

With this generous gift and through the naming of the Dee J. Kelly Law Learning Center, we hope to honor Dee's memory by continuing to foster a dynamic, student-focused community stimulated by cultural and intellectual diversity. I think the studying, legal research and moot court competitions our students hold here will help to do just that.

REMARKS BY DEE J. KELLY, JR.

Thank you Dean Morant and President LeBlanc. I should mention that LeBlanc is a very important name in our family. It is not only my mother's maiden name—and she will be very excited to see the pictures from today—but also my brother's middle name. I want to introduce my brother Craig, his wife, Robyn, and their two boys, Patrick and Ryan.

And I could never forget the President of the Dee Kelly Foundation, my wonderful sister, Cindy. She's a tough steward of the Foundation's dollars but a soft touch when it comes to honoring our father. Cindy is joined by one of her two sons, Kelly, and his wife Paige. Her oldest son, Ben, just moved to California and his new employer has him hard at work but he's represented today by his beautiful wife, Shelby.

And of course my group is here as well. I want to recognize my wife, Dana, and two of my three girls, Lynn and Cate. Number three, Camille, just started classes and is allegedly studying hard. Yes, that's a look of skepticism on my face.

A couple more thank you's. Two active members of Congress took the time to be with us today. I know they both have many other important duties to attend to but they still made time to be here. Back home, we know them as just Kay and Roger, but in Washington they are known as two of our finest members of the House of Representatives. Thank you Congresswoman Granger and Congressman Williams. Your presence means a great deal to my family. And you know my father loved you both.

Last but not least are two former pols who were dear friends of my father. Pete Geren and Ben Barnes. Thank you both for being here.

Today's event would have meant a lot to my father . . . and not just because his name is splashed across the building over there. GW was the school that launched Dee Kelly's career and set him off on a course that lead to great success and, lucky for all of us today, financial reward. I doubt Dad would have ever dreamt when he was working for Speaker Rayburn and going to night school at GW, that he'd have a building on campus dedicated in his honor.

I think what he'd say today, if he was alive, is that this building is about honoring those who gave him a chance in life and helped set him off on a course for success. Our father clawed and scratched, and yes sometimes fought, his way to the top of the legal profession, and I know that he credited GW for giving him the legs to stand on to build his career.

So thank you again, President LeBlanc and Dean Morant. By honoring my father, you honor all students who are hoping education gives them a chance in life. I know that—because my father was one of those lucky few.

HONORING ALEXANDREA JOHNSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dynamic young

woman of the community, Alexandra Johnson.

Alexandra Johnson is a native of Holmes County, MS. She is the daughter of Maria Porter-Shannon and Christopher Johnson.

Ms. Johnson is Miss Sophomore 2018–2019 at the eminent school, Alcorn State University. She states that, "It's a privilege and honor to serve at the institution and it gives her such a humbling and incredible experience to be able to grow beyond her capabilities." The school is helping her to grow into a fine young lady, leader and scholar. As she stepped out on faith and followed the path that God placed in her, ultimately things worked out in her favor.

As Miss Sophomore, she wants to be able to inspire both males and females at any institution. She especially has the desire to help students grow within themselves and to someday inspire others in the Holmes County community.

She desires to implement a platform called "Unity" during her reign as Miss Sophomore by hosting fun, modern, and informative events for her class because there is a need for everyone to come together. She is planting seeds of growth, prosperity and maturity, a goal that she has set for herself.

She has also traveled abroad this summer to Viana do Castelo, Portugal to enhance her knowledge about medicine and how things are run in the hospital setting. She was thrilled and grateful to have had the chance to study abroad and to be granted such an incredible opportunity and experience.

