

great nation and the enforcement of the rule of law. From his service in the Immigration and Naturalization Service to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, he played a pivotal role in helping teach the next generation of federal agents. His passion and leadership will leave a long-lasting legacy amongst his coworkers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in wishing continued success to Ted as he continues his service as a liaison official between ICE and the CIA.

HONORING THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Missionary Association.

The American Missionary Association (AMA) was formed in 1846 by 19th Century missionaries with the sole goal to abolish slavery and educate all escaped and freed slaves. The organization is known for its work of creating 11 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the nation.

The diverse leaders of the American Missionary Association consisted of four African-Americans out of its 12-person charter. The entity was rooted in the Christian faith but worked beyond the ministry allowing the creation of Berea College, Clark Atlanta University, Fisk University, Hampton University, Dillard University and my alma mater Tougaloo College. The American Missionary Association also aided in the founding of Howard University.

In 1931, the association joined the Congregational Christian Churches, which is now known as the United Church of Christ.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the history of the American Missionary Association and all the work they provided to educated African-Americans, including myself throughout the nation.

HONORING PASTOR JIM GAINES OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DAWSONVILLE

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pastor Jim Gaines of the First Baptist Church of Dawsonville. After 20 years of ministry, Pastor Gaines retired this August, making him the church's longest-serving shepherd.

Prior to working at First Baptist Dawsonville, Pastor Gaines served as the executive director of missions for the Georgia Baptist Convention. An avid student, Pastor Gaines holds two bachelor's degrees, a master's degree, and a Ph.D. from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

When Pastor Gaines arrived at First Baptist Dawsonville in 1998, the congregation welcomed 40 men and women through their doors each Sunday. Since then, the congrega-

tion has grown to include 500 dedicated members.

Pastor Gaines coordinated several church-wide mission trips to Alaska and Africa, giving members of the community a chance to step out of our corner of Georgia to meet and serve others.

Pastor Gaines has made a tremendous impact in the Dawsonville community. The congregation of First Baptist Dawsonville will miss his warm guidance, and I hope his next season is full of peace and joy.

IN HONOR OF JOHN F. "JAY" HURLEY OF SOUTH BOSTON, MA

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor a true son of South Boston, John F. "Jay" Hurley, in recognition of over fifty years of dedicated service to the South Boston community.

The son of Catherine (Murray) of South Boston and John Hurley of South Boston (via Medford, MA), Jay was born in Boston on September 1, 1954 and lived on East 4th Street in South Boston until he married his wife, Patricia (Farrell) "Patty" Hurley in 1979. They moved to Hart Place in South Boston, where they still reside.

Jay attended Saint Brigid School at O Street and East Broadway and graduated in 1972 from South Boston High School. On June 5, 1974, Jay became a member of Ironworkers Local Union No. 7 (Book No. 922845).

Upon completion of a three-year apprenticeship, Jay became a journeyman ironworker on June 1, 1977. Jay held various offices at Local 7 between 1988 and 2001, including: Recording Secretary, President, Business Agent, and as the first Business Manager in Local 7's then 101-year history.

On December 1, 2001, Jay was appointed General Organizer for the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental, and Reinforcing Iron Workers, and was subsequently elected the President of the Ironworkers District Council of New England in September of 2002. Jay was elected as the 9th General Vice President of the International in May 2005 and retired as the 1st General Vice President on March 1, 2018.

Over the course of his career, Jay poured his heart and soul into bettering the lives of all workers through the machinations of the labor movement. The admiration and respect of his colleagues and peers throughout the United States and Canada is unsurpassed.

Along with providing distinguished service to the Ironworkers, Jay is also an active member of his community. He has won many awards over the years, most notably in 2006, when he won the Cushing Gavin award for outstanding service to the Labor community. In 2008, Jay wrote a novel, *Irony . . .*, and he has donated all proceeds to Julie's Family Learning Program, a South Boston non-profit organization.

