

worship atmosphere." In the 1960s as the ecumenism movement flourished, St. Lucas was a charter member of the Old South End's ecumenical organization known as CROSS (Christians Relating Our Savior on the South Side.) CROSS has engaged in exchanges in the pulpit, Thanksgiving Eve and Unity Good Friday services, Feed Your Neighbor food pantry and children's summer services. As the neighborhood changed, St. Lucas continued to adapt itself, "taking risks for the sake of the Gospel." It now sits in the heart of a neighborhood with many challenges, yet the church soldiers on meeting the needs of its congregation and neighborhood through outreach.

Now as it comes to its 130th anniversary, St. Lucas Lutheran Church proudly dedicates a historic marker outlining the church's history in the neighborhood. A special feature of the dedication ceremony is the world premiere of a hymn which was commissioned especially for the 130th anniversary. With words and music by the parish's husband and wife team of Michael and Karen Biscay, Choirmaster Ron Lang conducts the St. Lucas Choir, accompanied by organist Jamie Dael in the fast-ever performance of the anthem. At its 125th anniversary, the Biscays wrote a hymn in tribute to the congregation's German heritage and this work is also featured in Sunday's dedication ceremony. I was pleased to join the congregation and members of our community in celebrating this joyous occasion.

St. Lucas Lutheran Church stands today in testament to the faith and perseverance of its members through the ages. Generations have worshiped together, prayed together, served together. Truly, it can be said of St. Lucas that its congregation has lived the Gospels and Christ's message as written in Matthew 12:30–31 to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength . . . Love your neighbor as yourself." As the congregation of St. Lucas Lutheran Church continues on its faith journey, living the Gospel and sharing Christ's message of Love, it stands on a rich and deep history. The Ohio Historic Marker records that history as the church turns forward to a future strong in its faith.

HONORING MAYOR MARCUS
WALLACE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable young entrepreneur and Mayor, Mayor Marcus Wallace of Edwards, Mississippi.

Marcus L. Wallace was raised in Edwards, MS. He attended school in Edwards and graduated from Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA in 1992, with a B.S. in Marketing. He is a successful businessman, serving as President and CEO of MAC & Associates, LLC. Additionally, Mr. Wallace is President of the Wall Group, a Sports & Entertainment Firm.

As a young entrepreneur who had a plan to become a general contractor, he has grown his company from \$500 projects to multimillion dollar projects, consisting of constructions of virtually every kind. To further expand the scope of his company's services, Mr. Wallace

established MAC & Associates, LLC, a division of MAC Construction Company. Mr. Wallace and the company's principals, collectively, have over 50 years of expertise in government, commercial, and private sector construction management. MAC Construction Company of Mississippi is licensed, bonded and insured. During the past 16 years, MAC has completed several projects throughout the state of Mississippi. It is one of the fastest growing minority owned construction firms in Mississippi. Mr. Wallace is the largest minority owner of the new Westin Hotel (under construction) in downtown Jackson and has ownership in the Iron Horse Grill.

In addition to his Construction prowess, Mr. Wallace has been a Sports Agent for professional athletes in the NBA and NFL, managed recording artists in the music industry and promoted concerts and comedy shows, and has extensive experience in the communication and transportation industries.

On December 8, 2014, Mr. Wallace was sworn in as Mayor of Edwards, MS. He hit the ground running even before his inauguration and hasn't slowed down. His inaugural decisions sent a strong message about his focus. Instead of hosting a celebratory event, he redirected the funds to help families in Edwards. He provided shoes for kids in Edwards and made Christmas special for children by delivering toys during the Christmas holidays. From those simple steps, his path has not wavered. His focus is on the citizens of Edwards, a town he acknowledges "needs everything". Mayor Wallace sees himself as "front line soldier" intent upon seeing that they get it. During Mayor Wallace's first year in office, the Town of Edwards has experienced a transformation unparalleled in its history. The following are major accomplishments during May for Mayor Wallace's tenure:

The police department has received new police cars, new uniforms, a new police chief, and the establishment of a Crime Task Force. Crime is down by 60 percent.

