

COMMENDING JESSICA
ESPAILLAT, DAPHNE HER-
NANDEZ, MARIA PALOMARES
CARRANCO, AND NEREYDA
REYES ON THEIR SELECTION AS
BENJAMIN A. GILMAN INTER-
NATIONAL SCHOLARS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate four outstanding Houston residents on their reception of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship.

I offer my sincere congratulations to Ms. Jessica Espallat, Ms. Daphne Hernandez, Ms. Maria Palomares Carranco, and Ms. Nereyda Reyes for their remarkable achievement of receiving the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship.

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship builds young, well-rounded and diverse leaders who have the skills to contribute to our national security and public diplomacy efforts.

The scholarship program was established with the support of the late Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman of New York, whose leading contributions to study abroad educational programs continue to help many students develop the ability to communicate and understand the economic, social and political connections among nations.

The scholarship was established to provide recipients with the tools to develop international knowledge and language skills, as well as gain valuable career-enhancing experiences in their experiences abroad.

The Gilman program has enabled more than 25,000 outstanding Americans of diverse backgrounds to engage in a meaningful educational experience abroad, providing them with skills critical to our national security and economic competitiveness.

Houston's contribution to this impressive list of talented individuals includes:

Ms. Jessica Espallat, of the University of Houston, who studied abroad in Japan;

Ms. Daphne Hernandez, of Colby College, who studied abroad in Japan;

Ms. Maria Palomares Carranco, of the University of Texas at Austin, who completed her studies in Mexico; and

Ms. Nereyda Reyes, of Texas A&M University at College Station, who spent her time abroad studying in Belgium.

This is truly a wonderful accomplishment for the recipients, and I offer them my best wishes as they embark on the next steps of their educational journeys.

My office is always open to the scholarship recipients, and I encourage them to contact me for any help they may need with their future educational goals.

THANK YOU PAULINE M. BROWN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that a talented constituent Pauline M. Brown of Barnwell, South Carolina,

has written an inspiring book entitled *A Touch of Heaven*. Beginning with love letters to her husband serving in Vietnam in 1968, she has continued writing, composing more than five hundred poems including the following from her book, *A Friendly Hello* (pg. 36).

A Friendly Hello

Always believe in the simplest things—
Sunshine and flowers, flags blowing in the
wind,

The music of children, rain on a tin roof,
Afternoons spent with a cherished friend.

A friendly hello can make all the difference
In anyone's fragile state of mind.

Say "I miss you," "I love you,"
"God bless you, my friend,"

And the saddest of spirits will be realigned.
A friendly hello can dry the tears of heart-
ache.

A little encouragement can rescue a lost
cause.

Remember a friend who brought you back
from despair,

And do the same for someone else, just be-
cause.

OFFICER CHRISTOPHER GRIGGS

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable courage of Sergeant Christopher Griggs, a law enforcement officer in Fort Morgan, Colorado.

On April 28, a man stole a semi-truck in Logan County, Colorado, and he proceeded to rampage through the town of Fort Morgan and the surrounding areas. With the police in pursuit, the semi-truck wrecked anything in its way, destroying cars and injuring several civilians.

In the midst of this chaos, Sergeant Griggs confronted the semi-truck outside the city of Fort Morgan. He soon realized that the situation was becoming serious enough that he must resort to lethal force to stop the semi-truck. As Sergeant Griggs loaded his rifle, the semi-truck violently rammed his patrol partner's car off the highway. In response, Sergeant Griggs quickly discharged multiple rounds at the semi-truck. Unharmed, the driver of the truck changed course and began to drive aggressively towards the officer. Thinking fast, Sergeant Griggs leapt into his patrol car and sped out of the way just in time to avoid being crushed by the semi-truck.

As the rampaging truck sped on into the night, Griggs and his partner continued pursuing it, eventually following it into the town of Brush, Colorado. Once again, Sergeant Griggs made the courageous decision to confront the semi-truck by firing at the driver, who was caught soon after.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join the people of Fort Morgan in thanking Sergeant Griggs for his courage, quick-thinking, and dedication to protecting our community.

TRIBUTE TO MS. BETTY
HENDERSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable woman and outstanding South Carolinian, Betty Henderson, who exemplifies the epitome of dedicated community service.

