

State University in 1999 as Associate Professor of Biology and Associate Director of Preprofessional Health Careers Program, although he continued as an adjunct professor for a number of years.

Dr. Washington married the love of his life, Dora Scruggs, in 1958, and together they began a teaching career in higher education.

Dr. Washington received many civic and church-related awards, including "Kappa Man of the Year" from the Jackson Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the "Lifetime Achievement Award," given at the 71st Southwestern Provincial meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas. He served as a trustee of the Gulfside Association and as a member of the Board of Trustees, Piney Wood School.

As a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, he served as a choir member, a member of Prime Timers Ministry, the Board of Trustees, and the United Methodist Men's organization, from which he received a Lifetime Award.

Beyond the local church, he served as president and vice president of the Conference United Methodist men and on the Episcopacy Committee.

Dr. Washington is survived by his wife, Dr. Dora Washington of Jackson, Mississippi; children, Dr. E. Patrice Colbert, George C. Washington IV and Tamara Y. Washington.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. George C. Washington III.

#### TEXAS TRADITION—AGGIE MUSTER

#### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, ok, so I may not exactly be the biggest Texas A&M fan around. And, I possibly ruffle a few maroon feathers from time-to-time poking fun at the Aggies. But, one thing I can say without a doubt is that there is no other school that has as loyal a following and dedication to tradition as Texas A&M.

Texas A&M is famous for its traditions, ranging from the Aggie War Hymn, the 12th Man, Midnight Yell, Gig 'em, Reville and of course, the ring. But above all else, there is one tradition that I have the greatest respect for—Aggie Muster.

Every year on April 21st, Aggies from all over the world come together to honor the memories of fellow A&M men and women whose death prevents their answering the Roll Call at the annual Muster. (It is no small coincidence that April 21st is also the anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto—where Texas gained independence from Mexico in 1836.) The Roll is a symbolic Roll Call of all students and former students whom death has taken from the Aggie ranks, but whose memory lives on in Aggie hearts. As each name is called, a comrade will answer "here" in their stead.

This time-honored tradition began in June of 1883 as a reunion of sorts of former students reliving their college days from the ball field to the battlefield. By 1889 it had evolved into a celebration of Texas Independence, and in 1922 it became the official ceremony it is today to account for every Aggie around the world by honoring the "Roll Call of the Ab-

sent" every year on San Jacinto Day, April 21st—the day marking Texas' Independence in 1836.

According to tradition, "if there is an A&M man in one hundred miles of you, you are expected to get together, eat a little, and live over the days you spent at the A&M College of Texas." The most famous example of this edict was the Muster of 1942 under the command of General George Moore during World War II. Amid fierce enemy fire, hunched in the trenches on Corregidor Island in the Philippines, General Moore and 25 fellow Aggies answered the Roll Call for the Aggies who no longer could.

A war correspondent observed the make-shift ceremony and the world was introduced to the Aggie spirit.

During times of war, Muster is especially poignant. Texas A&M has produced more officers in the United States military than even West Point. It has the distinction, other than West Point, of having more Medal of Honor winners than any other university in the United States. When General George Patton was in Europe going to combat in the Third Army, he made a comment about the Texas Aggies and the soldiers that he had under his command. He said, "Give me an army of West Point graduates and I will win a battle. You give me a handful of Texas Aggies, and I will win the war."

The Aggies' long tradition of duty and service to our great nation dates back to their beginning, to the days when A&M was an all-male military academy. Texas A&M trained nearly 4000 troops during World War I and over 20,000 Aggies served in World War II, 14,000 as officers. The entire graduating classes of 1941 and 1942 enlisted in the military. The Aggie War Hymn was written on envelope by Aggie Marine J.V. "Pinky" Wilson while standing guard on the Rhine River during World War I and it remains the most recognizable school fight song across the country—probably the world.

Today, Muster is observed in more than 400 places worldwide and this year's "Roll Call of the Absent" honored 1015 people around the world, including those remarkable young men and women who gave their lives for our country today. The family of former U.S. first lady Barbara Bush elected to defer her recognition at Aggie Muster to 2019, when her family will have the opportunity to participate. When her name is called, Aggies all over the world will whisper "here".

