

Throughout the year-long anniversary celebration, alumni, students, and faculty were invited to participate in various events under the theme "Remember the Past. Celebrate the Present. Pioneer the Future." These events included a campus art show displaying generations of student work, featured profiles of alumni and staff, and various forums for sharing their memories. The celebration culminated with a birthday party on October 15th, 2016.

I would like to congratulate all the past and present faculty, staff, and students on 150 years of proud and pioneering years in the pursuit of higher education. It is because of your commitment that UW-Platteville is such a success and it is through you the university will continue to lead the way for another 150 years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TAYLOR FORCE

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an American hero, who was taken from us far too soon by an act of terrorism.

Taylor Force was a student at Vanderbilt University, working to obtain his Master in Business Administration, when he traveled on a school-sponsored trip to Jaffa, Israel in March 2016. While there, he was attacked and killed by a Palestinian terrorist. He was 28 years old.

Before going back to school for his master's degree, Taylor attended the New Mexico Military Institute, graduating in 2006. I then had the honor of nominating Taylor Force to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He graduated from West Point in May of 2009 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. As a Field Artillery Officer, Taylor served our country by completing one combat tour in Iraq and another combat tour in Afghanistan.

On behalf of a grateful nation and the 19th District of Texas, which Taylor called home for many years, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring veteran Taylor Force. His courage, sacrifice, and dedication will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE LINDA LAWSON

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I take this time to recognize the 2016 Democrat Woman of the Year Award recipient, as presented by the Lake County Women's Democratic Club. This year's recipient is my good friend, the Honorable Linda Lawson, Indiana State Representative. To commemorate this special occasion, the organization hosted a celebratory event on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at The Patricia Banquet Center in Schererville, Indiana.

Linda Lawson was born and raised in Hammond, Indiana, where she graduated from Donald E. Gavit High School. Later, she attended Indiana University Northwest in Gary before embarking on what would be a lifelong career in public service. Linda has made her community proud and has the distinction of being the first female police officer with the Hammond Police Department, from which she retired as a captain after 24 years of service. In her continued pursuit of bettering her community, Linda was elected to the Indiana General Assembly in 1998, as the representative for House District 1, a seat in which she proudly remains today.

Throughout her illustrious career as a state representative, Linda served as chair of the House Judiciary Committee, as well as on many legislative committees including Environmental Affairs, Courts & Criminal Code, Family Affairs, Education, and Labor. In 2012, Representative Lawson was elected Indiana House Democratic Floor Leader. Holding true to her commitment to protect and serve, she has been a tireless advocate and leader in the push for essential domestic violence legislation. Representative Lawson has received numerous honors and accolades for her exemplary service and dedication to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, and she is an inspiration to us all.

Linda Lawson selflessly and passionately gives her time to various community organizations and civic activities for which she is very proud. These organizations include Haven House, the Hammond Historical Society Board, the Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce, the League of Women Voters, the Humane Society of the Calumet Area, and the Boys & Girls Club.

Linda's excellence in her field and commitment to charitable endeavors throughout the community is exceeded only by her devotion to her amazing family. She has two beloved daughters, Laura and Jennifer, and one cherished granddaughter, Genavive.

I am proud to call Linda Lawson my friend. Throughout the years, she has been an outstanding advocate for the community of Northwest Indiana, as well as our state. She epitomizes what it means to be a public servant. I am grateful for what she has done for so many for so long.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the Honorable Linda Lawson for her lifetime of leadership and outstanding service to the community. Her continuous effort to improve the quality of life for the residents of Indiana is remarkable, and she is worthy of the highest praise.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE SOUTHEAST CAMPUS

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. BARTON. Mr. Speaker, this week the Tarrant County College Southeast Campus will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary. The Southeast Campus opened in 1996 with an enrollment of 3,993 under the guidance of founding President, Dr. Judith J. Carrier, along

with 44 other full-time faculty members. The long-awaited campus quickly exceeded capacity, serving about 10,000 students face-to-face, as well as in dual credit courses at nine area high schools. In 2012, Dr. William Coppola became President and soon added a Collegiate High School to the campus. He currently is joined by 140 full-time faculty members serving a face-to-face student population of more than 11,000, and an additional 3,500 dual credit students in 11 area high schools.