Born in Branchville, Ms. Henderson served the citizens of Orangeburg County for twenty-eight years as the first African American Tax Assessor in the State of South Carolina. She also served for twelve years on the Town Council in Branchville, South Carolina, the first African American to serve on the body since post reconstruction. For 10 of those years, Ms. Henderson served as Mayor Pro Tem of Branchville.

Ms. Betty Henderson was one of the founders of the Orangeburg County Family Health Center. She has served on the Board of The Orangeburg Calhoun, Bamberg, Community Action Agency, the Trustee Board of the Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties, the Orangeburg County Department of Social Services, and as a member of the Adult Literacy Board.

She served for over 20 years as Chairperson of the Orangeburg County Democratic Party and through her leadership many persons have been elected to public office. Her life includes membership in the White Rose Chapter I, Former Worthy Matron of White Rose Chapter I, former Queen of the National Order of the Eastern Star, LaCharm Club, founding member of the Concerned Citizens of District 94, and is a member and Chair of the Budget Committee of Canaan Baptist Church.

Ms. Henderson has raised three fine children, Shelia, Ernest, and Kathy, who have blessed her with four wonderful grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I urge that you and my colleagues join me in honoring the selfless, service, outstanding leadership and remarkable achievements of this outstanding South Carolinian.

IN CELEBRATION OF MS. CARRIE
PATTERSON THOMAS ON THE OC-
CASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ms. Carrie Patterson Thomas on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Carrie was born on August 5, 1918 in the town of Ninety-Six, South Carolina to Wince and Ida Dean Patterson. In 1923 at the inquisitive age of five, she moved with her parents and six siblings to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She worked various jobs from picking vegetables and later worked as a domestic until she retired. Carrie met and married her late husband Mr. Harvey Thomas and have two lovely children, Earl Thomas and Betty DeVaughn.

Carrie has been a resident and community leader of Broward County for over 90 years. I am truly grateful for her selflessness and tireless service. She is a beloved life-long member of the New Mount Olive Baptist Church,

where she served on the mission society and often volunteered to help feed the homeless. She has worked hard under harsh conditions and unfair practices. She lived to witness many epic eras and events in history. And yet, through it all she has remained steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, and we know her labor is not in vain.

Mr. Speaker, on this momentous occasion, please join me in wishing Ms. Carrie Patterson Thomas a happy and wonderful 100th birthday.

CONGRATULATING LYNETTA GRINER—2018 FLORIDA FARMER OF THE YEAR

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding member of the Second Congressional District of Florida, Ms. Lynetta Griner. Ms. Griner was recently named the 2018 Florida Farmer of the Year. This designation makes her a finalist for the Southeast Regional Farmer of the Year Award.

Ms. Griner owns and operates Usher Land and Timber Inc. in Levy County, specializing in timber and cattle production. In 2013, she was named Florida's Woman of the Year in Agriculture and she was the first female president of the Florida Forestry Association.

Ms. Griner also served on the Suwannee River Management District's governing board for 14 years and with her family, she has raised more than \$1 million for the Children's Miracle Network at the University of Florida Health Shands Children's Hospital.

In 2017, she was one of 15 farmers and ranchers from across the country to participate in an agriculture roundtable hosted by President Trump at the White House. Lynetta is a champion for Florida agriculture, and has dedicated her life to giving back to her community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ms. Lynetta Griner, Florida's 2018 Farmer of the Year, and thanking her for her years of service to Florida.

CONGRATULATING TODD MAY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Todd May, who has announced his retirement as Director of Marshall Space Flight Center.

Todd May is one of our nation's civil servants who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, management ability, and vision. He was appointed Marshall deputy director in August 2015 at the Nov. 13, 2015 retirement of Patrick Scheuermann, and was subsequently appointed Director.

The jobs Todd has excelled at are never easy, but the circumstances under which he took them, and excelled, are circumstances which represent especially challenging times.

During the early part of a new Administration, Todd, in 2011, led the Space Launch

System (SLS) program. Despite different schools of thought in Washington, Todd took the program through a series of milestones, including a successful in-depth critical design review. Thanks to Todd's leadership, SLS was successfully handed off to the next manager when Todd was asked to be Marshall Space Flight Center Director.

