

my colleagues to join me today in congratulating St. John's faithful congregation and their ancestors on this auspicious occasion.

In 1865, the New England Conference of the AME Zion Church deployed Reverend James Walker Hood to North Carolina to provide spiritual guidance to the 331,000 former slaves and to establish Churches throughout the state. Among the first churches established was St. John AME Zion Church (1868). Though Hood was met with fierce opposition from white Northern Methodists in establishing AME Zion Churches, he was unwavering in his commitment to the cause of Christianity as he established dozens of Churches across North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, much of St. John's growth over the years can be attributed to its dedicated leadership and congregation. After a fire destroyed the Church's frame in 1909, the Reverend B. P. Coward led the Church in building the beautiful and stately building that the Church resides in today. Under Reverend Allen J. Kirk's leadership, the Church erected a recreational center, started a day nursery, and renovated the parsonage. Reverend Dr. Ulysses S. Johnson is the Church's longest serving pastor, serving the congregation for over fifteen years. Reverend Dr. Johnson led numerous renovations to the Church and served the entire community during his tenure. Reverend Staccato Powell (now Bishop Staccato Powell) was assigned to St. John early in his pastoral career, becoming a ministerial giant who led the Church into continued growth. His pastoral leadership became nationally recognized and he now serves as Presiding Prelate of the Western Episcopal District.

Over the years, the Church has been deeply involved in the community, providing, among many other things, daily hot lunches to senior citizens and educational enrichment to children in Wilson during the summer recess as a part of the Youth Enrichment Program. In earlier years, St. John operated a Boy Scout organization that impacted the lives of hundreds of young men.

In recent years, the church established St. John Community Development Corporation, Inc. and the Smith Street Project to enhance the Church's community outreach. St. John continues to meet the spiritual and physical needs of its growing congregation through the vision and devoted work of its current pastor, Dr. Charlean B. Mapson, Presiding Elder and former Pastor, Dr. Michael S. Bell, and Presiding Bishop the Right Reverend Dr. Kenneth Monroe.

Mr. Speaker, by the grace of God, St. John AME Zion Church has been standing strong for 150 long years. Her outstanding leadership and devoted members have created significant growth in its membership and ministry, as well as, its continued outreach in the Wilson community. The Church's faithfulness and good deeds will ensure that St. John continues to experience God's blessings for years to come.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of the First Congressional District of North Carolina, I commemorate the 150th anniversary of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and extend my best wishes to the Pastor and members (many of whom are dear friends) on this auspicious occasion.

HONORING PATTI ROSCOE

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a San Diego business and civic leader, Patti Roscoe as she is honored as the 2018 "Ms. San Diego." More personally, I rise today to congratulate a wonderful friend on her lifelong achievements in service to others.

Started in 1952, this annual tribute was limited only to men. It wasn't until 40 years ago that both men and women were eligible for this honor. Patti will be the sixth woman to hold this distinction in its 66-year history. Originally from Buffalo, New York, Patti discovered a career in hospitality spending fifteen years in the hotel and destination management industry. Patti was the founder of PRA Destination Management Company; San Diego Rotary Club President from 2003 to 2004; board member for San Diego State University's Campanile Foundation, as well as the board of advisors for San Diego State University's Robert Payne School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, of which she was a co-founder; Plank Owner of the USS Midway; and trustee of the San Diego Library Foundation. This is just to name a few of her many achievements.

In 2010, Patti helped create an endowment at the Institute of Meetings and Events, the first of its kind in the nation, which provides scholarships in the MFA Musical Theater graduate program and Hospitality & Tourism Management program, as well as an endowment for student athletes. In 2015, Patti was recognized by the Global Society of Incentive Travel Excellence for embodying integrity and making notable contributions with long-term service to incentive travel and motivational events industry.

In June, she received the Neil Morgan Visionary Award for Lifetime Achievement from LEAD and the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. Three organizations have recognized Patti with Lifetime Achievement Awards: The San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau, San Diego Rotary Club, and The International Special Events Industry.

I commend Patti for her many accomplishments and contributions. A mother to three children and a grandmother to three grandchildren Patti truly understands the meaning of empathy and service to the community. Patti knows how to take care of business and work overtime for the betterment of the San Diego community and beyond.

