

RECOGNIZING REVEREND WILLIAM GLUCK FOR FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend William Herbert Gluck, fondly known as “Preacher Bill,” of Andalusia for his fifty years of service to Community Baptist Church.

Preacher Bill was born on October 15, 1936 to William and Catherine Gluck, and grew up in Moline. After graduating from Moline High School in 1954, Preacher Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served for eight years. After leaving the Army in 1962, Preacher Bill served as a pastor for a short time in Georgia, and volunteered at Central Baptist Church in Moline before finally beginning his impressive tenure at Community Baptist in Andalusia in October of 1967. In August of 1968, Preacher Bill married his wife, Carol, who sadly passed away in 2011. He has been blessed with six children, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Preacher Bill once again for his dedicated service to Community Baptist Church over the last five decades. I wish him, his church, and his family nothing but the very best in all the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING CEDAR CREST COLLEGE’S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CHARLES W. DENT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cedar Crest College on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. In 1867, Robert Emmett Wright—a distinguished lawyer and public servant in Lehigh County—envisioned a school which his daughters could attend. On July 12, he joined members of the Reformed Church leadership at Allentown’s Zion’s Reformed Church in putting a proposal forward to purchase property for Lehigh Female Academy, which would later become Cedar Crest College.

Classes were first held in September, with only eight students in attendance; however, in a year’s time, attendance grew, and the school relocated to Clover Nook, at Fourth and Turner Streets. Its name was once again changed to Allentown Female College. Additional classrooms, a library, gymnasium, and a fully equipped art room were added to accommodate the increasing educational interests of the college’s growing student body. In 1913, the school moved to its modern day location, and it officially became Cedar Crest College.

Today, Cedar Crest College remains committed to its original goal of providing higher education for women and preparing leaders for the increasingly global community. With a graduate and undergraduate count of over 1,500 students, Cedar Crest College provides a personable and high quality approach to education for local women and those in the nearby states of New York and New Jersey.

It is my honor to recognize the students and faculty who comprise Cedar Crest College on this momentous occasion. Cedar Crest students are both bright and capable, but it is their approach to leadership as service to the community and the world around them that really makes them shine. May they experience continued growth and success over the next 150 years.

COMMEMORATING THE 106TH ANNIVERSARY OF TAIWAN

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the people of Taiwan on the 106th anniversary of their republic, celebrated on October 10th. October 10th, known in Taiwan as “Double Ten Day”, is revered by the Taiwanese people—just as Fourth of July is here in the United States. It commemorates the Wuchang Uprising, which triggered a revolution that led to the overthrow of China’s imperial regime and the establishment of the Republic of China.

Since the Republic of China was founded on January 1, 1912, the people of Taiwan have developed a democracy of which they should be proud. They are our 10th largest trading partner, including more than \$200 million in purchases from my home state of Michigan. They are an economically and socially growing nation, that has recently implemented a single-payer National Health Insurance (NHI) system. This system is similar to legislation that I have been championing in the U.S. House for more than a decade, and which BERNIE SANDERS recently introduced in the U.S. Senate. I believe that America has much to learn from this work, and I am eager to see them succeed in guaranteeing their citizens a universal right to healthcare—a practice America would do well to follow.

I also want to commend the people of Taiwan on their success this past year, in which they inaugurated their first female president—a first not only for the island, but also the first woman elected head of state in Asia in her own right, who was not related to a notable male politician.

I want to congratulate my friends across the ocean and wish them a very happy 106th Double Ten Day.

CAPTAIN OSCAR MEDELLIN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional law enforcement career of California Highway Patrol (CHP) Captain Oscar Medellin, who will retire on September 30, 2017.

After serving honorably in the U.S. Air Force, Captain Medellin was hired by the CHP in 1988. Captain Medellin worked in a number

of capacities during his CHP career, which include the Inland Division Critical Incident Team, Inland Division Investigative Services Unit, and, most recently, Area Commander for Victorville.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to congratulate and thank Captain Medellin for his 28 years of service to the citizens of California. His professionalism and dedication to the profession of law enforcement reflects great credit upon himself and the California Highway Patrol.

CELEBRATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLACK WOMEN’S TASK FORCE OF TUCSON

**HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize the Black Women’s Task Force of Tucson on the event of its 40th anniversary.

The Black Women’s Task Force of Tucson organized with the mission of “educating and empowering women through support and networking for equality and success in the Tucson community.” Serving as a bedrock of the Tucson community for four decades, it has met its mission statement and more.

The Black Women’s Task Force of Tucson provides much-needed access to information on healthcare and business, as well as hosting events and providing a space to share stories with the Tucson community. Part of its community support is assisting local students through a variety of programs and scholarships.

For example, the Black Women’s Task Force donated over one hundred computers to students in the Tucson Unified School District and sponsored student trips to Africa and South America with an academic focus. There have been many changes throughout the last 40 years; and many fights won in the pursuit of social and economic equality for women.

However, there is still much work to be done both in Tucson and throughout the nation. I know that the Black Women’s Task Force will continue to be a positive force for change. I cannot emphasize enough the impact that this organization has had on the Tucson community.

From helping victims of domestic violence to feeding the hungry, the Black Women’s Task Force has worked tirelessly to make our city a better place for everyone. I look forward to seeing the impact the Black Women’s Task Force has on the next forty years. For that, it would be my honor to ask that the work done for the past forty years by the Black Women’s Task Force be known to this Congress as a force for good in the City of Tucson.

CONGRATULATING CORONADO THEATRE ON ITS 90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the historic Coronado Theatre in Rockford, Illinois, on their 90th birthday.

The Coronado Theatre was built in 1927, and over the years it has hosted many legendary performers including Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope, Louis Armstrong, and more recently, Jerry Seinfeld.

