

HONORING DR. EUGENE NUNNERY
AT CONGRESSMAN VELA'S
BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELE-
BRATION

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Eugene Nunnery of Harlingen, Texas. Dr. Nunnery has been a practicing physician of Internal Medicine for the past 32 years, specializing in Rheumatology.

In 1971, Dr. Nunnery graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and was an Honors Program Graduate. During his time at Purdue, he was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies. Driven by his passion for chemistry, Dr. Nunnery later completed his Master of Science in Chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley, and earned his Doctor of Medicine at Washington University School, St. Louis. After finishing his Internal Medicine residency at the Metropolitan General Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Nunnery capped off his impressive academic career with a fellowship at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Since opening his private practice in Harlingen, Texas, Internal Medicine Associates, Dr. Nunnery has demonstrated exceptional engagement with the community. He holds active staff privileges at Valley Baptist Medical Center and Harlingen Medical Center to treat patients. Dr. Nunnery is also active in the Cameron/Willacy County Medical Society, a Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology, and a member of both the Texas Medical Association and the Texas Medical Foundation. When not providing care for patients, Dr. Nunnery serves as a Clinical Research Professor at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Medical School's Regional Academic Health Center.

I am pleased to recognize Dr. Nunnery for his significant work in Texas' 34th Congressional District. Our district is a much better and healthier place due to his service and expertise in medicine. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him, his family, and friends today.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today as January is School Board Recognition Month.

I regret that this new job has prevented me from attending celebrations this month in the school districts across my district—Texas' 29th.

They include: Houston, Aldine, Humble, Sheldon, Channelview, Deer Park, Pasadena, and Galena Park ISD.

All these districts and their employees deserve a big Texas thank-you for all they do to prepare our children for their future.

Thank you especially to all of our School Board Trustees for all they do for our students

and schools in the Houston Region. We must all do our part to ensure our students get the well-rounded education they deserve.

Madam speaker, I also want to congratulate the Galena Park North Shore High School Mustangs Football Team in winning the Conference 6A D1 State Championship.

I urge everyone to attend a community pep rally this Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 3 p.m. at the Galena Park Stadium. Go Mustangs.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE LEGISLATION

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, this week, I introduced three pieces of landmark campaign finance reform legislation. Out-of-control campaign spending has reached a dangerous level in this country and we must reform our campaign finance system if we are to restore voting power back to the American people.

First, I have introduced a Constitutional Amendment granting Congress and the States the power to establish limits on contributions and expenditures in elections for public office. This amendment nullifies *Citizens United v. FEC*. Additionally, the amendment concludes that First Amendment protections do not apply to the political speech of corporations and other business organizations with respect to the disbursement of funds in connection with public elections.

Second, I have introduced a resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the U.S. Supreme Court misinterpreted the First Amendment in the case of *Buckley v. Valeo* when it equated campaign spending with free speech. It is clear that *Buckley v. Valeo* failed to recognize that unlimited spending of money on elections has a corrosive effect on the electoral process. In order to secure free speech as a right of 'we the people,' this misinterpretation must be reversed.

Last, the Fairness in Political Advertising Act would require television broadcasting stations to make available 2 hours of free advertising broadcast time in each even-numbered year to each qualified political candidate in a statewide or national election. This would help level the playing field for viable candidates running against campaigns bankrolled by special interests.

My entire career in Congress, I have served in the People's House. We, the elected members of the House of Representatives, must stand with the people, not major corporations or wealthy donors who give millions to super PACs. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and return the power over our Democracy back to the American people.

**CONGRATULATIONS HOWARD UNI-
VERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW CON-
VOCATION**

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, through a Charter by the U.S. Congress, Howard Univer-

sity School of Law began as Howard University Law Department on January 6, 1867, during the Reconstruction Era, to provide legal education to students committed to the protection of the rights of African Americans. During this time, there was a great need to train lawyers who would have a strong commitment to help black Americans to secure and protect their rights and well as the rights of other marginalized communities. Howard Law also has significant ties to the Civil Rights Movement and other social movements that fought for civil rights throughout American history.