HONORING VIVIAN LEE BATTLE SIMS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Vivian Lee Battle Sims for her lifetime of work in education and for her long-standing contributions to the communities in which she has resided throughout her life.

Vivian Sims was born and raised in New York City, where she graduated from Girls' High School in Brooklyn, a highly regarded institution of the public school system. She went on to earn both her bachelor's and master's degrees at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. She also attended Columbia University, Tennessee State University, Middle Tennessee State University, Columbia State Community College and the Tennessee Technology Center at Pulaski. Vivian Sims returned to school at the age of 85 to begin work on a doctorate at Tennessee State University.

She began her career in education as an art teacher in 1950 at Nashville city schools, eventually moving on to be art supervisor for Metro Nashville Public Schools' District 3 and Giles County's elementary schools. She served as the first high school art teacher at Giles County High School from 1976 to 1985, as Assistant Principal for Pulaski Elementary School from 1985 to 1991 and was the first African American woman principal at Southside Elementary School before her retirement in 1997.

During her career as an educator that spanned over 47 years, Vivian Sims participated in the Fulbright Teacher Exchange and was a finalist for Tennessee Teacher of the Year. She also served as president of the Giles County Schools Teachers Association and on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Education Association, among other national, state and local organizations.

In addition to her work in public schools, Vivian Sims has always been an active member of her community. Some of these community activities include her work for Giles County Senior Citizens, Inc., the Community Council for the Adult Developmentally Handicapped, the Community Development Corporation of North Pulaski, Help A Talented Student (HATS), the Pulaski Boys and Girls Club and the Pulaski Area Vocational-Technical School.

My pride in Vivian is also personal because she is my cousin.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Vivian Lee Battle Sims for her outstanding contributions to education and the arts, as well as for her enduring service and attention to the greater Tennessee community.

SAMUEL ONSTEAD EARNS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Samuel Onstead of Sugar Land, TX for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn.

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can achieve. It requires years of effort to develop the necessary leadership, service and outdoor skills. To earn this rank, Samuel developed and provided leadership to others in a service project. For his project, Samuel painted the interior of the gymnasium at First Colony Church of Christ in Sugar Land, TX, which serves both the church and Cornerstone Christian Academy. Samuel is also involved in team sports and a youth

church group. His dedication to our community has prepared him to be a leader in his future career. The leadership skills he has learned through Boy Scouts will continue to benefit our community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Samuel for becoming an Eagle Scout. We are proud and confident of his continued success and thank him for his dedication to making our community a better place.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED STEELWORKERS LOCAL 8888 IN NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the United Steelworkers (USW) Local 8888, which represents nearly 10,000 shipbuilders at the Newport News Shipyard in Newport News, Virginia. These dedicated men and women build and repair our Navy's nuclear aircraft carriers and nuclear-powered submarines at this shipyard, which is the largest private sector employer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The birth of this local union began with a secret ballot vote on January 31, 1978. While they received their charter from USW months later on September 15, 1978, it took the courageous efforts of thousands of workers to carry forward a difficult campaign to ultimately win recognition by the shipyard. Since that time, USW Local 8888 has advanced economic progress for tens of thousands of shipyard workers and has made the Newport News community more vibrant.

The union's advocacy has produced contracts over many years with higher wages, improved health benefits and better pensions. The USW Local 8888 contract established a health and safety committee, and created a fairer workplace by providing for wage progression and a grievance and arbitration procedure. The first six years following the first contract between Local 8888 and the shipyard resulted in more than a half-billion dollars in additional wages and benefits. The USW's current 52-month collective bargaining agreement with Huntington Ingalls Industries—the current owner of the shipyard—will increase average wages and benefits by over \$15,000 per worker.

These gains did not come easily. Forty years ago, the shipyard workers had been represented by the Peninsula Shipbuilders Association (PSA)—which was a small association that many workers viewed as a company union. Wages and pensions for these shipbuilders were lower than those at other shipyards in the country. Some workers were stuck in jobs that never had a pay raise. The PSA held no membership meetings, no election of shop stewards, and did not have a safety clause in its "contract." Workers wanted and demanded a better deal.

