

After returning to Vicksburg in 1970, Louise worked in the Vicksburg School System as a Substitute Teacher. Later, she began working at Sears in sales and training as coordinator. She retired after 21 years of service.

Louise is a member of Mount Calvary M.B. Church. She has been a member of the Vicksburg Homecoming Benevolent Club since 1986. Louise has served as assistant treasurer, treasurer, and financial secretary for the club. She has a heart to serve as needed. She loves life, reading, traveling and having fun.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Louise Stewart for her dedication and tenacity to serving her community and desire to be an example for all.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF REVEREND JOSEPHUS
EGGELLETON, JR.

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend and longtime Broward County politician, Reverend Josephus Eggelletion, Jr.

Joe was born on April 23, 1949, in Miami, Florida, to a family that, though of humble means, was rich in love for one another and their community. He graduated from Dillard High School in Fort Lauderdale and completed his undergraduate studies at Florida A&M University, before starting a life dedicated to public service and his community.

As one of Broward County's longest-serving black elected officials, his political career began in 1990 on the Lauderdale Lakes City Council, where he filled the vacancy of the late Sol Rossman. Joe went on to become Broward County's first African American mayor. He then served in Florida's House of Representatives from 1992 through 1998. His political career continued when he was elected to the Broward County Commission, where he served until 2009.

After a long battle with prostate cancer, Joe died on November 21, 2018 at the age of 69. He will be remembered as a caring friend and committed public servant whose career spanned more than 20 years.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my deepest sympathies to Joe's wife, Carolyn and his entire family. While he is no longer with us, his spirit and loving memory will always live on, and he will be dearly missed.

FAITH, FAMILY, PHILANTHROPY,
AND FOOTBALL: REMEMBERING
BOB MCNAIR

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Houstonians will never forget October 6, 1999, when the NFL announced that the 32nd NFL franchise had been awarded to American businessman, Robert C. McNair. This adopted

Texan will forever be remembered as the man that brought professional football back to Houston.

McNair grew up in Forest City, North Carolina, and graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1958. He and his wife, Janice, moved to Houston two years later. McNair founded Cogen Technologies, which became the largest privately owned cogeneration company in the world. He then sold the bulk of it to Enron in 1999 for \$1.1 billion with an eye toward becoming a National Football League owner.

During his nearly two decades as an NFL owner, McNair left a lasting mark on the city of Houston. His leadership and determination brought the NFL back to Houston, built a spectacular stadium, and was instrumental in bringing two Super Bowls to Houston.

Football was not the only good thing McNair gave to Houston. Throughout his life, McNair and his charitable foundations gave more than \$500 million to a countless number of scientific, literary, educational, and faith-based organizations. McNair chaired the Robert and Janice McNair Foundation and the Houston Texans Foundation for more than 25 years. Ten years before he became known to most of us and before he was awarded the Texans franchise, McNair and his wife started the Robert and Janice McNair Educational Foundation to ensure all students in his hometown who so desired, would have the opportunity to attend college. Thousands of individuals have now received a better education; changing their lives because of McNair's selfless character.

McNair passed away on Friday, November 23, 2018 at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife, Janice; two sons, Cal and Cary; two daughters, Ruth and Melissa, 15 grandchildren, and two great grandsons. McNair was once asked by the NFL Network how he would like to be remembered. He replied "I'd like to think that I'd be remembered as an honorable man, as a good Christian man, and that I always did things in a first-class manner and treated people honestly. I think that would be a good legacy."

Mr. Speaker, Bob McNair lived his life always revolving around four main values: Faith, Family, Philanthropy, and Football. May we all strive to live a life well lived around those kind of values, and to leave a positive impact like Bob McNair.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING PHOENIX PROJECT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FOUNDATION, INC.

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 non-profit organization, Phoenix Project Community Development Foundation, Inc.

Phoenix Project Community Development Foundation, Inc. (PPCDF, Inc.) is a development corporation headquartered at 997 Main Street in Fayette, Mississippi. The name of this organization was derived from the myth of the Phoenix bird, which fell to Earth and burned to ashes yet rose from the ashes to at-

tain greater heights. This is the "Phoenix Vision" for Southwest Mississippi.

