

# HONORING THE ANNIVERSARY OF PENTECOSTAL TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

## HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2019*

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ, a house of worship in Inkster, Michigan, as its members celebrate the church's ninetieth anniversary.

Pentecostal Church of God in Christ was founded in 1930. Construction of the church itself was a labor of love initiated by pledges and donations of community members and built by their own hands. Since then, the church has grown to accommodate its flock and its many programs. The same sense of community that was present at the church's inception is still evident in its growth both physically and spiritually. Over the years, Pentecostal Church of God in Christ has expanded to include a school for kindergarten through sixth. It offers summer programs, daycare, and even technology classes. The legacy of community service and inclusion lives on under the leadership of Pastor Kellen Brooks, the grandson of Pentecostal Church in God's longest serving pastor, the late Bishop Isaac King, Jr.

Please join me in tribute to Pastor Kellen Brooks and the members of Pentecostal Church of God in Christ as we recognize its ninetieth anniversary.

# PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. EMILY ENGLAND CLYBURN

## HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2019*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the life and legacy of a transformative leader and my personal friend, Dr. Emily England Clyburn.

A native South Carolinian, Dr. Clyburn graduated from Berkeley Training High School in Moncks Corner before attending South Carolina State University (SCSU), where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Library Science. She continued her studies and earned a Master's degree in Librarianship from the University of South Carolina. In 2010, Dr. Clyburn was recognized for her achievements in the humanities through an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from her alma mater, SCSU.

Dr. Clyburn served as a public school librarian in Columbia and Charleston in the early part of her career. She later transitioned to a medical librarian position at the Charleston Naval Base and Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia, where she merged her passion of librarianship with her commitment to service.

Dr. Clyburn and her husband, my good friend Congressman JIM CLYBURN, generously contributed funding to South Carolina State University to allow for the reestablishment of the Honors College. In addition, the university created the Dr. Emily England Clyburn Honors

College Scholarship Endowment, which enables deserving students the opportunity to further their education.

Dr. Clyburn's philanthropic successes did not go unnoticed. She was a recipient of the Woman of Faith Award from the Columbia Chapter of the National Council of Negro Women, the Distinguished Service Award from the South Carolina State University National Alumni Association, and the Woman of Distinction Award by the Girl Scouts of South Carolina. Additionally, she was featured in the I. DeQuincy Newman Institute for Peace and Social Justice's documentary, *Notable African American Women: In Their Own Voices*.

Dr. Clyburn was preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Mattie England, and siblings Arthur England and Mattie Mae England Wadley. She is survived by her husband, Congressman JIM CLYBURN; three daughters, Mignon L. Clyburn, Jennifer Clyburn Reed (Walter), and Angela Clyburn Hannibal; four grandchildren, Walter A. Clyburn Reed, Sydney Alexis Reed, Layla Joann Clyburn Hannibal, and Carter James Clyburn Hannibal; and many more loving family and friends.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Congressman CLYBURN, his loved ones, and all those who had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Clyburn. She was a pillar of this great institution's community, and we will dearly miss her.

# CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020, AND HEALTH EXTEND- ERS ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

## HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2019*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I will vote yes on H.R. 4378, which funds the federal government through November 21, 2019, although I do have several concerns regarding what is in the bill.

The House has completed nearly all of its appropriations bills. The Republican Senate has passed none. Because the Senate has not done its work, bridge funding is needed to keep the government open past September 30.

Let me be clear: it is imperative that Congress provide long-term stability and funding. Congress, specifically the Senate, needs to get its work done and halt the ridiculous and irresponsible lurching from short-term fix to short-term fix. Shutting down the government does nothing but harm Americans. The shutdown earlier this year resulted in Coast Guard personnel going without a pay check for 35 days. I have a bill to ensure that never happens again.

The continuing resolution includes provisions that I strongly support. I am glad it contains language to stop roughly \$1.2 billion in cuts to transit formula funding from going into effect on October 1, 2019. Had this language not been included, the so-called "Rostenkowski test" would have been triggered for the first time ever, leading to a roughly 12 percent cut in funding to transit agencies. This test, originally intended to prevent overspending from the Highway Trust Fund, is no longer relevant given that the Trust Fund now consist-

ently relies on General Fund transfers and should ultimately be repealed.

