

partner in 2015. Additionally, Taiwan is California's fifth largest export market in Asia, and seventh largest export market in the world.

As Taiwan celebrates Double Ten Day, I would like to take the opportunity to support Taiwan's participation in the international community. The 39th Triennial Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization will take place next week. Three years ago, Congress enacted a law instructing the U.S. Government to facilitate Taiwan's participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization assembly as an observer. I am pleased to see that Taiwan is invited again this year.

I wish the people of Taiwan a Happy Double Ten Day, and I look forward to many more years of the friendship with Taiwanese people.

IN HONOR OF DR. ROBERT L. WRIGHT

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a talented businessman, philanthropist, and civil rights activist, Dr. Robert Lee Wright, who served as Chairman of the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) Plan for Action Presidential Commission. Dr. Wright played an integral role in the development of this nation's greatest tribute to the tragic but triumphant story of the African-American community. The National Museum of African American History and Culture is a crucial patch that has finally and rightfully been sewn into the quilt of American history. Though the seams may be laden by injustice and oppression, the focal point is the recognition of the vital role African Americans played in the establishment and evolution of this nation and its culture, all of which would not be possible without the valuable contributions of Dr. Robert Wright.

Dr. Wright's remarkable journey began in a segregated Columbus, Georgia sweltering with the heat of racial injustice. He was the son of a bricklayer and nurse. He graduated from Spencer High School in 1955, after which he left Georgia to escape the systemic discrimination of the South to pursue a degree in optometry from Ohio State University. However, he was not gone for long. Upon his return to Columbus to practice as a medical professional, Dr. Wright became active in the Civil Rights Movement and participated in the 1965 Selma to Montgomery March. In 1968, he was elected to the Columbus City Council and served until he was appointed by President Ronald Reagan as Associate Administrator for Minority Small Business and Capital Ownership Development. In 1985, after his time in the Reagan Administration, Dr. Wright created Dimensions International, a successful defense contracting firm.

In 2001, the NMAAHC Plan for Action Presidential Commission was established, and Dr. Wright was recommended by Congressman J.C. Watts of Oklahoma to serve on the commission and when the commission was organized, the members elected him Chairman. As the Chairman, he was tasked by law to provide President George W. Bush and Congress with an implementation plan for the museum. Wasting no time in engaging this charge, Dr.

Wright and his panel produced "The Time Has Come," a 2003 report that expressed the vision and enumerated the administrative details for the \$540 million facility. This report led Congress to enact that same year the NMAAHC Act, which established the museum within the Smithsonian Institution. Even after this victory, the process often faltered as opposition to the museum forced several debates on funding, location, and even the need for such a museum. But through it all, Dr. Robert Wright and his team succeeded in bringing to life the Smithsonian's 19th museum right where Dr. Wright and so many others feel it belongs—on the National Mall.

The National Museum of African American History and Culture will candidly display the brutal horrors of the international slave trade and its unquantifiable and lingering effects. The museum will also celebrate the tenacity and advancement of African Americans as they remained steadfast in the belief of their worth as human beings. The museum's juxtaposition of pain and tragedy with perseverance and triumph mirrors the "Horatio Alger" story of Dr. Robert L. Wright's life in achieving success in the face of adversity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the millions of African Americans nationwide in recognizing Dr. Robert Lee Wright for his immeasurable contributions to the creation of the National Museum of African American History and Culture. We will soon celebrate the grand opening of this remarkable Museum, where people from all walks of life can gather to remember a dark period in our nation's history, rejoice at how far we have come as a society, and reflect upon how far we have yet to go.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University (GMU), of Fairfax, Virginia on their 25th anniversary. This is an important milestone for this wonderful educational institution. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at GMU celebrated this anniversary in the district on the 6th of September, and it is my pleasure to briefly highlight the impact this school has had on my constituents.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at GMU has had a terrific history of success since first opening its doors in 1991. OLLI has stood as a pillar of education for those it serves by providing mature adults with an opportunity to continue their learning and intellectual growth. OLLI offers numerous low-cost and tremendously accessible courses to their members, as they do not require participants to do homework assignments or have a college degree in order to enroll.

OLLI not only offers elderly residents of my district an opportunity to attend academic courses through the traditional lecture and classroom setting, but other chances to learn through a myriad of additional educational and

cultural events. I truly believe that organizations such as OLLI serve as an integral part of our communities by providing services that foster lifelong learning.

