

strategy can help guide this technology to meet goals of sustainability, equity, and economic growth.

Likewise, had I been present for the vote on H. Res. 835, a resolution expressing support for a national policy for technology to promote consumer access to financial tools and online commerce (Roll Call Number 497), I would have voted "aye." With nearly a third of the U.S. population underbanked or unbanked, it is critical that we focus emerging technology development to provide additional support, financial tools, and security to consumers.

#### RECOGNIZING RON O'CONNER'S RETIREMENT FROM FARM CREDIT OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

**HON. DENNIS A. ROSS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the career and retirement of my good friend Ron O'Conner of Florida Farm Credit in Lakeland, Florida.

Ron is a native Floridian and a University of Florida graduate. He began his career at Farm Credit of Central Florida in 1987 as Marketing Manager. During his time at Farm Credit, he and the marketing department earned many outstanding achievement awards.

Ron is an exceptional representative of the Farm Credit system. Currently, he chairs Farm Credit of Florida's statewide marketing committee, providing maximum exposure for Farm Credit of Florida's most important agriculture events.

Farm Credit of Central Florida's mission is to provide reliable, consistent credit and financial services to the agricultural and rural communities of Central Florida. Ron is dedicated to this mission, and to the people and business of agriculture—the heart and lifeblood of the United States.

Everyone knows Ron can be found at every agricultural event throughout the 15th District of Florida, documenting everything with his camera.

Ron's service and excellence has helped make Florida Farm Credit the largest single lender to agriculture in my home State of Florida.

Not only is Ron known as a diligent and valuable representative of Farm Credit, but also as a man of great integrity. I am proud to call Ron my friend.

Best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING NEW LENOX'S PROUD AMERICAN DAYS MILITARY TRIBUTE

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight New Lenox's annual military tribute during Proud American Days. Since 1984, the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce has been steadfastly dedicated to the commitments and sacrifices of our nation's service members. What started out as a small gathering is now

one of the largest programs attended in the area.

New Lenox's motto reads, "The Home of Proud Americans" and they certainly live up to that slogan. On Sunday, July 31, 2016, more than two hundred people, including veterans, paid homage to those who have sacrificed so much to protect our great nation. These brave Americans endured so much so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today and for that, we owe them our eternal gratitude.

During the tribute this year, the following veterans were recognized:

Machinist's Mate Second Class Robert Beazley, United States Navy

Master Sergeant Edward Dima, United States Air Force

Gunner's Mate Third Class Leonard Kapocius, United States Navy

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to submit these names for all to see, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring all of our nation's veterans.

#### TRIBUTE TO LYNETTA BLEEKER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lynetta Bleeker, a middle school teacher at Parkview Middle School in Ankeny, Iowa. On Thursday, September 8, 2016, Lynetta was a recipient of The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) are the highest honors bestowed upon K–12 mathematics and science teachers by the federal government. Established by Congress in 1983, the PAEMST program has been a benchmark that all teachers strive to achieve. Ms. Bleeker's dedication to her students and steadfastness in her commitment to excellence has not gone unnoticed. I am honored to recognize her as one of this year's recipients.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Lynetta Bleeker for receiving this award and for providing the youth in Iowa's 3rd Congressional District the education that they will need to be successful in the future. I am proud to represent her, her fellow teachers and students in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Lynetta Bleeker and wishing her well and continued success in the future.

#### TRIBUTE TO LINDA RAWL SHEALY

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, September 10, 2016, a memorial service was conducted for Linda Rawl Shealy by Dr. Mark S. Bredholt. Eulogies were provided by former Columbia television news anchor Cheryl Irwin and myself. I was honored to provide the following tribute:

Family and friends of Linda Rawl Shealy, this is a loving service honoring a dear lady, but, additionally, it is fitting for me to participate as this is also a reunion of former staff members of my predecessor, the late Congressman Floyd Spence, who was a Patriot, Statesman and Southern Gentleman.

