

Keeper of the Light Award from The Indiana Commission for Women for her extensive and change producing work. She also received the Circle of Hope Award from Fairbanks Hospital, the Salute to Families award from Family Services of Central Indiana, and the Parent Advocate award from Drug Free Marion County. Notably, in 2015, Marissa was named one of the top 20 women in philanthropic work by Michael Chatman, who hosts the Giving Show and features leaders committed to creating a more generous world through philanthropy. She shares this title with the likes of Oprah Winfrey.

Marissa has made a remarkable impression on her community through her lifetime commitment to service. She has truly left a legacy of success at the Indiana Philanthropic Alliance that will be built upon for years to come. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I congratulate Marissa on her extraordinary career and extend my gratitude for all the wonderful contributions she has made to our Hoosier community. While I know Marissa will be missed at the Indiana Philanthropic Alliance, I wish the very best to her husband, Kim, and the rest of her family as she moves into the next phase of her life.

#### HONORING JOHN HUSTON

#### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a longtime member of my staff, John Huston, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

John has been on our team from the very beginning and has worked in a variety of capacities in our office, both in our Indiana and Washington, D.C. offices. He started as an unpaid intern over seven years ago, has been promoted five times, and currently serves as my Legislative Director. During his time in our office he developed and wrote numerous bills, helped guide several of my bills through enactment, and has become one of my most trusted advisors.

On a personal note, John and I share a love of the life lessons of sports and a commitment to putting faith and family first in our life. John has been my advisor, but more importantly, I consider John my friend. Over these years, it has been a joy to watch John grow as a leader, as a Christian and as a man. I am very proud of him.

I wish John continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family. I have no doubt John's biggest impact on our state and nation are yet to come. I look forward to cheering John on in those efforts.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE MARY HORN

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a trailblazer and dedicated public servant. Judge Mary Horn has served our North Texas community for decades.

Although she was born and raised in Minnesota, Judge Horn has deep roots in the Lone Star State. After a successful business career, she won her 1992 bid for Denton County Tax Assessor-Collector, becoming the first woman to serve in the position. After nearly a decade, she once again set out on the path to blaze a new trial.

In 2002, Judge Horn made history as the first woman to serve as a Denton County Judge. Over the last 16 years, Judge Horn has helped to lead our county through unprecedented growth. During her tenure as the longest serving Denton County Judge, she has shown great wisdom, compassion, and dedication.

It has been a great joy to count Judge Horn as a friend and fellow public servant. Her achievements are numerous, her contributions are significant, and her accolades are well-deserved. On behalf of the 26th District of Texas, I extend my sincere thanks to Judge Horn upon her retirement, and I wish her and her family well as they enter this new season together.

#### HONORING ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY'S FOOTBALL TEAM

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Alcorn State University's Football Team on becoming the 2018 SWAC Champions.

On Saturday, December 1, in Lorman, Mississippi at the Jack Spinks Stadium, Alcorn State's Football Team contested against Southern University for the SWAC Championship. This made their fifth consecutive SWAC Championship visits since 2014. The Braves have competed for the title winning three of the five, years 2014, 2015, and 2018.

The SWAC Championship Game is an American college football game that is held annually on the first Saturday in December by the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) to determine its football champion. The game pits the champion of the Eastern Division against the champion of the Western Division in a game that follows the conclusion of the regular season.

From 2015 onward, the winner of the game has represented the SWAC in the Celebration Bowl. Since 2013, Toyota has been the title sponsor and the contest is officially named the Toyota SWAC Football Championship.

In brief, Alcorn State University, formally known as, Alcorn A&M is a historically black university located northwest of Lorman, Mississippi. The university was founded in 1871 by the Reconstruction-era legislature to provide higher education for freedmen. It is the first black land grant college established in the United States.

One of the institution's most notable alumni was Medgar Evers, a civil rights activist, who graduated in 1952. The university is a member-school of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. The student body has grown from 179 mostly male students to an enrollment of almost 4000 as of Fall 2018.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Alcorn State University's Foot-

ball Team for becoming the 2018 SWAC Champions.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YWCA USA

#### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 160th anniversary of the YWCA USA. Since the first YWCA USA branch opened in 1858, in my home state of New York, the organization has expanded to include 213 United States locations and its programs serve 2 million individuals nationwide. The YWCA USA has stayed true to its mission of eliminating racism and empowering women throughout its rich history.

