

HONORING DR. HUMPHREY LEE UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM NORTHWEST SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the great leadership and character of Dr. Humphrey Lee on his retirement from Northwest Shoals Community College in Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

Dr. Lee was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. After graduating high school, he entered the University of Alabama where he earned his bachelor, masters and doctoral degrees.

After leaving the University of Alabama, Dr. Lee dedicated the next 42 years of his life to the two-year college system in the state of Alabama. His four decades with Alabama's two-year college system carried him to Brewer State Junior College and Shelton State Community College. Finally, Dr. Lee became President of Northwest Shoals Community College in 2004.

During his 14 years serving as President at Northwest Shoals Community College, Dr. Lee made workforce development the keystone of his administration. To achieve this goal, Dr. Lee oversaw tremendous growth and improvement in the programs offered by the school in areas such as Automotive Service Technology, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Cyber Security, just to name a few.

While Dr. Lee is retiring from Alabama's two-year college system, I know that he will remain, as he always has been, very active in the local community, as he serves on numerous boards and is the current Chairman of the Shoals Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Lee has two sons; Preston who is married to Kristina; and Spencer who is married to Marie, with two grandsons, Brayden and Landon.

Once again, I congratulate Dr. Lee on his many years of service to education in the state of Alabama, as well as on his well-deserved retirement. I wish him the best in the coming years and on future endeavors.

PROCLAMATION FOR KES, INC.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a proclamation for KES, Inc.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, citizens of different cultures strive to bring awareness and enlightenment to our community; and

Whereas, KES, Inc., since 1996, under the leadership of Mr. Kenneth and Mrs. Sandra Browner and their family, has been a blessing to my district by making the needs of citizens that require special attention a priority and therefore enhancing their quality of life; and

Whereas, KES, Inc., has sustained the lineage of many generations, breaking bond-

ages, bringing blessings and strengthening communities, by providing excellence in care and services while assisting development and enhancement of the quality of life for adults and children with psychological, social and physical challenges; and

Whereas, KES, Inc., annually hosts a Day of Inclusion to bring our community together in a day of fellowship, to educate and acknowledge the different disabilities and abilities that its members have; and

Whereas, KES, Inc., and all the members of its staff are ambassadors of goodwill that make the 4th Congressional District of Georgia a jewel in the nation; and

Whereas, our community has been strengthened in our awareness, our lives have been touched and our spirits uplifted through the service of this beloved organization; 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 the leadership and service of KES, Inc., as it celebrates another year of hosting its Day of Inclusion; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim July 15, 2017 as KES, Inc. Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 22nd day of May, 2017.

HONORING YOVANNA BROWNE

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the amazing work of Yovanna Browne who is retiring at the end of this year. Yovanna, who worked in my Temple, TX District Office, is as dedicated a public servant as any Member of Congress could hope for. Praised throughout her career for her tenacity and attention to detail, she's been a mission-critical member of every place she's worked.

Yovanna's resume is a testament to a life devoted to public service. Two decades were spent working for a variety of offices in both the Army and Navy, where she received numerous commendations from both branches. Another decade was dedicated to Central Texas College, her alma mater, and working to ensure soldiers could navigate the complex Tricare program. Luckily for Central Texas, Yovanna spent the last twelve years as a Lead Case Worker in my Temple Office.

District office staff have as challenging a job there is in public service. They often deal with constituents who are at their wits' end and have lost faith in the government that is supposed to serve them. Yovanna's combination of empathy and expertise have helped countless Central Texans navigate the often-challenging world of government agencies and services. She treats all with kindness and respect, lending a thoughtful ear to their concerns while staying focused on how to best be of assistance. Her extraordinary efforts, commitment to excellence, and skillful work has enabled my Temple office to serve my constituents at the high level they deserve.

While my office is losing Yovanna to a richly-deserved retirement, she'll always be a member of the Carter family and a shining example of the best in public service. I join my

staff, and all those who've been impacted by her commitment to excellence, in wishing her nothing but the best in the next chapter of her life.