Between 1999 and 2001 the theater underwent an \$18.5 million renovation, thanks to the support of the community, the City of Rockford, and Friends of the Coronado, a non-profit dedicated to ensuring the theater will continue to be a community asset for all to use and share. The renovation preserved the theater's history while making much-needed improvements to ensure future generations would be able to enjoy all the theater has to offer. The Coronado Theatre's staff, Friends of the Coronado, and the entire Rockford community should be truly proud of this milestone birthday.

Mr. Speaker, I again want to congratulate Coronado Theatre on this momentous birthday, and wish them much success over their next 90 years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF  
THURGOOD MARSHALL

**HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD the following Proclamation to commemorate the extraordinary life of Thurgood Marshall and declare October 2, 2017 to be Thurgood Marshall Day in California's 44th Congressional District:

Whereas in 1940 while an attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Thurgood Marshall won the case of *The State of Connecticut v. Joseph Spell*, which helped lay the groundwork for the Civil Rights Movement to come; and

Whereas Thurgood Marshall was the Chief Counsel in the case of *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954, the landmark Supreme Court decision that declared state laws establishing segregated public schools to be unconstitutional; and

Whereas the Honorable Thurgood Marshall, on October 2, 1967, became the first African-American appointed to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States of America; and

Whereas date of October 2, 2017, marks the 50th anniversary of this historic achievement; and

Whereas the legacy of Thurgood Marshall continues to serve as an example and inspiration to both individuals and groups that continue to fight for justice and equality for all throughout the United States of America; and Now therefore

I declare and hereby recognize October 2, 2017 to be Thurgood Marshall Day in the 44th Congressional District of California.

IN TRIBUTE TO COLONEL  
CHRISTOPHER J. BARRON

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Colonel Christopher J. Barron

upon his retirement from the Army Corps of Engineers.

For 27 years, Colonel Barron had dedicated himself to serving our nation with the Army Corps of Engineers. Colonel Barron, a native of Goshen, New York, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers in 1991. His overseas deployments include combat, reconstruction, and peacekeeping missions in Somalia, Haiti, Macedonia, Bosnia, and Iraq. In his last assignment, Colonel Barron served as District Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in New England from July 31, 2014 to July 19, 2017. Prior to this post, Colonel Barron served as the U.S. Army War College's Visiting Defense Fellow at Queen's University in Ontario, Canada.

While serving as District Commander of the New England District, Colonel Barron had many accomplishments including dredging projects, navigation improvement, flood risk management, and environmental restoration. It was an honor to work with him on a wide array of dredging projects in my district and across the Connecticut coastline, and I will certainly miss his knowledge of and passion for water resource programs in our area. He was always accessible and open to input from my office which I greatly appreciated.

Please join me in congratulating my friend, Colonel Barron, on an impressive career of service with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and wishing him a wonderful retirement.

IN HONOR OF PIEDMONT HIGH  
SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM'S 500TH  
WIN

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the 500th win of the Piedmont High School Football Team in Piedmont, Alabama.

On December 1, 2016, Piedmont High School won the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 3A football state title for the second year in a row. The team's very first win was over Cave Spring High School in October of 1924 under Coach J.O. Ogle.

Piedmont High School's football team has had two All-American players, over 100 All-State players and 215 All-County players with six alumni players who have been inducted into the Calhoun County Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to Coach Steve Smith, the football team, Piedmont City Schools and all their loyal fans.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 500th win by the Piedmont High School Football Team. Go Bulldogs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
CARTHAGE LODGE 197

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Carthage Lodge 197 on its 150th

birthday. On the 7th of October, members of this Freemason lodge will gather to celebrate this landmark occasion.

The first organized Grand Lodge met in 1717 in England. Freemasonry has promoted a strong sense of pride, family values and intellectual development in its members over the centuries. Furthermore, Freemasonry has deep roots in the United States, with George Washington himself being initiated into Freemasonry in the year of 1752.

Freemasonry has been part of Missouri and the city of Carthage for generations. The Grand Lodge of Missouri chartered a lodge in Carthage, Missouri in 1849. In 1861 this lodge was destroyed, but no one is exactly sure how this lodge was destroyed. Most likely it was destroyed in the Battle of Carthage during the Civil War. In 1867, former members of the previous lodge and other Freemasons gathered to organize for the chartering of a new lodge to be located in the city. The current Carthage Lodge 197 was granted its charter on October 19, 1867. Members of the lodge meet in this location to this very day.

I am honored to recognize the 150 years of the Carthage Lodge 197 in southwest Missouri. This is truly a historical achievement. On behalf of Missouri's 7th Congressional District, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of Carthage Lodge 197 on its 150th birthday.

HONORING MR. GORDON KLASNA  
ON BEING SELECTED MONTANA'S  
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

**HON. GREG GIANFORTE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gordon Klasna on his recent selection as the Montana Principal of the Year by the Montana Association of Secondary School Principals.

Mr. Klasna has been principal of Lockwood's Eileen Johnson Middle School since 2011. Founded in 1954, it provides an education to over 1,250 students. Mr. Klasna is passionate about educating Montana's students and is a positive influence on his students. He is renowned as a hard worker who dedicates much of his time to his vocation. Mr. Klasna is a strong advocate for his school, serving on the School District 2 High School Trustee Board representing Lockwood.

Teachers and students at Eileen Johnson Middle School describe Mr. Klasna as a gracious, polite public servant who demonstrates his passion to help students every day. During his tenure as principal, Mr. Klasna has encouraged the growth of special elective courses to include robotics and journalism.

I wish Mr. Klasna the very best as he works to continue the pattern of excellence at Eileen Johnson Middle School. He is a great example of an educator going the extra mile to help our children succeed. I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Gordon Klasna on his outstanding achievement.