Muster is a time to honor those that have died, and a time for all Aggies to come together to reconnect and celebrate a way of life known only to those that proudly hail from Aggieland. This somber tradition illustrates the deep bond among all Aggies and is a key part of the rich heritage of tradition that sets Texas A&M apart from all the rest.

Gig 'em Aggies.

And that's just the way it is.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. CRAIG LAMOUNTAIN

#### HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2018*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor Mr. Craig LaMountain for his

dedication and accomplishments in establishing the Vietnam War Foundation and Museum for the purpose of memorializing those who fought in Vietnam as well as to educate succeeding generations concerning these veterans' experiences, sacrifices, service, and devotion to duty.

Mr. LaMountain is a Vietnam veteran, drafted into the U.S. Army in October 1966 and coming home in August 1968. Mr. LaMountain began collecting memorabilia and visiting schools in New York after his brother, LT Vetel Charles LaMountain, a Naval aviator crashed while on a mission during the Vietnam War and whose remains were never recovered. When Mr. LaMountain's close cousin, Mickey Addy, died of cancer from Agent Orange, the collection was expanded to further present to schools the opportunity for veterans to share their experiences. Like so many Vietnam veterans, Mr. LaMountain continues to sacrifice to this day in fighting his own battle against the effects of Agent Orange.

Upon retirement, Mr. LaMountain incorporated his collection as the Vietnam War Foundation (VWF), a non-profit 501(c)(3) public education foundation. The VWF provides schoolchildren and the general public the opportunity to learn about the military legacy of the 1960s in a "hands-on", free of charge environment, hear its Vietnam veterans share their stories, and see and touch restored, historic military aircraft and vehicles. No other known educational foundation in the U.S. is totally dedicated to preserving this unique Vietnam era equipment and memorabilia for future generations of schoolchildren and the general public to experience. Mr. LaMountain has devoted himself to this mission for over 30 years.

It is my privilege to honor Mr. Craig LaMountain today, and my sincere hope that you'll join me in recognizing him for his extraordinary effort to present the Vietnam era story and experiences to schools, veterans and their families, historians and the general public.

#### HONORING RYAN HOFMANN

#### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2018*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a dedicated member of my staff, Ryan Hofmann, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Ryan has been on our team for over a year and has worked in several capacities in our Washington, D.C. office. He started as a policy intern last summer in our leadership office, the Republican Policy Committee. He was then hired as a full time staffer in February and is responsible for producing the Legislative Digest, handling tour requests, managing our internship program and advising me on a variety of policy issues.

On a personal note, I admire Ryan's loyalty, intellect and work ethic. He has been a valuable member of our team, and I have no doubt Ryan's future is very bright. I want to thank Ryan for his friendship and his hard work in our office. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

CONDEMNING THE USE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS ON UNARMED ASYLUM SEEKERS

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2018*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the cruelty, heartlessness and failure of the Trump administration immigration policy have reached a new low point with the reprehensible use of chemical agents against unarmed asylum seekers including children. The unilateral, unlawful policy requires those seeking asylum in the U.S. to remain in Mexico after adding their names to an interminable waiting list facing deteriorating living conditions in what increasingly have come to resemble detention camps. The use of violence and fear to deter legal asylum applications ignores the real social, political and economic forces driving emigration and the role of current and historical U.S. foreign and economic policies in creating those conditions. A nation of immigrants such as the United States deserves, demands, a policy collectively-negotiated with our neighbors grounded in democracy and human rights and dedicated to mutual social and economic development.

HONORING CHIEF PETTY OFFICER NORVEL BAPTISTE KING

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a valiant and selfless community servant, Chief Petty Officer Norvel Baptiste King. Chief Petty Officer King has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and the desire to serve his country honorably.

Norvel, a resident of Benton, Mississippi, is a 1988 graduate of Yazoo City High School.

Norvel Baptiste King joined the Navy in 1987, prior to graduation on the delayed entry program. On September 6, 1988, he went to boot camp in San Diego, CA. His first ship was the USS *Midway* CV-41 in Yokosuka, Japan. In October 1991, he left active duty and in November of the same year, he joined the Navy Reserves in Jackson, MS. In 2008, he was mobilized to Kuwait and assigned to the Custom Unit. He held several positions during his Navy career: Assistant Command Career Counselor, Assistant Department Head, First Class Petty Officer and Chief Petty Officer.

