

flow of good and bad seasons, farmers persevere, producing food for our dinner tables with hard work and hope.

This year, I want to honor the following northeast Georgians: Daphne Crumley for Agribusiness of the Year, Ricky Martin for Farmer of the Year, Ralph Dalton for the Hall of Fame Award, and Pat Whitlock for receiving the Woman in Agriculture Award.

I thank these four farmers for their selfless dedication to their work, and I wish them continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF CITY COUNCILMAN LAMAR BARRIER AND HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CONCORD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 11, 2017

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize City Councilman Lamar Barrier on over two decades of service to the City of Concord, North Carolina.

I've known Councilman Barrier for many years and I consider him to be a good friend. Growing up in Concord, Councilman Barrier attended Concord High School. He went on to graduate from the Kentucky College of Mortuary Science and has been a Funeral Service Practitioner at Wilkinson Funeral Home for over thirty years. Councilman Barrier stood ready to answer the call by proudly serving his country during the Vietnam Era.

Over the years, Councilman Barrier has been very active in our community by supporting the Cabarrus County Boys and Girls Club, Concord High School Athletic Boosters Club, CVAN, and Cabarrus 4-H. In addition, he has served on the boards of Hospice and Palliative Care of Cabarrus County, and Community Health Centers at McGill and Logan. As you can tell, Councilman Barrier's servant heart never stops, no matter the day or time.

Residing in Concord, he and his wife, Christine, have two daughters and two grandchildren. I am extremely grateful for Councilman Barrier's service to our community and I wish him continued success.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring City Councilman Lamar Barrier for his service to the City of Concord.

RECOGNIZING THE MASONS AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE KING GEORGE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 11, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Mason family on their service to the Circuit Court of King George County, Virginia. For the past 100 years, a Mason has served as the Circuit Court Clerk. Charles "Vic" Mason is the current Clerk and the third generation to hold the position.

In addition to serving as Clerk, Vic is the co-founder of the non-profit, Some Gave All Foundation, which honors members of the

military that have lost their lives protecting our freedom. Vic and his wife, Christine, lost their son, Nicholas, while he was serving in Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking the Masons for their continued service to King George County.

HONORING DR. JOSEPH L. WHITE

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 11, 2017

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take some time today to honor and remember a prominent member of my community, Dr. Joseph L. White, for his immense dedication and invaluable contributions while serving the community of Long Beach.

Dr. Joseph L. White passed away on November 22, 2017. Dr. White was a visionary who introduced and founded the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) in 1967 at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB). This revolutionary model was later replicated by educational institutions throughout California and the United States, and allowed millions of minority, low-income, and first generation students of color to successfully attend and graduate from public and private colleges and universities. November of 2016 marked the 50th anniversary of the EOP at CSULB and Dr. White was honored in the presence of dignitaries and other prominent members of the community for his contributions as an educator and the success of EOP. EOP serves approximately 2,500 students annually and is continuously growing. Dr. White was personally responsible for touching the lives of countless students who remember him with great fondness and respect.

In 1962, Dr. White was only the second black tenure-track faculty hired at CSULB. He was also the only black tenured psychologist in California. He was extremely troubled by the lack of diversity at CSULB and decided to act and enable change himself. He realized that colleges needed a vehicle to admit students with potential were unable to meet college admission standards and requirements. EOP was able to support minority students, giving them a wider range of opportunities and a promising future. It is no surprise that he is known as the "godfather of diversity" at CSULB.

Dr. White's work extended beyond CSULB and throughout the community. Dr. White's time as a professor of psychology at the University of California, Irvine and across the country will never go forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. White is an example to us all of us of the incredible value found in community engagement. I am honored to recognize Dr. White for doing his part in addressing the issue of the lack of diversity in public and private colleges and universities, and thank him for the positive impact he has made on the community and the country.

RECOGNIZING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF BHA'U'LLAH'S, FOUNDER OF THE BAHAI FAITH, BIRTHDAY

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 11, 2017

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the Baha'i community of Pennsylvania's 15th congressional district as they celebrate the 200th birthday anniversary of Baha'u'llah, founder of the Baha'i faith.