She also attended the Tailor Made Royal Retreat in Atlanta, Georgia and had a phenomenal time learning about the significance of the Royal Court and the Student Government Association. God's grace and mercy has abled her to be in this position to inspire others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this young woman that Holmes County is very proud of, Ms. Alexandra Johnson for her dedication to serving and giving back to the community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF LORI YARRISH

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Lori Yarrish, who passed on August 6, 2018, for her lifetime of outstanding work in the arts and her contributions to the cultural development of the District of Columbia.

Lori served as director of the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum since December 2017, after having served as its acting director since June 2016. Lori implemented a new mission statement and brought with her an innovative leadership model that transformed the Museum's outreach and collaborative partnerships with the community. Lori was instrumental in revitalization efforts for the Anacostia Community Museum, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary with the exhibition "Your Community, Your Story: Celebrating Five Decades of the Anacostia Community Museum."

Lori embraced and advanced the Museum's unique role in the community and, in October 2017, was named by Washingtonian magazine as one of Washington, D.C.'s most powerful women in the arts.

Prior to her work with the Anacostia Community Museum, Lori was with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture's Banneker-Douglass Museum, the National Building Museum, the Capital Children's Museum and the B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum.

A classically trained dancer, Lori also served on the board of directors at the New School of Dance and Arts in Washington, D.C. and on the coordinating committee for the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative.

My grief for the loss of Lori is also personal because she was my cousin.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Lori Yarrish on the occasion of her passing and for her lasting contributions to the arts, the Smithsonian, the Anacostia Community Museum and the District of Columbia.

OATH CEREMONY ON SEPTEMBER
7, 2018

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on September 7, 2018. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On September 7, 2018, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Angelica Manalo Macchia, Farai Vanessa Gotor, Kehinde Montunrayo Ajibade, Ricardo Rodriguez Cervantes, Hongying Tu, Daniel Alvarado, Alexandra Espinoza, Rosana Hardaway, Claudia Hernandez, Primitivo H. Jorge, Hottensia Njeri Kabiru, Jose Lopez Perez, Angela Lugo, Ut Thi Nguyen, Lily Kieu Nguyen, Monique Nzumpatse Ntita, Anthonia Obaseki, Ma Buena Bentura Perez Vences, Elvia Rico, Yanelly Soto, Margot Tutorow, Victor Manuel Velazquez, Enrique Zepeda, Ramiro Zepeda, Posseh Aisha Kamara, Efrain Esquivias, Xiaoli Yang, Arlet Orta, Jose M. Martinez, and Maria Santos Maya.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives,

each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on September 7, 2018. They, too, are American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.
RICKEY BLOOM**

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Mrs. Rickey Bloom, who passed away on July 19, 2018 at the age of 103. Rickey's long life saw her play an integral role supporting her family and helping her community.

Born Ann Rickey Goldstein in Salem, Massachusetts in 1915 to Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe, she graduated high school, trained as a bookkeeper, and completed multiple Elderhostel programs, which aim to provide older individuals with opportunities to travel in an educational setting. Rickey was a bookkeeper for her parents' grocery and deli, where she met her future husband, Aaron Bloom, who was employed there as a box boy. They married on April 30, 1945.

Bookkeeping stayed an important part of Rickey's life; she was bookkeeper for the Law Offices of Richard Bloom in addition to bookkeeper and operator for Beth Jacob Congregation gift shop in Beverly Hills. Deeply involved in her community, Rickey was a long-time volunteer with her husband at Cedars Sinai Health Center. She also co-founded with her husband “Etta,” a nonprofit that served people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and provided support for their families.

Rickey is survived by her four children: Stuart, Bruce, Lydia, and Richard; 11 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. I hope that Rickey's family shares comfort in knowing that her contributions to our community will endure for years to come.

**TRIBUTE TO BETTY AND JIM
HICKMAN**

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Betty and Jim Hickman of Atlantic, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Betty and Jim's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

**HONORING THE 86TH BIRTHDAY OF
DONALD C. FRAZIER**

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 86th birthday of Donald C. Frazier.

Don was born on August 31, 1932 in Anniston, Alabama, to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Frazier.

