

HONORING BLACK FINE ART MONTH

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Black artists inspire the citizens of Chicago with the power of their imaginations and create works that heal, uplift, and transform our community; and

Whereas, Black artists create works in all art forms that reflect a wide range of experiences and perspectives; and

Whereas, the appreciation of the full diversity and complexity of Black lives is crucial for the common good of our local, national, and international communities; and

Whereas, Black artists play a leading role in shaping public attitudes about diversity and provide valuable role models for future generations; and

Whereas, Black artists create work that touches our deepest emotions and builds bridges among people of all ages, abilities, races, religions, and sexual preferences; and

Whereas, Pigment International,TM the Black art collective, in collaboration with The DuSable Museum of African American History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, and in partnership with the bold gallerists, esteemed art purveyors, talented curators, and prominent arts organizations across Chicago, across the country and globally, has organized a new international holiday called Black Fine Art Month, which is celebrated annually during October.

Whereas, the citizens of Chicago are joining with artists and art supporters around the world to celebrate the Black fine art aesthetic and its global impact during this inaugural Black Fine Art Month proclaimed this October 3, 2019; now, therefore be it

Resolved that I, ROBIN L. KELLY, serving as a Member of the House of Representatives, do hereby proclaim October as “Black Fine Art Month,” in the Second Congressional District of Illinois.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. EVA FELDMAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Eva Feldman for receiving the 2019 Distinguished Achievement Award from the Michigan Medicine Alumni Society. Her esteemed work in neurology is worthy of commendation and makes her an excellent recipient of this great honor.

Dr. Eva Feldman received her Ph.D. and M.D. in neuroscience at the University of Michigan Medical School in 1979 and 1983, respectively. After performing her residency in neurology at The Johns Hopkins Hospital—becoming the first neurologist to receive The Johns Hopkins Award for Medical Teaching and Excellence—she returned home to the University of Michigan to complete a Neuromuscular fellowship in 1988. She has been

part of the University of Michigan faculty ever since and continues to devote her career to understanding neurological disorders and developing new and innovative treatments. Under her supervision, nine scientists have received their Ph.D. degrees, and over 100 postdoctoral fellows and neurologists have been trained to treat neurological diseases.

Today, Dr. Feldman serves as the Director of the University of Michigan ALS Center of Excellence and runs the Program for Neurology Research & Discovery, her own 30-scientist laboratory. In addition, she is the principle investigator of the first two FDA-approved human trials of intraspinal stem cell implantation therapy for ALS. Furthermore, Dr. Feldman formerly directed the A. Alfred Taubman Medical Research Institute until 2017.

Dr. Feldman is renowned for her neurological expertise. Throughout her tenure, Dr. Feldman has published over 420 original peer-reviewed articles, four books, and 70 book chapters, and has received continuous funding from the National Institutes of Health for more than 30 years. She is the Past President of the Peripheral Nerve Society and served as President of the American Neurological Association from 2011 to 2013. In addition to being an elected member of the Association of American Physicians and National Academy of Medicine, Dr. Feldman has earned a vast list of awards and recognitions including the 2016 Castle Connolly National Clinician of the Year Award and the 2017 Endocrine Society Gerald D. Aurbach Award for Outstanding Translational Research, to name only a few. Most recently, Dr. Feldman was honored with the 2019 PNS Alan J. Gebhart Prize for Excellence in Peripheral Nerve Research.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Dr. Eva Feldman for her extraordinary work in neurology. We are grateful for her lifetime of impactful work and wish her many years of continued success. The 2019 Distinguished Achievement Award is well deserved.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HARVESTERS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of Harvesters and recognize its countless contributions to Missouri’s Fifth Congressional District, the Kansas City region, and beyond. As part of a national network of hunger relief organizations, Harvesters is a cornerstone of many communities in the 5th District, and I am truly honored to have such an impactful, admirable organization based in the district I represent.

Harvesters began in Kansas City in 1979 when faith organizations, social service agencies, and businesses partnered to tackle the increasing issue of hunger in the greater Kansas City area. Harvesters is a food bank that acts as a liaison between more than 760 agencies in Missouri and Kansas to coordinate with emergency food pantries, homeless shelters, children’s homes, schools, and others to

end food insecurity. During its first year of operation, Harvesters administered 155,000 pounds of food within five counties. The non-profit has only increased in size and reach in the years since.

