

Over the years, the Sugar Notch community grew and thrived. It contributed not just to Pennsylvania, but also to the entire nation, sending many soldiers to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces. In 1948, the borough displayed its dedication to its servicemembers by erecting a memorial bearing the names of local war heroes. It was the first memorial in the U.S. to honor the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the unveiling of the memorial drew more than 4,000 attendees, as well as former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

This year, the borough of Sugar Notch celebrates its 150th Anniversary, recognizing its long record of history and service. The event will be marked by a reenactment of the dedication of the FDR Memorial, and the publication of a commemorative booklet that will no doubt pass on the borough's story to future generations. I am honored to represent Sugar Notch, Pennsylvania and take great pride in the borough's history, success, and sense of community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the borough of Sugar Notch's 150th Anniversary.

HONORING MRS. EMMA L. KERN
BLACK ON THE OCCASION OF
HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 25, 2017

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mrs. Emma L. Kern Black on the occasion of her 80th birthday, which was celebrated on January 8, 2017.

Emma was born in Kosciusko, Mississippi to Mr. Jimmy and Manella Kern in 1937. Graduating as valedictorian of her high school in 1955, Emma went on to receive her Bachelor of Science degree from Jackson State College and receive her Master of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1965. During her time in college, Emma became a member of organizations such as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the Sunday School Organization and the Who's Who in Colleges and Universities.

With a love for education, Emma began her career as a third grade teacher at Oak Park Elementary School in Laurel, Mississippi in 1959 until 1964. Emma went on to serve in the Broward County Public School System as a primary early childhood education specialist until her retirement in 1995. During her career, Emma collaborated and led multiple educational projects and served on student and teacher evaluation teams representing the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. Emma additionally was an adjunct professor at Nova University of Broward County.

As an active member of First Baptist Church Piney Grove in Fort Lauderdale, Emma served as organizer, musician and director of the Junior Choir for 26 years and Sunday School teacher and musician for over 40 years. This dedication and devotion resulted in her being recognized with the "Women in Religion" award by the Broward County Chapter of Charmettes, Inc. in 2002. Emma's community activities involve: The Lakeside Homeowners Association; the Board of Adjustment for the City of Oakland; Rock Island Elementary

School Improvement Team; the Broward County School Readiness Coalition; the Cradle Nursey Boards of Director; the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); the Urban League of Broward County; as well as being a Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Alumni Chapter of Fort Lauderdale; a member of the Jackson State University Alumni Association; and Broward County Retired Teachers Association.

After more than 40 years of public service, Emma enjoys traveling domestically and internationally with her husband Dr. Malcolm Black, whom she met the first night of college at a freshmen gathering on campus.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the great privilege of knowing Mrs. Emma Kern Black for many years. I am so happy to be able to honor her on the occasion of her 80th birthday, and wish her many more years of happiness and success.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MR. IRWIN
STOVROFF

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 25, 2017

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable man who has dedicated his life to improving the lives of veterans.

Irwin Stovroff, originally from Buffalo, NY, was shot down over France in August of 1944, during his last mission as a Bombardier with the 44th Bomb Group during World War II. Upon parachuting down to safety, Stovroff landed in Nazi-occupied territory. Fearing the Nazis would discover his Jewish roots, Stovroff removed his dog tags before his capture. Upon capture, Stovroff was recognized by one of the Nazi interrogators from his hometown in New York. In fact, Stovroff had been the Nazi interrogator's newspaper boy. Fortunately, the Nazi interrogator saved his life by putting a "question mark" on his records.

After liberation from the Nazi POW camp, Stovroff returned to the United States where he finished his education, married, and started a family. He led a successful post-military career in furniture, but at the age of 75, began to volunteer at a VA Medical Center in South Florida.

While working over the years to get our veterans the benefits and care they so deserve, Stovroff noticed that the Department of Veterans Affairs does not receive any funding to provide service dogs to veterans. Knowing the great benefit that service dogs can have on the rehabilitation of veterans, he was determined to change that.

In 2006, at the age of 84, Stovroff launched Vets Helping Heroes, an organization dedicated to financing the acquisition and training of service dogs for wounded veterans and active duty military personnel. Along with his board of directors and donors, Stovroff has now raised over \$4.5 million to pay for trained service dogs for more than 400 wounded veterans.

As Mr. Stovroff continues to help and change the lives of veterans, it is my hope that he feels a deep sense of accomplishment and pride for the outstanding contributions he

has made to our veterans and military. I believe I can speak on behalf of our country in thanking him for his extraordinary efforts.

CELEBRATING THE KEYSTONE JOB
CORPS CENTER'S 150TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 25, 2017

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to recognize the Keystone Job Corps on its 50th Anniversary.

For the past 50 years, the Keystone Job Corps Center has helped young people in Pennsylvania's 11th District realize their potential through work training and continued education. Keystone, and its dedicated faculty, make it possible for students to find their path forward—whether that be immediately entering the workforce, or through other higher education opportunities.

But Keystone's investment in its students does not stop there. The center teaches students how to be active members of their communities. I witnessed this firsthand when I was Mayor of Hazleton. I saw Keystone students work tirelessly to restore old sidewalks around City Hall. They even took part in a downtown beautification project—designing trash receptacles that are admired to this day. They continue to participate in the United Way's annual Thanksgiving Dinner and volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

In a similar way, the Hazleton area community gives back to Keystone. Keystone has a strong relationship with the Butler Township Police Department—one that has been ongoing for the past five decades. Officers will come to campus to talk to students interested in a career in security, and discuss the rewards of being in law enforcement. Local church leaders will come to the center to give students a chance to talk to someone if something is bothering them. Retired members of the community will drop by to tutor students. I've even been able to provide Keystone students with a unique insight into our nation's political process through internships in my offices here in Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District. Keystone has become a staple in the Hazleton area community—something that is clearly seen in the partnerships it has developed.

