

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

great hope for the future knowing that institutions like KCPS are devoted to a holistic support system for its scholars. I can say with confidence that the KCPS legacy will continue to shape the minds of students for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the students and staff, both past and present, who made it possible for Kansas City Public Schools to achieve this monumental milestone.

HONORING COMRADE WILLIE L.
LINDSEY, JR.

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, Comrade Willie Lee Lindsey, Jr. who was born on February 23, 1936.

He enlisted into the United States Air Force on February 3, 1954 and was trained to be a Fire Fighter in the United States Air Force.

He obtained the rank of Airman 3rd Class (A/3C) during his 3 years and 10 months of service.

Comrade Willie L. Lindsey, Jr. served 1 year and 10 months under imminent danger and hazardous duty conditions on the Korean Peninsula of South Korea.

Comrade Willie L. Lindsey, Jr. was awarded the National Defense Medal along with the Korean Service Medal during his time of service in the Air Force.

Airman 3rd Class Willie L. Lindsey, Jr. was Honorably Discharged from the United States Air Force on January 7, 1958.

After serving his country as a Fire Fighter in the military, Comrade Willie L. Lindsey, Jr. transitioned into civilian life and worked and retired after 30 years of employment at Vickers Inc. in Jackson, Mississippi.

In December of 1985, Willie Lindsey joined the Brooks, William, Stewart, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9832, in Jackson, MS. He was elected VFW Post 9832 Commander in 1988 and served in that position from 1988 to 2008. He also served as VFW 5th District Commander during his time as VFW Post 9832 Commander.

In 2006 through 2007, Willie Lindsey became the first African American in the State of Mississippi to be elected and serve as State Commander of the Department of Mississippi's Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Comrade Willie L. Lindsey, Jr. was a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi. He is survived by his son Roderick Odems.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Comrade Willie L. Lindsey, Jr. for his dedication to serving his country.

IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF
LEILAS G. "LES" PAIR

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to remem-

ber and celebrate the life of Les Pair who passed away on June 27, 2018.

Mr. Pair was born on March 23, 1923, and grew up in Albertville, Alabama. He received his B.S. degree in Agriculture Education in 1948 and Master's Degree in Agriculture Science in 1965 both from Auburn University. He worked for Auburn University in the Alabama Extension Service System for over 30 years.

He was married to Marjorie at Jasper First Methodist Church and later moved to Anniston, Alabama where his family joined Anniston First Methodist Church in 1957. Les served on almost every board, committee and long-range planning committee. He was part of the Carre Sunday School Class and served as President several times. He was also a Charter Board Member for Camp Lee.

He served in World War II in the Field Artillery 1st Infantry Division, landed in Normandy and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

Les was a life member of the National Association of County Agriculture Agents, Auburn Agriculture Alumni Association, Epsilon Sigma Phi Fraternity, and Auburn University Alumni Association's Golden Eagles Club.

Les served in many organizations in Anniston including various boards and committees at American Red Cross, United Way of Alabama and Regional Medical Center volunteer organization. Les served as president of the Jasper and Anniston Kiwanis Clubs as well as secretary and treasurer for over 16 years. Les was awarded the Legion of Honor for his 70 years of service with the Kiwanis Club of Anniston as well as the George C. Hixson Award for his significant contribution to the club.

Les was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in remembering Les Pair and celebrating a life well-lived.

BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY,
IN HONOR OF AMERICA'S 242ND
BIRTHDAY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of America's 242nd birthday this Fourth of July, with a poetic tribute penned by Albert Carey Caswell to be included in the RECORD.

BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

Born on The Fourth of July
As out towards Freedom and Independence a
future Nation would cry

With its Founding Fathers casting their dye
With a Decoration of Independence, they all
signed

Knowing full well it could mean death they
would find

Declaring a Decoration of Independence was
but their battle cry

As Thomas Jefferson created a work of art
which now stands the test of time

And a Constitution so sublime
Sent out into a future for a world to remind
Of what hearts of courage full in search for
Independence and Freedom can find

As a template,
to build the very bedrock upon which will
stand the sands of time

And on this day with all of our families cele-
brating we must find

The cost of Freedom for all of us to remind
As we should stand with tear in eye

In our Nation's Pride
For all of our brave men and women,
who throughout the generations have fought
and died,

Of such selfless sacrifice so fine
With hearts of courage full in our Lord's
eyes so divine

Who one day a place in heaven would find
As now comes to mind

Are all of those families who are no longer
together in time

Who together no longer can celebrate this
Fourth of July

As its for them and their lost loved ones we
cry

Who we should be worshiped on high,
So as we watch the rockets' red glare,
And all those fireworks exploding in air,
Holding our families close there,

Remember all of those who throughout the
generations who've cared.

Those brave women and men like our Found-
ing Forefathers who've dared

To stand tall and fight for our Freedoms and
Independence we declared

And how the cost of Freedoms leaves these
families hearts of the lost loved ones so
bare

Who live with the kind of pain only Heaven
can repair.

So, on this day give thanks and give prayer
For all the magnificent and their families
who took up the battle who dared

And fight for our Freedom and Independence
declare

As it all started 242 years ago
When the blossoms of Freedom were planted
to bloom and grow

All planted by our Founding Fathers there
so

Declaring a Declare ration of Independence
for all the world to know

And nourished throughout the years,
by all of our braves sons and daughters here

Who have shed their blood and tears
And died here

In this Home of The Brave and Land of The
Free that we endear

So, as you gaze into Old Glory,
that Red, White, and Blue

Let's remember our Forefathers Declaration
of Independence and all those Patriots,
who are America's real Who's Who

And what was Born on The Fourth of July so
true.

MCCARTER-CAISSE-VICE-HALE
MEMORIAL OVERPASS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the McCarter-Caisse-Vice-Hale Memorial Overpass in Paxton, Illinois.

On April 7, 1979, Illinois State trooper Michael McCarter was attempting to stop four speeding vehicles on I-57 and Paxton patrolman William Caisse was dispatched to provide assistance. One of the suspects fled to the overpass and opened fire on the two officers, subsequently killing State Trooper McCarter and Donald Vice, McCarter's brother-in-law who was riding along with him on his shift.

Paxton patrolman Larry Hale arrived to the scene as gunfire continued. A second suspect drew a rifle from the back of his pickup truck and fatally shot Officer Caisse. Hale was then shot in the leg and chest, but despite his