven-year past chair for the NAACP Life Membership Committee and eight year member of the NAACP National Life Membership Committee. He served as Chair of The Alameda County Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Committee and Chair of its Public Ethics and Parks and Recreation Commission, the Workforce Investment Board, and Pardee Museum Board.

In addition to his impressive and extensive career, he has received countless awards in recognition of his accomplishments from government, community and political organizations. Some of the most honorable awards includes: California Attorney General's Award of Excellence in Civil Rights, City of Oakland Living Legends Award, the naming of Bill Patterson Park, African American Water Leadership Coalition (AAWLC) Legacy Award, Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School Legacy Award, McClymonds High School Legacy Award, and Shiloh Church of Oakland Living Legacy Award.

Mr. Patterson currently lives in Oakland, California with his wife and son; he remains active in numerous community activities. Currently, he serves as a Board Member of The Joe Morgan Youth, Oakland Urban Strategies Council, Oakland NAACP Executive Committee, the Oakland East Bay Black Elected Officials Council and as an advisor to Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf. Mr. Patterson is a member of Oakland's Rotary Club #3, Golden Heritage Life Member of NAACP, and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

On a personal note, Bill has been a supporter and colleague for many years. I value his expertise, his brilliance, and most importantly, his friendship.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors a great friend of the Bay Area and a true champion of civil service, Mr. William Patterson. His work with the NAACP, EBMUD, Oakland's Parks and Recreation and embodiment of Scout Law has had a tremendously positive impact on California's 13th District, and we are lucky to have him remain active in our community in all of his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING TASTE OF ETHIOPIA

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 4th Annual Taste of Ethiopia held on August 6, 2016. The Taste of Ethiopia is a celebration as well as a cultural immersion to showcase music, food, art, crafts, culture, fashion show, and Ethiopian dance. It allows visitors a taste of Ethiopia without ever having to leaving Colorado, and also serves to bring all Ethiopians together. It is a celebration that combines fun and education.

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I am proud that the 6th District of Colorado is home to the largest Ethiopian community in the state of Colorado, and I am honored to have worked with members of this community on my staff. The Ethiopian community not only offers a beautiful and vibrant culture, but their dedication to hard work, family, and education, are also attributes that can be admired by all. The achievements of the Ethiopian community are highly visible in my Congressional District. I look forward to taking part in the festivities again this year with my esteemed constituents.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Taste of Ethiopia and its entire staff for their hard work these past four years.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARS CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF M&M'S

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Mars Inc., which is celebrating its 75th year of producing M&M's to the good citizens of our nation this year. Mars is our country's oldest independently owned company, and I would like to personally congratulate the Mars family and their associates for the continued dedication to excellence in forming such an iconic brand. This company embodies the core of this nation's values through their investment to our community and their continued outstanding performance.

The Mars Company has ranked as one of the top places to work by Fortune Magazine since their inception in 1911. In 1957 the Mars Foundation was established to provide grants to conservation groups and non-profits serving the greater Washington, D.C. area while also maintaining a local presence in annual McLean events. This is a clear testament to the outstanding work which is conducted by this caring family and they are deserving of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me immense pride to recognize such a fine group, and I sincerely hope that we all can live up to their tremendous example. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Mars family and their business. I wish them continued success and hope that they remain a strong positive presence in our community for years to come.

HONORING MRS. IMOGENE BURRIS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mrs. Imogene Burris. With her passing May 27, 2016, we honor her brilliant social justice work.

Much of Mrs. Burris' life was spent improving the lives of those less fortunate both in her personal and professional life. Mrs. Burris, for many years, was a business woman where she operated Summerside Homes, Vallejo, facilities for the developmentally disabled. She treated the clients as her own children and in-

sisted that all employees treat the clients in the same manner.

In addition to her impressive and important career with Summerside Homes, she was active in many community and business organizations including the National Council of Negro Women, Delta Sigma Theta, the Continentals of Omega Boys and Girls Club of Vallejo.

