

Street and Instructor at Campbell College located on Lunch Street. Ms. Robinson worked many years for the United States Veterans Administration Regional Office. She was first employed as a clerk and she retired as a senior executive several years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. L'Dina Robinson for her dedication to serving.

TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. STAFFORD
WICKER

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, Reverend Dr. Stafford J.N. Wicker is celebrating forty (40) years in ministry and providing stellar leadership to his church; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Stafford J.N. Wicker under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Antioch African Methodist Episcopal Church as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Wicker is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, and most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our community and the nation his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Reverend Dr. Stafford J.N. Wicker as he celebrates forty years in pastoral leadership; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 5, 2016 as: Reverend Dr. Stafford J.N. Wicker Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 5th day of June, 2016.

HONORING CHARLEEN R. SZABO

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with the Honorable LOIS FRANKEL, the Honorable PATRICK MURPHY, and the Honorable ALCEE HASTINGS, to recognize Charleen R. Szabo. Ms. Szabo will retire as the Director of the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center on June 30, 2016. We commend Ms. Szabo's career and offer our sincerest gratitude for her dedication of nearly 42 years of service to our veterans.

Ms. Szabo received her undergraduate degree from Utica College of Syracuse University and was later awarded her Master's degree from State University College of New York at Brockport. Charleen began her career at the Batavia, New York VA Medical Center before transferring to the Miami, Florida VA Medical Center. Throughout her career, she has devoted herself to the Richmond, Virginia

VA Medical Centers in Richmond, Virginia; Newington, Connecticut; Batavia, New York; Lebanon, Pennsylvania; and Miami, Florida.

As director of the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center, she has made it a priority to direct the Center with respect and care for the needs of all local veterans. Ms. Szabo has worked endlessly to improve the lives of our veterans. She embodies the VA's mission to "Honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being."

The legacy Charleen Szabo leaves behind is a true testament to her commitment to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and to the men and women who served and protected our Nation. Her legacy will have a long-lasting impact on the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center for years to come. We offer Ms. Szabo our warmest congratulations and wish her a rewarding and rich retirement.

HONORING MRS. ORA B. PHIPPS

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 Mrs. Ora B. Phipps.

Ora B. Peoples was born on October 21, 1928 to the late Rev. Claiborne and Elizabeth Peoples in Coahoma, MS. She was educated in her early years by the Coahoma County School system in a one room, one teacher, all black school. She attended Aggie High School and a college by Coahoma College. She grew up in a farming family. Often their school schedule was set around the farmers. Many students would drop out of school because work was more important than education. This stuck with her and later became very instrumental in shaping her and her family's life. She has 10 children (seven girls and 3 boys) which are the joy of her life.

In 1951 she moved to Marks, MS where she later married Armstead Phipps. They were both concerned about education. Their children were some of the first to integrate Marks Jr. High School better known then as the white school or bulldog. Their children suffered the abuse and ridicule that came with the movement but as parents they were committed to see this process through.

Armstead Phipps, husband, participated in the James Meredith March against Fear in 1966 in which he collapsed and died in the process of fighting for Civil Rights. He suffered a heart condition in which he was warned not to participate but he thought the cause was too important not to. He felt that his children would benefit from the integration of the school system. He said he would like to shake hands with Dr. Martin Luther King and Dick Gregory then everything would be alright. He asked his wife, Ora Phipps, to promise him that if anything happened that she would send their children to the white school. She kept that promise. At the time of his death a voter registration card was found in his wallet, which was one of his proudest achievements. His funeral was eulogized by the late Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Valley Queen Church in Marks, MS. That voter registration card was shown to the congregation at the funeral by Dr. King.

Ora B. Phipps was very instrumental in starting the first head start program in Marks, MS in the home of Mr. Brady on Martin Luther King Drive. They had no school buses to get the children to school. She and many other people solicited drivers, teachers, social workers, cooks, and everything necessary to start the program all by volunteers. The program then advanced to local churches in surrounding areas, finally the proposal to start and fund the program was submitted to the school board in Hotel Heidelberg at Jackson, MS. She was a visionary and a self-starter.

Her hobbies consist of gardening where she spends countless hours in the yard. This is a community garden in her yard where she gives to anyone that asks. She is known by everyone in the community for her giving nature and love for the people. She still is an active member of the Church of Christ in Lambert, MS.

Ora Phipps was honored in Birmingham, Alabama with the Southern Rural Black Women Initiative for Economic and Social Justice Award on March 6, 2010 for her brave efforts in fighting for social and economic justice.

Mr. Speaker, please help us to congratulate Mrs. Ora B. Phipps for her part in history.

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER MINNIE
JONES

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, for thirty-six years, Mother Minnie Jones served as President of the Beulah Baptist Church Mother Board Number 2, in Decatur, Georgia. We are all thankful this virtuous woman of God accepting her call to serve in the leadership role of the Mother Board, assisting and serving the members of the congregation; and

Whereas, Mother Jones began her membership at Beulah in 1952 and since joining the church, she has provided service to citizens from all walks of life. In 1978, Mother Jones initiated the formation of the Junior Mother Board at Beulah. She served in various other ministries at the church such as the Golden Eagles, the Missionary Board, and the Usher Board. She is a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; and

Whereas, this energetic, phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents, giving the citizens of our District a friend to help those in need, a fearless leader and a servant to all. She is a powerful prayer warrior and intercessor for the congregation; and

Whereas, Mother Jones is a cornerstone in our community who has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mother Jones on her outstanding years of leadership and service to the Beulah Baptist Church Mother Board Number 2; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim June 11, 2016 as: Mother Minnie Jones Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of June, 2016.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 289, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On roll call no. 290, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On roll call no. 291, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On roll call no. 292, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On roll call no. 293, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On roll call no. 294, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On roll call no. 295, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On roll call no. 296, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

IN RECOGNITION OF LARRY DOMINO

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

"IF THERE BE ANY TRUER MEASURE OF A MAN THAN BY WHAT HE DOES, IT MUST BE BY WHAT HE GIVES."