Congressman Spence was a good judge of character and integrity, selecting talented young people for his staff. Especially extraordinary was Chief of Staff Craig Metz, along with District Director Sammy Hendrix. Sammy was perceptive enough to recommend his fellow Lexington High School classmate, Linda Rawl Shealy, to the Congressman.

In 1984, Congressman Spence was the Ranking Member of the House Ethics Committee and Linda Shealy was selected to be a Staff Assistant for the Committee—a tough job for a Committee which is Solomonically as issues were presented equivalent to counting the number of angels who danced on a pin.

She served with young attorneys Mark Elam and John Hoefler, who were counsels to the committee, fresh out of law school, and today are among the most highly respected attorneys of Charleston and Columbia, with Mark as Director of State and Local Relations for Boeing and John as a Partner in the law firm of Willoughby and Hoefler.

In 1995, Linda shifted to become Special Assistant to Floyd Spence as he was elected Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, where she faithfully served dependably and loyally until his death on August 16, 2016.

I was grateful that Linda led transition efforts for the Second Congressional District Office upon my election on December 18, 2001, and, in June 2002, she was selected as the second staff member of the House Office of Emergency Planning. This important office was established following the September 11th attacks by Islamic Terrorists.

Current Director Joe Lowry praised Linda as the "First Lady of the Emergency Planning Office," through her retirement in January 2014, as the longest serving employee of the Office.

Linda's achievements reflected well on her heritage with the Rawl Family being among the earliest German-Swiss families to settle here in the Saxe Gotha Region.

Welcoming attendees were other original families of Shealy, Addy, Meetze, and Price, who established a positive community where they are a tiny percentage of Lexington County, one of America's fastest growing, with transplants from the Northeast and Midwest along with worldwide residents. It was also fitting to be at the Caughman-Harman Funeral Home, established by original families Viri and Steve Caughman with Daisy Wilson and Harry Harman.

As we reflect on the dedicated life of Linda Rawl Shealy, it can clearly be established that she made a positive difference for a better community and nation.

#### IN HONOR OF THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF FANNIE TAYLOR

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Fannie Taylor.

Mrs. Taylor was born on January 11, 1926 in Lee County, Alabama.

She joined Ferguson Chapel C.M.E. Church at the age of nine years old. She has served

in several capacities throughout the years which included: President of the Stewardess Board, Treasurer of the Missionary Department, Chairperson of Circle Five.

She moved to Central Park, New York and lived there for 19 years. While living there, she attended Williams Chapel Institutional CME Church.

In 1996, she returned to Opelika, Alabama and to Ferguson Chapel CME Church.

She presently sings in the Senior Choir, is a member of Sunday School and Bible Study Group. She serves on the Opelika House Authority Resident Advisory Board and has for 19 years.

She has one son, Bobby Melton (Deceased), a daughter-in-law, Doris Melton, three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Her favorite song is "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Mrs. Taylor a happy 90th birthday.

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HONORING DR. OLLYE SHIRLEY

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Olye Shirley who has touched the lives of many in Mississippi. She recently passed away on September 10, 2016.

Dr. Olye Shirley grew up the big sister to two brothers in the home of two teachers in Mound Bayou, MS. Ms. Olye Brown's parents taught at a one-room school and their home was situated on land that her family still owns. When Olye Brown graduated from high school, she went on to attend Tougaloo College. Fond Tougaloo memories conjure images of singing under the trees and playing baseball.

Olye also remembers Tougaloo as a college "small enough to make really good close friends—kind of like a family. If somebody needed something, alumni or other students would pitch in." While lettering in basketball and being an all-conference guard, Olye Brown maintained her status on the Dean's list.

Miss Brown met and was courted by her college sweetheart Aaron Shirley '55 at Tougaloo College.

This self-motivated honor student graduated from Tougaloo in 1953 with a Bachelor of Arts in English and gained employment at Burglund High School in McComb, MS. When her husband graduated from Tougaloo in 1955, the family moved to Nashville for his medical education at Meharry Medical College. Over those four years, Olye worked as a secretary for Tennessee State University and earned extra money typing theses for graduate students. She also worked for Davidson County as a welfare worker for their last two Nashville years.