Howard Law was the first school in the nation to have a nondiscriminatory admission policy, admitting both black and white male and female law students.

Howard Law's mission is to:

Educate and enable students to develop their highest capabilities and skills as lawyers;

Engage as an institution in the active pursuit of solutions to domestic and international legal, social, economic and political problems that are of particular concern to minority groups; and

Imbue its students with dedication to excellence and commitment to the solutions to those problems.

Famous alumni and faculty of the school include Dean Charles Hamilton Houston—"the Man Who Killed Jim Crow," Thurgood Marshall—argued *Brown v. Board of Education* and the first African-American Justice, multiple Congressmen, senators, district judges, governors, mayors, and the former Prime Minister of Jamaica.

We begin the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of its founding with a Sesquicentennial Convocation.

I, Gregory W. Meeks, Member of the 116th Congress, do hereby congratulate Howard University School of Law on its 150th Anniversary, on January 7, 2019.

**HONORING MITTIE A. PULLAM AT
CONGRESSMAN VELA'S BLACK
HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION**

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mittie A. Pullam of Brownsville, Texas for her dedication to educating our children.

Mrs. Pullam earned her Bachelor of Arts in Literacy Arts from Samuel Houston College in Austin, Texas, and her Master of Education from Texas Southern University. After completing her master's degree, she moved to Brownsville, where she began her teaching career.

Mrs. Pullam dedicated her life to enriching the lives of African American children. She helped establish Frederick Douglass Elementary School, Brownsville's only segregated school, and was both a teacher and a principal there until the district was desegregated in the early 1960's, at which time the school was integrated into Skinner Elementary School. She worked at Skinner until her retirement in 1975.

As the first African American teacher and the first African American school principal in the Brownsville Independent School District (ISD), Mrs. Pullam led by example and instilled hope in the lives of the African American community. She worked to provide her

students with amenities that segregated schools often lacked, including musical instruments and electric fans. Brownsville ISD named her “Elementary School Teacher of the Year” in 1975.

Mittie A. Pullam Elementary School opened in 2009, honoring Mrs. Pullam’s 28-year career providing our children with an equal opportunity. She attended the groundbreaking ceremony and was joined by the school’s first class of students, the future leaders in our region.

I am pleased to recognize Mrs. Pullam for her outstanding career in Texas’ 34th Congressional District, especially as an educator during a difficult time in our history. We are all thankful for her critical role in fighting for justice across the Rio Grande Valley. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mittie A. Pullam, her family, and friends for her success.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
ROBERT “SCAT” SCATTERDAY, JR.

HON. DAVID B. McKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember the life of Robert “Scat” Scatterday, Jr., of Wheeling, WV, a businessman, retired professor, a Vietnam veteran, a father and a friend.

Scatterday was known throughout our community for his leadership and service to others. For over 30 years I had the privilege of calling him my friend.

He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a major with 37 years of service, including 136 combat missions in the Vietnam War. His military decorations include the Bronze Star.

Scatterday spent 30 years teaching at Belmont Technical College in Belmont, Ohio, and treated every citizen of Wheeling, West Virginia, as part of his family.

Scatterday was active in the Wheeling community. He helped plan the Ogden Newspapers Half Marathon Classic and other events.

He served as a board member of the Ohio River Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America; founded the Golden Gathering in Wheeling; supported the United Way of Upper Ohio Valley and Young Life in the Ohio Valley.

Scatterday inspired all those around him; he was a quiet, unassuming and humble man, a caring and thoughtful father and grandfather, and a wonderful friend.

He will be missed but remembered for everything he contributed to the Wheeling community and the positive difference he made in the lives of so many.

Scatterday is survived by his four children, his seven grandchildren and his large extended family.

May he rest in peace.

RECOGNITION OF NORFOLK’S LONGEST SERVING POLICE OFFICER

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Captain Wallace Driskell Jr.’s 45 years of service with the Norfolk Police Department. His selfless work, bravery, and dedication have made the City of Norfolk a better place.