Edwards and Cal-Maine Foods partnership for infrastructure improvement: Cal-Maine provided financial assistance to Edwards for optioning the electrical easement that will serve power to their new pullet facility. Also, Cal-Maine hired a company to clear the roadside and repair the road from Highway 80 to the railroad. The partnership is valued at over \$75,000, with a \$10,000 cash contribution to the town.

Amnesty Day: Over \$200,000 was collected during Amnesty Day.

Community Building and Livestock Building Demolition: Edwards received \$150,000 from Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) and \$80,000 from Block Grant Funds.

New Legal Appointments: Mayor Wallace appointed a new legal team that consisted of Judge Frank Sutton as Edwards' new Municipal Judge, Mrs. Greta Mack-Harris as Municipal Prosecutor, and Mr. Omar Nelson as the town's attorney.

Edwards received a \$20,000 grant from MDOT to enhance the Edwards' exits on Interstate 20, east and west bound.

Established the Mayor's Annual Town Clean-Up Day.

Balanced the Town's budget.

Mr. Wallace is a committed civic leader and strong supporter of communities throughout central Mississippi. He is a born leader, respected for both his character and work ethics.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mayor Marcus Wallace for his dedication to serving our great state of Mississippi.

TRIBUTE TO DAPHNE KING

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, our greatest and most valuable assets are our children. Our children are the future and are educated and shaped by our teachers; and

Whereas, Mrs. Daphne Jackson King is a teacher in DeKalb County, Georgia and an educator at Dunaire Elementary School, who has demonstrated thirty two years of dedicated leadership and raising student achievement in my district; and

Whereas, Mrs. King has been awarded the honor of Teacher of the Year 2016, recognizing her exceptional teaching style at Dunaire Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman is active at Dunaire Elementary School, her church, and in her community, in Decatur, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mrs. King can be described as a Proverbs 31 woman. She is a wife, mother, daughter and a sister. She is devoted to serving our community daily as an educator who imparts knowledge and skills for the overall success of our children. She is a motivator, an innovator and a model citizen who gives and asks for nothing in return; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Daphne Jackson King for her leadership and service to my District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2016 Teacher of the Year at Dunaire Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 11, 2016 as: Mrs. Daphne Jackson King Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of May, 2016.

CONGRATULATING FLORIDA
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY ON
THE GRAND OPENING OF THE
FIU IN D.C. OFFICE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Florida International University on the grand opening of the FIU In D.C. office located just steps from the U.S. Capitol. Since opening its doors in 1965, FIU has grown to become the number one university in awarding bachelor's and master's degrees to Hispanic and other minority students. With the new expansion, FIU has ensured that students seeking opportunities in our nation's capital have the resources they need to succeed.

In the past five years, hundreds of FIU Panthers have come to D.C. as interns and fellows to work for non-profits, federal agencies

and private firms. From the White House to the halls of Congress, FIU students have also been an integral part of the executive and legislative branches of government. As the faces of FIU in D.C., interns and fellows learn about federal policy and expand their professional network. I am sure that my colleagues agree when I say our congressional FIU interns are Worlds Ahead.

Blocks away from Capitol Hill, FIU's new office will bring together ideas, connections and solutions through speaker series and research seminars. Local alumni and visiting faculty will connect and learn in the brand new 3,500-square-foot space that includes classrooms, conference areas and a multi-purpose tech center.

Under the leadership of President Mark B. Rosenberg, FIU has seen exponential growth in both the student body and its facilities. In promoting a strong alumni network, he has ensured FIU's future is as bright as its students. I am especially proud of the work the FIU faculty and administration do to promote exceptional learning and professional development.

The opening of this D.C. office is a testament to FIU providing ladders of opportunity to graduates and others. Congratulations on the new office and I look forward to FIU making an even greater impact in our nation's capital.

HONORING DIANTHIA FORD-KEE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Diantia Ford-Kee, who is a director, leader, and educator.

While at Fayetteville State, Ford-Kee competed in basketball and softball. There she was a member of the 1979 CIAA Women's Basketball Championship Team and the 1982 CIAA Softball Championship Team. Ford-Kee earned several All Conference and Tournament Team honors and was selected MVP of the 1982 Softball Championship Tournament. In 1982, she was selected Fayetteville State University's Athlete of the Year and was the youngest inductee into Fayetteville State University's Athletic Hall of Fame (1997).

