

teachings. We remain mindful of the unabated genocidal Syrian tragedy of President Bashar Al-Assad's making with critical Iranian and Russian support. The recurrence of brutal Palestinian terrorism which constantly claims Israeli lives is cruelly rewarded by the Palestinian Authority's leadership. On numerous occasions, terrorists are honored as martyrs while they totally disregard human life.

One of the many victims, 29 year old Taylor Force from Lubbock, Texas, a non-Jewish graduate student from Vanderbilt University, was knifed to death in Jaffa, close to where visiting Vice President and Mrs. Joseph Biden were dining at the time. Force, a graduate of West Point, served combat tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. When confronted with a tragic Jewish terrorist attack on the Palestinian Dawabsheh family, which claimed three lives, there was rightly shocked condemnation from all echelons of Israeli society. Will President Mahmoud Abbas finally reach out to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's call for direct negotiations for a two-state solution to the festering conflict in a raging region, with a demilitarized Palestinian State and a recognition of its neighboring Jewish State? For the sake of all, let not the Palestinians miss this opportunity too. This past November 4, 2015, we observed the 20th Anniversary of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's watershed assassination. With its profound lessons, I reflected by reading this verse:

"Rest in peace,
Guarded by the stones
You liberated thrice—
Twice in war
And once in hope.
Jerusalem is thy faithful
Wall that won't breach,
Friend of Shalom."

Last February I attended the 127th Annual Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform), which meets in Israel every seven years, to attest to their abiding bond with the State of Israel. I joyfully participated in an egalitarian worship service at the Southern extension of the Western Wall which has been allotted for non-Orthodox Jewish practice. This compromised arrangement was government sanctioned, while hurdles unfortunately persist. Significant progress toward pluralistic religious Jewish expression has been made due to Israel's Supreme Court intervention.

Much is at stake, acknowledging the courageous and tenacious struggle for acceptance by the Women of the Wall. There is, however, a fringe but dangerous Jewish group calling to replace Israel's democracy with a "Judean Monarchy." It is a wonder that Israel, saddled with existential concerns that few other countries deal with, remains a shining exemplar of light and perseverance. The recent rescue, of 17 Jews, with American aid, including Rabbi Suleiman Bin Yaquub, from war-torn Yemen, one of Jewry's most ancient communities, tells of the difference Israel makes. Surely its vital bond of shared values and common interests with the USA is an essential one for both democracies.

I am particularly alarmed by Iran and its proxies, the deadly global reach of ISIS, the destructive Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement, European anti-Semitism, and the United Nations' double standard against Israel. The poignant words of the late Prime Minister Golda Meir are revealing, "We owe a responsibility not only to those who are in Israel but also to those generations that are no more, to those millions that have died within our lifetime, to Jews all over the world and generations of Jews to come. We hate war. We don't rejoice in victories. We rejoice when a new kind of cotton

is grown and when strawberries bloom in Israel."

I speak as a refugee born in Chu, Kazakhstan (USSR) in November 1945, to Polish Holocaust survivors. There I spent my early childhood in Displaced Persons Camps in Austria and Germany before moving to Israel in 1949. The current suffering of millions of refugees from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere should move us all to caring action with caution, but not allowing for moral paralysis. Innocent sufferers are closest to God's aching heart. I am connecting my own family and people's anguish with that of the Syrians' plight:

"My mother, a Holocaust survivor,
Was young like you
Scared Syrian sister,
When she too got scarred
By the pain of stinging tears,
The beauty marks of refugees.
May you also find peace
At this confounding time,
In a world abandoning you
Too lonely child."

We remember the million and a half Jewish children who were murdered in the Holocaust only because they were Jewish and held a promise for a noble future.

"My two year old first cousin,
Rachel-Leah,
Whose great-grandmother, and mine,
Rachel-Leah,
Was first cousin to
President Chaim Weitzmann's mother, Rachel-Leah,
Was too young to
Know the family bond,
But not too young to die
By toasted hand grenades
Led to the pits of slaughter
In August 1942
With older brothers Aarale and Yisrael
And parents Bas-Malka and Shechina,
In Sarny, the Ukraine,
By those who begrudged our Jewish people's pedigree."

President John F. Kennedy coined this immortal message, "Israel was not created to disappear—Israel will endure and flourish. It is the child of hope and the home of the brave. It can neither be broken by adversity nor demoralized by success. It carries the shield of democracy and it honors the sword of freedom."