Chief Petty Officer King is married to Tracy Collier-King and they are the parents of seven children and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chief Petty Officer Norvel Baptiste King for his dedication and tenacity to serving his country and desire to be an example for all.

HONORING MEGAN ROBERTSON

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2018*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Megan Robertson, for her work in my office and her service to our state.

Megan worked on our team during my first term in office, serving as Communications Director. In that role, Megan advised me on communications strategy and served as my spokesperson. She brought a wide breadth of political knowledge from her experience on campaigns, which helped us establish the framework for our communications operation. She's also a huge Bears fan and I always enjoyed talking about the NFL with her too.

I would like to thank Megan for her hard work in our office. I wish her and Katie continued success in all that remains ahead for their family.

HONORING MARY MCCULLOUGH

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2018*

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Mary McCullough for a lifetime of service to her community, including her extraordinary efforts to address healthcare needs in Hollister, California. Ms. McCullough has been recognized by many local civic and community organizations for these efforts, most recently as the Hazel Hawkins Hospital Foundation's 2018 "Heart for Hazel" award recipient.

After moving to Hollister in 1963, Ms. McCullough immediately immersed herself in the community. She joined several community organizations and quickly distinguished herself as a leader in local preschools, concert associations, Girl Scouts, Woman's Fund, and the United Way. In addition to her volunteerism and community work, Ms. McCullough also made time to help establish the Community Foundation for San Benito County, which serves as a hub for philanthropic work in the area.

Most notably, Ms. McCullough chose to dedicate her time and efforts to improving healthcare at local and statewide levels. In 1963, Ms. McCullough joined the Hospital Auxiliary as a volunteer and, in 1982, began serving on the San Benito Health Care District Board of Directors, where she remained until her retirement earlier this year. She was also appointed to the Association of California Healthcare Districts Board of Directors where she has served since 2002. In these roles, Ms. McCullough committed to herself to supporting healthcare facilities and locations to better serve patients and their families.

During Ms. McCullough's tenure, the San Benito Health Care District Board oversaw the construction of a skilled nursing facility, extension of the main hospital, and development of a state-of-the-art emergency department and women's center. As Ms. McCullough prepares for her retirement from these positions, I am thankful for her work and feel confident that she will remain an active member of our community.

I am deeply grateful for Ms. McCullough's commitment to public service to the residents of San Benito County and state of California. As she celebrates her retirement, I am proud to recognize her for the invaluable work she has completed. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Mary McCullough on her lifetime of service and congratulate her on a well-earned retirement.

PLEASANTON VETERANS POST OFFICE

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2018*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present H.R. 1210, which will re-name the post office facility located at 122 W. Goodwin Street, Pleasanton, Texas, as the "Pleasanton Veterans Post Office." This bill will show our appreciation for the veterans of Pleasanton, Texas, and ensure their service and sacrifices to our country is not forgotten.

Across my district, fine men and women of all walks of life have honorably served our country. It is critical that we honor their service and dedication to our nation. Pleasanton alone is home to over 600 veterans. Dedication this post office to our veterans will serve as an enduring reminder of the sacrifices that our friends, neighbors, and family made while serving their country. These individuals put country ahead of self, and I am proud to recognize them with the dedication of this post office facility.

Today, I acknowledge the service of Judge Robert "Bob" L. Hurley of Pleasanton, TX. Judge Hurley served in the United States Air Force as a medic and eventually rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was NCOIC of the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Medical Clinic—Medical Records and Appointments Department. After the completion of his service, he moved back to Pleasanton. He later became president of two companies and served his hometown as both a councilmember and mayor. He now serves as a Judge for Atascosa County, a position he's held since 2014.

We owe our freedom to veterans like Judge Hurley, which is why I am recognizing him with the dedication of this post office. He is just one example of the many veterans who prioritize service to their country. The bravery and commitment of these men and women to our nation demonstrates what it really means to be an American.

I would also like to take a moment to thank the veterans' organizations throughout my district for their tireless work in providing the care our veterans need. And in the words of President John F. Kennedy, "A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers."

HONORING DR. TIMOTHY QUINN

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dynamic young man of our community, Dr. Timothy Quinn.