

In times like these I am reminded of the comforting words of John 11:25 "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.'"

**HONORING SHELLEY MARTIN FOR  
HER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE  
OF CALIFORNIA'S 36TH CONGRES-  
SIONAL DISTRICT**

**HON. RAUL RUIZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, today it is my honor to congratulate and recognize Ms. Shelley Martin: a generous and selfless individual who worked as an integral part of my team for over three years.

Shelley is a long time resident of my congressional district. She grew up in the Hemet Valley and graduated from Hemet High School. She then attended The Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute in Los Angeles, and later returned back to her hometown to serve her community.

For over three years, Shelley was the gold standard for constituent services in my office. She dedicated many hours and energy to constituents, finding solutions in the most difficult cases involving social Security, Medicare, and Veterans.

While working for the People of California's 36th Congressional District, Shelley paid special care and attention to veterans in our communities. Shelley spent countless hours advocating on behalf of veterans who served our country honorably. She treated each constituent who sought help from my office with the patience, care, and respect due to them. Shelley's selfless dedication to serving those in need in my congressional district is commendable and a model for public service.

Shelley remains passionate about serving the community she calls home. In her time with my office, Shelley successfully managed all community engagement in the communities of San Jacinto and Hemet. She is diligent and thorough, and goes above and beyond the call of duty to serve our communities, working hard to ensure that my constituents have the resources that they need.

Her selfless dedication and hard work will be greatly missed. However, her love of public service will not be forgotten. Shelley has transformed the lives of countless individuals and families in my district, and for that I am truly grateful.

I thank Shelly for her dedication and service to the constituents of the 36th district. I wish her well in her future endeavors and look forward to seeing her future accomplishments.

**NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE  
SCIENTISTS AND TECH-  
NOLOGISTS—TEJES SRIVASTAVA**

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tejes Srivastava from Sugar

Land, TX for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists to represent the state of Texas at the Congress of Future Science and Technology leaders.

Tejes attends William B. Travis High School and is one of 13 high school honor students selected from the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas. These students were selected as Texas delegates at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders. This program was designed for high school students to be recognized for their hard work in school, as well as to support their aspirations of working in a science or technology field. The National Academy was founded by Richard Rossi and Dr. Robert Darling; Mr. Rossi currently serves as president. The Congress is being held at the Tsongas Center at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell from June 29th through July 1st. Tejes was selected by a group of educators to be a delegate for the Congress thanks to his dedication to his academic success and goals of pursuing science or technology. We are proud of Tejes and all of his hard work, and know he will make Sugar Land proud.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Tejes for being accepted into the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists. Keep up the great work.

**HONORING YOLANDA JONES**

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Yolanda Jones, who is a director, counselor and educator.

Yolanda Jones grew up in Greenwood, Mississippi, and after graduating from Greenwood High School she enrolled in Grambling State University.

Although she recalls her time at Grambling fondly, it was her first experience living away from home and she oscillated between being focused on schoolwork and being distracted by the more social aspects of college life. Eventually, she left Grambling before finishing her degree, working a number of odd jobs, both in Greenwood and Jackson, before deciding to re-enroll in JSU in 1999 under a program called Academic Second Chance, which is a program that allowed students, who failed to return and complete their bachelor's degree, to be under a strict retention plan.

The next year Jones, who is fluent in sign language, received her B.A. degree in Disabilities Studies and Hearing-Impaired Education graduating summa cum laude. She also earned a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from Jackson State University in 2002. She began her career as a counselor in 2002 at MVSU and currently serves as the Director of the Comprehensive Counseling Center, a position she's held since 2007. Jones also has received a master's degree in criminal justice from Mississippi Valley State University.

Additionally, Dr. Jones has also been afforded the opportunity to study abroad. In the summer of 2012, she studied in Beijing, China, at the University of Trinidad and the University of West Indies.

Dr. Jones also served as: co-chair of the Financial Aid Appeals Committee, for students that are not meeting satisfactory academic progress; chair of the MVSU Behavioral Intervention Team; Advisory Board Member of the Boys and Girls Club, Inc. (MVSU Unit); and also a statutory member of the Mississippi Blues Commission, where she was appointed in 2013.

Dr. Jones has presented at several state and national conferences, which included: the United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) 2010 in Miami, Florida; the White House Initiative Policy Planning meeting in 2010, where she was selected to serve as the Historically Black Colleges and Universities' representative; and most recently, at the 2015 National Association of Student Affairs Professionals conference (NASAP) in Huntsville, Alabama.

In Dr. Jones' dissertation, "An Examination of Academic Variables that Explain Persistence to Graduation for Students who take Remedial Courses in Higher Education", she examined academic variables between two groups of students (students that were required to take remedial courses and students that were not required to take any remedial courses) at public four year institutions to determine if there was a significant difference in their persistence to graduation. Utilizing a quantitative design, she examined the success of the students taking remedial courses as measured by graduation and the number of years it took them to meet their graduation requirements.

She is a scholar/practitioner who continues her research in this area as well as in the areas of retention, student persistence and student success among college students in hope of providing practical application that will assist in increasing the gap in college attendance and graduation rates of all students that enroll in institutions of higher learning. Jones hopes to use her doctorate in order to expand her influence in higher education administration, developing strategies that increase student retention and promote student success.