HONORING CYNTHIA BUSHMAN OF PENNSYLVANIA ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN 37 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I extend my sincere congratulations to my constituent, Cynthia Bushman, on her retirement after more than 37 years of service to the federal government.

Ms. Bushman has served with the Naval Supply Systems Command, the Naval Sea Systems Command, and currently as Outfitting Team Lead for the Outfitting Support Branch at the Naval Sea Logistics Center. Her peers describe a true professional whose attention to detail and professional excellence have provided great support to our Nation's Sailors and the United States Navy.

Ms. Bushman's tireless dedication has touched the lives of countless people and challenged all with whom she served to be the best. Her legacy of service to our Nation is commendable.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I thank and congratulate Cynthia Bushman on her service and wish her great happiness and success in her future adventures.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DONALD C. POGUE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend and colleague, the late honorable Donald C. Pogue. Judge Pogue passed away peacefully last October and his absence is felt by all who knew him.

Born in Macomb, Illinois in 1947, Don graduated magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa from Dartmouth College in 1969 and earned his juris doctorate and masters of art in philosophy from Yale in 1973. Following graduation, he began his legal career representing labor unions at his firm, Kester, Pogue & Gould, in Hartford. During his fifteen years of practice, Judge Pogue lectured on labor law at the University of Connecticut School of Law, assisted in teaching Harvard Law School's program on negotiation and dispute resolution for lawyers, and chaired the Connecticut Bar Association's Labor and Employment Law Section.

In 1989, Don was appointed Commissioner of Connecticut Hospitals and Healthcare by Governor O'Neill, and then Chairman by Governor Weicker. In 1994, Don became a judge in Connecticut's Superior Court and was appointed to the U.S. Court of International Trade by President Clinton just one year later. There he led the Court's Long Range Planning and Budget committees. In 2010 he became

Chief Judge and served as a statutory member of the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts. Don assumed senior status in 2014. In addition to being a great lawyer and judge, he was also a devoted husband, father, and grandfather and an active member of his community. He served on the Board of Connecticut Hospice and volunteered there for over a decade.

Mr. Speaker, I came to know Don Pogue during his time as chair of the Hospitals and Healthcare Commission, from 1989 to 1994. I was a state representative at the time, leading the Connecticut General Assembly's Public Health Committee. It was a time of great change in healthcare. Working with Don, we created one of the first children's health insurance programs in the country and initiated cutting edge reform to lower healthcare costs. Don was a brilliant public servant who was always the smartest guy in the room. Despite that, he was an extremely courteous gentleman who always was focused on helping the people of the state, particularly the less fortunate.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in remembering Dan's life and work. His public service serves as an example to all

who hold public office to stay focused on the people who vested their trust in us. Although Don is deeply missed, we take comfort in knowing his commitment to justice left the world a better place.

PROCLAMATION FOR THE MANDIR
OF LILBURN

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation for the Mandir of Lilburn:

Whereas, Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS), is a global socio-spiritual Hindu organization established by Bhagwan Swaminarayan more than 200 years ago; and

Whereas, BAPS is dedicated to improving society through individual growth by fostering faith, unity, and selfless service; and

Whereas, BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Lilburn, Georgia, inaugurated by His Holi-

ness Pramukh Swami Maharaj in 2007, has served as a center for spirituality, and the celebration of Hindu culture, customs, and architecture; and

Whereas, BAPS and its followers, have provided humanitarian services throughout communities in the State of Georgia and across our Nation; and

Whereas, His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj appointed Mahant Swami Maharaj as his spiritual successor and the sixth Guru of BAPS; and

Whereas, His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj, the spiritual leader and Guru of BAPS, arrived in the State of Georgia for the first time as the spiritual leader and Guru of BAPS to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Lilburn, Georgia; and

Whereas the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj for his leadership and service; now, therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim July 6th, 2017 as The Mandir of Lilburn, Georgia Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 22nd day of May, 2017.