

its centennial in recognition of the troop's distinguished history. The troop has played a key role in the growth and development of the state through its service projects and cultivation of a new generation of community leaders.

TRIBUTE TO DAWN ADDIS—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Every year, we dedicate the month of March to give special recognition to the accomplishments and sacrifices made by America's women. I consider it an honor to highlight the extraordinary women who are making a difference in my District. I would like to recognize one outstanding woman: Dawn Addis, of Morro Bay, California.

Dawn saw the need for women in San Luis Obispo County to rise together and vocalize their demand for equal rights, which led to her becoming the co-founder and co-organizer of the Women's March San Luis Obispo (SLO). Her hard work and dedication granted San Luis Obispo County residents the opportunity to participate in the single biggest one-day demonstration in our nation's history. Dawn offered her community a platform to join a larger movement and have their voices heard.

Because of Dawn's leadership, about 10,000 people marched in unity through the streets of downtown San Luis Obispo. She also ensured that the march remained peaceful and non-violent by working with the San Luis Obispo Police Chief. She worked from various community members to organize a successful, inclusive and safe event. The response from San Luis Obispo citizens about restoring their hope for the future was a testimony for the importance of Dawn's work.

Dawn's leadership empowered women from across San Luis Obispo County and allowed them to take part in a larger national conversation. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Dawn Addis, for her incredible service to her community.

MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL
OP-ED

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following op-ed I recently wrote for the Memphis Commercial Appeal:

Last year, then-candidate Donald Trump condescendingly said to African Americans, "You live in your poverty, your schools are no good, you have no jobs . . . What the hell do you have to lose?"

We now know the answer: a lot.

Changes at the Department of Justice (DOJ), alone, are alarming. Instead of serving its traditional role as guardian of civil rights, DOJ is in full retreat. It has reversed

course on voting rights, abandoning opposition to a Texas voter ID law in which a federal court found 600,000 registered voters did not have IDs necessary to vote.

Instead of protecting citizens from police who illegally discriminate against African Americans, Attorney General Jefferson Beauregard Sessions III has stated he does not favor the type of consent decrees used in Baltimore and Chicago to remediate conditions.

Sessions has also rolled back President Obama's efforts to phase out private prisons. African Americans not only make up a disproportionate share of the U.S. prison population, but appear more likely to be sent to private prisons, where the DOJ Inspector General has warned there are more security incidents than in public prisons.

Sessions has threatened to thwart the will of voters in states that have legalized marijuana. African Americans are three times more likely than whites are to be arrested for marijuana, despite usage being virtually the same.

The new Education Secretary thinks HBCUs, "are the real pioneers when it comes to school choice." This is ignorant of segregation that necessitated the creation of HBCUs. Betsy DeVos has an education record that does not bode well for public schools, which have provided a path for African Americans to achieve the American Dream.

The new HUD Secretary, Dr. Ben Carson, said within days of assuming office that slaves were "immigrants," a comment that bewildered many, including the NAACP. The President's recently-released budget proposal cuts \$6 billion from this agency that so many rely on.

The outlook for a minimum wage increase under this Administration is nil. The President's first pick to head the Department of Labor opposed a raise, despite there not having been one since 2009. According to the Economic Policy Institute, 35 percent of African-American workers would benefit from a minimum wage increase.

Critical programs that help the most vulnerable such as Meals on Wheels, heating and energy assistance, and nutrition aid to women and children (WIC) would be drastically cut or eliminated in the President's budget. In addition, the budget eliminates Community Development Block Grants and HOME programs that provide affordable housing for low-income residents. Legal Services Corporation, which helps those who cannot afford legal representation, and the Minority Business Development Agency, which helps promote minority-owned businesses, would be eliminated. Massive cuts to these vital programs would be devastating to Memphis.

While these cuts would have a disproportional impact on African Americans, most cuts will affect all those who are economically disadvantaged and in need of government assistance.