A group of shipyard workers reached out to the United Steelworkers to try to secure a stronger and more progressive union to represent them. Known as the "front four," Oscar Pretlow, Eddie Coppedge, Ellis Cofield, and

WT Hayes were amongst the early organizers. The effort to build support was not easy. The company sought to terminate those who were organizing support for the USW as a way to discourage support. However, in January 1978 thousands of shipyard workers voted through a secret ballot election to affiliate with the USW.

But the shipyard owner at that time—Tenneco—refused to recognize or bargain with USW, and it joined with the PSA to challenge the validity of election before the National Labor Relations Board. These delaying tactics were intended to wear down support for the union the workers had freely chosen.

A year to the day after the vote in January 1979, workers went on strike to demand recognition. The strike lasted 82 days while workers braved the cold on picket lines outside the shipyard gates and hostile police action on the streets. "88, Close the Gate!" became their rallying cry during this historic strike. The shipyard workers faced not only a deep-pocketed and determined employer, they faced a hostile Governor, and a Department of the Navy that continued to provide cashflow to the shipyard despite work coming to a halt during the strike—all while taking on this battle in a right-to-work state.

Their solidarity was tested many times; however, the shipyard workers received strike benefits from the USW, and many union members across Virginia and the country joined their picket lines. Ultimately, the NLRB and courts upheld the validity of the union election, and the company was obligated to bargain with USW.

Local 8888 has been blessed with strong leaders over the past 40 years including presidents Lucky Howard, Wayne Crosby, Edward "Eddie" Coppedge, Russ Axsom, Ray Coppedge, Thomas Crudup, Alton Glass, Arnold Outlaw, and its current President Charles Spivey. The union has also not forgotten those who led the original struggle, and the USW union hall in Newport News is named after Oscar Pretlow—one of the original "front four."

Mr. Speaker, the sacrifices of those shipbuilders who fought to have a union of their choosing in the late 1970s has borne fruit for the past 40 years and has paved the way for a brighter and safer future for those who come to work at the shipyard today. As the members of USW Local 8888 gather this weekend to celebrate the 40 years since they received their charter from USW, I want to commend and thank them for their tireless work representing the tens and thousands of shipbuilders and shipyard employees at the Newport News Shipyard. Their work has bettered the lives and working conditions for these workers and their families.

TRIBUTE TO KIM BAKKEY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Kim Bakkey, CEO of HomeServices of Iowa, for being named a 2018 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 19 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to iden-

tify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavours throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

For two years, Kim has been the CEO of HomeServices, but before that her work was not going unnoticed. In 2010 she was named the Business Record CFO of the Year and in 2016 and 2017 was recognized by a trade publication as being one of the most powerful people in residential real estate. Being an active parent to three daughters is a passion of hers on top of her work with the West Des Moines School Scholarship Program and Blank Children's Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Kim Bakkey in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Kim on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Bakkey the very best.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
JAMES CAMP

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my colleague, DAVID VALADAO, to recognize Mr. James "Jim" Camp, a philanthropist and community leader from Bakersfield, California. Jim will be recognized as the Kern County Fair's Person of the Year for his lifetime of commitment to bettering the quality of life in Kern County.

Jim is a tireless advocate for promoting and supporting the community he calls home. He has served three terms on the Board of Directors for the Kern County Fair—first appointed by Governor Pete Wilson and later appointed twice by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. As a member of the Board of Directors, Jim worked year-round to fulfill the Kern County Fair's mission of providing a safe and friendly environment for educational, cultural, and entertainment experiences celebrating the accomplishments of the Kern County community. During his time with the Kern County Fair, Jim also participated on the Finance and Livestock Committee, serving two terms as Chairman of the Board.

More than anything else, Jim has distinguished himself as a man with a heart for the Bakersfield community. Over the years, Jim has paid his personal successes forward, donating to charitable causes across Bakersfield. In particular, Jim and his wife, Beverly, extended their generosity to help fund Bakersfield's Memorial Hospital's Grossman Burn Center. Jim has also been an active member of the Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK), serving the community service organization in a variety of roles since 2007, the most prominent being his tenure as chairman of CAPK's Board of Directors from 2013 to 2015. Through his work with CAPK, Jim helped to provide critical services to Kern County's most disadvantaged, organizing and participating in events that helped to reduce poverty and meet critical needs such as education, housing, and healthcare.