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These REACH Georgia scholars are our future. Georgia has made a commitment to awarding those in need who demonstrate a high level of merit—an investment that will increase our workforce and grow our economy. I am proud that we take these steps to ensure a brighter future for our children, our state, and our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I expect great things from each of these special young scholars, and on behalf of Georgia’s 10th Congressional District, I offer them my congratulations and wish them continued success.

RECOGNIZING PAUL SCOTT AS THE KENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Paul Scott. He has been recognized as the 2017 employee of the year by the City of Kent, for his hard work and dedicated commitment to go above and beyond what is asked of him.

Selected from a pool of over 600 people, Mr. Scott is the Public Works Accounting Manager for the City of Kent where he oversees the city’s financial policies, labor agreements, accounting, and reporting systems. Mr. Scott has been a dedicated employee for over 25 years.

In the City of Kent, the Employee of the Year award is entirely peer nominated and peer selected, which speaks to the level of respect Mr. Scott has fostered in the community. The amount of support Mr. Scott’s peers have shown for him highlights the remarkable work he does. He can be regarded as an important example of what a devoted employee looks like, and his achievement serves to motivate civil servants all over the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Mr. Paul Scott for his years of dedicated work for the City of Kent, and congratulate him on his well-deserved award.

CELEBRATING TAIWAN’S 107TH NATIONAL DAY

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, October 10, or Double Ten Day, marks Taiwan’s 107th National Day. From our shared values of freedom and respect for human rights to our

strong economic relationship, Taiwan is a natural and important partner for the United States, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish the people of Taiwan a very Happy Double Ten Day.

Over the years, through its commitment to democracy, its contributions to global health initiatives, international development, and humanitarian missions, Taiwan has proven its leadership on the global stage. Taiwan has delivered critical aid and supplies in times of need to places such as Haiti, the Philippines, West Africa, Japan, and even in our very own Texas, after hurricane Harvey. Taiwan has also contributed to important non-humanitarian missions, including significant efforts as part of the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS.

Taiwan’s leadership and humanitarian commitment is even more impressive considering the increasing degree of coercion and intimidation emanating from Beijing. China’s efforts to block Taiwan from international organizations are depriving the world of Taiwan’s knowledge and expertise, causing unnecessarily dangerous situations in everything from global health to international commercial flight. With the support of the United States and other like-minded partners, I know that efforts to deny Taiwan appropriate recognition and participation in international organizations will ultimately be overcome.

Taiwan is a beacon of freedom, serving as an inspiration for the oppressed, a model for future democratic transitions, and an anchor of security in the Pacific. It is crucial that the U.S. provides the kind of assistance—politically, militarily, and economically—that will allow Taiwan to resist Beijing’s increasing coercion. Throughout my Congressional career, I have worked to strengthen the U.S.-Taiwan relationship and to ensure that we do not lose focus on Taiwan’s importance. I am honored to be a friend and strong supporter of Taiwan and its people.

As Taiwanese all around the world celebrate Taiwan’s National Day, the United States stands with Taiwan, ready to ensure our partnership is stronger than ever. With appreciation for and commitment to our important relationship, I again offer my best Double Ten Day wishes to the people of Taiwan.

MILLER OUTDOOR THEATRE: 95 YEARS AND COUNTING

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Miller Outdoor Theatre is celebrating 95 years in Herman Park. The Miller Outdoor Theatre got its start in 1923, and continues to be one of Houston’s most treasured venues. Located right in the heart of the City of Houston, it provides folks a place to enjoy the performing arts. And it is always free.

Miller is a unique treasure to Houstonians and it is dedicated to bringing the arts alive for audiences for over 95 years: classical music, jazz, ethnic music and dance, ballet, Shakespeare, musical theatre, popular concert artists, films and more.

The theatre has boasted the Summer Symphony Series, Shakespeare Festival, Theatre Under the Stars “Bells are Ringing”, and even

presidential candidate Richard Nixon campaigned on stage.

The original theatre was an open amphitheater surrounded by twenty Corinthian-style limestone columns built on land that was given and sold by the Miller estate. Cotton broker and mining engineer, Jesse Wright Miller, originally left the land to the City in 1919. Mayor Oscar Holcombe and his council members should be commended for their vision towards this project.