He graduated from Anniston High School where he excelled in both basketball and football. He was even offered a football scholarship to Howard College (now Samford), but chose to serve his country and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He graduated from Jacksonville State University with a degree in Business Administration and spent 47 years working at Alabama Pipe (now Union Foundry) until he retired as Sales Manager in 1997.

Don is married to Joan and has three children: Deborah F. Clonts, D. Jeffery Frazier and Drue F. Taylor. Don was blessed with six grandchildren: Matthew M. Clonts, Daniel F. Clonts, Tracy E. Frazier, Michael K. Taylor and T. Frazier Taylor. He also has three great-grandchildren: Chandler P. Armstrong, M. Kenneth Taylor and Evie Claire Clonts.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Don a very happy 86th birthday.

HONORING LARRY D. CAMPER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Larry D. Camper. The son of Doris L. Howell and Doffie T. Camper was born on March 3, 1950 in Mendenhall, MS. He spent his childhood between Brandon, MS and Chicago, IL. In the early fifties, Camper and his mother returned from Chicago to live in Mississippi with his grandparents, Lenard and Bethel Howell. Upon returning to Mississippi, he started school at Rose Hill Baptist Church and in May 1968, he graduated from McLaurin High School where he received several athletic awards, including being voted the best athlete in his senior year.

After high school, Camper began working for Mississippi Bank in Jackson, MS and was the first African American to work for a bank in Jackson in a position other than as a janitor. In the fall of 1968, he enrolled in Jackson

State College and received a B.S. in Industrial Technology in 1972 while working for Mississippi Bank. After graduating from college, Camper enrolled in a management training program at the bank and after demonstrating an excellent work ethic that included a high level of professionalism, he was promoted to Bank Officer.

In December of 1973, Camper married his college sweetheart, Patricia A. Buchanan from Prentiss, MS, who also received her B.S. in Education in 1973 from Jackson State University. Camper and Patricia share two wonderful children, LaTonya Rochell and LaDerek Rashad and a son-in-law, Derrick Kirkland.

Always aspiring to achieve and succeed, Camper continued to work hard at the bank learning all he could. In 1984, his drive and determination caused him to enroll in the University of Mississippi in Oxford, MS to pursue a degree in Banking. Out of the 75 students enrolled in the program, Camper, again, succeeded as a first by being the only African American in this class to receive a banking degree in 1985. After graduating from the University of Mississippi, he continued to move up the ranks at Mississippi Bank, holding several officer positions. After 35 years in banking and four bank mergers, Camper retired from Union Planters Bank as a Senior Vice President. In January 2004, Camper was offered a position with the Hinds County Tax Collector's office in Jackson, MS as the Assistant Tax Collector and Operations Manager where he continues to serve in this capacity.

Over the last 35 years, Camper continued his excellent work in the community from his affiliation with several community, social and professional organizations, including: Leadership Jackson graduate (1999); Vice President, West Jackson CDC; Chairman of the Board of Directors, Capitol City Classic (Jackson, MS); Minority Business Development Loan Board (City of Jackson); Mississippi Bankers Association; Urban Financial Service Coalition; JSU National Alumni Association; Jackson Metro Housing Project; Education Committee Member for Metro Jackson Chamber of Commerce; Life Member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and member of New Hope Baptist Church located on Watkins Drive.

During his professional career, Camper also received numerous community awards and special honors, including “Outstanding Young Man of America” (1979 and 1985); and the Public Service Honor Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Larry D. Camper for his dedication to serving.

**REAFFIRMING DOUGLAS
RUMSEY'S RIGHT TO HARD-
EARNED PENSION**

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share the powerful story of Douglas Rumsey, a retiree of Teamsters Local 707 Pension Fund. For years, Douglas paid into his pension fund. Time and again, he gave up pay raises, deferring those raises be invested in his pension to make sure his retirement would be secure with one.