Republicans are also rushing a health care plan that takes from low and middle-income families and gives to the rich. According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, 24 million more Americans would be uninsured by 2026 under this plan. Insurance costs for citizens over 50 years of age would increase dramatically, and financial assistance would be drastically cut for those in need. All while millionaires and billionaires receive massive tax breaks.

During Black History Month, Trump showed his ignorance of the African American experience when he suggested Frederick Douglass was alive. His cabinet is on pace to have the fewest African Americans of any administration in recent memory.

While some African Americans have enjoyed prosperity and acceptance, it is unde-

niable that African Americans still suffer from vestiges of slavery and Jim Crow. Discrimination and institutional racism have held so many back and left many in need of government relief. Over the last half century, much of America's progress has been measured by how it has dealt with its original sin of slavery. Civil rights, voting rights, advances in health care, public education, social justice and ladders of opportunity to enter the middle class have been markers by which we have judged presidential administrations. Sadly, this administration is failing on all counts.

CONGRATULATING JERRY ANDERSON FOR HIS INTRODUCTION INTO THE OHIO ASSOCIATED PRESS HALL OF FAME

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize WTOL's Emmy Award-winning anchor, Jerry Anderson, for his election to the Ohio Associated Press Hall of Fame. For more than 40 years, Jerry has served Northwest Ohio as a valued and trustworthy face on the local news, and this honor is well deserved.

In 1974, Jerry Anderson started his career in Bowling Green on the radio airwaves for WFOB. Jerry began his television news career in 1980, and he has become one of the top media members in the region. Jerry was awarded an Emmy for Outstanding News Anchor in the NATAS region in 2001.

With a career that has touched on local, regional, and national news, Jerry covered countless important events to the people of Toledo and surrounding areas. So far in his career, Jerry has brought four national political conventions, the inaugurations of three presidents, and Pope John Paul II's visit to Detroit into the living room of families in Northwest Ohio.

A proud Ohioan, Jerry should also be celebrated for support of local charitable efforts, including earning his certification as an auctioneer so he may volunteer for more than 20 charity auctions annually. Jerry also donates numerous hours as an emcee at community events to help raise funding for local schools, disadvantaged families, and individuals with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, the Ohio Associated Press Hall of Fame recognizes broadcasters that have "served with exceptional distinction and honor in the field of journalism." When you think of the upstanding work he has done for over four decades, it's clear those words describe Jerry Anderson. Once again, congratulations to Jerry on this high honor.

TRIBUTE TO NANCY WEISS—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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After graduating from Boston University, Nancy attended the Culinary Institute with the hope of becoming one of the nation's best chefs. Soon after graduating from the Culinary Institute, she went to work for chef Gabino Sotelino. Nancy quickly became the head chef of a restaurant in Arizona, but wanted to create a place of her own. She opened an upscale pizzeria called Pop's, and two years after the opening her restaurant was featured on a PBS television special titled "Great Chefs of the West."

Now, Nancy is the Director of Food Services for the Santa Barbara School District (SBUSD), and she has revolutionized food service for our students to an incredibly high standard. She has eradicated fried foods, high fructose corn syrup, and frozen entrees from the menu to give students the healthiest choices for their daily meals. Nancy has also made an enormous mark on making public school cafeterias more environmentally friendly by banning Styrofoam trays.

Nancy is dedicated to the health of her students, and guarantees that every fruit and vegetable are sourced from local Santa Barbara farmers. Nancy has also enlisted a fleet of six food trucks to serve students at elementary schools without a cafeteria, and two preschool sites without meal programs. Nancy wants to ensure that our students can eat well during the summer months, and has expanded her responsibilities to include serving Santa Barbara's kids over school vacations.

She has gone above and beyond the call of duty and has led the way for current and future Food Service Directors. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Nancy Weiss, for her incredible service to her community.

DUNK CITY

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Florida Gulf Coast University with their return into March Madness for a second year in a row. The Eagles scored a big win against the No. 3 seed North Florida on Sunday. This is the third NCAA Tournament appearance for the Eagles since 2013.

