

Bonnie has worked collaboratively with Congressional staff on details of the Social Security Administration's budget and fostered an environment of open communication. She has excelled at developing relationships. Her knowledge of the budget process and the relationships she has established have helped Congress understand and appreciate the unique aspects of the service provided by the Social Security Administration and scope of the agency's impact, serving millions of Americans and employing more than 60,000 men and women across the nation.

As Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees the administrative funding for the Social Security Administration, I want to thank Bonnie for her work providing information for Members and staff. Congress depends on the extensive expertise of dedicated public servants like Bonnie. Information from the agency is critical to making decisions—we could not do our work in Congress without the help of people like her.

I want to congratulate Bonnie on her 40 years of public service. My understanding is Bonnie plans to travel to the Grand Canyon in the coming year and volunteer. I wish her the best of luck in her retirement.

PASTOR UYLESS D. LANDRY, SR.
40 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE
COMMUNITY

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 8, 2018

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 40 years of service in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana by Pastor Uyless D. Landry, Sr.

Pastor Uyless D. Landry, Sr. is the senior pastor of First Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, in the uptown section of New Orleans, Louisiana. For the last 40 years he has been much more than a typical pastor, who caters exclusively to the needs of his immediate parishioners. Since 1978, his reach has extended beyond the walls of the local church. In the community he is a humanitarian and philanthropist. Over the years, he has helped thousands of people with sound counsel and financial assistance, without federal aid.

In 1951, Pastor Landry graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. In 1952, he married his high school sweetheart Emily Jackson. Together they raised four children, Uyless D. Landry, Jr., Darrell, Dawn and Annette Landry. In 1969, Pastor Landry was called to the ministry. In 1974, he was ordained and licensed to preach in the state of Louisiana. In 1975, he received a Bachelor of Theology from Union Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1978, he received a Master of Theology from Union Baptist Theological Seminary.

Pastor Landry loves the city and the people of New Orleans. His sense of service is forever a part of the city and his dedication to community embodies the spirit of New Orleans.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate Pastor Uyless D. Landry, Sr. for 40 years of service in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 8, 2018

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for roll call vote number 710, S 1552—No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act, I would have voted yea.

THE TRUMP JERUSALEM

HON. SCOTT TAYLOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 8, 2018

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a statement on behalf of my constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman. Rabbi Zoberman is the Founding Rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Born in Chu, Kazakhstan (USSR) in 1945, he is the son of Polish Holocaust Survivors.

The Trump Jerusalem Declaration is the first recognition by a U.S. President since the 1948 establishment of the Jewish State of Israel, with President Truman's support, that Jerusalem is indeed its rightful, not only de-facto, capital. How ironic and telling that both President Truman and Trump were opposed by their State Department when taking their critical moves. The United States, the world's only superpower and Israel's major ally, reached out to the world's only sovereign Jewish state to assure its questioned authentic narrative at a time of fateful crossroads in the Middle East and beyond.

Israel has the anomaly of being powerful yet vulnerable given its limited geography and sworn enemies. If Israel's Jerusalem narrative were false, it might unravel its bond with the entire Land of Israel. No wonder that both the Israeli government ruling coalition and opposition have applauded President Trump's forthright action. The Trump Declaration is flexible enough concerning actual arrangements yet to be made by the Israelis and Palestinians. In a so far moribund and stagnant Peace Process, Trump's reshuffling of the cards and providing a "reality check," particularly to the Palestinians, will hopefully gather fruitful momentum. Israel knows that its Palestinian problem is not going away, threatening its Jewish and Democratic character. The Palestinians may finally realize that time is not necessarily on their side.

Israel's past Prime-Ministers Barak and Olmert offered generous concessions that were nonetheless rebuffed by the Palestinians whose expectations are always higher. The late Prime-Minister Sharon's painful return of Gaza with a flourishing Israeli community has been rewarded with Hamas and Islamic Jihad rockets and terror tunnels. Arab leaders have historically paid lip-service to their Palestinian brethren, while Israel absorbed close to a million Jewish refugees from Arab lands. The Sunni Arab world is currently preoccupied with a nuclear ambitious and aggressive Shia Iran whose menacing presence is growing close to Israel's borders. Israel, characterized by Iran as "little Satan" and the United States as "big Satan," is a credible partner in counter-acting Iran's worrisome posture.