In the 1960s, the City of Houston built a new theatre that consisted of three triangular plates of Corten steel and an air condition to cool the stage. Did I mention it is hot in Texas! The original 1920s columns were moved to the Mecom-Rockwell Colonnade Fountain between Fannin and San Jacinto at Hermann Drive.

The Miller received another face lift in the late 1990s. A 6 million dollar expansion and renovation planned and funded by the City of Houston and Friends of Hermann Park. A new roof, additional restrooms and office areas were added. They built a small stage at the east end of the facility. The refurbished theatre reopened in 1998.

The Miller’s newest upgrades and additions occurred through the 2000s. New seating, lighting, and landscaping greatly enhance the educational and outreach capacities of the theatre. The Miller can accommodate about 6,200 spectators, with over 1,705 seats and over 4,500 on the grassy hill.

While so much has grown and changed over the years, I still remember my children visiting the Miller Outdoor Theatre on school field trips. It was very popular with the Poe kids. The day always included a musical production or play, a picnic lunch, and a roll down Miller’s “hill”. By the way, Miller’s “hill” was created with dirt from Fannin Street excavations. In 2008, the iconic hill was reggraded and raised.

There is a plaque that was erected at the theatre’s dedication that read: “To the Arts of Music, Poetry, Drama and Oratory, by which the striving spirit of man seeks to interpret the words of God. This theatre of the City of Houston is permanently dedicated.” These words still ring true today.

Through its mission statement and commitment to the arts in Houston, the Miller Outdoor Theatre has proven to be a pillar to the citizens of Houston. I congratulate them on their 95th season and commend them for continuing to contribute to Houston’s vibrant arts community.

And that’s just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF EFFIE RUTH WEBB MCQUEEN AND THE DEN- TON GOSPELAIRES

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Effie Ruth Webb McQueen of Denton, Texas and honor her for founding the Denton Gospelairens fifty years ago. In 1968, Sister McQueen, along with eight members, organized the Christian singing group that still performs to this day.

The Denton Gospelairens was the first gospel quartet to be organized in the City of Denton.

Its members have shown continued dedication to their faith by ministering through music over the last 50 years. Founding member Sister McQueen and original member Sister Mabel Deveraux continue to travel and perform with the group.

On behalf of the constituents of the 26th Congressional District of Texas, it is my honor to join the Denton City Council in celebrating October 12, 2018 as “Effie Ruth Webb McQueen Day.” I congratulate Sister McQueen and the Denton Gospelairens on reaching this momentous milestone, and I hope they continue to share the gospel through their music for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO ROXANA DE LA RIVA

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor Roxana de la Riva as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Hispanic Heritage Month. Roxana de la Riva is a Mexican-American journalist covering information about Hispanic Community in Central Florida. She has over 18 years of experience in Hispanic journalism and professional writing. Recently, de la Riva returned to La Prensa, the oldest Hispanic Media in Central Florida, the outlet when she started her journalism career in the United States.

De la Riva was recently a volunteer in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, with CASA as Coordinator of Support Solidarity and Help, where she assisted distributing donation items and covering stories of the efforts. She is also a past member of AIPEH (The International Association of Hispanic Arts and Culture) a group of artists, poets and writers from Central Florida.

De la Riva was a vocational training mentor in journalism for youth female students, whose parents are immigrants and part of the Hope Community Center.

Although a reporter educated in traditional journalism, she has now adapted to the new way of mass communication and used her platform to reach a new audience through social media platforms.

De la Riva was a freelance writer with El Sentinel for 7 years, where she wrote for the website El Sentinel.com as well as the print edition. During her time at El Sentinel, she covered and researched a wide range of issues and assignments pertaining to the Central Florida community.

Prior to this experience of that she covered Breaking News for El Sol de la Florida. Most notably, she focused on the case of George Zimmerman and Trayvon Martin.

Educated in Mexico City School of Journalism Carlos Septién García, the first Mexican educational institution of journalism, de la Riva arrived in the United States in 2002 and has since made Central Florida home.

GUN VIOLENCE VICTIMS FROM OHIO

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because Americans continue to die from gun violence while this House is on vacation.

For more than a year, I've been coming to the House Floor to read the names of gun violence victims that this House—the People's House—has failed by our inability to act and save lives.

To date, I've read 2,213 names. Each one of them, an American whose life and family have been immeasurably changed forever.

And what has the response from this House been? Silence. Nothing but cold silence.

Do these names make my colleagues uncomfortable?

Do they remind them that real people are impacted by gun violence on a daily basis?