"Strategic planning is crucial!" she emphasized. There has always been a plethora of issues in higher education; however, it is pivotal that higher education institutions began making extraordinary efforts to meet students where they are, with special emphasis on the "under-prepared" students, in which schools are admitting in alarming numbers every year."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Yolanda Jones, a Director, Counselor and Educator, for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

**TRIBUTE TO COLLIN R. BARNES**

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Collin R. Barnes for being named a 2016 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the

Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2016 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 640 business leaders and growing.

Collin is an interior designer and corporate focus market leader and stockholder at RDG Planning and Design. She is passionate about providing high quality, safe, and functional work environments for her clients. Collin is also an avid proponent of wellness and strives to promote it in her everyday life. Her dedication to wellness comes through in her work at RDG Planning and design as she finds new innovative ways to make client work spaces safe and healthy.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Collin in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Collin on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2016 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, March 17, I missed a series of Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on Number 127, 128, and 129.

#### COMMENDING CHIEF ROBERT GUSTAFSON

#### HON. MIMI WALTERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, in 1975, Robert Gustafson began his career in law enforcement when he joined the Glendale Police Department. Four years later, he joined the City of Orange Police Department, where he faithfully served our community for decades. His leadership has been critical to the public safety and the betterment of Orange.

Throughout his 41 year law enforcement career, he alleviated some of the most difficult issues facing our community. He oversaw the implementation of the Youth Services Board and the SHIELD program, which provides referrals to families and children in need of additional social assistance.

Furthermore, Chief Gustafson has been instrumental in the City of Orange's efforts to reduce gang violence, helping to establish Orange's Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership. Additionally, he has been a tireless

advocate for those suffering from mental illness, and was awarded Orange Police Department's John Q. Wilson Award for Community Policing for these efforts in 2015.

Chief Gustafson also made the Five Pillars for Success the Department's standard. A selfless leader, he has always put others first and never failed to put the police department and the residents of Orange before himself. He exemplifies selfless public service, and he is a stalwart in our community. We are grateful for his leadership in Orange over the last 37 years.

I thank Chief Gustafson for his tremendous service to the City of Orange and wish him the best in the next chapter of his life.

#### HONORING JAKE WESTERBERG

#### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jake Westerberg for his hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Fourth District. He served as an intern in my Washington, DC office for the Spring 2016 session of Congress.

This young man's work has been exemplary and I know he has a bright future ahead. He served as a tour guide, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer him this educational opportunity and look forward to seeing him build his career in public service.

Jake plans to continue pursuing his degree at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs at the conclusion of his internship. As he returns to the great state of Colorado, I wish him the best in his future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Jake Westerberg for his service this Spring.

#### IN TRIBUTE TO DR. LESTER THUROW, TRAILBLAZING ECONOMIST AND FORMER DEAN OF THE MIT SLOAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Lester Thurow, the iconoclastic economist and former dean of MIT's Sloan School of Management, who passed away on March 25, 2016.

Lester Thurow was born on May 7, 1938 in Livingston, Montana.

Lester Thurow's father was a Methodist minister and his mother was a teacher.

Lester Thurow worked in the local copper mines for four summers as a young man, but as an excellent student soon found himself on a fast academic track.

Lester Thurow's journey began when he received his bachelor's degree in political economy from Williams College in 1960.

Following his graduation from Williams College, Lester Thurow was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, where he studied philosophy, poli-

tics and economics at Balliol College of Oxford University in London.

Lester Thurow graduated with first class honors from Oxford University in 1962.

In 1964, Lester Thurow earned his doctorate in economics from Harvard University.

Lester Thurow joined the faculty of MIT's Sloan School of Management in 1968 and was appointed dean in 1987, a position he held until 1993.

In 1964, Lester Thurow served on the staff of the Council of Economic Advisors during the administration of President Lyndon Johnson, and served as an economic advisor to Governor Jimmy Carter during the 1976 presidential campaign.

In 1986, Lester Thurow joined with five other leading economic policy experts to found the Economic Policy Institute, the mission of which was to find solutions to address the growing problems of rising income inequality in the United States.

Lester Thurow was a longtime advocate of a political and economic system of the Japanese and European type, in which governmental involvement in the direction of the economy is far more extensive than is the case in the United States—a model that has come to be known as "Third Way" philosophy.

He supported policies that would help society and corporations make long-term investments in research in order to spur growth.

Lester Thurow authored several economics books targeted to a general readability in the 1990s, including:

1. "Head to Head: The Coming Economic Battle Among Japan, Europe, and America" (1992), which surveyed the post-Cold War economic landscape and suggested that investment and education would be keys to renewing developed economies;

2. "The Future of Capitalism: How Today's Economic Forces Shape Tomorrow's World" (1996); and

3. "Building Wealth: The New Rules for Individuals, Companies, and Nations in a Knowledge-Based Economy."

Lester Thurow's ability to explain the most complex economic issues created a path for anyone who was willing to listen and learn no matter their social or economic background.

Lester Thurow summarized the impact that economists have on society when he stated that, "Economists, can for example, always retreat to unobservable variables to explain unwelcome facts."

Lester Thurow knew that the advice economists give is not always what is the most popular thing to say, but what leaders and students need to hear.

On March 25, 2016, Lester Thurow passed away at his home in Westport, Massachusetts, surrounded by his family.

Lester Thurow is survived by his wife of 18 years, the former Anna Soldinger, of Westport and Tel Aviv; two sons, Torben Thurow and Ethan Thurow, both of Boston; two stepchildren, Yaron Karasik and Yael Shinar, both of Tel Aviv; a brother; and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to observe a moment of silence for this trailblazing economist and educator whose pioneering work made a significant contribution to our understanding of micro and macroeconomics.