Because the Civil Rights Movement did not receive much or very accurate coverage, several branches of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party published their own newsletters. Dr. Aaron Shirley graduated from Meharry, the family moved back to Mississippi, and Olye shared with Dilla E. Irwin the editor-

ship of the Vicksburg branch's newsletter, the Citizen's Appeal.

Dr. Olye Shirley later worked for the Children's Television Workshop; then served on the JPS school board from 1978–1993, the last four years as president.

In her years of education, Dr. Shirley has served the children of Mississippi admirably. She worked with PBS' CTW for almost 25 years, helping determine the direction of educational television by bringing programs such as "Sesame Street," "Electric Company" and "Ghostwriters." In her last position in the CTW, Dr. Shirley served as regional director, training teachers how to use these shows as educational tools.

Dr. Olye Brown Shirley's recent recognitions include Link of the Decade for Services to Youth from the Jackson Chapter of The Links. In addition, the story of her achievements is told on the 2010 documentary 'In Spite of it All' by Wilma Mosley Clopton. Dr. Olye Brown Shirley is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., initiated through Tougaloo's Gamma Psi Chapter.

Doctors Aaron and Olye Brown Shirley's marriage bore four children: Kevin, Terrence, Christal S. Porter, and Erin Shirley Orey and her five much loved grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Olye Shirley.

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TRIBUTE TO MARIE POOL

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mrs. Marie Pool on the occasion of her 101st birthday on March, 15, 2016.

Marie was born on a farm near Williamson, Iowa and spent her youth helping on the farm and milking cows. She attended country school and Bridgewater High School. She married Virgil Pool in 1933 and they had three children, Donnie, Betty and Peggy. Marie quilted and loved to dance. Now, she lives at Greenfield Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Greenfield, Iowa and enjoys bingo and ice cream socials. She attributes clean living and hard work to her longevity.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Marie Pool in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 101st birthday. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Marie on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

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HONORING JUSTIN-SIENA HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Justin-Siena High School upon the 50th Anniversary of the school's founding. While we honor five decades of aca-

demic achievement, we also celebrate the future of Justin-Siena High School in keeping with the school's motto *Sempre Avanti*, or "Always Forward."

The De La Salle Christian Brothers and the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael founded Justin-Siena in 1966 to educate and inspire young people to live the Lasallian values of scholarship, bravery, and faith. The school connects its students and our community to the Lasallian network of schools, which spans 82 countries around the world.

Located in Napa, California the school serves students from across the North Bay and from 15 countries around the world and maintains a commitment to academic excellence. Its 12:1 student-instructor ratio fosters close academic relationships, and an impressive 99 percent of the students receive college admission offers. In the tradition of Christian generosity espoused by its founders, Justin-Siena supports more than one-third of its students with tuition assistance to help families of all economic backgrounds.

The school's commitment to community service has offered students opportunities for service-based learning across our country from San Francisco, to Montana to Arizona. Students also participate in a variety of projects in our community. They work to address the needs of our local migrant farmworkers, contribute to environmental projects that restore ecosystems and help promote natural habitat growth.

Mr. Speaker, Justin-Siena has been a leading institution in our Napa Valley for five decades and has provided generations of students with a world-class education. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the school here today.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for some votes taken last Thursday, September 8, and all votes on Friday, September 9, due to attending my brother's wedding in Northern California. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote Number 492 (Motion to Re-commit H.R. 2357): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 493 (Passage of H.R. 4909, the Accelerating Access to Capital Act of 2015): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 494 (Motion to Re-commit H.R. 5424): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 495 (Passage of H.R. 5424, the Investment Advisers Modernization Act of 2016): NO.

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TRIBUTE TO LINDA LYNCH

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge Linda Lynch for 29 years of service as the Brentwood City Community