Do these names give them a moment of pause before they gleefully accept that next NRA check?

Mr. Speaker, today, I want to recognize gun violence victims from Ohio, a state that the NRA has poured tens of thousands of dollars into over this cycle.

These are the names of 163 Ohioans, from just four Congressional Districts, who've been impacted by gun violence.

These people have been shot, many have lost their lives, and still this House majority does nothing to prevention gun violence. The Majority only offers ‘thoughts and prayers’ while families continue to be torn apart. That's just wrong.

Mr. Speaker, here are the names of those 163 Ohioans that this House has failed:

OHIO'S 10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1. Adrianna Jackson
2. Jvontae Johnston
3. Khmorra Helton, 8
4. Kaiden Helton, 6
5. Elijah Jaden Johnson, 1
6. Diana Hicks
7. Shawn D. Smith Jr.
8. Lamont M. Robinson
9. Christian Green, 2
10. Charles Vincent Ashford, 17
11. James Rutledge
12. Ronnie Bowers, 16
13. Devonta Hoskins, 17
14. Jawaad Jabbar, 16
15. Isaiah Haggins Jr., 16
16. Deandre Choice, 15
17. Melinda Pleskovic
18. Jeffrey Brennan
19. Steven Bonsell
20. Thomas Sams
21. Roberta R. John
22. Rogell E. John
23. David Milliken, 18
24. Robert Sposit
25. Emily Young
26. Cindy Gesaman
27. Christal Shaver
28. Randy Szychowicz
29. Randy L. Budd
30. Deshawn Trae McGee
31. Andre Nooks
32. Marcus Moon
33. Dwight Martin
34. Lee Watkins
35. Megan Bockrath
36. Donald Rollins
37. Jimmy Chancellor

38. Charles Burnett Jr.
39. Adrian Days
40. Gregory J. Oldiges
41. Jamie N. Mathews
42. Randy L. Grimm
43. Melissa V. Nilson
44. Jonathan Scott Rogers, 21
45. Ronald C. Harris

OHIO'S 14TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

46. Laila Johnson, 2
47. William Sullivan, 15
48. Aaron Copeland
49. Randy Gozzard
50. Kevin Tiearney
51. Cathryn Lambert
52. Tiffany Lambert
53. Evan Cox
54. Benjamin Gabriel Ailstock
55. Frank Sandor
56. Jerry Robinson
57. Robert Waltzer
58. Michael S. Martin
59. Deborah Pearl
60. Matthew Ryan Desha
61. Lorrie Osborne-Hirko
62. Benjamin Gabriel Ailstock
63. Lorrie Osborne-Hirko
64. Terri Treadway
65. Catherine Sutter
66. Frank Staton
67. Thomas Corrigan
68. Dean Ochi
69. James L. Brown
70. Eugene A. Cray
71. Timothy Martz
72. Alexis Xavier Colon Mook
73. Lydia Mook
74. Benny Mook-Colon
75. Joshua Phillipp
76. Marcus Lashley
77. Welly Truman Vandergrif
78. Charles Shaw
79. Scott Shaw
80. Joshua Hammond
81. Jason Bowers, 24
82. Terri Treadway
83. Catherine Sutter
84. Jamiez Markel Demonte Martin Miree,

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OHIO 15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

85. Destinee Booker, 14
86. Sam Nicholson, 16
87. Paula Ratcliff-Gebhardt
88. John Gebhardt
89. William Benson
90. Colin Fraley, 10
91. Zachary Edmond
92. Justin Coffey
93. Tevin Jackson
94. Amy L. Diehl
95. David Lee Bush
96. William Benson
97. Zachary Edmond
98. Justin Coffey
99. Tevin Jackson
100. Loretta F. Yoli
101. Haven M. Foster
102. Timothy Koker
103. Pete Staten
104. Theodore Timmons
105. Reagan Tokes, 21
106. Markel Morrison, 22
107. William A. Brigham
108. Haven M. Foster, 22
109. Amy L. Diehl
110. James Jonathan McVey
111. Shueyb Abukar
112. Ruth A. Van Evra
113. Robert E. Van Evra
114. Joseph Scott Sagar
115. Adrian Ruiz-Ortigvera
116. Kelsey Crook, 27
117. Jason Grubb
118. Timothy E. Sturgis
119. James Robert Boergers, Jr.
120. Kimberly Napoli
121. Jack Jolley