

of countless individuals through their unwavering commitment to those in need. The ministry is both a beacon of hope and a network of support for so many and serves as an inspiration to us all.

#### HONORING THE FORT WORTH ASSOCIATION OF FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUBS 100 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

##### HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 5, 2017*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fort Worth Association of Federated Women's Clubs (FWAFWC) for its 100 years of service to Fort Worth and the greater Tarrant County community.

The FWAFWC was founded in 1917 with Mrs. Fannie Mae Connally-Winn serving as the first president of the organization. Mrs. Winn created the organization because she wanted the "colored" women of Fort Worth to have the opportunity to be known for their service throughout the community. The organization has lived up to its founding mission and grown substantially over the decades.

The FWAFWC continues its commitment to ensuring that African-American women are aware of their civic duties, social issues in the community, family health matters, and the importance of educating youth for a better future. As part of their mission, FWAFWC members volunteer for the Annual Prom Dress Give Away each year and collect hundreds of donated items for local high school girls.

Additionally, FWAFWC has sponsored an annual cotillion for over 10 years, which provides young ladies with the skills to be successful later in life. The Cotillion also serves as a scholarship fundraiser event aimed at empowering young women to pursue their higher education aspirations. Along with volunteering throughout the community, the group makes monetary donations to numerous local charities and community service organizations throughout the year, including a \$500 college scholarship to graduating African American high school seniors.

I honor the Fort Worth Association of Federated Women's Clubs and its century of service to the Fort Worth and Tarrant County community.

#### RECOGNIZING BRUNO VIDAL

##### HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 5, 2017*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Detective Bruno Vidal, as he retires after 25 years of law enforcement service.

Det. Vidal began his law enforcement career in 1992 as a Police Officer with New York City's Finest, the NYPD. In 1993 he was assigned to the 90th Precinct in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. In 1995, he joined the Community Patrol Officer Program (CPOP). A program designed to promote collaborative problem solving efforts between the community and police

department. This program enabled Det. Vidal to patrol a dedicated geographic location within the community where he successfully worked with residents in identifying areas with serious quality of life conditions. As the CPOP Officer, his approach, mannerism and ability to communicate with the public, young and older, was instrumental in fortifying the trust between the 90th Precinct and the greater community.

This achievement led to his appointment as the precinct's Community Affairs Officer. In this capacity, he worked extensively within Williamsburg community. Det. Vidal established strong relationships with schools, faith-based and local organizations, small businesses, housing leaders and elected officials. He has earned numerous awards and the respect of the community and members of the service. In 2007 he was promoted to the well-deserved rank of Detective. And in 2015, he earned the new rank of Detective Specialist 2nd grade.

For twenty-five years, Det. Bruno Vidal has been an exemplary role model and dedicated public servant who served with pride and honor. I am proud to know and have worked with him on local issues. He is a loyal representative of New York's Finest. I also want to thank his family, Mrs. Arisleida Vidal-Abreu and their three children Matthew, Carolyn and Adam for supporting his career. Please join me in saluting Detective Bruno Vidal from the 90th Precinct in New York City.

#### RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST INDIANA'S NEW CITIZENS

##### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 5, 2017*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who took their oaths of citizenship on Friday, August 11, 2017. This memorable occasion, presided over by Magistrate Judge John E. Martin, was held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On August 11, 2017, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, took their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Feda Izzedin Aljobeh, Mahmoud Ibrahim Almakharza, Mosa Maher Awad, Roberto Barraza, Manuel de Jesus Castaneda, Maria Arminde de Leon, Jose Jorge Garcia, Lucio Chan Gudmalin, Wendy Lane Harris, Nora Ibrahim, Delia Ruiz, Ma Olivia Avila de Torres, Eduardo Torres, Victor Hugo Vargas Sanchez, Jose Jesus Vargas, Cayetano Ontiveros Rodriguez, Silvia Andrea Alvarez, Guijuan Niu, Shanqin Chen, Hamida Brkovic, Eric Kwadwo Ofori, Ling Zhou, Jose Luis Castro Vazquez, Julio Alvarez Gonzalez,

Hong Tuyet Thi Nguyen, Juana Irma Diez de Sollano Garcia, Ruth Mwhaki Chege, Jose Martin Hernandez, Hannah Rose Babbini, and Prabhakar Himatram Jani.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country "... of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who became citizens of the United States of America on August 11, 2017. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

#### DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

##### HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 5, 2017*

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation.

Whereas on January 13, 2013, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world; and

Whereas the Sorority was founded in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University and these young women wanted to use their collective strength to promote and provide academic excellence; scholarships; support to the underserved; education and participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities; and

Whereas Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated is a sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately Black college-educated women and the Sorority currently has over 1,000 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, the Republic of Korea, and here in Dane County, Wisconsin; and

Whereas the Madison Alumnae Chapter was chartered on August 27, 1977 by twenty-two bold and visionary women who saw the urgent need for a chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated in Madison, Wisconsin to create a collective shift in thinking for African American residents; to cultivate and educate the minority community in political, educational, cultural, economic and social spheres; and has continued to thrive, empower, and lead for forty years using sisterhood, scholarship and service as the guide; and

Whereas the Madison Alumnae Chapter has participated in Delta Days in the nation's capital to meet with me and my staff to discuss

issues surrounding its social action agenda and initiatives; to share concerns and seek answers to questions regarding policy issues, including incarceration rates, unemployment, housing, economics, and education; to have open and transparent conversations about these concerns that disproportionately affect the African American community with policymakers; and to discuss how we can work together towards solutions, and

Whereas the Madison Alumnae Chapter being Determined Strategic and Transcendent has established and maintained a legacy of preeminent programming which has been recognized as exemplary at both regional conferences and national conventions,

I, MARK POCAN, Congressman from the great state of Wisconsin recognize and congratulate the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Madison Alumnae Chapter on the significant impact that they have made in the lives of the citizens in their service area and the tireless work that they do to in the name of public service.