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the English clergyman Robert South never met Larry Domino, but his words sum up exactly how Larry's family, friends and extended family of former athletes view this remarkable man.

Larry Domino wasn't born in Texas, but it seems he got to the Lone Star State as soon as he could. When Larry arrived from Depew, New York 35 years ago, he already had a heart as big as any native born son. After all, he is a diehard Buffalo Bills fan.

He's also a born educator. Larry Domino first earned his place in education with a degree from Buffalo State College and then earned a Masters from Sam Houston State University. Over the past three and half decades, Larry has taught, coached and been a school administrator in both the Aldine and Klein Districts. Currently, he is a beloved Associate Principal at Klein's Doerre Intermediate School.

When Larry married the love of his life, Tina Lee, 27 years ago next month, his Texas sized heart expanded. Then it grew even bigger when they welcomed the lights of their lives—daughters, Brita Susan and Lauren Ansley in 1995 and 1998.

Whether Larry Domino is known as teacher, dad, coach, or principal, generations of eager young people have achieved their dreams because Mr. D. believed in them.

Chonda Besse says "Mr D is a man of few words," but he taught her that "sometimes a few words are all it takes to change someone's life." She is honored to be thought of as a "daughter" in the Domino family.

One of his former swimmers at Eisenhower High School, Lisa Jost, remembers how Coach Domino told her "that I could do any-

thing I set my mind to doing, and that I could trust myself to do it well." She held on to that because "it had to be true if Coach said it." She says as a new teacher, her coach is still inspiring her.

Dr. Tina Elkins says what made Coach Domino different was that he coached them in and out of the water, providing a foundation that helped her become who she is today.

It's not just students who were impressed either, Eisenhower Principal Fred Richardson notes Coach Domino's "ability to develop relationships, with teachers, students and parents" and the "positive difference in the lives of many."

As Buffalo Bills coach Mary Levy says "Where else would you rather be than right here, right now?" Coach Domino, you found your best right here in Texas. And Texas is better off for your service to generations of young people who just needed someone to believe in them.

TRIBUTE TO SGT. MAJOR STANLEY HAYES

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 called to sacrifice for our country through military service; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Stanley Lynn Hayes has served in the United States Army, giving thirty years to our nation as a soldier. He has received numerous Military Citations for his leadership and service; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Hayes has shared his time and talents as a family man, serviceman and mentor, giving the citizens of the United States a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all advancing the lives of others, through service to our country in the armed forces; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Hayes is an ideal husband, father, grandfather, brother and son; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Hayes is a remarkable and courageous man who gives of himself, in defense of this nation; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Hayes along with his family and friends are celebrating today a remarkable milestone, his retirement from the United States Army; we pause to acknowledge a man who is a cornerstone in our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Command SGT. Major Hayes on his retirement and to wish him well and recognize him for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 5, 2016 as: Command SGT. Major Stanley Lynn Hayes Day in Georgia's 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 5th day of June, 2016.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, June 10, 2016, I missed the following votes: the Ellison amendment to H.R. 5325, the Blackburn amendment to H.R. 5325, the Takano amendment to H.R. 5325, the Pearce amendment to H.R. 5325, final passage of H.R. 5325, adoption of H. Con. Res. 89, and adoption of H. Con. Res. 112.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on the Ellison, Takano and Pearce amendments to H.R. 5325 and "yes" on the Blackburn amendment to H.R. 5325, final passage of H.R. 5325, adoption of H. Con. Res. 89, and adoption of H. Con. Res. 112.

MR. RICHARD JOHN TUSCANI

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute Mr. Richard John Tuscani.

Richard was born on June 13, 1916 and is known to be the oldest living WWII veteran in Suffolk County, NY. Originally from Corona, Queens, Mr. Tuscani has managed to see and do more than most people could hope to accomplish in two lifetimes.

Richard is a highly decorated WWII veteran, having served in New Guinea and the Philippines. During his time in the service, Mr. Tuscani received three Bronze Stars in addition to other awards such as the Victory Medal, the Philippines Presidential Unit Citation Badge and the Meritorious Service Award. The three Bronze Stars he received are for surviving a battle in Leyte, Philippines, another for surviving a kamikaze attack in New Guinea, and the last for the Philippines Liberation. Richard has also been extremely active in the community as well. During his historic lifetime, Richard was a fireman in New York City, oil truck driver, New York City building inspector, bus driver, local dock master, and school bus matron. His strong sense of civic duty and dedication to the community in the many professions he's undertaken exemplify just how incredible of a person he is.

Richard, an avid history and geography buff, likes to spend most of his time reading, studying history, and watching his New York Yankees. His late wife, Helen, was crowned "Miss Swift" at the New York World's Fair in 1939. He has a son, Richard G, and a daughter, June, who was born while Mr. Tuscani was overseas.

I would like to thank Richard, who will be turning 100 years old on June 13, 2016, for his years of dedication and service to our country and community. What he has managed to accomplish during his lifetime and give back to the country cannot be summarized in a few words; however it is important we honor these types of individuals as best we can. It is my hope that many will follow in his footsteps and give back to our country as graciously as he did. People like him are a