

committee volunteer member she inspired others to find their best selves in order to help those in need. Ms. Laddish has been an indispensable advocate for smoke-free, low-income housing and was successful in getting many low-income properties to go smoke-free. Outside of her public advocacy, Ms. Laddish has been a volunteer at The Palms Playhouse in various capacities since 2001; she also volunteers writing for the Winters Express as an Entertainment Correspondent. Despite facing a range of physical challenges, Ms. Laddish enjoys entertaining at local community events as a member of the Crawdads, a local jazz band ensemble. Playing such an involved role in her community's affairs has established her as a pillar of her community. Kate Laddish is generous, passionate, and dedicated to all the causes she devotes herself to. An inspiration to all who know her, Kate has a heart of service and exemplifies all the qualities of a consummate community activist and devoted public servant.

TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS (PFC) JOHN CALVIN COLLINS

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor the life and legacy of Private First Class (PFC) John Calvin Collins, USA, who was the only Morehead City, North Carolina resident to be killed in action in the Vietnam War.

John Calvin Collins was born to John and Della Collins in Morehead City, NC on November 14, 1948. He was a product of the public school system and attended W.S. King High School up until his senior year. His final year, however, John was among the first African Americans to integrate West Carteret High School. An exceptional student athlete, he immediately received recognition in baseball and lettered in football. In addition to athletics, he was a member of Boy Scouts, Troop #118, where he acquired countless leadership skills. Following a successful year and transition to a new school, John graduated in May of 1967.

Shortly after graduation, John registered for the draft on September 15, 1967, and was soon drafted. PFC John Calvin Collins enlisted in the United States Army on October 18, 1967, and reported for active duty the very next day. He received his basic military training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and continued Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

The following spring, on May 24, 1968, PFC John Calvin Collins was killed in action as a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Air Cavalry Division, of the United States Army. Just a few short months after the Tet Offensive, PFC Collins became one of the 16,899 Americans in 1968 who paid the ultimate sacrifice. While he was tragically killed on May 24th, it was not until late August that the Army Casualty Notification Officer was able to notify the Collins family.

The military honors provided by the United States Army during the funeral services of PFC John Calvin Collins brought the Vietnam War up close and personal to the town of

Morehead City, North Carolina. During his short tenure as a Combat Infantryman, PFC Collins earned the following listed badge and medals: Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. A brave young man, words will never be able to express our gratitude.

Upon the 50th year of the anniversary of his passing, I would like to recognize PFC Collins' ultimate sacrifice to our great nation. PFC John Calvin Collins set an extraordinary example for all of us to follow through his service and sacrifice, and I am so very proud of this American. John Calvin Collins shall never be forgotten by those who knew him or the citizens of Morehead City.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 107TH
NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 107th National Day of Taiwan and its relationship with the United States.

The United States and Taiwan have enjoyed a prosperous relationship, with our two countries working together in support of enhanced security, trade, and economic prosperity. In 2017, Taiwan was ranked as the 11th largest trading partner of the United States and the 7th largest market for US agricultural products. Numerous jobs in the United States are supported by investment from Taiwan affiliates and by exports of U.S. goods and services to Taiwan. It is clear to me that, as we strengthen our relationship with Taiwan, we succeed in advancing United States interests.

People-to-people ties between citizens of the United States and of Taiwan form an important bond between the two nations. There are about 150 sister cities between the United States and Taiwan, connecting our two societies on a global level. In addition, travel for business and pleasure from Taiwan to the United States has increased 50 percent since Taiwan became a member of the U.S. Visa Waiver Program in November 2012. Additionally, Taiwanese students represent a significant demographic of international students studying in the United States.

The formational policies for the United States' relationship with Taiwan, the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances, were crafted almost four decades ago, and continue to be the foundation of this bilateral relationship. The people-to-people engagement and mutually beneficial commercial transactions are the mortar that fortifies the relationship. Today I remind my colleagues that we have a valuable ally in Taiwan.

TRIBUTE TO THE MARCO POLO
FESTIVAL

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to the Marco

Polo Festival, as it celebrates its 10th anniversary on October 20, 2018.