It also includes funding for Community Health Centers, which provide a vital lifeline for health care services to thousands of Oregonians and millions of Americans in rural and underserved communities. It also modifies Medicaid's drug rebate program to ensure that rebates paid to the federal government and the states by brand name drug manufacturers are calculated based solely on the price of a brand name drug, and not on generic drug prices.

It includes language to ensure the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has the funding it needs to process claims from Blue Water Navy Veterans impacted by Agent Orange as well as critical provisions that will significantly expand enrollment in the World Trade Center Health Program, aiding 9/11 first responders and survivors.

Importantly, the bill provides \$250 million in aid to Ukraine to help it defend itself from Russian aggression, which President Trump suspiciously delayed this summer. Disturbingly, Trump may have even tried to use this aid as leverage to coerce Ukraine into conducting politically-motivated investigations to help Trump's former campaign chairman Paul Manafort and to target former Vice President Joe Biden's family.

However, I am extremely disappointed that the continuing resolution did not address a highway program funding issue created by the Republicans in the last surface-transportation reauthorization bill. Section 1438 of the Fix America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act rescinds \$7.6 billion of Federal highway funding on July 1, 2020. State Departments of Transportation are very concerned about the impact of the rescission on planning, construction, and repair of roads and bridges, and it is imperative that we address this before we finalize the fiscal year 2020 appropriations bills.

I also have serious concerns with the bill's attempt to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for trade relief that has been disbursed to farmers and ranchers hurt by President Trump's trade war with China. While there's no doubt that farmers and ranchers have suffered under President Trump's trade policies, this legislation essentially clears the way for the president to continue his erratic trade policies unchecked by providing an absurd bailout of more than \$20 billion.

I hope the Senate can get its work done during the next eight weeks so we can stop the budget gimmicks and spend our time working on important issues like improving access to health care and repairing our dilapidated infrastructure. That is what Americans expect, and that is what they deserve.

# RECOGNIZING THE BRYAN/COL- LEGE STATION HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

## HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2019*

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

The Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1989 when a Texas

A&M University college student named Heather Hilton came across a brochure and wondered why there was no locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization. Heather contacted other pillars of the community who also noticed the lack of affordable housing in the Brazos Valley. Since its subsequent formation, the Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity has continued its mission of putting God's love into action by building homes, communities, and hope in Brazos County, Texas.

In 1990, Victor and Amelia Gonzalez purchased the first home built by Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity. This opportunity allowed them and their three children to move out of their small trailer with no heating or cooling and a large hole in the floor. In 2012, they paid off their mortgage on the home. The Gonzalez family is just one example of the more than 1,000 people the Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity has helped in their 30 years of existence.

The Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity has served 456 adults and 816 children by providing homeownership opportunities to individuals and families who earn between 35 and 80 percent of the area's median income. This past August, the Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity raised the walls of its 298th home, and will reach its 300th home milestone this year.

The Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity is able to provide these opportunities to those in need through financial donations, volunteer labor, efficient building methods, standardized designs, and zero interest loans. Over 70 percent of the land and construction costs come from the generous donations from businesses, individuals, and other private sources. Other costs are covered by mortgage payments of the existing Habitat for Humanity homeowners and revenue from the Bryan-College Station ReStore which opened in 1995 selling building supplies, furniture, appliances, and home décor.

In addition to constructing new homes, the Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity has also started a Community Home Repair program to serve low-income residents. Since the program's inception in 2015, it has served another 209 homeowners in the Brazos Valley.

The work Habitat for Humanity does is vital to the success of families in the Brazos Valley. A 2018 study conducted by the Bush School of Government and Public Service found that families in Habitat homes visit the doctor less for mold related illnesses, the children have increased performance in school, and parents are more confident in funding their children's education. The Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity does more than build and repair homes; they bring people from all walks of life together to work toward a common goal: demonstrating God's love by giving a hand up to those in need of decent, affordable places to live.