I come from a family of educators, so I have seen firsthand how important a proper education is to the future of our nation. It is institutions like Osher Lifelong Learning Institute that will continue to help shape the United States' role in the world, through offering scholastic services to our citizens. The success of this institution is a tremendous accomplishment that should make past and present faculty proud.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Osher Lifelong Institute at George Mason University for 25 years of serving citizens in my district. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 5TH ANNUAL GOLDEN GOOSE AWARD

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Golden Goose Award, which recognizes researchers whose seemingly obscure, federally funded research has returned significant benefits to society.

In particular, I rise today to congratulate Cornell University biologist Dr. Tom Seeley and his colleagues from the Georgia Institute of Technology, John Bartholdi, Sunil Nakrani, Craig Tovey, and John Vande Vate, who will be receiving a 2016 Golden Goose Award for their research on honey bee foraging and computer servers. Dr. Seeley, like me, is a Dartmouth College alumnus, and he has gone on to become one of the world's leading experts on bees. Working with his Georgia Tech colleagues, who are actually all engineers, Dr. Seeley conducted basic research to understand how honey bees forage. While some might have questioned the worth of their initial research, these researchers eventually adapted their model on honey bee foraging into an innovative algorithm for assigning computer servers that is being used by Web hosting companies, impacting a rapidly expanding global market worth \$50 billion.

Supported in part by funding from the National Science Foundation and the Office of Naval Research, they created a model predicting how honey bees would allocate themselves in their ever-changing environment based on their known behaviors. By drawing parallels between server allocation challenges and the honey bees, they developed an algorithm that more efficiently, and profitably, allocates servers to the variable demands of the Internet than any algorithm then in use.

Today, Web hosting services are utilizing algorithms like Tovey and Nakrani's that mimic the behavior of natural systems to boost profits and more efficiently operate server farms in a rapidly growing \$50 billion global marketplace.

The work of these scientists demonstrates the importance of continued federal investment in scientific research. As a proud member of the bipartisan Science and National Labs Caucus, which seeks to encourage scientific advancement through federal investment in research, I look forward to continuing

to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support innovation.

I am pleased to congratulate these scientists on their valuable work to our society.

TRIBUTE TO ALEX C. McDONALD

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, San Diego and the state of California recently and suddenly lost a legal giant. I lost a friend and a neighbor.

Alex C. McDonald loved the law. While his initial area of expertise was in real estate law, his legal knowledge of multiple fields was expansive.

In a public service record that stretched more than two decades, Alex served on the state's 4th District Court of Appeals.

His mark on the law and how it impacted the people of California are indelible.

Alex played key roles in rulings that would affect public safety, civil liberties and voting rights.

But to those who were fortunate enough to know Alex his wry sense of humor would be among their strongest memories.

My husband, Steve, and I had a front row seat to his challenging and caring nature, as our families were friends and neighbors for over 40 years.

For many people service on the court would have been enough, but Alex's impact on his community went beyond the bench.

Through his role as President of the downtown San Diego Lion's Club, Alex was instrumental in creating Lions Community Manor. The Manor is a lifeline that provides housing for seniors, low-income families, and those living with disabilities. His legacy will continue to help those in need.

He will be missed greatly in the community, but the greatest loss will be felt in the lives of his extraordinary and close knit family where his greatest pride and passion was focused.

His wife, Judy, his four daughters—Katy, Annie, Margie, and Elizabeth—his sons-in-law, and his seven grandchildren are mourning the loss of a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

I'm sure I speak for the people of San Diego and California as we thank Alex for his years of service and extend our deepest condolences to his family.

IN HONOR OF DYLAN KURTZ'S CHARITY WORK

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Dylan Kurtz, of Great Falls, Virginia, for his tireless efforts to help those in need throughout Virginia's 10th Congressional District. Serving others is a core value of American culture; and Dylan has taken this to heart.

At the young age of 12 years old, Dylan has devoted much of his life to serving charitable

causes throughout his community. Last year, Dylan focused his efforts on hunger related charities. He volunteered at food pantries, packed lunches for children who did not have food on weekends, and helped StopHungerNow! with their efforts to end world hunger. This year, Dylan decided to combine his love for charitable work and animals by helping paws4people by organizing fundraisers and events to promote this organization.