This organization was founded in 1995 by Walter Huston, Executive Director and Volley Davis, Deputy Director.

PPCDF, Inc. serves the residents and citizens of Southwest Mississippi by aiding in community and economic development matters such as: Workforce Development, Community Leadership Programs, Grant Writing and Community Education Programs. PPCDF, Inc. also aids individuals, government entities, nonprofits, churches and fraternal organizations. The focus for this organization is to devise strategies that: reduce pervasive poverty, alleviate high systemic unemployment; elevate educational achievement for youth and adults and to raise the standard of living for all residents of Southwest Mississippi.

PPCDF, Inc. received the "Making Things Better Award" at the 2003 Low-Income Customer Summit, in New Orleans, Louisiana sponsored by ENTERGY Corporation and in 2001 this organization conducted "Leadership Jefferson", a nine-month community leadership development program for citizens of Jefferson County, Mississippi.

PPCDF, Inc. also operated "Phoenix AOP" (Adolescent Opportunity Program) a program for adolescent offenders ages 12 to 17. This program assisted participants in: Character Building, Leadership, Academic and Social Skills and operated from 2008 until April 2016 in Claiborne, Jefferson and Pearl River Counties.

In Fiscal Year, 2016–2017, PPCDF, Inc. entered into a partnering agreement with Families First of MS, offering an afterschool tutoring for youth's in grades 1 through 12, which included: ACT Prep and On-Line Diploma Program for Dropouts and Adult Learners. Also, other services are: Workforce Readiness, Youth Development, Financial Literacy, and Parenting classes.

The mission to reduce poverty, high unemployment, and elevate educational achievement gaps will be met while teaching students Alternative Life and Workforce Readiness Skills. Phoenix Project Community Development Foundation, Inc. is also a designated ACT WORKKEYS Assessment Site.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this great organization, Phoenix Project Community Development Foundation, Inc., that is serving and giving back to the community in Fayette, MS and the surrounding areas.

HONORING AWILDA RIVERA

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor Awilda Rivera, who is a Senior Congressional Assistant and Caseworker in my district office and is retiring after more than 30 years of service. She has been a key part of my team for almost the entirety of my time in Congress, and my staff and I will sorely miss her.

Awilda began her work on behalf of Bronxites in 1988, with my predecessor, Congressman Robert Garcia. She later joined my staff, and has been with my office for more

than 27 years. Her work was always stellar, and she consistently went above and beyond the call of duty to help constituents with whatever problems they had. She had a hard time saying no to assisting individuals in need. Helping others is, and I believe will always be, her passion.

Although she has worked on a number of casework areas, Awilda primarily focused on immigration issues. Awilda's knowledge of our immigration laws likely outstrips that of many immigration attorneys, and other elected officials frequently sought out her advice and assistance on casework issues. It is not an exaggeration to say that she has helped literally thousands of my constituents obtain citizenship, resolve visa issues, and help family members living at home and abroad. I cannot tell you the number of times that people relate stories to me about how she helped them or a close family member resolve a problem.

Awilda's passion for The Bronx is evident in her work and in her commitment to our community. She has lived in The Bronx all her life and raised both of her children in our borough. Today, she is a mother of two, Octavia Rivera and Jazmine Velez, and grandmother to Timothy, Noah, Camille and Andre.

Awilda comes from a musical family. Her father plays the guitar and her son, Octavia Rivera, is a well-known artist who goes by Toby Love. Her brother is also a musician. Awilda loves music, dancing, and—above all—her family. In fact, she plans to help care for her father in Puerto Rico in the future.

My constituents will deeply miss Awilda's advocacy, her compassion, and her selflessness. She is a legend in the community. I am deeply grateful for Awilda's dedication to helping others, and to the work that she has done for my office and my constituents. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Awilda Rivera for her distinguished service and extensive contributions to The Bronx and to the Nation.

HONORING TYLER SILVEUS

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Tyler Silveus for his contribution to our state.

During my entire tenure in Congress, Tyler has been a loyal friend and wise adviser. Tyler is also a leader in Indiana's agriculture industry, serving as an executive at Silveus Insurance Group. He also served as a member of the 6th District Agriculture Advisory Committee where he met with my team regularly to discuss emerging agriculture issues. Our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Tyler is a brother in Christ. I have appreciated his prayers and encouragement over the years. I would like to thank him for his friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for Tyler and his family.