Madam Speaker, it is clear that the Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity has had a large and positive impact on the Brazos Valley in their 30 years of operation. I congratulate them on reaching this milestone and I look forward to seeing their continued success.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our vet-

erans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

#### HONORING KIRK-CASEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 366 IN SENECA FALLS, NEW YORK FOR ITS ONE HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2019*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and honor Kirk-Casey American Legion Post 366 in Seneca Falls, New York for its one hundredth Anniversary.

A charter was put in place by New York State for Kirk-Casey American Legion Post 366 in Seneca Falls on September 8, 1919. The post was named in honor of local citizens, Frederick Kirk and Maynard Casey, two military members killed in action during World War I. The first meeting of Kirk-Casey American Legion Post 366 was held on September 19, 1919 where the name was chosen. Six days later, Fata Martin was the first woman enrolled in the post. Fata Martin served as a nurse in France after training at Willard State Hospital in Romulus.

On February 22, 1921, a women's auxiliary was organized and a charter was received on May 23, 1923. Property was purchased on April 2, 1924, known as the Casey Property, which was located at 48 State Street, Seneca Falls, New York. This property was used to build the post home, which is still in use. The post home was dedicated on May 18, 1929.

The rich and varied history of this post is a long-lasting legacy that I wish to share with my colleagues here, the constituents in my district and the American people. Kirk-Casey American Legion Post 366 is the first chartered post in Seneca County and is one of the longest chartered posts in the American Legion's seventh district. I applaud the efforts of this post on behalf and for veterans over the years and wish them continued success in the future.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to recognize Kirk-Casey American Legion Post 366 in Seneca Falls, New York for its one hundredth Anniversary.

#### IN HONOR OF JOHN POWELL

#### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2019*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special man, Mr. John Powell of Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Powell is part of a special group of heroes that served our nation during World War II. Mr. Powell celebrates his 100th birthday on September 22nd.

Mr. Powell was born in Pennsylvania. He was drafted into the United States Army on April 4, 1941. He was expected to serve for one year, but instead served nearly five years. He was an artilleryman who landed on Omaha Beach just 17 days after D-Day. He and his unit pushed all the way to the Rhine River in

Germany. Mr. Powell earned the rank of Master Sergeant and was awarded the WWII Victory Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the American Defense Medal, the Operation Overload Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Bronze Star.

Mr. Powell returned home and worked for businesses in upstate New York. He later landed a job with IBM as a manager and was transferred to Lexington, Kentucky where he worked for 28 years prior to retirement. Mr. Powell married his wife Betty and they were blessed with two daughters, Paula and Marsha. Mr. and Mrs. Powell will celebrate their 77th anniversary this New Year's Eve.

Mr. Powell and his fellow veterans are true heroes. As members of the "Greatest Generation", they willingly served to protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy today. I am humbled to honor the service of Mr. John Powell and to celebrate his upcoming 100th birthday before the United States Congress.

#### HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC.

#### HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2019*

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor Sports Foundation, Inc. on their 50th Anniversary of tireless advocacy to improve the lives of Bronx residents. This organization is a great example of extraordinary contributions that community based groups and outstanding individuals have made in my district in the Bronx.

Mr. Robert Williams and Mr. Claude "Buddy" Young founded Sports Foundation, Inc. in 1969. Mr. Williams was born and raised in the Bronx, attended Theodore Roosevelt High School and was captain of NYU's basketball team while earning a bachelors in education from there. Mr. Williams was also the first African-American assistant basketball coach at NYU. Throughout his career, basketball and scholarship were two of his biggest priorities. Mr. "Buddy" Young was one of the first black men to play pro football. He started playing at the University of Illinois, and then was drafted into the Armed Services, and played with one of the service teams. At the end of his military service, Mr. Young played for ten years in the All-America Football Conference and National Football League.

The dedication of Sports Foundation, Inc. to promote social responsibility to disadvantaged and at-risk youth has facilitated their ability to foster, develop and encourage positive youth development using sports as a method of change. Their work has created a lasting impact in my community and participants have been all the better for it. The variety of programs such as prevention counseling, sports and fitness activities, music/entertainment, and educational and community service, has helped to develop healthy bodies and strong minds in the youth from this community. Their location in the South Bronx placed this organization on the front lines in the war against poverty, obesity, hunger, drugs, and violence. Sports Foundation, Inc. is now focused on transforming the foundation into the premier