The health of our community depends on public servants. I want to thank Captain Driskell for dedicating his life’s work to the safety, health, and wellbeing of his neighbors.

Captain Driskell has been an effective leader and worked his way up from patrol officer to captain.

His dedication to our city is inspiring, and I am confident that he has improved the lives and safety of many in the community.

I congratulate Captain Driskell on his retirement. I commend him for his selfless work, and I want to thank him for faithfully keeping the City of Norfolk safe for 45 years. I am confident he will continue to make an impact on the community.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND
LEGACY OF ANDREW J. MULDER

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Andrew J. Mulder and his decades of commendable service to the community in Holland, Michigan.

Two years after the start of his career in October of 1976 as the Deputy City Attorney for the City of Holland, Andrew extended his responsibilities in his capacity as an advisor to the Holland City Council. In 1987, after over a decade of proven service, Andrew was promoted to City Attorney. Andrew served in this capacity until deciding to focus the last five years of his career on legal work surrounding the new electricity generation plant of the Holland Board of Public Works.

Throughout his career, Andrew’s heart for public service and the rule of law led him to serve on multiple boards for various legal organizations and associations. Andrew served on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Municipal Attorneys Association from 1995 to 2011, and was the President of the Association from 2007 to 2009. From 1995 to 2011, Andrew served on the Legal Defense Fund of the Michigan Municipal League, and from 2012 to 2019, Andrew served in the Academy of Municipal Attorneys.

Andrew’s long list of accomplishments include the execution of legal portions of major projects like the Holland Area Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion, negotiating water contracts between the City of Holland and adjoining Townships, for the development of a new police department and courthouse in Holland, for the construction of a new Civic Center and associated farmer’s market expansion, for the renovation of Holland’s City Hall, the

implementation of Holland’s renowned Snowmelt system, construction of the City Transportation Center, legal considerations for the State Boundary Commission Annexation and Detachment Project, legal work for the Kollen Park Improvement Project, and for Holland’s Energy Park. Additionally, Andrew diligently litigated a number of cases on behalf of the City of Holland before Michigan’s Supreme Court. These cases included Meadowlands v. City of Holland, Adams Outdoor Advertising v. City of Holland, Fillmore Township v. City of Holland, and City of Holland v. Consumers Energy.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Second Congressional District of Michigan, we thank Andrew J. Mulder for his more than 40 years of distinguished service to the residents of Holland, and to our great nation.

HONORING DR. CHARLES RURANGIRWA AT CONGRESSMAN VELA’S BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Charles Rurangirwa for his leadership and contributions in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Dr. Rurangirwa earned his pre-med and medical degrees at Montemorelos University in Mexico. After medical school, Dr. Rurangirwa completed a rigorous four-year residency program in Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB/GYN) at the King-Drew University of Medicine and Science under the Drew/UCLA Medical Education Program. His commitment and expertise have been recognized by his peers, faculty and staff. He has garnered many accolades throughout his career, including “Best Teaching Resident” award in OB/GYN by Ortho Pharmaceutical, “Most Outstanding Resident” award by the Drew-University of California—Los Angeles Class, and “Best Graduating Resident” by King-Drew Medical Center; and acted as Executive Chief Resident in OB/GYN from July 1996 to June 1997.

In 1997, Dr. Rurangirwa arrived in Brownsville and opened his private practice in OB/GYN, providing years of care for women in our community. Outside of the office, Dr. Rurangirwa volunteers at the Mary P. Lucio Health Center, a clinic in Brownsville dedicated to serving those who cannot afford health care. His contributions help the Rio Grande Valley, and serve as an example to our neighbors and the State of Texas in the health and care of women.

I am pleased to recognize Dr. Rurangirwa for his positive and compassionate work in Texas’ 34th Congressional District. Brownsville is thankful for his unwavering service and dedication, setting an example for future doctors in the region. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him, his family, and friends on this special occasion.