As a celebration of culture and heritage, the Marco Polo festivities around New York City remind us of the contributions of these two historical communities of immigrants and their joint history. Through the story of Marco Polo traversing the Silk Road, we can draw parallels to New York City's own vibrant history, including the shared experiences of Chinese and Italian immigrants coming to the U.S. and the establishment of a historic district celebrating both cultures.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Marco Polo Festival and its leadership, the Marco Polo Festival Committee and Two Bridges Neighborhood Council, on this special 10-year anniversary. These dedicated individuals exemplify outstanding leadership through their public service to the community. I wish the Marco Polo Festival continued success in many more years of service.

HONORING HEIDI SHELTON WITH
CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Heidi Shelton as woman of the year. She is a caring community advocate with a passion for providing resources to those in need. As the co-owner of NorCal Assets Solutions, a business founded, owned, and operated by women, Ms. Shelton is integral to providing seniors and families of the Yuba-Sutter area with information about a range of services, from Medicare planning and long-term care alternatives, to PG&E's Medical program, and safe retirement planning. Always willing to lend a helping hand, Ms. Shelton's history of service includes involvement with community groups such as United Way, the Alzheimer's Association, the Alliance for Hispanic Advancement, and the Salvation Army. She has also worked with 14 Forward, an organization that seeks to assist the homeless with temporary housing and can be seen regularly leading a variety of free workshops throughout the community. As a result of her diligent work and demonstrated ability, she has been a frequent recipient of awards for her service and ability to elicit effective outcomes for the seniors who seek out her expertise. Throughout her many years of service, Ms. Shelton has aided the people of Sutter County with fairness and dedication, proving her willingness and ability to provide quality and exceptional service.

HONORING EMMA HARTLEY, GULF
COAST HEART WALK WARRIOR

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an impressive Gulf Coast philanthropist, Miss Emma Hartley of Gulfport, Mississippi.

My district is nicknamed "Mississippi's Fighting Fourth," earned for Mississippi's spirit and

the residents who call her "home." Most Mississippians have a warrior spirit, a tenacity, a willingness to do whatever it takes to live and nurture each other with compassion and intentional care. These qualities embody one of Mississippi's youngest and most determined warriors—ten-year-old Emma Hartley.

Emma was born August 2, 2008, missing a heart valve. Less than 24 hours after her birth, Emma underwent the first of what would become many surgeries. Perhaps it was an innate fighting spirit and a purpose to persevere for the sake of loving others that brought Emma and her heart safely through that first critical surgery. Perhaps she knew then that she would need to grow strong and develop a voice to encourage others to face tough battles with a smile. Perhaps it is simply that God has big plans for this little girl. What is known is that Mississippi's Gulf Coast is blessed by Emma's heart, beating now for over 10 years, and Emma's desire to make a difference in the lives of those facing similar health challenges.

Emma has outlived the expectations of many of her doctors, and she will soon undergo her fifth surgery. Before age 18, she is likely to face several more; but, she endures each procedure with courage and grace. From an early age, Emma participated with her mom, Lisa Northrup, in fundraising efforts such as Rock Your Scar, the March of Dimes, Mended Little Hearts, and the Heart Walk for the American Heart Association. Now, with the support of family, friends, and her church, Emma champions her own efforts, working hard to raise funds, give speeches, and boost awareness of these causes in her local communities.

Crafting and creating artwork, two of Emma's hobbies, are incorporated into her philanthropic efforts, too. For one of her fundraisers this year Emma sold handcrafted wood signs, some of which were ordered from far away. Also, Emma's artwork has been reproduced in awards given to the top Heart Walk high achievers.

This year's Gulf Coast Heart Walk is on September 22. Emma will offer the opening prayer to start the event. Mississippi is fortunate to have such a brave, talented, ambitious, and inspiring warrior, like Emma Hartley.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
BISHOP JAMES WALKER HOOD
ON THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNI-
VERSARY OF HIS PASSING

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the legendary Bishop James Walker Hood on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his passing. Bishop Hood is credited with establishing the North Carolina African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Conference, the Prince Hall Masons of North Carolina, and Livingstone College, all in my home state of North Carolina.

On May 30, 1831, James Walker Hood was born to Levi and Harriet Walker Hood on the farm of Ephraim Jackson in Chester County, Pennsylvania, nine miles from Wilmington, Delaware. Hood's parents instilled their love of

the church and a spirit to help fellow African Americans improve their lives in their twelve children. Hood's father was a Methodist minister and his work moved the family around the country as he served various churches. Together, Hood's parents became involved in the AME Zion church, established as the Methodist church for Blacks.