CELEBRATING IVANHOE DONALDSON

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the life of Ivanhoe Donaldson, who passed on April 3, 2016. Ivanhoe Donaldson was born and raised in the Harlem section of New York City. He went south to join the civil rights movement and became a leader in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). I first knew Ivanhoe as a young man and a leading civil rights activist. Like several movement activists, Ivanhoe moved to the District of Columbia, attracted by the city's home-rule aspirations.

Ivanhoe took risks as an SNCC activist and went on to build a reputation for political savvy in the 1960s and 1970s. He became a leading operative in Julian Bond's bid for a seat in the

Georgia House of Representatives, Richard Hatcher's mayoral campaign in Gary, Indiana, and Marion Barry's campaign for office in D.C., which ushered in a new era of black political leadership. Ivanhoe leaves many friends across the country from the civil rights movement to many residents of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to please join me in celebrating the life of Ivanhoe Donaldson, who gave the best years of his life to the struggle for civil rights in the United States and to the fight for home rule in the District of Columbia.

HONORING PASTOR JEFFERY J. FUGATE

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special individual, Pastor Jeffery J. Fugate, on the twenty fifth anniversary of his ministry at Clays Mill Road Baptist Church in Lexington, Kentucky.

Pastor Fugate was saved at the age of five. When he was seven years old, Fugate's father started the Bible Baptist Church in Hazard, Kentucky. His father passed away when Fugate was twenty one, and Fugate became the church's new pastor.

Pastor Fugate was called to Clays Mill Road Baptist Church in May of 1991. There were eighteen people in attendance at his first service. The church has grown to an average attendance of over 2,200 during the fall of 2013. Clays Mill Road Baptist Church has undergone many building and expansion projects to accommodate the growth, including the purchase and remodeling of an old motel on a beautiful 23 acre site. The church runs a very successful youth camp ministry and an extensive bus ministry.

Fugate is the author of five books. He appears on the "Voice of the Appalachians" radio broadcast and travels often to preach at conferences, rallies, and revival meetings. Fugate holds two honorary doctorate degrees; a Doctorate of Divinity and a Doctor of Humanities. Dr. Fugate is married to the former Michelle Cornett. They have five children.

Pastor Fugate has dedicated his life to serving God and to saving souls for Christ. He has touched many lives during his ministry and I wish him all the best on his twenty fifth anniversary at Clays Mill Road Baptist Church. I am proud to recognize and honor him before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING ROBERT HILL YOUTH FOUNDATION, INC.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Robert Hill Youth Foundation, Inc., Charleston, MS inside of Tallahatchie County, MS.

The Robert Hill Youth Foundation, Inc. began in the early 1980's by Mr. Robert Hill.

It was initially conceived with the idea of simply being a sports organization for youth focusing on baseball. The organization eventually ceased being active after the death of Mr. Hill in 1991.

In the year 2000, Mr. Cedric Terry revived the organization because the youth in the community didn't have many options for constructive activities and adult mentoring. He took on the task of recruiting children and parent's involvement. Mr. Terry was successful by getting 9 boys excited about playing baseball for the summer and competing. Their team would travel and they would be role models for other youth. Everyone had to pledge to abide by the rules, get good grades in school, and participate in an award ceremony at the end of the season.

Mr. Terry's vision was just what the youth in the community needed to take the Robert Hill Youth Foundation to the next level. It was just what Mr. Hill always wanted the organization to be. The organization grew and became a huge success serving over 10,000 boys and girls. The effort was so well received that it attracted youth not just inside Charleston, but they came from miles outside the area. It now has extended its activities to include education, recreation and arts for youth in the area.

Through their education program they offer: Abstinence Education, After School Tutoring, and Fatherhood Preparation. Their recreation program offers: basketball, football, baseball and track. The arts program includes: praise dancing, dancing and acting classes. Since 2000 through 2015 the organization has been responsible for helping over 500 boys and girls in the area attend and receive a college education.

Their accolades are just as impressive. In fact, there are too many to name them all. A few of them include constructing the first park in Charleston in order to be home based for the youth. All they had to do was walk to the park and "Play ball!" Thanks to the Robert Hill Youth Foundation their work has reached all corners of youth life. In 2011 the Charleston High School Tigers Football Team won its 1st State Football Championship. Almost ninety percent of the players came from the Robert Hill Youth Foundation. In 2012 the Charleston High School Lady Tigers Basketball Team was the runner up in the Girls Basketball State Tournament. And over ninety-five percent of the girls played for the Robert Hill Youth Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today, in recognizing the Robert Hill Youth Foundation, an asset to Tallahatchie County in the Second Congressional District of Mississippi.