How is it that the Arabs in general and the Palestinians in particular "have never

missed an opportunity to miss an opportunity," to quote the late Abba Eban, Israel's eloquent Foreign Minister and statesman. They unwisely rejected United Nations 181 Partition Resolution of November 29, 1947, whose 70th anniversary was just celebrated by the Jewish people and still protested by Palestinians blind to history's opportunities and facts. The Palestinian leaders have been lacking the courage to confront their bitterly divided people with historical truth and reality that the Jewish state is deeply rooted, longer than anyone else, in its ancestral homeland. The Holocaust, unfortunately, is not a figment of Zionist imagination as some Palestinian, Arab and Iranian leaders claim. Jordan lost East Jerusalem and the West Bank in the 1967 Six-Day-War, after King Hussein was warned not to attack Israel.

An active movement to delegitimize Israel, perceiving it as a European colonial invader, is emboldened by the numerical and material influence of the 57 Muslim nation-states, including 22 Arab countries, represented in the United Nations U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley should be hailed as a heroic voice of steadfast support for Israel, with President Trump's indispensable encouragement, in that deaf institution betraying its foundational promise. Coupled with hypocritical Europe's fading guilt for the monumental Holocaust, there is a preposterous charge that the Israeli-Jewish saga has no historical leg to stand on with Jerusalem ever a Muslim entity and the Temple Mount including the Western Wall/Noble Sanctuary void of vital Jewish as well as Christian memories. Totally disregarded are a great Biblical heritage, unbroken Jewish presence, millennial prayers and efforts to fully return to the physical and spiritual birthplace of "Zion and Jerusalem."

It is a non-starter for peaceful coexistence to reject Jewish peoplehood represented in the Jewish state. Israel has turned into a collective target, being demonized and dehumanized with never-dying anti-Semitism, Western civilization's oldest disease that Israel's rebirth sought to cure. Given that Israel is perhaps the only nation whose very existence is being challenged and living in a hostile environment, it is a wonder that Israel created a robust democracy protecting human rights in a region abhorring them, rejecting progressive ideas.

Rather than the Palestinians despairing, a two-state creative solution is within reach with joint arrangements in Jerusalem, however with a de-militarized Palestinian state friendly to both Israel and Jordan. A future confederation involving Israel, Jordan, and Palestine is not farfetched. Surely both sides can find in their separate and even conflicting narratives meeting points and common agendas for an assured bright future, for both peoples are destined to forever be neighbors. Palestinian education sans honoring its terrorists and ceasing hatred for Israel and Jews is urgently needed. Even Egypt and Jordan who signed peace treaties with Israel have neglected to teach their populations basic facts concerning Israel, and to welcome its eager friendship. In this sacred season of the lights of Chanukah and Christmas we remember that both Jews and Christians are at risk in the Middle East. Jerusalem and the hills of Judea and Samaria, once the setting for inspiring prophecies, have ironically and tragically been deprived of Shalom's divine gifts of genuine peace.

The British Foreign Secretary Lord Balfour Declaration on November 2, 1917 which empowered the Zionist movement with international clout is significantly reinforced by President Trump Jerusalem Declaration on December 6, 2017. President

Trump is now enshrined too in Jewish history. He also is the first sitting U.S. President to pay a visit at the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site. Both declarations allow for compromise by both sides whose century old rivalry may yet turn into a mutually rewarding source of healing.

**HONORING KEISER UNIVERSITY
ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 8, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Keiser University on celebrating its 40th anniversary. In doing so, I am pleased to be joined by colleagues of mine in the Florida Congressional delegation on introducing a resolution to mark this important milestone.

Keiser University was the vision of Dr. Arthur Keiser and his mother, Ms. Evelyn Keiser. In 1977, they set out to create a university designed to better serve adult learners seeking a career-focused education. Today, Keiser University proudly offers over 100 degree granting programs, and was recently ranked as the second best Florida College by the prestigious U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges 2017, rankings in the South region.

Over the past 40 years, Keiser University has been a shining example of what one can achieve through hard work and dedication. It has grown to become the third largest not-for-profit university in Florida, and boasts more than 66,000 alumni. The University has even stretched beyond the borders of the United States, establishing campuses abroad in Nicaragua, Moldova, and China.

Since coming to the U.S. Congress, I have watched Keiser University grow and expand its reach. Today, it has an annual economic impact of approximately \$3 billion in Florida, and benefits our residents with over 30,000 direct and indirect jobs each year.

Keiser University's philosophy of putting students first is to be commended. They have proven themselves to be a home for quality higher education, and a source of great pride to the people of Florida. I am truly honored to represent Keiser University in my Congressional district.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Keiser University on its 40th anniversary with colleagues of mine in the Florida delegation. I wish Dr. Arthur Keiser, his mother Ms. Evelyn Keiser, Ms. Belinda Keiser, and the Board of Trustees many more years of continued success.

