

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

spans fifteen years and includes: Fort Sill, Oklahoma—Clerk Typist; Fort Jackson, South Carolina—Drill Sergeant; Fort Bragg, North Carolina—Drill Sergeant; U.S. Army Base Zweibrücken, Germany—Administration; U.S. Army Base Busan, Korea—Staff Sergeant; Jackson, Mississippi—Receptionist; Jackson, Mississippi—Armed Forces Recruiting Station; 71L30 Administrative Specialist—10 years; and 71N30 Traffic Management Coordinator—5 years.

Lucille went to Jackson, Mississippi in 1977 and remained until 1979. While in Jackson, she was invited to a revival at Greater Bethlehem Temple Church. Little did she know that this revival would change her life. In October 1979, she was baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and received the gift of the Holy Ghost, evidenced by speaking in tongues as the spirit gave utterance.

Lucille's other work experiences were: Krystal's Restaurant—Management 1980–1982; W.H. McCoy Federal Building 1982–1983; Mississippi Veteran's Medical Center 1993–1998; Greater Bethlehem Temple Church—Food Service 1993–2011; and Jackson Public School District—Special Education Transportation Attendant 2012–Present.

Lucille also has many honors and recognitions: National Defense Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Good Conduct Medal—4TH Award; Expert Badge M–16 Rifle Bar; Army Service Ribbon; NCO Professional Development; Overseas Service Ribbon; after all her successes she was also a cancer survivor—5 Years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Lucille Shirley for her dedication to serving others and giving back to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND
ROBERT OSHITA AND REVEREND
PATTI OSHITA

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 the retirement of my good friends, Reverend Robert “Bob” Oshita and Reverend Patti Oshita, of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento Hongwanji Betsuin. As the community celebrates the departure of two excellent leaders, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their remarkable contributions to the Buddhist Church of Sacramento and the greater Sacramento community.

It is a great pleasure to recognize Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti, as Reverend Patti had served as Executive Assistant for my late husband, the Congressman Robert T. Matsui. Reverend Bob began ministering at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento in 1984 after completing both undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of California, Berkeley and ministerial training in Kyoto, Japan. Two years later, Reverend Bob married Reverend Patti, who attended California State University, Sacramento and also studied in Japan for her ministerial ordination. Together, they have become an institution at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento. Reverend Bob was the 36th minister of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, and has served the church for 32

years. Reverend Patti was an assistant minister of the church and taught Sunday Dharma School classes. Both have proved to be excellent community leaders, leading with humility and providing comfort and guidance for those in need.

It is under the leadership of Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti that the membership of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento has grown to just under 1000 households. Through seeking out genuine human connections, Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti have promoted a more unified community, both within the Buddhist Church of Sacramento and beyond. The dedication Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti have demonstrated is exemplary and the wisdom they have spread in the Sacramento area is truly invaluable.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to exceptional community members Reverend Bob Oshita and Reverend Patti Oshita as they celebrate their service to the Buddhist Church of Sacramento and the Sacramento community. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their outstanding work and wishing them the best in retirement.

TRIBUTE TO AFRICAN AMERICAN
DAY OF PRAYER

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, citizens of different cultures strive to bring awareness and enlightenment to our community; and

Whereas, the African American culture has been and continues to be a great gift to our nation through its inventions, music, literature, dance, food, art, native crafts and religion; and

Whereas, the power of prayer has sustained the African American race through generations. It continues to be a great tool in breaking bondages, bringing blessings and strengthening communities. Prayer brings about change to deliver, restore, build and resurrect; and

Whereas, our beloved District is blessed to have citizens that believe in the power of prayer; and

Whereas, our community has been strengthened in our awareness, our lives have been touched, and our spirits uplifted through the prayers that go up daily for the benefit of our District and our Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize all of the individuals that give of themselves for the betterment of others and to recognize this sacred day of prayer in the African American Community; now therefore, I, HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 4, 2016 as: The African American Day of Prayer Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of June, 2016.

BLUE SKY FOUNDATION—BOOTS
ON THE COURT PROGRAM

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dick Stockton and his wife Liz of Wellington, Florida for their continuous support for our men and women in uniform and their families through their charitable non-profit the Blue Sky Foundation.

As avid tennis players with successful careers on and off the court, Dick and Liz's passion for the game of tennis and community has resulted in a combined 40 years either playing the game, teaching the game, or giving back to their community through the game of tennis.

It was this mutual love of tennis and community that led Dick and Liz to establish Blue Sky Foundation, Inc. in 2008. This non-profit charitable organization was originally established with the goals of raising funds for different children's charities in order to give them a hope for a better tomorrow through sporting event fund raisers.

However, also seeking a way to pay tribute to past and current service members for their sacrifice to our country, Dick and Liz created the “Boots on the Court Program” which offers free tennis clinics from former tour players and certified teaching professionals to active service members, spouses, children, veterans, and wounded warriors.

Since their first clinic in July of 2013, Boots on the Court has traveled to 12 different locations and put on more than 18 different events across the nation and touched countless numbers of lives.

This month, on June 18th, Boots on the Court will be hosting their next event right here in Washington D.C. at Joint Base Andrews.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to encourage all military men and women in the area to attend this fantastic event and once again thank Dick and Liz Stockton and the staff at Blue Sky Foundation for their continued support of communities and military men and women across the nation.

HONORING L'DINA ROBINSON

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. L'Dina Robinson, the Daughter Ruler and State President of the Greystone Temple of Daughter Elkton's. Ms. Robinson has held this position since 1957. Ms. Robinson has been a daughter member of the L. K. Atwood Elk's Lodge Number 518 located on Lynch Street since 1952, some 59 years.

Ms. Robinson is a product of the city of New Orleans, Louisiana. She attended and graduated from Gilbert Academy High School. She also attended and graduated from Dillard University located in Louisiana. Ms. Robinson's work histories include: Office manager for the Historical Edward Lee Hotel of West Church