

The United States was one of the original United Nations member countries to vote to adopt the historic Paris Climate Accord, which commits to a global initiative to combat climate change and its effects. Unfortunately, this administration has withdrawn the U.S. from this vital global agreement.

Many American cities and states, especially the San Francisco Bay Area and throughout California, are committed to meeting the objectives laid out in the Paris Climate Accord. As their representatives in Congress, we are dedicated to maintaining the United States' role as a global leader and will continue to advocate for the U.S. to be an active participant in fulfilling the principles and objectives of the Paris Climate Accord.

Mitigating the effects of rapid climate change is a global imperative that requires participation from all levels of government, as well as private industry, non-governmental organizations and individuals in our global community.

We applaud the collaboration of those stakeholders in the San Francisco Bay Area who have joined together to hold the Bay Area Climate Action Forum. They are leading by example to show that a regional commitment to climate action is a critical component to finding sustainable solutions.

HONORING THE UNC CHARLOTTE MEN'S RUGBY TEAM

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the UNC Charlotte 49ers Men's Rugby Team and congratulate them on their National Men's DII 7s Championship. The 49ers defeated the University of Wisconsin Whitewater on May 20, 2018.

Led by Coach Brent "Bo" Pasko, UNC Charlotte capped off an impressive undefeated 2018 season and won its third straight Southern Rugby Conference championship. In the quarterfinals, the team defeated Principia College and moved on to eliminate Bloomsburg University in the semifinals. In the championship game, the Niners bested the University of Wisconsin Whitewater (38–10) to secure a perfect record during the tournament.

The 49ers jumpstarted the championship game with fly half and MVP Michael Basnett scoring the first two tries in rapid succession. Wisconsin Whitewater responded by drawing the game within two points before Basnett crossed once more—advancing the score to 19–10. In the second half, the 49ers opened the flood gates and tries were scored swiftly. Basnett dominated the second half, scoring at will and orchestrating the 49ers' offense to perfection.

It was an immense victory for UNC Charlotte. In defeating the University of Wisconsin Whitewater, the 49ers upset the reigning Division II Rugby 15s and 7s champions. As a proud UNC Charlotte Rugby Alumnus, it brings me great pride to recognize these extraordinary young men as well as all of the coaches and support staff that made this Championship possible. The hard work and dedication exhibited by each member of the team during the season will continue to serve

them well in life. They are a source of pride to both UNC Charlotte as well as the surrounding community. I already can't wait to see what 2019 has in store for the 49ers.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating the UNC Charlotte 49ers Men's Rugby Team on their national title. Go mean green.

COMMEMORATING THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTEGRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the countless brave men and women who worked to achieve integration on the campus of the University of Alabama (UA). This battle was finally won on June 11, 1963, nearly a decade after the U.S. Supreme Court declared segregation unconstitutional in the 1954 landmark case of *Brown v. Board of Education*. On that day, school officials attempted to allow black students to enter the University of Alabama, while then-Governor George C. Wallace took his infamous "Stand in the Schoolhouse Door."

During the stand, Governor Wallace stood at the doors of Foster Auditorium at the University of Alabama to physically, and symbolically, block the entry of two black students: Vivian Malone and James Hood.

While Hood and Malone's attempt to desegregate the University of Alabama was historic, they were not the first black students to apply or attend the school. Autherine Lucy, a graduate student from Shiloh, had been accepted to the University and attended for three days in 1956. In response to her attendance, mob violence broke out on UA's campus, and university officials said the school could no longer protect Lucy. She filed an unsuccessful lawsuit against the University, which was used as an excuse to expel her.

Five years later, with the help of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund of Alabama, Hood and Malone applied to enroll at the University of Alabama. Their applications were denied and the two students faced threats for even applying, but Hood and Malone persisted. After two years of court proceedings, District Court Judge Harlan Grooms granted Hood and Malone permission to enroll at the University of Alabama, ruling that the University was in violation of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

Despite the ruling, Governor Wallace blocked the school doors, even as federal authorities demanded he step aside. When Wallace refused to budge, President John F. Kennedy called for 100 troops from the Alabama National Guard to assist federal marshals in helping Hood and Malone enter campus. At that point, Governor Wallace stepped aside.