I applaud the Florida Gulf Coast Eagles and Head Coach Dooley for their victory. There is a reason why FGCU is known as Dunk City—now go shut down more shot clocks.

THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS AND ITS IMPACT IN THE THIRTIETH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the National Endowment for the Arts was established in 1965 as an investment in our shared culture as a nation. President Lyndon Johnson at the signing ceremony for the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act stated that "In the long history of man, countless empires and nations have come and gone. Those which created no lasting works of art are reduced today to short footnotes in history's catalog." I could not agree with this statement more.

Over the past five years, the NEA has provided grants totaling more than \$1.4 million to local artists and organizations within the thirtieth district of Texas. In return, these artists and organizations have shared their unique forms of expression throughout the region by creating programs focused on uniting communities around art, bringing arts awareness to underserved areas, and strengthening arts education programs in our local schools.

In his first budget request, the President has proposed to eliminate the NEA. I believe the elimination of this agency would be a grave mistake that would have a negative economic, educational, and cultural impact on countless urban and rural communities across the country.

Programs such as the Dallas City of Learning, which provides a summer education program for more than 35,000 students, would not be as successful as they are today without support from the NEA. Countless performances, exhibitions, and festivals would be affected by this disastrous policy proposal.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to strongly oppose the President's budget proposal which calls for eliminating funding to the National Endowment for the Arts. We must ensure that arts programs across the country are funded so that future generations will understand the culture of our time instead of this great period being a mere footnote in history.

HONORING MILFORD "BUDDY" BOSTICK

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Milford "Buddy" Bostick of Waco, Texas, who passed away on January 4, 2017.

Buddy Bostick selflessly served our nation and Central Texas in so many ways, and he will be missed greatly.

Buddy was born on May 18, 1918 in McLennan County, Texas. He graduated from Moody High School and later attended Baylor University, where he started his journalism career as a radio announcer for WACO Radio. Here Buddy planted the seeds of what would become a successful career in media broadcasting.

Upon graduating, Buddy worked as a radio announcer in Tennessee and Arkansas before eventually returning to Texas. He served his country during World War II as part of the Army Air Corps and upon returning home he continued to pursue his goal of owning his own radio station. He would ultimately do so much more. In 1955, Buddy obtained a license to launch KWTX-TV in Waco and two years later he launched KBTX-TV in Bryan. Since their founding, these two CBS affiliates have provided news and entertainment to hundreds of thousands of families throughout Central Texas. In fact, KBTX was one of the first stations capable of color transmission, and was the first in the Brazos Valley to use color news film.

Buddy would go on to establish other television and radio stations across Texas and even into Louisiana. Then, in the 1970s he and a business partner purchased a controlling interest in the local Bellmead State Bank, changed the name to American Bank, and expanded it to a second location.

Buddy took a risk at the time when he chose to establish a television station in a town with a population of just 20,000. The media landscape in the 1950's was dominated by radio and newspapers. Yet Buddy had a vision and the desire to invest in a new form media to serve the public. In this endeavor, he was the epitome of a businessman and entrepreneur. Above all, he was a family man. He met his wife, Virginia, while attending Baylor University, and they were married for 74 years before she passed away in 2014. They are survived by their two daughters, Ellen and Martha, and ten grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Buddy was often quoted saying, "nothing lasts forever." Though I am confident that one thing will—Buddy Bostick's legacy will have an impact for generations to come.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the entire Bostick family. We also lift up the family and friends of Buddy in our prayers.

As I close, I ask that all Americans continue to pray for our country, for our military men and women, who protect us abroad, and for our first responders, who protect us here at home.

TRIBUTE TO SUZANNE CURTIS—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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Suzanne is one of the quiet heroes of her community by selflessly contributing her time and resources over several years to the local American Red Cross and victims of fires. She is a Volunteer Coordinator of the San Luis