

HONORING DR. DANIEL P. KING

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Daniel P. King, an educator, innovator, and leader.

For the past 12 years, Dr. King served as superintendent of the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District (PSJA ISD), working tirelessly to ensure PSJA ISD provides its students with the resources necessary to succeed. He announced his plans to retire from his position this past fall, and I find it only fitting to take this time on the House floor to honor a man that has done so much for South Texas. Dr. King spent 42 years in public education, 20 of those years as superintendent at two school districts in the Rio Grande Valley.

During Dr. King's tenure, he introduced programs and procedures that have had lasting positive effects on the students and the PSJA community as a whole. He was one of the first to start an Early College High School Program in South Texas that provides thousands of students concurrent and dual enrollment opportunities, college and career connected pathways, and the opportunity to graduate with college credentials up to an associate's degree while still enrolled in high school.

Dr. King demonstrated his commitment to replacing outdated bilingual education models with dual language or dual immersion programs to equip students for a brighter future. His actions afforded students the opportunity to graduate from high school ready for higher education, putting PSJA on the course to become a national leader in producing college ready, academically bi-literate, high school graduates. Thanks to Dr. King, our students are more prepared and able to be successful and productive members of society.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Daniel P. King has worked diligently to give countless students the tools they need to succeed. He is a pillar of our community and an example to us all. It is an honor to represent a selfless and committed individuals like him. Dr. King has forever changed and strengthened the foundation of education in South Texas. I wish Daniel P. King and his family all the best in their future endeavors and thank you for this time.

RECOGNIZING JACK BARRY, BRADY STERGION, AND TOM PLUNKETT

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize three outstanding citizens from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout: Jack Barry, Brady Stergion, and Tom Plunkett.

These three emerging leaders are committed to service to our community. For their Eagle Scout projects, Jack beautified the Lower Makefield Veteran's Park, Brady built new shelving and stocked the pantry for the St. John the Evangelist Shared Meals Program, and Tom installed twenty flagpoles at Washington Crossing National Cemetery.

On behalf of all residents of the First Congressional District, I congratulate Jack, Brady, and Tom on their achievements.

HONORING RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS ON THEIR 140TH ANNIVERSARY AS A VILLAGE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the residents of La Grange, Illinois as the village celebrates its 140th anniversary.

La Grange enjoys a long and vibrant history beginning in the early 19th century. The area, originally consisting of prairie land, was first settled as a result of land grants offered by President Martin Van Buren. One of the early residents was Franklin D. Cossitt. After leaving Tennessee, Mr. Cossitt moved to Chicago and started the largest wholesale grocery business in the area. The Great Chicago Fire of 1871 destroyed Mr. Cossitt's business and drove people westward to the suburbs.

Mr. Cossitt's dream for constructing a community began when he bought and developed 600 acres of land that was later incorporated as the village of La Grange in 1879. In 1873, Mr. Cossitt quickly began laying out streets and building homes. By 1890, La Grange had already seen tremendous growth and now included twenty-eight retail businesses, a new high school, churches, a newspaper, paved roads, and a railroad station. The Village of La Grange quickly became known as the largest town between Chicago and Aurora.

The Village of La Grange has continued to develop and today is home to more than 130 businesses and 15,550 residents. Although La Grange has come a long way, it is still a safe and quiet place to live. The La Grange historic district is home to many of the original buildings built by Mr. Cossitt in the 1870's. Because of the quality of the architecture and the historic significance, the Village of La Grange historic district was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

I am proud to represent the residents of La Grange and I will gather with them on the Village Hall lawn on August 8th to celebrate the village's anniversary. I ask you to join me in honoring the residents of La Grange, Illinois, on their 140th anniversary as a village. May they enjoy this celebration and may the Village continue to thrive as a close-knit community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ROCK CREEK NATIONAL PARK ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce a bill to redesignate the National Park Service-owned Rock Creek Park, in the District of Columbia, as "Rock Creek National Park." Renaming this park will highlight its significance to the nation, including visitors to the nation's capital, and will help get much-needed funding for the park's inviting

trails, waterways and other unique features. No additional federal funds will be required.

Rock Creek Park is already a national park, established by Congress in 1890 "for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the United States," and is the oldest urban park and the third federal park ever created, after Yellowstone and Sequoia. Rock Creek Park was designed to preserve animals, timber, forestry and other interests in the park, and to ensure that its natural state is maintained as much as possible, for all American people, not just for D.C. residents.

Over time, several structures have been established or donated to further preserve Rock Creek Park. In 1892, for example, the federal government acquired Peirce Mill in Rock Creek Park, one of the mills used by local farmers during the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. In 1950, the Old Stone House, located at 3051 M Street NW, with its great pre-Revolutionary War architecture, was acquired by the park. The building was restored, and programs explain the house's rich history from the colonial period to the present day. The Fort Circle Parks were also acquired to interpret and preserve the Civil War Defenses of Washington, which created a ring of protection for the nation's capital during the Civil War.

Today, Rock Creek Park offers residents of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia, as well as thousands of visitors, an escape from our increasingly urban environment. Residents and tourists alike enjoy many activities in the park's 2,000 acres, including hiking and biking on the historical trails, horseback riding, picnicking, tennis and other recreational activities in some of the open fields. Our residents have expressed their appreciation by volunteering to clean up and maintain the trails and waterways.

Redesignating Rock Creek Park as Rock Creek National Park will help recognize the national status of the park and protect and revitalize this remarkable resource in our nation's capital.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Converse, Texas for their work in fostering better police and civilian relationships through the National Night Out program.