In her personal life, she had a tremendous wit and enjoyed dialogue on all kinds of subjects especially those involving current events and the status of the African American community. She instilled in everyone around her the desire to lead a life that makes a difference by improving the lives of those less fortunate than you. Mrs. Burris loved to travel to learn more about the world and interact with all sorts of experiences.

Mrs. Burris is well remembered by her family and community as a stylish dresser and a hallmark was her grand and colorful hats. For many years she got a new hat for every Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day and her birthday. She had a hat for all occasions with matching purse, gloves and shoes. Mrs. Burris' community will also miss the delectable soul food she cooked, especially her well regarded peach cobbler.

Mrs. Burris was married for 67 years to the late DeWitt Burris and they had 6 children, two of whom preceded her in death. She is survived by a daughter Faye Anderson, a retired Middle School principal with San Francisco Unified School District, and two sons: Rev. Dr. Ronald Burris, an Associate Professor of church history at the American Baptist Seminary of the West and Pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Richmond, and John Burris, a law professor at North Carolina Central University School of Law. Mrs. Burris has a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and several generations of nieces and nephews all whom adored her and are mourning her passing. She was the "grand dame" and Matriarch who took great pride in family, friends and the community at large. All who met her could feel her kindness and sincerity. Her motto was "If I can be helpful, I will".

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes the legacy of Mrs. Imogene Burris. Her contributions have truly impacted countless lives through the Bay Area. I join all of Mrs. Burris' loved ones in celebrating her incredible life and offer my most sincere condolences.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BANK OF CLARKE COUNTY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Bank of Clarke County during its 135th anniversary year, and to congratulate all who have been affiliated with the bank and its holding company, Eagle Financial Services, Inc., for 135 years of successful operation of a nationally recognized community banking business that has provided excellent banking services for my constituents in the northern Shenandoah Valley and western Loudoun County.

The Bank of Clarke County is steeped in a rich history. It was founded in 1881, fifteen years after the end of the Civil War, as the Bank of Berryville. Thereafter, through the turbulence and uncertainty of two world wars, a depression and several recessions, not to mention strong competition from larger banks, the challenges of the global economy, cybersecurity threats and excessive government regulation, the able leadership of the Bank of Clarke County has guided the institution to steady growth and prosperity.

The bank's business has been so consistent that, since 1986, it has increased its dividend each year, and, for the fourth year in a row, American Banker magazine has named it one of the Top 200 Community Banks in the nation.

The Bank of Clarke County has been an extraordinarily constructive member of the communities that it has served. In addition to helping countless Virginians buy homes, start businesses, and invest in the future, it has generously contributed to a variety of worthy causes, including the Independence Day Fireworks at the Clarke County Fairgrounds and the classic car show in Leesburg, called Cruise-In, whose proceeds benefit the Tree of Life Ministries in western Loudoun County. Over the years, the bank has also made a huge difference to the quality of education of Clarke County students, making generous annual contributions to the Clarke County Education Foundation, including for the Jack Hardesty Memorial Scholarship which is named after a beloved former leader of Clarke County who was also a Director of the bank. It also funds the Bank of Clarke County Endowed Scholarship, which is presented annually to a Clarke County High School senior who will be attending Lord Fairfax Community College and majoring in business or a related field.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, during its 135th anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chairman of the Board Tom Gilpin, President and CEO Johnny Milleson and all the hard working employees of the Bank of Clarke County and Eagle Financial Services, Inc., for claiming a special place in the history of Clarke County and the Commonwealth of Virginia as one of the top community banks in the nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF COUNCILMAN COREY WOODS

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tenure and accomplishments of a community leader, a recognized advocate for affordable housing, and a dedicated public servant. Tempe City Councilmember Corey Woods served the neighborhoods and families of Tempe with honor for eight years and stepped down last month to pursue new opportunities.

During his eight-year tenure on the Tempe City Council Mr. Woods focused on increasing affordable housing in Tempe, a growing and vibrant community in my district that encompasses Arizona State University. Thanks in large part to Mr. Woods' efforts Tempe has received over \$2.3 million in funding specifically