The Southeast Campus has developed a strong relationship with both the Arlington and Mansfield ISD's, maintaining a vibrant and successful Dual Credit Program in which students can earn up to as many as 42 transferable college credits. In addition, the campus works with these ISD's to develop Career and Technical Certificate options for the students. The campus has partnered with both ISD's to open Collegiate High Schools, serving first-time college students and those from low socio-economically disadvantaged families.

The Southeast Campus faculty, staff, and student populations are diverse, and the Campus has built strong relationships with the various ethnic chambers in the community. Scholarship programs, cultural programs, and business/economic development events on campus have been attended by various members of the Tarrant County Asia American, Pan Asian American, Arlington Black, and Arlington Hispanic Chambers of Commerce.

As the campus celebrates its 20th anniversary, the campus will remain "the Spirit of Southeast", which is exemplified in service to the community and forward thinking by the faculty, staff, and administrators who work tirelessly to promote student success at all levels. I am pleased to recognize the Tarrant County College Southeast Campus on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF UNIONVILLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S 151ST ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation and leadership of Unionville Missionary Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia as the church celebrates a remarkable 151 years. The congregation of Unionville Missionary Baptist Church celebrated this very significant anniversary on Sunday, October 16, 2016.

Tracing its roots back to the Civil War era, Unionville Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1865. Prior to that time, black and white people of the Baptist and Methodist faiths worshipped together. When the white believers decided they no longer wanted to worship with the black believers, the black believers were left without a place to worship.

Later in 1865, Mr. Wyler, a wealthy landowner, decided to donate land for a black church to be established. He stipulated that the first black Baptist or Methodist to place timber on the land and sit on it all night would be awarded the deed to the land. Thus, two enterprising black Baptists, Lee Buckman and John Josey, retrieved the timber from their

bed, placed it on the property, and remained there until morning to await Mr. Wyler's arrival. Upon seeing this, Mr. Wyler donated and deeded land at 1610 Pio Nono Avenue to establish the Unionville Missionary Baptist Church. Reverend Pollack served as the first pastor of the newly formed church.

Today, the church is under the leadership of Pastor I. Edwin Mack. Having answered the call to lead the church in 1986, Pastor Mack holds the distinction of being the longest tenured pastor in the church's existence. During his tenure, the church membership has increased exponentially and as a result, the Unionville Missionary Baptist Church relocated to a new site at 3837 Houston Avenue. The church then expanded even further with the addition of the I. Edwin Mack Worship & Fellowship Center at 3820 Houston Avenue.

A charismatic evangelical innovator, Pastor Mack's spiritual zeal is both infectious and highly contagious. He has previously served as President of the Sixth District of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia. A native of Cochran, Georgia, he is married to the former Eloise Cliett of Byron, Georgia and has a daughter, Brittany.

The story of Unionville Missionary Baptist Church, which began as a small group of people worshipping together 151 years ago and has grown into an expansive and successful church, is truly an inspiring one of the dedication and perseverance of a faithful congregation of people who put all their love and trust in the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Unionville Missionary Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia for their long history of coming together through the good and difficult times to praise and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

HONORING MS. BISHOP DR. LOIS J. DELEVOE ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop Dr. Lois J. Delevoe on her 80th birthday. Dr. Delevoe has been a pillar in the South Florida community. She has dedicated her life to supporting underprivileged and homeless youth in South Florida.

For nearly a decade, she ran a homeless shelter in Broward County, where she counseled, fed, clothed, tutored and ministered to the needs of homeless men, women, and children. She wrote what is thought to be the first comprehensive book on the homeless in the nation, and it has been used by administrators in metropolitan areas in Broward County and throughout the country.

Dr. Delevoe has also worked to empower youth through a GED program, and by facilitating Christian and political youth seminars, conferences, and clubs. She has taught in the Broward and Dade County School systems, and as a college professor.

Furthermore, Dr. Delevoe has founded or co-founded many women action and political groups throughout the state. She has served on multiple state, county, and city boards as the appointee of the Governor and many county and city officials. She also served as

President of the Reverend Samuel J. Delevoe Memorial Park Civic Association, where she was able to work in conjunction with Broward County Parks and Recreation, Broward County, the City of Fort Lauderdale, and multiple homeowners' associations to positively impact the community.

