

School in 1967, she enrolled at Jackson State University. At Jackson State she completed both a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and a Master's degree in Public Policy and Administration.

The degrees Ms. Denson received from Jackson State University began her life-long journey of helping to improve the health of Mississippians. She started her career in state government at the Mississippi State Department of Health in the 1990s and devoted more than 40 years of service to the agency. During her tenure, Ms. Denson served in many positions throughout the agency and has been awarded two of the highest awards with the Mississippi Public Health Association. In 2000, she was awarded the Felix Underwood Award and in 2002 the Jon Vic Baily Award for outstanding public health and community service.

Today, we celebrate the life and legacy of Louisa Young Denson. As we continue our pursuit of improving the quality of life for all Mississippians, let us do so by honoring a true change agent Ms. Louisa Young Denson.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for roll call votes on Thursday, July 12, 2018 because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on final passage for H.R. 6237, the Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 (Roll Call No. 326.) As a nation, we continue to face a growing number of threats that are becoming increasingly more complex and versatile in nature. This legislation is paramount to our continued efforts to protect the American people and keep our homeland safe from acts of terrorism.

HONORING ZACH MARTINEZ

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor the service to our country of an exemplary American, Zach Martinez. Born in East Los Angeles, Mr. Martinez entered the United States Navy in 1966, answering the call to duty as our country engaged in one of its most agonizing conflicts, the Vietnam war. He answered by throwing himself fully into harm's way for the freedom of the Vietnamese people and fighting shoulder to shoulder with his brothers in arms. A mine explosion left him with shrapnel torn into his body and a steel ball bearing in his skull. He returned home, not only with a richly deserved Purple Heart, but with a determination to nurture the spiritual health of his fellow veterans. He became a certified chaplain offering free counseling to those suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Even more: He rallied his fellow citizens to found and maintain grounds dedicated to our heroic veterans in Huntington Beach, called Patriot Point, where on this day a me-

morial service will take place in his honor. To his wife Alberta, his three sons and six grandchildren, I want them to know that he inspires this Member of Congress to serve our country with all the spiritual fortitude and love that he so manifestly gave. May all of us here be so inspired.

HONORING BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEW ROCHELLE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with my great pleasure to honor, and to celebrate the Bethesda Baptist Church of New Rochelle on their 130th anniversary. The Bethesda Baptist Church of New Rochelle is the oldest African-American Church in lower Westchester County, and they are a cornerstone of the New Rochelle community.

In May 1888, there were only a few African-American Baptists living in the village of New Rochelle, and even though they were permitted to worship at the Salem Baptist Church, the community strived to create a church for themselves. Jesses Owns, Israel King, William Fountain, Richard Painter, and others in the village received help from Reverend Guy Powell of Mt. Baptist Church, in Virginia, to raise funds and find a location for the congregation to call their own. The community would soon find their building on North Avenue, and on July 5, 1888, the first sermon was delivered by Reverend Isaac Newton Phelps to 15 members at the Bethesda Baptist Church of New Rochelle's first home.

Throughout the long history of the Bethesda Baptist Church, each pastorate has established new programs to aid and serve the New Rochelle community. Reverend Boddie was instrumental in finding the church's permanent location, in 1918, on Lincoln Avenue. Reverend Dr. Henderson instituted a sermonette for children, and opened the church's first office.

Reverend Dr. Long Sr., who was also the first African-American on the New Rochelle Board of Education, began the youth ministry at Bethesda Baptist Church. Reverend Wana-maker continued to expand the church's outreach to New Rochelle's youth by organizing the Youth Fellowship. Reverend Thompson was the next pastor who led the successful "Debt Free in '73," which eliminated all of the church's debt. The Youth Fellowship program also became more active during his pastorate, which allowed for the group to attend cultural, education, and religious conventions. After Reverend Thompson, Reverend Dr. Allen Paul Weaver Jr. began his pastorate and has remained the Pastor for almost 4 decades.

