

and across the country will remain strong. We congratulate Mr. Cook on his accomplishment and look forward to inviting him to Washington, D.C.

HONORING DELORES GIBBS
RANKIN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the tenancy and dedication of Mrs. Delores Gibbs Rankin.

Delores Gibbs Rankin was born in Jefferson County, Mississippi. She attended both elementary and high school in the same county. Delores attended Jackson State University receiving a Bachelors of Arts degree in Sociology in 1969 and a Masters in Sociology in 1980.

Delores started working as an Eligibility Worker with the State Department of Public Welfare in 1970. Five years later, she was appointed to Social Worker until 1980. Effective July 1, 1980, Delores was appointed the first African-American County Director for the Jefferson County Welfare Department. She faithfully kept the position of County Director until she retired in August 2010.

Delores considers it an honor to have served in various positions within the Department of Human Services. By putting God first and having a great and dedicated staff, services were provided for those in need.

During her forty years of her employment career, Delores was affiliated with the following community organizations: Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce; Jefferson County Extension Services Advisory Council; Jefferson County School District Federal Programs Advisory Committee; AJFC Community Action Board of Directors; Chairperson of Jefferson County Daycare Center; Medgar Evers Home Health Advisory Board; Chapter I Parent Advisory Council; FHA Agricultural Council; Headstart Policy Council; Jefferson County Vo-Tech Advisory Board; Mental Health Advisory Council; Vice President of State Employees Association of Mississippi; County and Regional Directors Association; Interagency Council for Jefferson County; Southwest Development and Planning District; Jefferson Comprehensive Health Center Advisory Council; Jefferson County Economic Development County; and Home Extension Services Advisory Council.

Delores is a devoted member of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in Fayette, Mississippi. Her church affiliations include being the Usher Board President, Finance Committee Chairperson, Senior Choir Treasurer, Sunday School Treasurer, United Methodist Women Treasurer, Building Fund Committee Secretary, and Adult Sunday School Teacher.

Delores has four beautiful children and eight gorgeous grandchildren. In her spare time, she likes to travel, shop, help others, spend time with family, and indulge in outdoor fishing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Delores Gibbs Rankin for her dedication to serving others.

RECOGNIZING MR. JULIAN BRYSON WILGUS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Julian Bryson Wilgus on the occasion of his 100th birthday and commend him for his contributions to our community in Guam.

Julian was born on June 22, 1918 in Proctorville, Ohio, and is the son of Effie Bryson and William Harrison Wilgus. He currently resides in Talofofo, Guam after recently relocating to the island to live with his daughter Janna and her husband, Command Sergeant Major (retired) Martin Manglona.

Julian married Gleena Gamble on January 14, 1951. They were married for 48 years until Gleena's death in 1999. Julian's wife Gleena was a retired educator who earned nine master degrees. Together they raised two children, Julia Wilgus Mayo, a Regional Supervisor for School Psychologists in Lawrence County Ohio School District, and Dr. Janna Wilgus Manglona, Medical Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Central Regional Health Center in Mangilao. He has been blessed with five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Julian attended Marshall University in West Virginia and Case Western Reserve University in Ohio. He worked as a Detective in Huntington, West Virginia's Police Department for 23 years, as well as an engineer for the West Virginia State Highways for 21 years.

Julian is a talented craftsman. Over the years, he has built extraordinary furniture and has restored an entire household of antiques. Julian is also an avid gardener and in summer provided vegetables and canned goods for family and friends for the rest of the year.

Julian is proud of his family history as his grandfather, Charles Harrison Wilgus, a Veteran of the Civil War and prosperous plantation owner ran an underground railroad that smuggled escaped slaves to safety and freedom through a tunnel under his home leading to the Ohio River. The home became a historical site for his selfless efforts to protect the slaves while placing himself in harm's way.

I join Julian Bryson Wilgus, all his family and friends, and the people of Guam in celebrating his 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2018 SOS INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize SOS International LLC (SOSi) and to congratulate its employees and leadership on another successful year. Founded in 1989 to provide specialized analytical services to the U.S. law enforcement community, SOSi has evolved into an international solutions provider with experience in 30 countries worldwide. SOSi provides intelligence, technology, and

project-management solutions to large government and private-sector organizations and is known for its innovation, flexibility, and agility.