Currently celebrating its 36th Anniversary, the National Night Out (NNO) is a unique crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). Founded in 1984, it has grown from a small idea to a national event celebrated by civilians and law enforcement agencies throughout the country. With over 38 million "neighbors" and 16 thousand communities participating, it provides a unique opportunity for civilians to learn more about the law enforcement in their community.

Throughout its history, it has worked to foster positive community relationships between civilians and law enforcement. It actively engages participants in fun, informational activities that heighten awareness of law enforcement efforts in crime and drug prevention,

while also increasing participation in community-based crime deterrent programs. It strengthens neighborhood spirit and encourages law enforcement and community partnerships, sending the message that neighborhoods are organized and ready to fight back against crime.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the City of Converse for their leadership in supporting the National Night Out program. I encourage all Converse residents to join forces with the thousands of other communities across the county in promoting cooperative crime prevention; your support is vital in the fight against crime.

HONORING JIM McCULLLEY

HON. DENVER RIGGLEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Jim McCulley of the U.S. Air Force who passed away this spring. Lieutenant Colonel McCulley was a decorated fighter pilot who flew over 100 combat missions in the Korean Conflict and was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses.

After being honorably discharged from the Air Force, Jim returned home to Virginia where he continued his life of service to his country, this time working as an engineer supporting the Gemini and Apollo space programs.

In his tireless service to our nation Jim McCulley was, and is, an American hero. He has been a valuable member of our 5th District community and we miss him greatly. It is my hope that we here in this chamber remember his work, his legacy, and his service.

RECOGNIZING THE VISIT OF THE REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN MEMORIAL IN MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor today to recognize the visit of the Remembering Our Fallen memorial in Menominee, Michigan.

First created in 2010, Remembering Our Fallen is a photographic war memorial honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation following the September 11th attacks. Unlike other brick and marble memorials, Remembering Our Fallen was designed to travel throughout the country and features military and personal photos of those who we have lost. Its efforts ensure that the men and women who have died in service will forever be remembered by Americans everywhere.

Efforts to host the Remembering Our Fallen memorial in Michigan's First District were spearheaded by the Menominee Disabled American Veterans chapter. The memorial will be set up at the Veterans Memorial Park in Menominee from August 23rd through the 26th.

We owe the men and women featured in the Remembering Our Fallen memorial a debt which can never be repaid. By coming together to honor those who stood up to defend and to serve, the people of Michigan's First District can ensure that their sacrifice is never forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the lives of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom as the Upper Peninsula hosts the Remembering Our Fallen memorial.

COMMEMORATING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GERRY RODEO

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the seventy-fifth annual Gerry Rodeo.

The village of Gerry in western New York is the proud home of the oldest consecutive rodeo east of the Mississippi. Each year approximately seven thousand fans, and two hundred and fifty cowboys and cowgirls travel to Gerry, NY to enjoy the competition. For four days the quiet village of Gerry becomes "The Rodeo Capital of the East".

The Gerry Rodeo began in 1945, when a former working cowboy named Jack Cox moved from the West to Gerry and suggested a rodeo as a way of fundraising for the newly formed fire department. In seventy days fire department members and volunteers transformed four acres of swampland into an arena and parking lot, borrowing bleachers from local schools and renting portable lights.

From the very beginning, the Gerry Fire Department wanted to ensure their rodeo was a top-notch competition and for that reason, they have always ensured their rodeo is sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys' Association. Today, the competition consists of the same competitive events as the first Rodeo seventy-five years ago: bareback bronc riding, tie-down roping, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, team roping, and cowgirls' barrel racing.

Seventy-five years of community tradition is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Gerry Rodeo on this impressive milestone and look forward to many more rodeos in the years to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the seventy-fifth annual Gerry Rodeo.

RECOGNIZING THE 173RD QUARTERMASTER SERVICE COMPANY

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the military service of the 173rd Quartermaster Service Company of the United States Army.

On August 9, 2019, the 173rd Quartermaster Service Company is celebrating the

50th anniversary of their safe return from Vietnam in Greenwood, MS. These brave veterans arrived in Da Nang, Vietnam on September 30, 1968. The unit was headquartered both at the Gia Le Combat Base and the Phu Bai military complex. During their tour, the unit received campaign participation credits for Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase V; Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase VI; TET 69 Counteroffensive; and Vietnam Summer-Fall 69. On August 5, 1969, the 173rd Quartermaster Service Company returned home to the United States.

I thank these veterans for their service to our great nation and the state of Mississippi.

RECOGNIZING MR. AND MRS. JOHN BRADY

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 52nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Brady of Lake Geneva. John and Toni are visiting Washington, D.C. to celebrate this special occasion. John is a retired U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran.

Toni and John's life long commitment to each other is admirable. As John and Toni celebrate their 52nd anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger; as they continue to love and honor one another for years to come.

As John's love for his wife is evident, so is his love of country. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I thank John for his service to our country. John, Toni, and their family made many sacrifices for our freedoms. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their selflessness.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating John and Toni on their anniversary and wish them nothing but the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF LONNIE NICHOLSON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lonnie Nicholson on his recent election to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Mr. Nicholson currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of EECU Credit Union, located in Fort Worth, Texas. He has 36 years of experience in the credit union industry, including serving as President and CEO of EECU since April of 2006. During his tenure as CEO, EECU has quadrupled in size while maintaining a strong financial position. Mr. Nicholson is a dedicated leader in the credit union community and has served in numerous volunteer positions. He also currently serves as Chairman of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce Board.

Mr. Nicholson has a deep understanding of legislative and regulatory issues facing credit