

The Northeast Tarrant Chamber works diligently to connect area business leaders, local city administrators, Tarrant County representatives, elected government officials and area non-profits to aid the growth and advancement of economic development in Northeast Tarrant County.

Established in 1957 as the Haltom Richland Chamber, this organization has enjoyed significant growth in the span of its service. The Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce has a rich legacy of dedication to its members. In fact, eight of its members have been a part of the Chamber for more than 50 years. Just last month, it reached a milestone of 1,000 members.

Over the last 60 years, the Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce has achieved a long list of accomplishments. For example, the Chamber has honored more than 500 local Hometown Heroes from area non-profit and community organizations who give their time and efforts to serve their Northeast Tarrant County neighbors. Additionally, it has awarded more than 200 annual scholarships to area high school seniors totaling over \$200,000 in scholarship money distributed to deserving students, and has educated and graduated over 500 Leadership Northeast participants.

There is no doubt that the Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce leaders and members have made meaningful contributions to their communities and the North Texas region, and I am grateful for their steadfast service.

RECOGNIZING THE FULTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the brave and selfless actions of members of the Fulton, New York Fire Department.

On December 17, 2017, Fulton Firefighters Terry Recore, Allan Baker, and Assistant Chief Shane Laws responded to an incident at the Oswego River in which two individuals had become trapped when attempting to save a dog that had fallen through the ice and into the river.

A man and woman saw a dog drowning, and acted immediately. Both the man and woman entered the water and hoisted the dog into a kayak. However, the pair was then unable to return to shore. Wearing ice suits, Firefighters Terry Recore and Allan Baker helped get the woman and dog out of the freezing water. Assistant Chief Shane Laws threw a rope to the man who in the water and returned the group to shore.

I have the utmost respect for our fire fighters and first responders. I thank them for the long hours, for charging into danger, and for putting their lives on the line to keep us safe each and every day. They guard our cities, protect our towns, and make our communities better.

A TRIBUTE TO LORETTA DERBY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Loretta Derby of Council Bluffs, Iowa for her induction into the Iowa School for the Deaf Hall of Fame. Loretta is a 1955 graduate of the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs.

Loretta graduated in 1994 from the College of St. Mary in Omaha, Nebraska with a degree in Business Administration. She has had an impressive career working for Northwestern Bell where she assisted deaf customers with TTY calls and helped co-workers understand the needs of deaf customers. Loretta advanced to a computer analyst in marketing at US West and she presented programs to employees on deaf awareness. She retired from US West in 1999, but continued to work for Communication Services for the Deaf as an equipment distribution manager.

Loretta has been a leader in the Deaf community; she helped organize the Birthday Gals, a social club for deaf women, chaired the Iowa Association for the Deaf Conference, and was Vice-President of the Iowa Association of the Deaf. She helped reorganize the Council Bluffs Silent Club, helped keep Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf open and founded the Council Bluffs Deaf Seniors in 2015. Loretta also volunteers her time at the Iowa School of the Deaf Museum, which preserves the School's history.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Loretta on her induction into the Hall of Fame at Iowa School for the Deaf. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Loretta on this outstanding accomplishment and in wishing her nothing but the best.

HONORING JAY MILLER

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement from Federal service we rise to thank Jay S. Miller for 28 years of outstanding dedicated service.

Most recently Mr. Miller served as the Chief Financial Officer for the United States Capitol Police (USCP). Mr. Miller joined the USCP in 2011 bringing with him extensive experience in tax reporting, financial statement preparation, strategic planning and internal controls which proved to be invaluable to the USCP. Mr. Miller's ability to motivate and lead those that worked around him, often times through an infectious sense of humor, was instrumental in creating positive change. This type of impactful leadership set a tone within the department that will be felt for many years. Mr. Miller provided outstanding assistance to the Committee on Appropriations and set a standard that will be hard to replicate.

Prior to joining the United States Capitol, Mr. Miller served in a variety of roles at the Library of Congress and the U.S. Agency for

International Development. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives we congratulate Jay on a job well done and nothing but success and happiness in his future endeavors.

A THREAT TO LABOR UNIONS

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. SCOTT and the Congressional Black Caucus for hosting the special order.

The Janus case is critically important to public employees—many of whom are people of color—as well as to the millions of Americans who rely on the services these workers provide.

This is a case originating in my state of Illinois, Janus v AFSCME Council 31, an outstanding union that fights relentlessly for working families. The case was originally brought by Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner, who was found to have no legal standing to bring suit, and who then scrambled to find another plaintiff.

Before becoming Governor, Rauner was chairman of a private equity firm, where he put profits ahead of working families' paychecks. As Governor, he has made it his number one priority to attack unions, including the wages, benefits and well-being of his hardworking AFSCME employees.

Janus is about freedom—not the freedom of Mr. Janus to get the benefits of union representation as a free rider—but the freedom of workers to join together to bargain for a better deal for their families: better wages, better benefits and a better future.

COMMEMORATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, this February we recognize and celebrate the 40th commemoration of Black History Month.

This month we celebrate the contributions of African Americans to the history of our great nation, and pay tribute to trailblazers, pioneers, heroes, and leaders like the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama; Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall; U.S. Senator Blanche Kelso Bruce; U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Jordan; U.S. Congressman Mickey Leland; Astronauts Dr. Guion Stewart Bluford, Jr. and Mae C. Jemison; activists, intellectuals, authors, and artists like Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, James Baldwin, Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, and Gwendolyn Brooks just to name a few of the countless number of well-known and unsung heroes whose contributions have helped our nation become a more perfect union.