In 1965, Malone received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management and became the first African American to graduate from the University of Alabama. Hood left the University after only two months, but returned in 1995 to begin earning his doctorate degree. On May 17, 1997, he received his Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Studies.

The legacy of Wallace's stand in the schoolhouse door is twofold. Although it is a reminder of the sacrifices made by African American students seeking a higher education, it also served as a turning point for the first steps toward racial equality at the University and within the State of Alabama.

We commend the bravery and determination of the students who continued to fight for their rights and for equal access to education despite facing resistance from all levels of society. We also recognize the importance of continuing to work towards creating a more fair and just society for all citizens.

In the years since the "Stand in the Schoolhouse Doors," Malone, Hood, and countless others have been able to rightfully enroll at the University of Alabama. To this day, students of all ethnicities and backgrounds, including those involved in UA's Black Alumni Association, have gone on to earn undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees from the University of Alabama. As Malone reflected on her time at the University, she hoped that her impact would be lasting. "I was just one person, but I think of the thousands of people who came after me, and I would just like to think their road might have been a little bit easier, [because of us]" Malone said.

It is because of the courage shown by Vivian Malone and James Hood that students from the University of Alabama have since been able to create a Black Alumni Association dedicated to alumni engagement, scholarship support, mentoring, and networking. Since it was established in 2016, the group has contributed more than \$16,000 in donations towards the AAAN Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Since 1963, the University of Alabama has continued to solidify its legacy by exemplifying its continued commitment to inclusion and equality for all persons willing to learn and grow on their campus. Regardless of race, the University of Alabama promises to welcome all students through its doors.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating diversity and inclusion at the University of Alabama on the 55th anniversary of its integration.

RECOGNIZING MR. NATHAN CHITTENDEN OF DUTCH HOLLOW FARM IN SCHODACK LANDING, NEW YORK

HON. JOHN J. FASO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today to recognize the many achievements of Mr. Nathan Chittenden of Dutch Hollow Farm in Schodack Landing, New York. Nate has been named the recipient of Cornell University's prestigious Hometown Alumni Award. This designation recognizes Cornell graduates who have returned to their hometown to start or develop a business while also being active and engaged members of their communities.

Nate is a third-generation farmer, carrying on his family's rich dairy farming tradition. Following his graduation from Cornell in 2000 with a degree in dairy science, he returned to the family farm. Since then, he has grown

Dutch Hollow Farm and has become an esteemed advocate and clarion voice for the dairy farming industry across New York State.

Dairy farming is a vitally important part of our identity in Upstate New York, and Nate has worked tirelessly to ensure it remains the engine of our local economy. Through his active participation in the Columbia-Greene Cornell Extension Board, the Agri-Mark Young Cooperators Board, and as a local 4-H dairy leader for over two decades, Nate has become a fixture within the farming community as well as the greater Rensselaer County community.

This Hometown Alumni Award is a true testament to Nate's steadfast commitment to his community and to dairy farming. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this honor. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Nate on receiving this award. His lifetime of hard work is inspirational, and I am grateful for his many contributions to New York State and to our robust dairy industry.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JASON LEWIS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, on June 20, 2018, during roll call vote No. 276 and No. 278 on the passage of H.R. 5797, the IMD CARE Act, and H.R. 6082, the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act, I was not present on the floor to cast my vote. I fully intended to vote "yes" on both pieces of legislation which will help address the opioid crisis facing our nation.

HONORING WALTER J. CORTER

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and community contributions of Walter J. Corter, of the Third Congressional District, who will retire on July 1, 2018, after over thirty four years of public service to Burlington Township.

Walter has dedicated his career to serving the public. He was hired as a Burlington Township Police Officer in 1974 and held various assignments in the Patrol Division and Investigation Division. He was then appointed as the Public Safety Director in 1983, and remained in that position until 1994. From 1995 to 2003, he served as the Chief of Investigations for the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office. He additionally served 12 years as Burlington Township's Emergency Management Coordinator. In 2004, he returned to the role of Public Safety Director where he remained until 2011. He was ultimately appointed as the Township Administrator in 2012 and has served in that position ever since.