Above all, Dr. Delevoe loves God and has been a ministerial light in South Florida for many years. Large numbers of pastors and other ministers began their ministry under Dr. Delevoe, and now are working dynamically in God's kingdom across the world. She continues to make a dedicated effort to support underprivileged children worldwide through the support of our foreign missions, missionaries, schools, colleges and orphanages.

Her accomplishments and her influence on our community are unmatched. I cannot thank Dr. Delevoe enough for her dedication to the state of Florida, and for all of the sacrifices she has made.

Mr. Speaker, I am so truly honored to recognize Bishop Dr. Lois J. Delevoe on her 80th birthday. She is such a remarkable human being and dear friend. I wish her many more years of success and happiness.

HONORING THE ASIAN AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Asian American Medical Association, which hosted its 40th Annual Gala on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at Avalon Manor in Hobart, Indiana. Each year, the Asian American Medical Association pays tribute to prominent, outstanding citizens and organizations for their contributions to the community. In recognition of their efforts, these honorees are awarded the prestigious Crystal Globe Award.

The Asian American Medical Association has been a tremendous asset to Northwest Indiana. Its members have selflessly dedicated themselves to providing quality medical services to the residents of Northwest Indiana and have served their communities through many cultural, scholastic, and charitable endeavors.

At this year's Annual Gala, the Asian American Medical Association will present the Crystal Globe Award to one of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens, Dr. William Forgey. Dr. Forgey serves as Medical Director of the Lake County Indiana Sheriff's Department and Correctional Health Indiana, Inc., and is a family physician with the Community Health Care System.

Despite committing much of his time to his professional responsibilities, Dr. Forgey also selflessly serves the people of his community and beyond through his contributions to various charitable and noteworthy endeavors, including his involvement with the International Society of Travel Medicine, Medical Student Missions, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, and the Wilderness Medical Society, to name a few. For his exceptional leadership and his tireless dedication to the betterment of his local community and society as a whole, he is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in com-

mending the members of the Asian American Medical Association, as well as this year's Crystal Globe Award recipient, Dr. William Forgey. For his dedication and commitment to his remarkable career in the field of medicine, he is most deserving of the honor bestowed upon him and serves as an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING WESLEY D. JONES ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wesley "Don" Jones of Washington, D.C. on his retirement on October 31, 2016, after more than 29 years of dedicated service to the United States House of Representatives.

A native Washingtonian, Wesley Jones was born in Freedmen's Hospital, now known as Howard University Hospital. His early years growing up in the city were spent playing sports and having terrific adventures. As a youth, playing outside is what led to his now infamous nickname "Cadillac." He actually got the name from running into the street between two parked cars, not paying attention, when a Cadillac came barreling down the street and struck him. Gratefully, no major damage was done. Of course his father was grateful as well. So much so that as soon as he completely healed, he was placed on probation and house arrest for a year.

Don's early years were spent doing security work, where he learned from his good friend while working at the nearby Safeway that he could get a job on Capitol Hill. Don's first job on the Hill was working for food services in the Ford House Office Building Café. In 1987, he took a position working logistics for the Clerk of the House and eventually worked for the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

During his early years at the CAO, Don worked for Cosmo Quattrone and Torn Van Dyke in what was then called Property Supply. Following a CAO Reorganization, the department was renamed Logistics and Support (L&S). He worked for several directors and chiefs, including Walt Edwards and Jerry Bennett, and is currently working for Dave Woodburn, Director of Logistics and Tom Coyne, Chief Logistics Officer.

Some of Don's most memorable experiences working with the CAO are his memories of the older crew, teaching him about life and growing up. Some of those same employees are still here and others have departed us too soon. In retirement, Don intends to relax. He plans to watch sports, leisurely read the newspaper, and basically enjoy the pleasures of life. He may even honor us with an occasional visit.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me honoring Wesley "Don" Jones for his service and dedication to the U.S. House of Representatives, and wish him and his family all the best in his retirement years.