RECOGNIZING 2016 NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONOREE SISTER MARY MADONNA ASHTON, CSJ

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sister Mary Madonna Ashton, CSJ, who has earned the prominent distinction of being named a 2016 National Women's

History Month Honoree by the National Women's History Project. This esteemed honor befits a woman who has dedicated her life to being a leader, advocate and policy-maker in the quest for equal access to health care for all in Minnesota and throughout the United States.

Raised as an Episcopalian, Sister Mary Madonna converted to Catholicism while attending what is now Saint Catherine University in Saint Paul, Minnesota. After graduating and receiving a Masters of Social Work, she became a Sister of Saint Joseph of Carondelet, serving as a social worker at Saint Joseph's Hospital then later as an administrator at Saint Mary's Hospital after earning a second Master's degree. She was named President and CEO of Saint Mary's Hospital and stayed in that role for twenty years until her retirement in 1982.

Sister Mary Madonna's first attempt at retirement was short lived. In 1983, Governor Rudy Perpich appointed her as the State Commissioner of Health. The appointment of the first woman and first non-physician as Health Commissioner was controversial at first. However, Sister Mary Madonna quickly earned respect from critics and supporters alike, by effectively challenging the tobacco industry and leading the state response to the onset of the AIDS crisis. During her two terms as Commissioner, she made Minnesota a pioneer in efforts to combat tobacco use. Our state was among the first to outlaw smoking in places of employment, hospitals and restaurants, a monumental legal and public health victory that would start a national movement. She also led the way in using state funding to combat underage smoking, ultimately leading to the Minnesota Twins removing all tobacco advertisements from its stadium and Northwest (now Delta) Airlines banning smoking on domestic flights.

Since completing her appointment as Commissioner in 1991, Sister Mary Madonna has continued to serve those in need. She led the creation of Saint Mary's Health Clinics in order to provide quality health care for those without insurance. The clinics continue today with the same mission and serve as a reminder that though we have made much progress in making health care affordable and available to all, more work needs to be done.

As a National Women's History Month Honoree, Sister Mary Madonna stands as one of 16 notable women who exemplify the National Women's History Project's 2016 theme of "Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government." Sister Mary Madonna and these other honorees join the company of such female trailblazers as Rosa Parks, Abigail Adams, Eleanor Roosevelt and Billie Jean King.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sister Mary Madonna Ashton, CSJ of Saint Paul, Minnesota and all 16 Honorees for their commitment to public service and advocacy for others. These women stand as shining examples for all women and men for their dedication to the common good.

HONORING CALLAWAY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Callaway High School that is located at 601 Beasley Road in Jackson, Mississippi. Callaway is one of seven high schools in the Jackson Public School District, the largest school district in the state of Mississippi.

Built in 1966, Callaway was named after the late Robert M. Callaway, a Lafayette County native. He began his career teaching Choctaw Indians in the mountains of McCurtain County, Oklahoma. Before assuming duties as principal of Liberty Grove School, later H.V. Watkins Elementary in Jackson, he taught at Darling in Quitman County and Pocahontas in Hinds County. He was principal at Watkins from 1936–1956.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Callaway High School.

HONORING MARY LOU HOFFMAN

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Mary Lou Hoffman for her 53 years of outstanding service to the educational community. Mary Lou announced that she will be retiring on July 1, 2016 from St. Anthony School in Manteca, California.

Graduating from California State University Chico, Mary Lou had found her passion in education and pursued a profession as a teacher. After college, she spent two years at Annunciation School in Stockton, where she began her lifelong career. For twelve years, she was a teacher at local public schools.

In 2005, Mary Lou became Principal of St. Anthony School, Diocese of Stockton. As the Principal, she made a tremendous impact on the students, families and faculty. The Pastor, Patrick Walker fondly stated, "Our principal, Mary Lou Hoffman, has made significant strides to make St. Anthony's school better in the past decade."

Through her many years of dedicated service, Mary Lou has touched the lives of thousands of children. She is not only an exceptional role model but provides a positive institution of learning to her students. Mary Lou's heart has deeply resided in education and her great accomplishments have demonstrated her tremendous impact.

Mary Lou loved her profession, but she is looking forward to spending time with her husband, three children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and recognizing Principal Mary Lou Hoffman for her many years of service and outstanding contributions to the lives of her students, peers, and our community.