Every year, SOSi holds a company-wide meeting to review the accomplishments of the past year and to look ahead to the challenges of the future. A number of employees are also recognized as recipients of the Challenge Awards in recognition of their extraordinary contributions to the company and the safety of our nation and its communities. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2018 Challenge Award recipients:

Rising Star Award

Christine de Souza

Diana West

David Prattis

Steve Bartimus

Challenge Award

Rufus Parker

Abdulrazaq Almusawi

Billy Blake

Cindy French

Pauline Abraham

Heather Crampton

Excellence Award

Charika Kelly

Dan Alderman

John Billings

SOSi Teamwork Award

SEC Project Management Team

ISG DOJ LIS Team

Exemplary Leadership Award

Charles "OB" O'Brien

Mr. Speaker, these individuals are proof of the commitment to public service that exists throughout Northern Virginia. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating each honoree on receiving a Challenge Award and thanking all of the employees and leadership of SOSi for their efforts to better our community and protect our country. I especially want to commend SOSi President and CEO, Julian Setian, for his leadership and vision. Under his guidance, SOSi has continued to grow and has become the standard bearer for progress and innovation in the government contracting industry. I thank them for their service and wish the SOSi Team continued success.

RESOLUTION ON IMMIGRANT FAMILIES BY THE CHILD SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST, LOS ANGELES

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD the following resolution authored by the Board of Directors of the Child Survivors of the Holocaust, Los Angeles. The Child Survivors of the Holocaust is an organization dedicated to supporting those who survived the Holocaust as children, and who today raise awareness of human rights violations, particularly those affecting children. I urge Congress to heed their words of concern for the treatment of immigrant children and families through the policy of child separation.

We, the elected members of the Board of Directors of the Child Survivors of the Holocaust, Los Angeles (CSHLA), protest the inhumane mistreatment of innocent, immigrant children by our government officials.

The missions of the CSHLA include to:

- (1) remember the Holocaust,
- (2) educate our community and the public by telling our personal life-stories, and
- (3) raise awareness and prevent such tragedies from happening to anyone today or in the future.

We who personally experienced the insecurity, anguish, and stress from cruel separation as victims of the Third Reich, are dismayed and outraged by the ruthless separation of infants, toddlers, and adolescents from their parents. The irreparable damage resulting from such actions has been scientifically and clinically proven to impair human development. Keeping the mission of our organization in mind, we reject these abusively tragic tactics or the racist prejudices underlying them.

HONORING ANDREW F. ATKINS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, the late Mr. Andrew F. Atkins.

Mr. Atkins was a native of St. Joseph, Louisiana. In 1911, Mr. Atkins' family moved to the Mississippi Delta. He attended Alcorn High School in Lorman, Mississippi, where he completed his education. He was a resident of Hollandale, Mississippi, most of his adult life. Mr. Atkins made sure it was possible that all of his six children got a college education.

Mr. Atkins was a strong minded and religious person. He was a loyal and noble character. He lived a beautiful, rewarding and spiritual life. Mr. Atkins was the longest serving member on the Board of Trustee and deacon board plus secretary/treasurer of the Little Rock Baptist Church of Hollandale, Mississippi. He also served as Superintendent of the Sunday School for a number of years.

Mr. Atkins began his career at the age of 21, where he was a Burial Insurance Agent for Dillon Funeral Home and Dillon Burial Association of Vicksburg and Leland, Mississippi for more than 70 years. Not only was he a successful insurance agent, he was also a successful Farmer. He owned and operated his farm for a number of years. At this time that same farm is being rented to another farmer in Hollandale, Mississippi. Mr. Atkins' life also included the involvement in the lives of school students. He was the first Black school bus driver to be hired in the Black Hollandale Consolidated School District. He drove the school bus for twenty-eight years where he played a positive role in the lives of the students that rode his bus. There was a good student/bus-driver relationship.