After earning her Master of Arts degree in Public Affairs from Northern Illinois University, Ford-Kee joined Shaw University as the Lady Bears' head volleyball and softball coach and assumed the role of Senior Woman Administrator (SWA).

She guided her volleyball program to a Tournament Championship in 1995 while earning four CIAA Softball Championships (1993, 1994, 1996, and 2003). Among several other accolades, Ford-Kee was a two-time Volleyball Coach of the Year (1995 and 2001) and four-time Softball Coach of the Year (1993, 1994, 1996, and 2003).

In 2004, Ford-Kee became Shaw University's Associate Athletics Director. During that time, she was named the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA)—2006 NCAA Division II Female Athletic Administration of the Year.

Ford-Kee served five impactful years (2008–13) as the Director of Athletics at Lincoln University (PA) where she was credited with the improvement of retention and graduation rates

of student-athletes. She successfully headed the transition from NCAA Division III to Division II and the return of Lincoln University to the CIAA.

Ford-Kee was honored by the Black Women in Sports Foundation for her accomplishments at Lincoln University and in the field of athletics with the Legends Award. She has received several honors in the state of North Carolina; she was a 1998 inductee in the Wake County Academy for Women for Athletics and a 1999 nominee of the Governor's Distinguished Woman Award for Athletics.

In October of 2009, she was honored as the recipient of the Northern Illinois University's College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Golden Anniversary Alumni Award. Ford-Kee was one of fifty alumni who have distinguished themselves in the careers that have contributed to the worlds of education, science, scholarship, business, law, medicine, community leadership and engagement, philanthropy and government service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Diantia Ford-Kee, a Director, Leader and Educator for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American Community.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT D. DEAN, FOUNDING CHAIR LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY'S MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR CAMPAIGN GREATER SACRAMENTO AREA CHAPTER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Robert D. Dean, Founding Chair of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Man & Woman of the Year campaign for the Greater Sacramento Area Chapter. As 2016 marks the 20th anniversary of this important event, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Dean for his leadership and commitment in the community to raising awareness and vital funds in the fight against blood cancer.

In 1997, in the aftermath of losing his son Bobby to leukemia at the age of 19, Mr. Dean set forth to honor his son's memory by founding an annual event that would unite adults, students, families, businesses, schools, and organizations from throughout the Sacramento region to partner with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to raise funds for blood cancer research, and to provide patient services for those suffering from the disease. Over the past 20 years, the Man & Woman of the Year event has brought together hundreds of volunteers, many who themselves are cancer survivors, to work towards finding a cure.

In great part due to Mr. Dean's dedication to this cause, nearly \$5 million has been raised, which has helped to fund breakthrough research and lifesaving therapies that have dramatically increased survivorship in both adults and children. In taking a stand against blood cancer, Mr. Dean has continued to honor his son in the most meaningful way—by giving hope to others.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Robert D. Dean, Founding Chair of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Man & Woman

of the Year campaign, as he celebrates the 20th anniversary of this important community event. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring his exemplary volunteerism on behalf of cancer patients and families, as well as his ongoing dedication to the fight against blood cancer.

TRIBUTE TO GERMAINE COLES

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are destined to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Ms. Germaine Coles has answered that call by giving of herself as an Educational Support Specialist at Dunaire Elementary School, and as a mother, sister, daughter and friend; and

Whereas, Ms. Coles has been chosen as the 2016 Educational Support Professional of the Year, representing Dunaire Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, unyielding support and words of encouragement; and

Whereas, Ms. Coles is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader whose unequivocal vision, talents and passion, help to ensure that our children receive the support and education that is relevant for today, and well into the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Germaine Coles for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as the 2016 Educational Support Professional of the Year at Dunaire Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 11, 2016 as: Ms. Germaine Coles Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of May, 2016.

HONORING LUCILLE SHIRLEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Ms. Lucille Shirley.

Lucille Shirley was born February 23, 1948 to the late George and Margaret Shirley, in McComb, Mississippi. She completed her public education in the McComb Public Schools, graduating high school in 1967.

Lucille decided to join the military and enlisted January 25, 1968, completed Basic Training in Fort McClellan, Alabama and received advanced training at AIT in Fort Benjamin Harris, Indiana. Her military experience