In 1817, Baha'u'llah was born to a Persian noble family. As a young man, he was known for his charity and service to others, earning him the nickname "father of the poor." He founded the Baha'i Faith, a new and independent religion with its own scriptures, laws, teachings, and practices. The central tenet involves a message of justice, unity, and peace.

In response to his teachings, the Persian and Ottoman empires imprisoned and exiled Baha'u'llah for over 40 years. Despite the injustice and oppression he faced, Baha'u'llah continued to promote a message of the oneness of humanity. In every place to which he was banished, he touched the lives of all those around him, and his enemies became his friends and admirers.

Today, the Baha'i faith is a global religion with over five million followers around the world. And just over 120 years ago, it first arrived in the U.S. Wherever they live, Baha'is champion the principles that Baha'u'llah proclaimed and strive to build a better world by being good citizens, serving their communities, and working side by side with others to promote the common good.

IN HONOR OF DUANE DAUNER, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 11, 2017

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, when dedicated people reach the end of a long and full career, they care to be remembered for more than what they accomplished, but for how they accomplished it.

Duane Dauner is a peace maker, a consensus builder, and a man with an uncommon mix of expertise and compassion. He is a man who has deservedly gained a local, statewide, and national reputation for his knowledge and abilities.

Duane has over three decades of experience as the President and CEO of the California Hospital Association, serving the most populous state in America with diversity to match its size. From rural expanses in the farms and deserts to the great cities along California's coast and interior, Duane has more than capably responded to the health care needs of the people of California.

Building on his experience in the Kansas Hospital Association and the Missouri Hospital Association, Duane came to California with a personal commitment to provide every Californian with equitable access to affordable, safe,

high-quality health care services. In large part because of his work and leadership, California experienced the slowest rate of health expenditure growth relative to the entire nation.

He took the lead to develop the Modern Pricing approach, a voluntary effort where hospitals can adjust their charges to develop a more user-friendly billing process. He improved the transparency of hospital data, helping to develop the California Hospital Assessment Reporting Taskforce (CHART), which adopted 50 hospital performance measures and still publicly reports hospital quality today. Under his leadership, the California Hospital Association established the 501(c)3 Hospital Quality Institute to prioritize initiatives that improve patient safety and quality.

His public recognition acknowledges his accomplishments. He has earned the American College of Health Care Executives highest honor, the Gold Medal Award, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Healthcare Executive of Southern California, and the Ludlam-Gamble Award from the National Health Foundation, among many others.

I, along with House Minority Leader NANCY PELOSI, have both appreciated Duane's counsel and advice over the years, leaning upon him to inform our own health care policy decisions. The fact that we come from different sides of the aisle reflects not only the excellence of Duane's advice, but also the quality of his character.

Friends and colleagues have called him an "elder statesmen," a "careful listener," a "decisive leader," and a man of "resolute character" with "a work ethic that never wavers." Duane is a person who has always done more than his job required and did it well. While the people of California and the nation will miss his leadership, we are all the better that he spent so much of his life serving our state and country.

HONORING MACEDONIA
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 11, 2017

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in my hometown of Farmville, North Carolina. This congregation recently celebrated 126 years of serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The passion and commitment from this church has helped to spread the Word and Humility of Christ throughout the town of Farmville and surrounding communities for many, many years.

The ministry and community outreach performed by the people of Macedonia M.B. have helped meet the needs of so many. I am proud and honored to call these people my neighbors.

I want to thank the church family of Macedonia Missionary Baptist and Pastor Dr. Jerry W. Spruell as they continue to improve the quality of life for so many people and commend them on this milestone in their ministry. I pray that they will be blessed with many more years of service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As it is written in the book of Hebrews 6:10, "God is not unjust, He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you helped His people and continue to help them."

Congratulations on your 126 years of service.

HONORING THE MADISON COUNTY
LOCAL HARVEST BANQUET

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 11, 2017

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my Madison County neighbors for their recent success in raising money for the local foodbank at the Madison County Local Harvest Banquet.