The history of the United States has been marked by the great contributions of African American activists, leaders, writers, and artists.

As a member of Congress, I know that I stand on the shoulders of giants whose struggles and triumphs made it possible for me to stand here today and continue the fight for equality, justice, and progress for all, regardless of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

The greatest of these giants to me are Mrs. Ivalita "Ivy" Jackson, a vocational nurse, and Mr. Ezra A. Jackson, one of the first African-Americans to succeed in the comic book publishing business.

They were my beloved parents and they taught me the value of education, hard work, discipline, perseverance, and caring for others.

And I am continually inspired by Dr. Elwyn Lee, my husband and the first tenured African American law professor at the University of Houston.

Mr. Speaker, I particularly wish to acknowledge the contributions of African American veterans in defending from foreign aggressors and who by their courageous examples helped transform our nation from a segregated society to a nation committed to the never ending challenge of perfecting our union.

A few years ago about this time, I was honored to join my colleagues, Congressmen JOHN LEWIS and Congressman Charles Rangel, a Korean War veteran, in paying tribute to surviving members of the Tuskegee Airmen and the 555th Parachute Infantry, the famed "Triple Nickels" at a moving ceremony sponsored by the U.S. Army commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The success of the Tuskegee Airmen in escorting bombers during World War II—achieving one of the lowest loss records of all the escort fighter groups, and being in constant demand for their services by the allied bomber units—is a record unmatched by any other fighter group.

So impressive and astounding were the feats of the Tuskegee Airmen that in 1948, it helped persuade President Harry Truman to issue his famous Executive Order No. 9981, which directed equality of treatment and opportunity in all of the United States Armed Forces and led to the end of racial segregation in the U.S. military forces.

It is a source of enormous and enduring pride that my father-in-law, Phillip Ferguson Lee, was one of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Clearly, what began as an experiment to determine whether "colored" soldiers' were capable of operating expensive and complex combat aircraft ended as an unqualified success based on the experience of the

Tuskegee Airmen, whose record included 261 aircraft destroyed, 148 aircraft damaged, 15,553 combat sorties and 1,578 missions over Italy and North Africa.

They also destroyed or damaged over 950 units of ground transportation and escorted more than 200 bombing missions.

They proved that "the antidote to racism is excellence in performance," as retired Lt. Col. Herbert Carter once remarked.

Mr. Speaker, Black History Month is also a time to remember many pioneering women like U.S. Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm; activists Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks; astronaut Mae C. Jemison; mathematicians like Katherine G. Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson; authors Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, and Gwendolyn Brooks; all of whom have each in their own way, whether through courageous activism, cultural or intellectual contributions, or artistic creativity, forged social and political change, and forever changed our great Nation for the better.

It is also fitting, Mr. Speaker, that in addition to those national leaders whose contributions have made our nation better, we honor also those who have and are making a difference in their local communities.

In my home city of Houston, there are numerous men and women who are great because they have heeded the counsel of Dr. King who said:

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

By that measure, I wish to pay tribute to some of the great men and women of Houston:

1. Rev. F.N. Williams, Sr.
2. Rev. Dr. S.J. Gilbert, Sr.
3. Rev. Crawford W. Kimble
4. Rev. Eldridge Stanley Branch
5. Rev. William A. Lawson
6. Rev. Johnnie Jeffery "J.J." Robeson
7. Mr. John Brand
8. Ms. Ruby Moseley
9. Ms. Dorothy Hubbard
10. Ms. Doris Hubbard
11. Ms. Willie Bell Boone
12. Ms. Holly HogoBrooks
13. Mr. Deloyd Parker
14. Ms. Lenora "Doll" Carter

As we celebrate Black History Month, let us pay tribute to those who have come before us, and pay forward to future generations by addressing what is the number one issue for African American families, and all American families today: preserving the American promise of economic opportunity for all.

Our immediate focus must be job creation, and enacting legislation that will foster and lay the foundation for today's and tomorrow's generation of groundbreaking activists, leaders, scientists, writers and artists to continue contributing to the greatness of America.

We must continue to preserve the American Dream for all.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand here in celebration of the heroic and historic acts of African Americans and their indispensable contributions to this great Nation.

It is through our work in creating possibilities for today and future generations that we best honor the accomplishments and legacy of our predecessors.

A TRIBUTE TO JIM TYLER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jim Tyler of Atlantic, Iowa, for receiving the Iowa Grocery Industry Association Lifetime Achievement Award. Jim is the Executive Chairman of the Board and former CEO of the Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Jim received this award for his years of commitment and contributions to the Iowa grocery industry. After serving our country in the U.S. Army Air Corps and graduating from Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, he moved to Atlantic to work in the bottling company his grandfather started in 1905. Jim helped the company grow and double its territory by 2016 and the business now employs over 700 workers. He has been devoted to community service and has served on the boards of the Association of Business and Industry, Iowa Manufacturers Association, and the Iowa Board of Regents.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Jim for his commitment, dedication, and leadership to his community and the State of Iowa. I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jim and in wishing him nothing but the best in all his future endeavors.