Marshall has approximately 6,000 civil service and contractor employees, and an annual budget of approximately \$2.5 billion. What some do not know is that Marshall has a heritage not only of excellence in launch development but also in NASA's other endeavors, including, for example, the engineering planning which allowed the Hubble Telescope to be refocused and to reach its full potential.

One of Todd's other previous jobs made him very qualified for this part of Marshall's work as well. Todd served as a deputy associate administrator in the Science Mission Directorate at NASA headquarters in Washington from 2007 to 08, responsible for a \$5 billion portfolio of robotic programs and projects, including more than 100 spacecraft at various stages of formulation, development and operations.

Of course, there is no pressure at all in being appointed as Director of Marshall Space Flight Center—unless of course you notice the statues of Von Braun, and all the Saturn rockets which seem to meet your gaze no matter what direction you are driving.

I am not surprised that Todd excelled again at this broad management task. He brought out the best in his managers, kept Marshall viable as a competitor in various projects, and leaves Marshall in good shape to continue its key role in NASA's human exploration programs. His leadership also extends to concepts which will bear fruition in the future, such as nuclear thermal propulsion.

Despite his many jobs at NASA, and national recognition for his work by Aviation Week, I know that this young boy growing up in Fairhope, Alabama still counts, as one of his most enjoyable achievements, his engineering degree from Auburn University, and the title of Distinguished Engineer, bestowed on him by the University.

I wish Todd and his family all the best, and I know that whatever tasks he puts his hands to, he will be not only a success, but also a blessing to his community and to this nation.

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER AND DISTRICT ENGINEER OF THE DETROIT DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, LIEUTENANT COLONEL DENNIS P. SUGRUE

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Lieutenant Colonel Dennis Sugrue as the Commander and District Engineer of the Detroit District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Since graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and receiving his commission in 1999, Lieutenant Colonel Sugrue has exemplified the Mission and Vision of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Lieutenant Colonel Sugrue's extensive career has taken him across the United States and around the world. From New York to Germany, to deployments in Kosovo and Afghanistan, where he did two tours, his dedication and leadership has been an asset in every position.

Lieutenant Colonel Sugrue has been recognized with numerous military awards and decorations including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medal, among others. These well-deserved accolades speak to Lieutenant Colonel Sugrue's leadership and commitment to service, which are amplified by his honor and integrity.

I had the pleasure of getting to know Lieutenant Colonel Sugrue during his tenure as commander of the Detroit District, which he assumed in July 2016. As the commander, he is responsible for carrying out the District's mission in Michigan, sections of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Indiana, as well as four of the Great Lakes. The District's 82,000 square miles of land includes 4,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline and the Soo Locks, which are vitally important to the nation's economy and security.

Lieutenant Colonel Sugrue went above and beyond to understand the importance of natural resources and outdoor heritage to the state of Michigan and surrounding region. I especially commend his hard work to advance the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and the Great Lakes navigation system, including combatting the spread of invasive species and construction of a new Soo Lock.

His expertise is second to none and we have been fortunate to have Lieutenant Colonel Sugrue at the helm of the Detroit District. It has been an honor and a privilege to know Lieutenant Colonel Sugrue over the past two years. I wish him, his wife Flori and sons Sean and Connor, all the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF REAR ADMIRAL PAMELA M. SCHWEITZER

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to stand today to recognize the distinguished career of a remarkable constituent of mine, Rear Admiral Pamela A. Schweitzer. Rear Admiral Schweitzer is retiring after proudly serving her country for nearly 30 years.

After receiving her Bachelor's degree in biology in Biological Sciences from California State University Fullerton, Rear Admiral Schweitzer went on to earn a Doctor of Pharmacy from University of California San Francisco and an Ambulatory Care/Administrative Residency at University of California Irvine Medical Center. She is a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist, and currently serves as Executive Master of Health Administration Program at the University of Southern California Sol Price School of Public Policy.

On August 7, 2014 Rear Admiral Schweitzer was appointed to be the first female Chief Professional Officer of Pharmacy for the United States Public Health Service. As Chief Pharmacy Officer, Rear Admiral Schweitzer was