Reverend Weaver has not only grown the membership of the church, but ensured the core values of the Church: Exalting, Equipping, Evangelizing, Encouraging, Edifying and Exemplifying Christian Evangelism, Reclaiming our Youth, Mission (both home and foreign), and Christian Education.

Mr. Speaker, Bethesda Baptist Church of New Rochelle has a long, and rich history of serving the community. I want to congratulate them on their 130th anniversary, and look forward to their continued works over the coming years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RALPH PAIGE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Ralph Paige, a man who tirelessly fought for African-American farmers.

Beginning in 1985, Ralph Paige, spearheaded an advocacy organization for African-American farmers, formally known as The Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund. This organization grew out of the civil rights movement. As a known champion and advocate for black farmers, Mr. Paige helped organize black farmers and others in the southeast into economic cooperatives. He educated them on how best to retain their land and later became their spokesman. His work to increase the awareness of the difficulty for African-Americans to maintain ownership of land and receive financial support from local institutions is appreciated and admired today.

Mr. Paige wrote a 2010 column for The San Marcos Daily Record, "When President Abraham Lincoln created the United States Department of Agriculture in 1862, he referred to it as the People's Department. The problem is that its services have never been available to all the people." Blacks were disproportionately denied loans, disaster relief, and other monetary aid for black farmers. Ralph Paige recognized that the loans black farmers did receive were often smaller and took longer to process than those for white farmers. Instead of complaining, he worked to ensure that thousands of farmers have land today.

Today, we mourn the death of Ralph Paige. As a controversial figure, he managed to provoke thought in all of those who he came in contact with either in person or through his work. As we continue to dismantle stereotypes and racism, let us do so by honoring the life and legacy of Ralph Paige.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for roll call vote No. 328 on Friday July 13, 2018 because I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on final passage for H.R. 50 the Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Mr. KINZINGER. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for votes on July 13, 2018, as I was tending to official business. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 327 and Yea on Roll Call No. 328.

HONORING CHIEF WILLIAM
GOSWICK

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief William "Bill" Goswick of Hercules, California for 40 years of service to the Hercules Police Department in Hercules, California, including his seven years as the Police Chief.

Chief Goswick joined the Hercules Police Department in 1978 as a reserve officer while he was in the U.S. Navy. After being hired as a full-time police officer in 1980, Chief Goswick rose through the ranks of the Hercules Police Department, first as a patrol officer, and was assigned to the detective division in 1983. Chief Goswick was promoted to Police Sergeant in 1985, Detective Sergeant in 1987, and Commander in 2008. In 2010, Chief Goswick was promoted to Chief of Police and has served in that position ever since. Chief Goswick has also served as the Assistant City Manager of Hercules since 2016.

In addition to his service in the Hercules Police Department, Chief Goswick is an active member of our community. He is known as "Chef Bill" in our community because he organizes and volunteers to cook at many local events. Some of the events that he has lent his culinary talents to support include disaster relief in the Philippines, senior citizen groups, Parent Teacher Organizations, the Hercules Police Explorers and the Sea Scouts. Chief Goswick was a driving force in planning Hercules' Fourth of July celebration, and is on the committee to build a Veterans Memorial in Hercules.

Chief Goswick is a committed leader and has been recognized by Hercules Rotary, the Exchange Club, West Contra Costa County School District, Boy Scouts of America, Hercules City Council and Contra Costa County Supervisors. In 2001, Chief Goswick was named the Police Officer of the Year. Chief Goswick was born in Piermont, New York and is married to Karen Goswick. They have one daughter, Amy. He is a grandfather to Jake, Ally and Ashley.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Goswick is a life-long police officer with a deep sense of duty and public service. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Chief William Goswick here today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 119TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize the 119th anniversary of the creation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and celebrate their fervent service to veterans, service members, and their families. This year's annual VFW convention will be held in Kansas City, Mis-

souri, and it is truly an honor for our city to host such a noble event.