IN HONOR OF ASSEMBLYMAN  
MICHAEL SIMANOWITZ

**HON. GRACE MENG**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 5, 2017*

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with the support of my colleague, Congressman CROWLEY, to honor the life and exceptional service of New York State Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz. Mike passed away on Saturday, September 2, 2017, at the age of 46, after battling a long illness. Mike was a dedicated public servant, a devoted family man, and a truly remarkable individual.

Mike began a lifelong career in public service as chief of staff to former New York State Assemblywoman Nettie Mayersohn more than twenty years ago. He was later elected to fill her seat after her retirement in 2011. A long-time active member of his community, Mike volunteered with the New York Police Department's auxiliary program at the 107th Precinct in Flushing, Queens, for 15 years, and was its commanding officer for nine years. And as one of only a few Orthodox Jews in the New York State legislature, Mike was proud of his faith and was a strong voice for the Queens Jewish community.

When speaking to Mike's constituents, you will hear nothing but words of praise for his passionate commitment to his district and community. Congressman CROWLEY and I counted Mike as a great friend, and we join the entire New York community in mourning this terrible loss.

Congressman CROWLEY and I offer our deepest condolences to Mike's wife and four children, his parents, and all of his friends, colleagues and constituents. We continue to keep Mike's family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

EMERGENCY ROOM NURSE ALEX  
WUBBELS

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 5, 2017*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give brief remarks about Alex Wubbels, the emergency room nurse at University of Utah Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah who was arrested for doing her job on July 26. As a non-practicing registered nurse, this story shocked and upset me. I cannot fathom being handcuffed in my workplace for following hospital policy and the law.

Ms. Wubbels stood her ground and remained calm during the encounter, which was caught on body camera footage. Hospital policy requires that the patient be under arrest, the police have a warrant, or the patient consent in order to draw blood. Since none of those requirements were met, Ms. Wubbels refused to draw the patient's blood, with the support of several managers, administrators, and her supervisor.

While I understand that the Salt Lake City Police Department is currently taking steps to prevent incidents like this, I find it unconscionable that an officer of the law felt it appropriate to treat a health professional in this manner. I do believe that implementation of new hospital procedure, such as requiring law enforcement officials to check in to the front desk of the hospital, are positive and I encourage other hospitals to adopt similar policies.

Ms. Wubbels remained focused on providing care to her patient and ultimately, no charges were filed against her. She is encouraging health professionals and law enforcement to use this incident to "open a civic dialogue." As a nurse, I am proud to stand with individuals like Ms. Wubbels who turn negative events into positive learning experiences, always put patient well-being above all else, and stand their ground in the face of adversity.

IN SUPPORT OF AWARDED THE  
CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL  
TO SENATOR ROBERT DOLE

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 5, 2017*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, we recognize Senator Dole, a patriot whose life and career embody superior public service.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest award we can bestow. We confer this honor to men and women who grace our nation with exceptional achievements and contributions.

Senator Bob Dole is a leader of great integrity, a public servant of deep dignity and an American hero of extraordinary courage.

Before the people of Kansas brought him to Capitol Hill, Bob Dole fought for our country in the mountains of central Italy during the Second World War.

For his courage and immense sacrifice, he was awarded two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster for Valor.

Bob's bravery was not limited to the battlefield. When he came to Congress, he fought

relentlessly to ensure that every person in uniform would receive the care they needed upon coming home.

It is a special source of pride that Bob Dole first came to Washington to serve in the House of Representatives.

There, as a proud Representative of western Kansas, he proved his mettle as a tenacious fighter for American families and American values.

Later, in the Senate, as Majority Leader, he continued to champion the vital causes central to our identity and our ideals as Americans.

Senator Dole was a champion for justice, battling to expand the civil rights of every American during the 1960s.

He was a champion for working families, reaching across the aisle to expand eligibility for food stamps.

He was a champion for equality, fighting for passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

After he left Capitol Hill, he continued the fight. He has advocated tirelessly on behalf of veterans, disabled Americans and families struggling with hunger and poverty in every part of the world.

Twenty years ago, President Clinton awarded the Senator our nation's other highest civilian honor: The Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Receiving this award, he said, "Our challenge is not to question American ideals or replace them, but to act worthy of them."

Senator Bob Dole: for a lifetime spent defending, advancing and exemplifying our proudest American ideals, we are grateful.

This Congress thanks you. We send our warmest congratulations to your incredible wife Elizabeth—a fierce champion for our hidden heroes: our military caregivers—and to the entire Dole family.

TRIBUTE TO EMMETT TILL

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 5, 2017*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, sixty-two years ago, on August 28, 1955, in Money, Mississippi, a young African-American child by the name of Emmett Till was murdered while visiting from Chicago. Till's life was taken from him after a white woman alleged he whistled at her. Following her claim, the woman's husband and brother found Till and assassinated him. The two men took Till from the home of his great uncle and shortly after, his body was found mutilated and disfigured. Yet, the murderers of Emmett Till were found not guilty by an all-white jury. Recently, the allegations against Till have been found to be untrue. The accuser herself recanted her accusations in July of this year. Six decades later, she finally admits that she lied while under oath about Till's actions on the day she alleged he made advances toward her outside of a grocery store.

Today, we also mourn the death of Simeon Wright, Emmett's cousin, and one of the last people to see Till before he was abducted and murdered. The story of Emmett Till is a blunt reminder of racial inequality, as well as the inequality in our justice system in which we must continue to combat. As we continue the fight to overcome racial injustice, white supremacy and police brutality, let us do so by