Paws4people was founded in 1999 with the purpose of using dogs to help improve the lives of both children with disabilities and veterans suffering from Chronic Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The organization has 500 trained dogs which have made more than 1 million therapeutic contacts. Dylan's work is helping make this possible.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in recognizing Dylan Kurtz of Great Falls, Virginia, for his unrelenting dedication to helping out those in his community. He serves as a shining example of what it means to be an American and I am proud to have him as a constituent. I commend him for his outstanding effort, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING DR. ANDY KHAWAJA

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize Dr. Andy Khawaja, a dynamic and accomplished entrepreneur and a dedicated community philanthropist. A natural born entrepreneur, Dr. Khawaja's vision, philosophy, and inherent ability to innovate and lead are remarkable. Dr. Khawaja's philosophy is "Do what you love and do it well. Don't quit and you'll have the keys to success."

In early adulthood, Dr. Khawaja achieved initial success in the high-end fashion industry as a Vice President and Buyer for the company 'Bernini.' In just nine years, Dr. Khawaja grew 'Bernini' from a million dollar business to a 100 million dollar business and expanded from two stores to more than sixty stores.

In 2005, Dr. Khawaja founded Allied Wallet, a venture that connects global buyers and sellers. For more than a decade, Dr. Khawaja's bold and proactive leadership has catapulted Allied Wallet to the forefront of innovation and advancement in the payment industry and into a multi-billion dollar company. With rapid growth every year, Allied Wallet is repeatedly recognized as one of the "Fastest Growing Private Companies."

Andy's fluency in five languages—English, French, Spanish, German, and Arabic—enables him to deliver payment tools internationally to diverse cultures and countries.

Over the last 10 years, Dr. Khawaja drove the expansion of Allied Wallet from its headquarters in Los Angeles to Germany, India, Macau, Hong Kong, and London. Allied Wallet now supports 164 currencies worldwide and serves over 125 million customers in 190 countries.

Dr. Khawaja has been awarded with the US American Genius Award, CEO of the Year 2015 Award, Gamechanger of the Year

Award, and UK Entrepreneurship of the Year 2015. Dr. Khawaja's achievements have been recognized by dozens of major publications such as Forbes, Time Magazine, Bloomberg, Fortune, The Guardian, LA Business Journal, and Wired Magazine.

His business ventures have earned major awards including Top 100 Fast Growing Companies, Global Payment Processing Solution of the Year, Best Workplaces for Millennials, United States Excellence Award, 500 Fastest Growing Companies 2012/2015, Guiding Hand—International Award 2014, and #1 Online Payment Solutions Provider 2013.

However, Dr. Khawaja's achievements aren't limited to only business. Through his generous philanthropy to the Brent Shapiro Foundation for Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Dr. Khawaja has demonstrated a tireless commitment to keeping Los Angeles youth safe and educated about the risks of drug and alcohol abuse.

Recently, the Lebanese American University has honored Andy with a doctorate degree in Humanitarian Studies for his meaningful philanthropy worldwide. Dr. Khawaja keeps leading Allied Wallet towards persistent growth and success while simultaneously juggling multiple demanding projects, including directing and executive producing a reality television series, "Model Turned Superstar."

I commend Dr. Khawaja for his impressive achievements and consistent commitment to making Southern California a better place for all.

TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, Monday, October 10 is Taiwan's National Day—also known as Double Ten Day. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my early best wishes to the people of Taiwan.

The United States and Taiwan enjoy a long-standing friendship based on shared values. I visited Taiwan earlier this year to witness the democratic process and the peaceful transfer of power. I applaud Taiwan's embrace of individual political freedom.

Taiwan is also a strong economic partner. In 2015, Taiwan became the United States' 9th largest trading partner, and is my home state of Arkansas' 6th largest export market in Asia. Our economic ties help us to foster our relationship with Taiwan, and ensure an atmosphere of cooperation.

Additionally, the 39th Triennial Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) will take place in Montreal, Canada, beginning on September 27, 2016. Three years ago, the U.S. Congress passed a bill, later signed into law, supporting Taiwan's inclusion in the ICAO as an observer state. Taiwan was first invited to the assembly in 2013, and I am happy to see that Taiwan will be invited again this year. The Taipei Flight Information Region (FIR), administered by Taiwan, provided over 1.53 million instances of air traffic control services. FIR also handled 58 million incoming and outgoing passengers in 2015, serving as an indispensable part of the global air transport network.