The VFW was established in 1899 in the wake of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection. Many soldiers returned home sick or wounded with no means of medical care, so organizations formed to aid these recently established veterans. Through the resilient spirit that they have come to be known for, veterans came together in unity to establish the monumental institution known today as the VFW.

Over one hundred years later, the VFW is now comprised of over 1.7 million members spread across nearly 6,374 posts worldwide. Today, the VFW continues to change the lives of veterans, military service members, and their families through their altruistic commitment to service and advocacy. Moreover, through their advocacy efforts, the VFW has been instrumental in moving veteran's rights and issues to the forefront of American policy.

The VFW has stated its mission is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts, to serve our veterans, the military and our communities, and to advocate on behalf of all veterans. In this regard, the VFW has continuously kept its promise, ensuring that the service the organization provides is a direct reflection of its core values. Just as veterans and service members commit to putting the people of this country first, the VFW serves veterans, service members, and their families in the same manner.

This noble organization commemorates the meritorious women, men, and families who have made monumental sacrifices and stood tall and valiant in the face of adversity. It is truly an honor and a privilege to stand today and recognize their outstanding work.

Mr. Speaker, while a simple "thank you" could never properly describe our appreciation for these American heroes, please join me in honoring and showing our gratitude, not only for the VFW, but for those it serves.

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORY OF
THE DERBY & MILLER PUBLISHING COMPANY

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the historical marker recognition awarded this summer to Derby & Miller by the City of Auburn.

Established in March of 1848 after James C. Derby offered his then clerk Norman C. Miller partnership, the two worked in conjunction to plate, stereotype, bind, and emboss books for public consumption. Responsible for publishing more than a hundred books, Derby & Miller proudly developed their business to become the leading publisher of the 19th century in Cayuga County.

With books on topics ranging from law to culture, Derby & Miller's publishing firm worked tirelessly to bring authors' words to life. Together, they served their community by providing the public with books that taught valuable lessons and inspired great minds.

Notably, on July 15, 1848, Derby & Miller published the critically acclaimed manuscript "Twelve Years a Slave" by Solomon Northrup.

Recounting Solomon's life experience as a free-citizen of color, kidnapped and sold back into slavery, "Twelve Years a Slave" brought awareness to the horrors of slavery and joined other abolitionist texts in provoking readers to demand for the abolition of slavery.

I am proud to stand with the City of Auburn in recognizing the historic contributions of Derby & Miller to our community.

HONORING THE MEMORY AND
SERVICE OF CAL POLY POMONA
PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIALIST
MARK MANLAPAZ

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, on Friday June 29th, an altercation took place on the Cal Poly Pomona campus in an area known as Campus South. It is with a heavy heart that I stand here on the House floor to say that Mark Manlapaz, a dedicated public safety officer, lost his life in this horrific, senseless act of violence.

Manlapaz, an immigrant from the Philippines, served as part of the Cal Poly Pomona Campus Security team since 2006 and as a park ranger for the City of Claremont for three years. An only child, Manlapaz moved to the United States with his parents at the age of 13 and learned English by reading the dictionary. After his father's passing two years later, Manlapaz chose to attend Cal Poly Pomona to remain close to his mother. He earned two degrees from the university, a bachelor's in psychology in 2006 and a bachelor's in human resource management in 2012.

Throughout his life, Manlapaz touched so many people's lives. In high school, he was successful in convincing a friend not to commit suicide. His passion for education led him to quietly provide funds for several of his cousins in the Philippines to attend college, children who his aunts and uncles referred to as his 'scholar kids.' And he was always willing to lend a helping hand, regularly driving his elderly neighbor to buy groceries.

His time spent as a Boy Scout and dedication to serving others led Manlapaz to pursue a career in law enforcement. Though he was not a sworn officer, the Cal Poly Police Department saw him as one of their own and his commitment to public service was evident.

For his selfless devotion to his family, friends, and community, Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mark Manlapaz. We are eternally grateful for his service and his memory will live on through the impact he has made in others. May he rest in peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call votes held on July 13th of 2018, I was inescapably detained handling important matters related to my District and the State of