Walter has received numerous recognitions throughout his career, including several lifetime achievements from the Jewish Relations Council of South Jersey, the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office, the FBI National Acad-

emy Associates, and the Burlington County Police Chiefs Association. He has served on FBI Director Mueller's National Law Enforcement Advisory Committee and is a lifetime member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the FBI National Academy Associates. Through his efforts, several partnerships have been formed with various agencies and organizations, which continue to benefit the residents of Burlington Township.

Walter is a highly respected individual whose leadership abilities, perseverance, and integrity are widely recognized and demonstrate his commitment to public service. He has continued to further initiatives and programs within Burlington Township that benefit the community as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously honored to have Walter J. Corter as a member of their community. Walter has shown a desire to serve the public and to give back to his community, and has worked continuously to do so at the best of his ability. I am honored to recognize his career of public service and to commend him for all that he has contributed to his community.

RECOGNIZING JUNE AS SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize June as Scleroderma Awareness Month.

Scleroderma is a chronic connective tissue disease generally classified as one of the autoimmune rheumatic diseases. Hardening of the skin is one of the most visible manifestations of the disease. The disease is also known as "systemic sclerosis," a subset of the disease in which internal organ systems (such as kidneys, lungs, heart, and gastrointestinal tract) and skin, or internal organ systems only, are affected. It is estimated that about 300,000 Americans have scleroderma with one-third of those having the systemic form of the disease.

Scleroderma varies from patient to patient and often presents with symptoms similar to other autoimmune diseases, making diagnosis and treatment extremely complicated. There may be many misdiagnosed or undiagnosed cases. Currently, there is no cure for scleroderma.

On behalf of the scleroderma community, I am proud to be the lead sponsor of H.R. 4638, the National Commission on Scleroderma and Fibrotic Diseases Act. This bill would establish a National Commission on Fibrotic Diseases within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to evaluate and make recommendations regarding improvements to the coordination and advancement of NIH-supported research activities related to fibrosis and fibrotic diseases.

I call on my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation by becoming a cosponsor of H.R. 4638, which will increase research and treatments for the fibrotic community.

COMMEMORATING THE GROUND-BREAKING FOR THE STEPHEN D. "STEVE" HOGAN PARKWAY

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the groundbreaking for the Stephen D. "Steve" Hogan Parkway in Aurora, Colorado. Named in honor of Aurora's Mayor Steve Hogan, who sadly passed away on May 13, 2018, this parkway represents a long awaited major improvement and expansion of Aurora, Colorado's Sixth Avenue. The parkway is fittingly named to honor the life of this well-loved public servant, who I was fortunate enough to call a friend.

The parkway's design was finalized in February of 2017, and completion is scheduled to occur prior to the end of 2019. This expansion of Sixth Avenue will greatly facilitate east/west mobility in Aurora and provide substantial safety and congestion improvements at the 6th Avenue entrance to Buckley Air Force Base.

Throughout his time serving the citizens of Aurora as a state legislator, as a member of Aurora City Council, and as its Mayor, Steve Hogan tirelessly worked on behalf of the citizens of the City of Aurora. During his time in elected office, Aurora has grown from a medium sized suburb of Denver to become Colorado's third largest city with a full range of amenities, services, and its own distinct identity.

The Stephen D. Hogan parkway will symbolize his lasting legacy as a public servant. I am pleased that this vital transportation project will do so much for Aurora, the wonderful city that Mayor Hogan loved, by bringing it new growth and economic opportunities.

Steve Hogan was truly a model citizen and a great mayor of my hometown. It is my honor to take this opportunity to commemorate, here on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, this important event in the legacy and the life of Mayor Steve Hogan.

IN HONOR OF MR. JERRY C. GRIMSLEY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I pay tribute to a devoted and hard-working businessman, Mr. Jerry C. Grimsley. Mr. Grimsley passed away on Monday, June 11, 2018. A funeral service was held on Friday, June 15, 2018, at First Baptist Church in Colquitt, Georgia.

A Georgia man through and through, Jerry was born on July 19, 1939, to Clarence E. Grimsley and Julia Tassie Odom Grimsley on their family farm in Miller County, Georgia. After graduating from Miller County High School in 1957, he attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia.

Mr. Grimsley was a highly trusted leader in the agriculture and financial services industries. He built quite an impressive career