**IN HONOR OF LAKELAND MAYOR
HOWARD WIGGS'S RETIREMENT**

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 8, 2018

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, some people want to be something. Some people want to do something. Lakeland Mayor Howard Wiggs has been a doer for our community, a leader, and perhaps most important, a friendly neighbor. For 25 years, Mayor Wiggs has reformed local government, inspired residents to get

more involved, and cut more ribbons than anyone can count. And while that last part may sound ceremonial, it's not: He got to cut those ribbons because during his tenure, and with his leadership, Lakeland has flourished with tremendous growth, economic development and revitalization, and the expansion and improvement of critical public infrastructure. Now, as we bid him a happy retirement, he should know: We all love Lakeland, and Mayor Wiggs, through his wisdom and discernment, has made it even more lovable.

Our nation's prosperity relies on the strength of strong local governance, and for 25 years, Mayor Wiggs has made his corner of America that much stronger. It has been my privilege to work with Mayor Wiggs, both as a Member of the Florida House of Representatives and now in the United States House of Representatives. He has been a stalwart advocate for common sense, for decency, and for hard work. I know that my wife Cindy and I will always have him and his wife Linda in our hearts and prayers for continued blessing, good health, and God's favor for the future. We thank him for his service, and wish him all the best.

**HONORING WESTCHESTER DAY
SCHOOL 70TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 8, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the great educational institutions in my district, the Westchester Day School, which this year will be celebrating its incredible 70th anniversary.

Founded in 1948 with an enrollment of 54 boys and girls in kindergarten through grade 4, Westchester Day School (WDS) serves as the primary Modern Orthodox co-educational day school for the Westchester community, providing excellence in Judaic and General Studies education in a warm and nurturing environment. The school's mission is to prepare students to live as *mensch*es and lifelong learners and inspires them to impact the world around them by cultivating a commitment to Torah, *mitzvot*, community and academic rigor.

WDS students become lifelong, independent learners who grow from inquiry, discovery, and reflective trial and error. They are problem-solvers who are flexible and adapt to new situations, while identifying and responding to the needs of others with sympathy and empathy. WDS also sets out to instill within its students a love of God and a yearning to find spirituality, fulfillment and joy in Jewish ritual, Torah-learning. They understand that they are a link in a chain of tradition that has flourished for thousands of years. Also instilled within the students is a devotion to the State of Israel, something I as Ranking Member on the House Foreign Affairs Committee am particularly heartened by and pleased to see.

For 70 years now WDS has served as a beacon of educational excellence in Westchester, as the work done by its teachers, students, and faculty has been exemplary. I want to congratulate the entire WDS community on this wonderful milestone. Here's to many more years of great success and learning.

**TRIBUTE TO GEORGE C. WRIGHT,
JR.**

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 8, 2018

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of trailblazer and Delaware icon, George C. Wright, Jr.

From humble beginnings in Chesapeake City, Maryland, George began his education in a one-room schoolhouse and excelled as an accomplished relay racer. Following the competition of his schooling, George was drafted into the United States Army, where he served in one of the first integrated units.

After transitioning from the armed forces to civilian life, George continued his life of service at Dover Air Force Base in a career that spanned 33 years. His tenure began by off-loading trucks in the Aerial Port section of the base and led to his serving as the Chief of Staff for the Civilian Personnel Office's Affirmative Employment Section, the second most senior non-military position at Dover.

George was a dedicated public servant who built bridges and found common ground while serving for 12 years on the Smyrna Town Council. In 1981, he overcame the odds by becoming mayor of Smyrna by twenty votes—making history as the first African American to lead a Delaware municipality. George dutifully served his town for 14 years as mayor and ran unopposed in every re-election race—highlighting the faith his community placed in him. George's work in government inspired him to help Delaware's other 57 cities and towns through his role as executive director of the League of Local Governments and as a board member of the National League of Cities.

George was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and was an active member of Bethel AME Church in Smyrna. He will be missed by family members, friends, and neighbors alike for his community leadership and the role model he became for young people across Delaware.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of George, and I want to express my deep gratitude for his service to our state, commitment to bettering the lives of those he served, and for breaking down barriers that allowed me and many others to follow in his footsteps.

**MACOMB COUNTY 200TH
ANNIVERSARY**

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 8, 2018

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Macomb County, Michigan. Residents and leaders of Macomb County will kick off a series of bicentennial celebrations on January 10, 2018. I have been privileged to represent major portions of Macomb County for over 25 years and to have played a role in so many efforts vital to the economic interests of its residents, and in many other facets important to their lives.

Macomb County's first residents were immigrants attracted to Michigan by the fur trade.