Jay is known as a loyal, hardworking leader in the labor movement; but also, a loving and caring family man. He has had the good fortune to be married to his wife Patty for 39 years, and they are the proud parents of John,

Kaitlyn and Brian and proud grandparents to John ("Jack"), Michael and James.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to join with John F. "Jay" Hurley's family, friends, and contemporaries to thank him for his remarkable service to his union brothers and sisters and to his community of South Boston.

HONORING THE 89TH BIRTHDAY OF ARTHUR MYLES

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life of Arthur Myles who celebrated his 89th birthday on August 14, 2018.

Arthur Myles was born on August 14, 1929 in the state of Alabama. Arthur is the youngest son of twenty-five children born to President Myles Sr. and Mary Rena Williams-Myles. Arthur attended primary school in Uniontown Alabama, which he walked nine miles to attend. Shortly after relocating to Niagara Falls Arthur attended adult education classes at Center Avenue School and completed his education at Laborers Local 91.

Throughout Arthur's life he had various jobs during his career working at companies such as the City of Niagara Falls Street Department, New York State Power Authority, McClendon Blacktop, and J. Myles & Sons, before launching his own business. Arthur launched A. Myles Paving, and most recently started A. Myles & Sons. After sixty-six years of employment, Arthur retired in 2016.

Family is very important to Arthur as he is the father of ten children, twenty-one grandchildren, forty great-grandchildren, and ten great-great grandchildren. Arthur has always actively sought to help others in ways too numerous to mention. He is consistently willing to lend a helping hand, and volunteering his services for the good of aiding others. Arthur still enjoys dancing, storytelling, being the life of the party and traveling.

Arthur's community is very important to him and he is an active member in his church, a member of the Niagara Community Center, NAACP, and is a current member of Laborers Local 91 for fifty-eight years. Arthur is believed to be the longest "African-American Member" in good standings.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize Arthur Myles. His love and devotion to his family is truly inspiring. I wish many fortunes to him and his family in the years to come.

IN MEMORY OF SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart at the passing of a great American Hero and Leader, The Eagle of The Senate John McCain of Arizona. A selfless patriot, a man of courage, faith, and conviction. With his life well led, he is a lesson to our

young. Our prayers go out to him and his family as he leaves this world. As the light in The United States Senate has diminished this day, with the loss of one its great leaders and friends. I include in the RECORD this poetic tribute to him penned by Albert Carey Caswell.

WITH THE FAITH OF HIS FATHERS

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

And when we were young
Were we those among,
Who were blessed with such a love song?
With the Faith of Our Fathers in hearts
which belongs
Which are of our greatest of gifts
So in all of this
To help us grow strong
To help us grow tall
To get up when we fall
To hold honor above all
To give us the moral compass to form
To help us move on
To have The Faith of Our Fathers for which
we all long
To learn how to lead
To go with Godspeed
To in yourself believe
And know right from wrong
While, in service to Country to answer that
call
To nourish souls all
With the Faith of Our Fathers in hearts so
very warm
Is our great gift to our children and theirs to
pass on
Is The Faith of Our Fathers so very strong,
To help lead a great life long after we're
gone
That in hearts that lives on
And John,
The Faith of Your Mother was just as strong
All in the examples you've set
All in the challenges you've met
All in what your caring reflects
As you've left to this world with no regrets
And John,
armed With the Faith of Your Fathers look
what standards you've set
And what missions accomplished of which
our world blessed
And though you had medals of Bronze and
Silver upon your chest
Even greater was your heart of pure Gold To
Be The Best
As you John for The Greater Good yourself
would neglect
For Something Greater Than One's Self as
you knew our Lord expects
And John Heaven holds a place,
for all those magnificent men like you in
your grace
Like that POW in that darkness all in what
you faced
In Strength In Honor,
as you've lifted up our world to make it a
better place
And John the United States Senate will
never forget your face
As all in the sands of time John, yours is
now etched
And now we lay your fine body down to rest
As upon the floor of the Senate what a giant
shadow you've cast
Leaving void,
And a chasm as great as The Grand Canyon
which will last
At Ease my son,
As one of America's Best,
and a winner In The Game of Life who's won
all those great quests
Now rise,
Rise up to Heaven with tears in your eyes,
As the Eagle of The Senate has taken flight
All in our Lord's arms, John, you now lie
As our Lord looks into your eyes
Saying, "John in that POW camp I could not
let you die"