As someone who grew up in Hazleton, I am eternally grateful for the work the center does on behalf of its students and our community. As a Member of Congress and as the Republican Chair of the Congressional Job Corps Caucus, I commend Keystone and its faculty for working every day to change the course of a young person's life through engagement and education. I congratulate the Keystone Job Corps Center on all it has accomplished in the last 50 years, and I wish its staff, faculty, and students all the best throughout the next 50 years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Keystone Job Corps on its 50th Anniversary.

CELEBRATING THE SIXTH
COUNCILL TRAINING ALL-
SCHOOL REUNION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 25, 2017

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to bring greetings to the Sixth Councill Training All-School Reunion. As the first black Congresswoman from Alabama, I know I owe a debt of gratitude to the Councill Training School family.

As Huntsville's only school for African Americans before desegregation, Councill Training School represents an important piece of civil rights history in Alabama. Until desegregation in 1970, the school educated the entire black population of Huntsville, servicing students from kindergarten to twelfth grade.

Councill Training School is near and dear to my heart. Both of my parents began their careers as educators at Councill Training School after graduating from Alabama State University. My mother, Nancy Gardner was the school librarian while my father, Coach Andrew A. Sewell, was the basketball, football, and track coach. It was on the hallowed grounds of Councill Training School that my parents met and fell in love. In June of 1963, they married and bought their first house. My mother often tells me the story of how when I was born a few years later, the head cheerleader at the time named me, and I immediately became the "Councill Training School Baby". Councill Training School was our family's first home, and will always hold a special place in our heart.

The legacy of Councill Training School is one of excellence and pride, and will live on in the hearts of the students, faculty, staff and community that it shaped. I am honored to be able to join the classes of 1948 through 1970 in celebrating the Sixth Councill Training School Reunion and hope there are many more to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. DONALD RICHARD WILSON

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 25, 2017

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Donald Rich-

ard Wilson, who sadly died on July 25, 2017 at the age of 77. Mr. Wilson, as he was affectionately known by so many, was born on April 22, 1940 to William (Gus) and Annie Mae Wilson. He remained a lifelong resident of Palm Beach County. During his youth, he, along with his two brothers was raised with strict Christian discipline by their mother, Annie Mae Wilson. She worked tirelessly to insure that the boys would receive the best possible education and upbringing she could provide.

A product of the Palm Beach County Public School System, Donald graduated in 1958 from Roosevelt High School, going on to Bethune Cookman, and Florida A&M Universities. After college, he returned home with a degree in elementary education and Gloria, his wife, who was the love of his life for fifty-three years.

Baptized at an early age in St. Paul AME Church, Donald remained a member in good standing throughout his life. He sang in the choir and chaired the Cultural and Artistic Committee and the Steward Board. Donald retired from the Palm Beach County School District in 1996, having served for 35 years as a teacher and administrator. For 22 years, he officiated in children's football and basketball games. A man who truly loved his city, he served on Riviera Beach's City Council for six years.

Donald Wilson was significantly involved in getting the first black firefighters hired in Riviera Beach. He helped produce many Afro Arts festivals and fathered the Riviera Beach Jazz & Blues Festival. Donald was principally involved in awarding over 2,500 athletic scholarships, 2,000 academic scholarships and 750 personal need scholarships to black students, during his 51-year tenure as Vice President of the Youth Recreation Association of Riviera Beach.

Mr. Speaker, Donald Wilson was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend to so many. He was a highly respected member of his community. Donald left behind a great legacy to which everyone who knew him will always point as a life well lived. I was proud to call him my friend, and will dearly miss him.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL DANIEL L. YORK FOR 36 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 25, 2017

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Major General Daniel L. York for his thirty-six years of distinguished service to a grateful nation. His tremendous leadership and commitment to excellence reflect the highest standards of our nation's military. MG York's steadfast devotion to our Creator and the Christian faith during his many years in the United States Army have surely left an enduring testimony with his family, friends and all who shared in his military career. I am very proud to be his friend and brother in Christ and I wish him many blessings in retirement.

Major General York most recently served as the North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command Special Assistant to the Commander for Reserve Matters. As an Army Reservist, he has over thirty years of service commanding at the company, battalion, brigade, and division level. He earned the coveted Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Jungle Expert Badge, Rappel Master, and Expert Infantryman Badge.

Major General York graduated from West Point with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and a Masters of Divinity from Bethel (West) Seminary and a Masters of Strategic Studies degree from the U.S. Army War College.

As a civilian leader in his community, Major General York serves as the Director of First Cause, an International Leadership Development NGO he created in 2000, active in six countries. He is also a Senior Advisor for Thayer Leader Development Group at West Point. In 2012 he founded VetREST a non-profit created to help Veterans with Post Traumatic Stress (PTS). He serves as the Board Chairman for VetREST and is helping the organization establish chapters nationwide. Major General York also started and pastored three churches and speaks both nationally and internationally on leadership and related topics.

Major General York is married to the former Kathleen Hardy and they have three children and three grandchildren.