Last year, the Madison County Extension Office launched this banquet to raise money for the local food bank, which assists families and friends in the area.

What began as a simple idea eventually grew into a community-wide effort. At the banquet, local farmers donated food, students from the local culinary school prepared meals, and community leaders volunteered to serve food.

In its inaugural year, participants raised over \$3,000, and this year, their efforts increased by nearly half, putting the grand total at \$4,375 raised for Madison County residents in need.

As the holiday season approaches, let us all follow the example that my Madison County neighbors have put forth. Let us look to one another with compassion, opening our hearts in order to help meet the needs of our communities.

I thank my friends in Madison County for their generosity, and I look forward to seeing the continued success of their charitable efforts.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT
COMMANDER JAKE FERRARI

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 11, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize those men and women who continue to serve this great Nation with honor—men such as Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Jake Ferrari, United States Navy.

For the past year, LCDR Ferrari, affectionately known in my office as "Snake," served on my staff as a Congressional Defense Fellow. A 2004 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, LCDR Ferrari is a proud Surface Warfare Officer who served onboard USS *Lake Champlain* (CG 57), USS *Tarawa* (LHA-1), USS *Milius* (DDG 69), and USS *Cape St. George* (CG 71). During his assignment in my office, LCDR Ferrari provided senior-level input for defense, veterans, foreign affairs and intelligence matters. Additionally, he executed his work as a liaison to the constituents of Vir-

ginia's First Congressional District with distinction.

Furthermore, LCDR Ferrari provided exceptional support to me as a staff liaison to the House Armed Services Committee in my role as the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee Chairman. The year 2017 proved to be a pivotal time for the Navy's surface community, highlighted by the tragic collisions of the USS *Fitzgerald* and USS *McCain*. In response, LCDR Ferrari dutifully provided me with guidance on what the Navy's path forward should be in critical areas such as training, readiness, and manning. His recent experience in the surface community was invaluable to my work in Congress.

As the Co-Chair of the Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus, the Co-Chair of the Navy-Marine Corps Caucus, and the Chairman of the United States Naval Academy's Board of Visitors, I relied on LCDR Ferrari to organize quarterly events with government, military, and private sector leaders. These events allowed key decisionmakers to work together for the advancement of our future Naval Officers as well as the construction and repair of the ships on which they will serve.

LCDR Ferrari also directly contributed to my goal of providing excellent constituent service to the people of the First District. He was responsible for bringing numerous constituent inquiries to a successful conclusion, and he leveraged his personal and operational experience in the Navy to respond to the most challenging inquiries. In addition to his efforts locally, LCDR Ferrari took on projects with regional, state, and national implications, demonstrating his ability to view a challenge from many angles and develop innovative solutions. Specifically, LCDR Ferrari served as my direct liaison to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the aftermath of the damage caused by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. His diligent communication and coordination with FEMA benefitted many of my constituents with family residing in Puerto Rico.

LCDR Ferrari's work ethic, duty to mission, and commitment to servant leadership is without equal. I believe that his personal drive to achieve excellence in his work has and will set a very high standard for his peers. I would also like to thank LCDR Ferrari for the service and sacrifice he has made, and continues to make, both for our Nation and our great Navy. His keen sense of honor, impeccable integrity, boundless work ethic, and loyal devotion to duty earned him the respect and admiration of my staff and the First District of Virginia. I have no doubt that LCDR Ferrari will continue to serve the Navy honorably and with distinction.

I wish Jake, his wife Laura, and their children Lilly, Jack, Lucy, and Eleanor the best of luck as they continue their journey together as a Navy family. It was an honor and a pleasure having him serve on my staff. We all can sleep soundly at night knowing that members of our all-volunteer force like Jake stand ready to defend our country and take the fight to our enemies; far away from their families and the comforts of the United States of America.

I thank LCDR Jake Ferrari for doing a fantastic job. Best of luck to him and may God bless him, his family, and all the Sailors he is conducting with leading.