"As me and Bud and Orson watched over you
day and night"
"and I knew in this world you'd had so much
more love to write"
"and you would bless America and our world
with all of your might"
"As your battle on Earth is over my son"
"But, your new battle has now just begun"
"As an Angel in my Army of The Lord my
son"
"Now, up here in Heaven your Fathers so
await"
"With open arms,
as over the years they've watched you so
proudly at your heroic gait"
And on this night, we rest much easier in our
beds
Knowing a new Angel named John McCain
watches us over head
And your family will hear you on the wind
And in the morning when they wake,
they will feel you next to them as where
you've been
Watching over them time and again
Until, one fine day you'll meet up in Heaven
my friend
And they won't have to cry no more
And for a child to become whole
To bring warmth and peace to their soul
They need The Faith of Their Fathers to
nurture and grow
As a gift far more precious than gold
When, armed with The Faith of Our Fathers
And our Faith In The Lord
Can there be nothing we can't overcome or
endure
And with tear in eye,
John as to you we say goodbye
At The Measure of This Great Man who has
died
Who was First in Freedom,
Who was First in War,
Who was First in Peace,
And in the leadership he implored
As you taught us how to live, and how to die
Who is now an Angel in The Army of Our
Lord,
who Heaven depends on up on high
Rise,
And now we lay your body down to rest,
Amen.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 380 and 381 on September 4, 2018, due to recent surgery. I would like to reflect how I would have voted:

On roll call vote no. 380, I would have voted Yes.

On roll call vote no. 381, I would have voted No.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF EVITA MENDIOLA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and mourn the recent passing of a long-serving former staffer of mine, Evita Mendiola, after a battle with cancer. She grew up in San Diego and lived briefly in the Cali-

fornia Bay Area before settling in Los Angeles. Evita worked for me on my first campaign for Congress in 1996 and served as Executive Assistant in both my Washington and Los Angeles offices for 12 years. She went on to work for our former colleague, Dale Kildee in his Washington office for another four years before returning to California in 2013.

My staff and I were deeply saddened to hear of her passing. I extend all of her family my deepest condolences, especially to her mother Renate Mendiola and her brother, Robert King. Evita loved her family, and was especially dedicated to her precious nieces and nephews. She took great pride in their achievements and spent much of her free time at their athletic events and extracurricular activities.

She served both Dale and I with dedication and diligence. She was my longest serving and best Executive Assistant. Evita watched over her colleagues and served by my side with fierce loyalty to the office, to the district, to my constituents and to the priorities of the office.

Evita was more than an Executive Assistant. She was a utility player that handled case work and field representative duties whenever called upon—even though being a “scheduler” alone is the toughest job in a Congressional office.

She took a particular interest in helping young people with their plans to attend military service academies. Over the years she guided dozens of applicants through the very complex and competitive application processes to make sure they received the opportunity to pursue serving our country. The annual service academy nominations became a highlight for me and members of my staff because of the hard work Evita put into it. Our country is better because of the military service of young people from the San Fernando Valley whom Evita helped pursue their dreams.

Evita served as a mentor for junior staff and interns alike. She often maintained contact with former staff and interns years after they had left the job, offering guidance, support and friendship.

Once again Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and service of Evita Mendiola who will ultimately be remembered for her dedication to her family and country. May her family find comfort and solace in the memories they shared and in the life she led.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JUSTIN PRESSLEY

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Justin Pressley, a Gainesville native who dedicated his career to advocating for the disabled.

When he was 16 years old, Justin injured his spinal cord in a motorcycle accident, leaving him a quadriplegic. Instead of viewing his injury as a setback, he used this challenge to encourage men and women who were also experiencing disabilities.