Many prominent social movements, past and present, have included activism from the YWCA USA. This includes advocacy for women's voting rights, civil rights, pay equity and gender-based violence prevention. With their voices at the forefront of many social issues, the YWCA USA is taking a stand for the rights of women across the country.

In addition to advocacy, YWCA USA offers a wide variety of resources so women can reach their full potential. Financial literacy and job training are two such prominent programs offered by the YWCA USA. Women have the ability to secure economic opportunity and gain financial independence with the help of the skills developed with these resources.

Furthermore, YWCA USA is committed to the higher education of young women. They have sought to increase female representation in the science, technology, engineering and math fields with their "Girls in STEM" courses, as well as financially support college-bound young women by providing 20,000 scholarships annually.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating 160 years of the YWCA USA. I have witnessed the life-changing work carried out by the YWCA USA at the Onondaga County location in my district. The efforts of the YWCA USA have greatly advanced the lives of women in my district and across the United States. I encourage my fellow members in the House to support the mission of the YWCA USA, as well as organizations promoting a similar message of equality. Women are moving closer to equality in our society and with the help of groups like the YWCA USA, we can achieve that equality.

#### RECOGNIZING HUILIANG LIU

#### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the President and co-founder of the Denver Chinese School, Huiliang Liu. President Huiliang Liu has overseen the growth of the school from a single room class in 1998 to its current size of three different campuses in the Denver metropolitan area with over four hundred students. Huiliang Liu is truly an icon in our community and it is my honor to recognize him in the United States House of Representatives.

President Huiliang Liu's work has made the difference in the lives of countless Chinese-American students as they gain a greater appreciation and understanding of their ancestor's historical homeland, and thereby contributing to the cultural fabric of our community.

The Denver Chinese School provides courses and programs that serve to enlighten the community with educational and cultural enrichment. The Denver Chinese School organizes the largest Colorado Chinese New Year Celebration held in the State of Colorado.

Throughout his 20 years of dedicated service, President Huiliang Liu has guided the Denver Chinese School to be the excellent organization and valuable asset to the State of Colorado that it is today. I look forward to and wish Huiliang Liu and the Denver Chinese School nothing but continued success in its future.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLIE  
BRONITSKY

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Charlie Bronitsky upon his departure from the city council of Foster City and the governing board of the Estero Municipal Improvement District. During his service, Charlie has been a well-reasoned, principled voice for smart change in a city undergoing significant transformation.

He was born in Brooklyn and moved to California in 1980 to finish his education in Berkeley. He is a graduate of the U.C. Berkeley School of Law, as it is now known, and practices real estate law focusing on transactions and litigation, including construction litigation. He brings to the city council a vast knowledge of land use law, mediation, and the intricacies of how every level of government operates. After he served on the planning commission for 3½ years, the residents of Foster City wisely selected him to serve on the city council, starting in 2009.

Of course, 2009 was an extraordinarily bad year for our economy. Foster City finances cratered and the council had to make very difficult decisions. City staff endured layoffs and the public endured service reductions. During this time, Charlie supported the consolidation of fire service with surrounding communities. He also supported partnering with San Mateo to deliver park and recreation services. By 2013, the city's finances were stabilized but challenges remained. An economic plan, written in part by Charlie and a colleague on the council, was passed and the city's growth since has largely followed its outline.

Charlie represents Foster City on the board of the regional water agency which guarantees clean, reliable water at a fair price to all ratepayers. He is a leader on infrastructure issues, supporting renovations of the wastewater treatment plant and levee repairs to protect residents from catastrophic flooding. The construction of a senior residence development near city hall was due to a significant degree to the leadership of Charlie Bronitsky. Throughout these times, he's been a champion for sustainability initiatives. During his second term as Mayor, the city was one of

two that received a Platinum Sustainability Best Practices Award from the Institute of Local Government.