HONORING FONDA MAGEE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker and fellow colleagues I rise today to honor a worthy member of our society, Mrs. Fonda Magee.

She earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Alcorn State University. After graduating with a degree in Accounting she worked for the IRS in Atlanta. She moved back to Mississippi and worked as a project manager for Skytel for 9 years. She taught 6th grade and 8th grade math at Siwell middle school.

Later, she opened her own accounting firm named LKT Professional Tax where she has been in business for 18 years and her business continue to grow each year.

Mrs. Magee founded a young girls group called YLOTS where she mentors girls and has a girls only summer camp. Her passion is working with the youth and helping to make changes in this world. She takes countless number of youths all over the states on HBCU tours, encourage each student to attend college as well as educating them of the many choices out there. Mrs. Magee serves on the Youth department at her church Emmanuel Baptist to help raise money to send students to college. Mrs. Magee has been married for 25 years and together they have two girls and three foster sons.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Fonda Magee.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, I was inadvertently detained on roll call vote 418. Had I been present to vote, I would have voted "nay."

CELEBRATING THE ASIAN AMERICAN PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATION'S PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR DR. LIVELEEN M. GILL

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise to acknowledge the extraordinary achievements of Dr. Liveleen M. Gill who is recognized by the Asian American Physician Association (AAPA) as the Physician of the Year. AAPA is a not-for-profit organization comprised of 100 doctors of Indian origin. Their efforts help to utilize their expertise as physicians to serve the community by holding free health fairs and enabling inner-city students the opportunity to experience the many medical advancements in today's practice.

Dr. Gill's passion for medicine started a world away in India where she excelled in biol-

ogy-related coursework. She was a gold medalist on her Higher Secondary Exam and she went on to complete an M.B. B.S. curriculum at Delhi University. Prior to the start of an internship, Liveleen met Harbinder Singh Gill who was visiting India from the United States. History took its course and Liveleen joined Harbinder overseas in America.

Dr. Liveleen Gill represents the best of the Western New York community. Dr. Gill wasted no time in becoming a diligent practitioner of medicine, starting her residency in Internal Medicine at Millard Fillmore Gates Circle. Although a relatively unknown physician at the time, Dr. Gill's medical skills quickly won her the respect and admiration of her colleagues. Dr. Gill went on to a rotation at Roswell Park Cancer Institute and because of her hard work and expertise, she earned a fellowship. Dr. Gill established herself in the community by creating her own practice starting in a series of part-time, rented office spaces and growing that into her private practice which contains several examination rooms, an infusion room, nursing, billing and administrative staff.

Dr. Gill is Board Certified in Medical Oncology and Internal Medicine earning her New York State Medical License in 1982. She belongs to the AAPA and the American Society of Clinical Oncology. Dr. Gill's practice thrived thanks to her impressive clinical skills, her conservative approach to treatment and the many wonderful relationships she developed in the field. On top of her tremendous professional success, Dr. Gill is also the proud mother of 2 grown children Jay and Sabrina.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to take a few moments to recognize Dr. Liveleen M. Gill. Her story of success showcases the vibrant and talented immigrants we have here in Western New York who work tirelessly to support our diverse community. I am honored to recognize the many wonderful contributions that Dr. Liveleen Gill has made to the medical field and thank her for the great care she has shown so many fellow Western New Yorkers.

HONORING HATTIE YOUNG

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 remarkable public servant, Pastor Hattie Young.

Pastor Young was born and raised in Grace, Mississippi. Her parents migrated to Scott, Mississippi and later to Greenville, Mississippi.

Pastor Young defied all odds as high school dropout who dared to dream and through many heartaches and pains as a single parent with three children dug her way out of poverty through faith in God.

Pastor Young has received her Bachelor and Master of Science degree in Elementary Education (Mississippi Valley State University), Master of Science degree in Administration and Supervision (Delta State University), and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies (Exodus School of the Bible).

After retiring as a principal in the Greenville Public School District where through her leadership at Weddington Elementary School she received high scholastic marks with local, regional and state recognition.