Mr. Atkins was an outstanding Mason F & AM. He was elected Worshipful Master where he served for 43 years. On the District level, he served as secretary/treasurer from 1949 to 2009. He was also a member of the third largest and one of the oldest African American Organization—The Knights and Daughters of Tabor of Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

Lastly, Mr. Atkins was a character member of the Darlove-Murphy, Mississippi Water Association. He was instrumental in getting running water to approximately 150 residents in the Darlove-Murphy communities. He had over 60 years of community/civic service in the Mis-

issippi Delta and other Mississippi cities and towns.

During Mr. Atkins' spare time, he loved hunting rabbits, squirrels and raccoons. Mr. Atkins' departed this life at the age of 101.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Mr. Andrew F. Atkins for his dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

CELEBRATING REV. CHUCK NATION'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLOWERY BRANCH

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Rev. Chuck Nation's 40th year in ministry and his 20th anniversary as the church pastor at the First Baptist Church of Flowery Branch.

Rev. Chuck Nation grew up near Chickamauga, Georgia and later moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where he became a Christian and took an active role in church. This eventually led him to return to his Georgia home and join First Baptist Church of Flowery Branch as their pastor.

Rev. Nation has cared for the flock of nearly 700 at First Baptist Flowery Branch since 1998, making this year his 20th anniversary there. In honor of his commitment to this local body, the congregation presented him with an award and personalized gifts, including a memory jar filled with notes from church members.

I join the men and women of the First Baptist Church of Flowery Branch in recognizing this anniversary and look forward to hearing about how their church continues to thrive and celebrate faithful service.

EDWARDS MARKET AND FLOWERLAND

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ron Edwards, Vicki Edwards and Angie Edwards-Aker on the 85th anniversary of Edwards Market and Edwards Flowerland.

Small businesses are crucial to supporting local communities and they contribute significantly to America's overall economy. Edwards Market's presence in Fort Morgan goes beyond their highly regarded reputation, but also includes their involvement in local churches, the FFA, and Colorado Proud Produce, as well as their animal purchases at the Morgan County Fair Livestock Sale. I commend their hard work and dedication to the community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I am proud to mark this momentous occasion and recognize Edwards Market and Edwards Flowerland's 85th anniversary. This business has been in the Edwards family for four generations and continues to serve as a model for small and family-run businesses across the state. I wish them continued success going forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF KANSAS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS) and its many contributions to youth in Kansas City. As a cornerstone of the community, I am truly honored to have this institution in the Congressional District that I represent.

Kansas City Public Schools began humbly as the Kansas City Missouri School District in 1867, serving only 2,150 children in the Kansas City area. Since its formation, KCPS has faced and overcome many hurdles, from segregation and racial barriers in the 1960s, to funding and accreditation in the 1980s to the early 2000s. Throughout these challenges, KCPS has exemplified true resilience and shaped the future of education in Kansas City for the better. In its journey to gain full accreditation, KCPS turned times of struggle into opportunities for advancement, exploration, and innovation. The KCPS system launched mentor programs to conscientiously provide students with support and guidance. Recently, it spearheaded the Middle College Program that allows students who have dropped out of school to complete their high school education and prepare for technical school or a two-year degree program at no cost. Moreover, it fostered community partnerships with the public sector, private sector, business leaders, volunteers, and stakeholders to ensure the district has resources to meet the needs of every student and their family. KCPS has faced adversity, but never threw in the towel.

The KCPS system established itself as a source of stability for not only education, but also for families and the community. KCPS preserves its commitment to fostering a rich, diverse, and inclusive environment by providing services for English language learners, homeless students in transition, students with learning disabilities, and many others. This pledge to both student and family outreach demonstrates true assiduity and ensures that education is an equitable opportunity for all.

Today, the Kansas City Public School system employs 2,300 teachers and educates nearly 16,700 students annually. Of these, nearly 91 percent of students come from marginalized communities, and more than 50 languages are spoken in its 35 schools, centers, and programs. KCPS gives students the tools necessary to be college and career-ready, empowering them to achieve their dreams.

KCPS sets itself apart as an innovator, advocate, and champion. Undoubtedly, a century and a half of educating youth and serving the community is no easy feat. However, the spirit of the district, dedication of the administrators and teachers, and the commitment to growth is what allows the Kansas City Public School system to continue achieving its vision.

In our diverse city with students from all walks of life, the importance of having access to a quality public education is critical in ensuring doors of opportunity for the youth of Kansas City continue to open. It gives me