With the economy now recovered, major companies, such as Illumina and Gilead, are creating or adding to their corporate campuses in Foster City. Startups are once again moving into the office complexes in the city. Science and its bounty are powering the growth of this community that offers products and services around the globe.

Foster City is also coping with enormous traffic that travels through the city on its way to surrounding communities. Councilmember Bronitsky has repeatedly advocated for the city to experiment with measures to deal with traffic rather than conducting lengthy studies or trying half-hearted measures. He has also cautioned residents to be mindful of the way a city's budget is financed in modern-day California. Development brings additional property tax revenue to provide such essential services as police, fire, parks and libraries. His message is wise and needed during a time of change.

Mr. Speaker, Foster City is a small town of 35,000 where families come to thrive, where seagulls come to dive, and where pelicans and boaters vie for space on the lagoons. For all its beauty, Councilmember Charlie Bronitsky chose to run for the city council when our nation was in crisis and the town's budget was severely challenged. He stepped up because that's what a citizen of this nation does when a community needs leadership.

His priorities in 2009 included strong fiscal management of the city, the construction of a senior living facility near city hall, and managed, green growth. All three have largely been achieved during his terms in office. Residents can be certain that Charlie Bronitsky cast his votes and made his public comments with the best interests of existing and future residents in mind. He will now return to private life and leave the opportunities of leadership to his successors. I am proud to call Charlie a friend and colleague and wish him and his equally impressive wife Martha and son Will much happiness and continued success.

HONORING JASON GRASSIE

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Jason Grassie, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Jason served as the Legislative Director in my Washington, D.C. office for nearly two years. During that time, he developed and wrote numerous pieces of legislation, helped guide several of my bills through enactment, and became one of my most trusted advisers. Jason was an effective leader for the rest of the legislative team and I'll always appreciate his dedication to the success of our office.

On a personal note, Jason and I share a love of the life lessons of sports and a commitment to putting faith and family first in our life. Jason has been my advisor, but more importantly, I consider Jason my friend.

I wish Jason continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family. I

have no doubt Jason's biggest impact on our state and nation are yet to come. I look forward to cheering Jason on in those efforts.

REMEMBRANCE OF TONYA  
CHISSELL WILLIAMS, DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT WHO MADE VALUABLE AND SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to inform the House that Tonya Chissell Williams, who served the people of the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas for many years as a senior staff member in my Houston district office, passed away on November 16, 2018, in Houston, Texas.

Tonya Chissell Williams overcame life-changing challenges to complete her college education and her hard work and resilience was rewarded with both a prestigious Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Congressional internship which she served in my office and a Mickey Leland Congressional Fellow.

Tonya Chissell Williams continued her career in public service in my Houston district as a Field Representative and Caseworker and her excellent performance earned the promotion to the position of Senior Casework Manager and Special Events Coordinator.

Mr. Speaker, Tonya Chissell Williams was a beloved employee and public servant. She was always there to lend a helping hand as demonstrated through the countless projects on which she worked on behalf of those who needed a hand up including the annual Beat the Heat Program; the 18th Congressional District's "Moms Summit" and the "When Women Succeed America Succeeds" events designed to empower, educate and uplift women; the "Back to School" event that furnishes children with backpacks and fresh haircuts; the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway; and her biggest love, the Toys for Kids annual event that provides young children with the wonder and joy of the Christmas season.

Tonya leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Kendrick Lawrence Williams; one son, Jason Alexander Chissell; her mother, Sharon Ann Chissell; her father, Joseph Rodriguez Chissell; two sisters, Shannon Elizabeth Chissell-Uzomaka (Santa Eugene) and Khian Chissell-Martin (Jeffrey); two brothers, Joseph Nicholas Chissell and Rodriguez Joseph Lomax (Kewanda); her brother-in-law, Carlton Anthony Williams (Danielle); two nieces, Shariann (Sharie Berry) Elaine Uzomaka and Kamryn A. Martin; three nephews, Shawn A. Robinson, Jamoriss Martin, and Joseph N. Chissell, Jr. (deceased); and a host of relatives, friends, and loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following resolution honoring Tonya Chissell Williams and that the House observe a moment of silence in her memory: