

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Relations Director. Her hard work and dedication to excellence has helped our city grow exponentially. Through her position she was able to bring members of Brentwood, Tennessee, around special causes and efforts.

Linda Lynch was born in Leipers Fork, Tennessee, and was raised in Franklin, Tennessee. She taught in Memphis, Tennessee, and Oklahoma. She also supported her husband who ran a transportation company before she took on her role in Brentwood.

As a liaison, she was instrumental in building bridges between residents and government. This was accomplished by how she planned events for the city. By doing so, government officials could hear the needs and concerns of the people and the community was heard by their leaders. Linda also played a major role in the education of historical sites and advocated for preservation of historic places. Outside of her regular duties she took the initiative and founded the Brentwood Historic Commission. Linda was also involved with the Brentwood Tree Board, the Adopt a Mile Program, and the Brentwood Library. She is also a lifetime member of the Williamson County Heritage Foundation.

Linda Lynch has left the city of Brentwood, Tennessee, a better place than when she first started in her role. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her service and commitment to the city of Brentwood, Tennessee.

TRIBUTE TO FRIEDA PORTER

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. Frieda Porter on the occasion of her 100th birthday on March 23, 2016.

Frieda was born near Fontanelle, Iowa and attended Fontanelle schools. She married Max Porter in 1938 and they had three children, Becky, Randy and Pat. Frieda was active in the community and was an Avon representative for many years. She also taught Sunday school at the Greenfield Lutheran Church. Frieda attributes a healthy life, attendance at church and her belief in God to her long and happy life.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Frieda in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Frieda on reaching this incredible milestone and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

WILLIAM "BILL" SHERRILL—
TEXAN

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this month William "Bill" Sherrill turns 90 years young. This energetic veteran still has the same passion for our country and our military that he had the day he enlisted into the Marines at 15

years of age in 1941. As a young teenager, Bill served during World War Two and participated in the island hopping campaign until he was wounded in Iwo Jima.

Born in the 1920s, Bill grew up in the Depression of the 1930s poor, in Houston, Texas. At the age of 15, two weeks after Pearl Harbor, Bill dropped out of Lanier Middle School and answered his country's call of duty to serve by joining the U.S. Marines. Bill said "he didn't lie about his age; I'm from Texas, I exaggerated my age."

During this time, the United States' major strategy was launched against Japan in a strategy called island hopping. This tactic was employed by the United States to gain military bases and secure small islands in the Pacific. Our military took control of the islands and quickly constructed landing strips and military bases. Then they proceeded to attack other islands from the bases they had established. Bill belonged to the 3rd Marines, 9th Battalion, and they participated in several campaigns along Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima.

In February 1945, his troop invaded Iwo Jima on the seventh day. It was a month long bloody battle against Imperial Japan that resulted in 7,000 Marines who were killed and over 20,000 were injured; mostly young Marines. Bill lasted seven days, before being shot through the left arm; he went out on the fourteenth day of the battle. Bill recalls seeing the flag "Old Glory" that was famously waved over Mount Suribachi. From that experience, Bill knew that the Marines go where others fear to tread, and the timid are not found. For his injuries, Bill was treated at Oakland Naval Hospital. The bullet severed the nerve in his left arm, leaving his arm paralyzed and causing Bill to spiral into depression. But, Bill's story is not over. For his service and bravery, Bill received the Purple Heart, American Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. While recovering at the Naval Hospital, Bill also earned his GED (General Education Diploma). This would set him on a new course of training—from the battlefield to the classroom.

After his discharge in 1946, he moved back to Texas and enrolled at the University of Houston. Four years later, he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and then his Master's at the Harvard School of Business. Bill never gave up. He was wounded, uneducated and paralyzed but he continued to press forward.

With his determination to never give in, Bill has had many successes. He has owned several businesses and even helped develop Tiki and Jamaica Island in Galveston. Banking and real estate were his main interests. He was employed by the City of Houston, served as president of a local bank, owned a financial consulting firm, and even served on the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors. With this diverse and fascinating career, it wasn't until 1990, that Bill discovered his true passion—teaching. He returned to his alma mater, the University of Houston, to teach at the Bauer College of Business Administration. Three years later, he founded the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at University of Houston.

Ronald Reagan best summed it up when he said, "Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference. The Marines don't have that problem." That's certainly true for Bill, a remarkable man who has cer-

tainly made a difference in our community and in the lives of many. Happy 90th, Oooh Rah. Semper Fi.

And that's just the way it is.

GEORGIA AMBASSADOR ARCHIL
GEGESHIDZE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the Georgia Caucus, I would like to take a moment to thank Ambassador Archil Gegeshidze for his dedication to developing a deep and meaningful U.S.-Georgia partnership. His Excellency Gegeshidze was appointed as the Ambassador of Georgia to the United States in March 2013. Since that time, he has served his country faithfully and worked tirelessly to improve Tbilisi's relationship with Washington.

Georgia sits in a region full of dictators, but it remains a stalwart beacon of democracy. It is on the basis of democracy and freedom for all that Ambassador Gegeshidze has worked to strengthen Georgia's ties with the United States. While there is still work to be done, with the Ambassador's help, Georgia has made significant strides ensuring freedom of the press, preventing corruption, and pursuing a free market system.

Throughout Ambassador Gegeshidze's appointment in the U.S., he has shown time and time again that Georgians share the same values as Americans. Georgian soldiers forged a strong bond with American soldiers as they fought alongside each other on the battlefield in Afghanistan. Georgians have also helped facilitate the growth of American law firms, colleges, energy and IT companies in their country. Our peoples' mutual dedication to being forces for good in the international community shines through in all aspects of our relationship. I am proud of the way Ambassador Gegeshidze has represented the Georgian people here in America and worked to achieve our shared strategic goals.

Together Georgians and Americans alike must continue the good work of the Ambassador. Given Russia's aggression in the region, we must continue to press for Georgia's membership in NATO. Also, in light of the increased trade between our two countries, it would be a smart move to start negotiations on a U.S.-Georgia free trade agreement.

Thanks to the efforts of Ambassador Gegeshidze, the bond between Georgia and the United States is strong. He will be greatly missed, but he leaves Washington with a robust U.S.-Georgia partnership in place for his successor.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD BROOKS

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 Richard Brooks, a High School teacher at Johnston