Upon coming of age, James Walker Hood's moral and religious convictions led him into ministry. In 1856, Hood secured his license to preach from the New York Conference of the AME Zion Church. In the following years, Hood moved to Connecticut and Nova Scotia to preach and work as a missionary. In early 1864, following the path of the Union Army, Hood was appointed to missionary work in North Carolina, recognizing that legal slavery would soon end. He would then stay in North Carolina for the remainder of his life.

Although Hood was met with strong opposition in establishing the North Carolina Conference of AME Zion Church for African Americans, he persuaded the Black Southern Methodist congregations in New Bern and Beaufort, North Carolina to affiliate with the AME Zion Church. Among the more than 300 churches he successfully established in North Carolina are St. Peter's AME Zion Church (New Bern), Evans Metropolitan AME Zion Church (Fayetteville), and St. John AME Zion Church (Wilmington).

After becoming a Presiding Bishop in 1872, Bishop James Walker Hood resided in Fayetteville until his death on October 30, 1918. He is interred in Cross Creek Cemetery in Fayetteville. Hood helped establish Zion Wesley Institute, now Livingstone College, in Salisbury, North Carolina to train African American students for the ministry and to become productive citizens in North Carolina. He presided over the school's board of trustees for over thirty years.

Bishop Hood was politically active on behalf of his people. In 1865, he presided over the first statewide political convention for African Americans. In 1868, he participated in the state constitutional convention, which abolished slavery, provided universal male suffrage, and established free public education for all children. He also held several government positions, including magistrate and assistant superintendent of the North Carolina Freedman's Bureau.

Bishop Hood was a man of courage, conviction, and persistence. He was unwavering in his commitment to the cause of Christianity and the establishment of the AME Zion Church in North Carolina. It is remarkable that Bishop Hood, who had little formal education, would publish five books, including *The Negro in the Christian Pulpit* (1884) and *Sketch of the Early History of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church* (1914).

Mr. Speaker, by the grace of God, Bishop James Walker Hood left an indelible mark on North Carolina that is still recognized one hundred years after his passing on October 30, 1918.

On behalf of the people of the First Congressional District of North Carolina, ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bishop James Walker Hood's life, work, and legacy on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his passing.

HONORING ROBERT HOOKS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Robert "Bobby" Dean Hooks, a native of the District of Columbia, for his lifetime of empowering African Americans in the arts and for his contributions to race relations in the District.

Robert Hooks' lifelong passion for theater began at the age of nine with his first play, *The Pirates of Penzance*. He later honed his stagecraft at West Philadelphia High in classical works by playwrights such as William Shakespeare and Samuel Beckett. In 1959, Mr. Hooks pursued acting professionally in New York City with works such as Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun* and LeRoi Jones/Amiri Baraka's *Dutchman* in his repertoire. Mr. Hooks simultaneously launched his award-winning television career with his groundbreaking role as the first African American lead on the original N.Y.P.D. series. He is recognized for his over 100 roles in film and television in a career that spanned over 40 years.

During his time in New York City, Mr. Hooks also started the Group Theater Workshop and the Negro Ensemble Company, both of which offered free training in the arts to underprivileged New York City youth.

Following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mr. Hooks returned to the city of his birth—a move he made after meeting with radio host Petey Greene and then-City Administrator Walter E. Washington about the riots of 1968, which had engulfed the District. In 1970, Mr. Hooks unveiled his plans for the DC Black Repertory Company, an all-black theater company in the District, as part of a plan to harness what he believed to be the socially transformative power of theater.

Mr. Hooks executed his plan in partnership with D.C.-area black theater professionals and students at Howard University. The DC Black Repertory Company directly contributed to reducing community tensions during those tumultuous times. The group produced more than 20 plays, telling black stories that had not been told. The DC Black Repertory Company was dissolved in 1976, but its legacy continues through The Rep, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Robert Hooks for his lasting artistic and social contributions to the African American community and to the District of Columbia.

HONORING MARY LOU BATCHELOR
WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DIS-
TRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR
AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Lou Batchelor as a woman of the year. She is well-known in Solano County as a community leader, activist and public