In 2018, Harvesters distributed 52,572,724 pounds of food throughout twenty-six counties in Missouri and Kansas. As operations expanded and flourished, the United States Department of Agriculture extended a partnership to Harvesters, offering the organization the opportunity to distribute federal commodities to qualifying agencies. In 2011, Harvesters was nationally recognized as the Food Bank of the Year by Feeding America, the largest domestic hunger relief organization in the United States.

Harvesters operates community-wide programs for children, families, and seniors out of its Topeka and Kansas City facilities. The BackSnack program works with schools to provide over 8,000 nutritious snacks and meals each week to children in the greater Kansas City area. The nonprofit has implemented mobile food pantries throughout Missouri’s Fifth Congressional District for families that may not otherwise have access to a grocery store. Harvesters also works with the federal government on the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which delivers boxes of nutritious food to seniors each month. Harvesters is inclusive of all, tailoring each of its programs to the diverse community it serves.

Harvesters set itself apart as an advocate and champion of human dignity in our communities. Throughout its twenty-six county service area, one in eight people are food insecure. The organization recognizes that many individuals and families need food assistance at times, and they strive to provide support with benevolence and compassion. Harvesters staff and volunteers are truly an inspiration to us all.

Madam Speaker, please join with me in celebrating Harvesters’ Fortieth Anniversary. Through magnanimous leadership and dedicated service, Harvesters has touched the lives of thousands of residents in Missouri’s Fifth Congressional District and beyond. We stand today to celebrate Harvesters’ indelible mark on our country and thank them for their enduring work to end hunger in our communities.

RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEST HARPELTH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th Anniversary of the West Harpeth Primitive Baptist Church.

The West Harpeth Primitive Baptist Church was founded circa 1869 under the leadership of Elder Peter Starnes. The first congregants were former slaves upon whose strong Christian faith the church was founded.

The land was purchased in 1881 and the initial facility was constructed on the property. The land, located near Old West Harpeth Road, is the same site on which their building

stands today. The facility was rebuilt in 1948 and around that time, a separate building was constructed, consisting of a dining room and two restrooms accessed from the outside.

The church was remodeled in 1968 under the pastorate of Elder Walter E. Rodgers. Later in 1986, under the pastorate of Elder Hewitt C. Sawyers, the building was expanded to include a baptistry and indoor restrooms. In 1998, a major renovation was done which included the construction of a new sanctuary, offices, and classrooms. Throughout the church's 150 years, there have been only six pastors.

The church is hosting the 150th Church Anniversary Celebration on October 27, 2019 at 3 p.m., where they will dedicate a historical marker.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate West Harpeth Primitive Baptist Church and their congregants on the historic occasion of their 150th Anniversary, and I know there will be many more years in kingdom building for Christ and service to their community.

RECOGNIZING THE EZIBU MUNTU AFRICAN DANCE COMPANY AND THE “REMEMBER THEM” AFRICAN HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Ezibu Muntu African Dance Company and all of the attendees of the “Remember Them” convocation on October 1, 2019, which commemorated the 400-year anniversary of the African Holocaust. The Ezibu Muntu African Dance Company has helped increase awareness about the transatlantic slave trade, and I am grateful for their efforts in organizing this important commemoration.

The 400-year African Holocaust commemoration is an opportunity to mourn and reflect on the enduring impacts of the transatlantic slave trade, and to celebrate all that our community has overcome and achieved since 1619. We must always remember those who were affected by this horrific and painful chapter of history, and learn from our shared past. As we reflect, let us honor the resilience of our community, and reinvigorate our commitment to justice. Together, I know we can create an equitable and fair future for all generations.

Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing my gratitude to the Ezibu Muntu African Dance Company and all of the attendees of the “Remember Them” convocation for their work to better our community. As we look toward our next chapter, let us never forget where we have come from, nor the experiences of those who came before us. I wish them the best for a successful and healing event.

RECOGNIZING DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the millions that fight each day against Dysautonomia, a group of debilitating medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system. This system is responsible for “automatic” bodily functions such as respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, temperature control and more; the things that many of us have the luxury of taking for granted.

Dysautonomia impacts more than 70 million people around the world including Diabetic Autonomic Neuropathy, Vasovagal Syncope, Pure Autonomic Failure, and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome. This devastating diagnosis significantly impacts the lives of people of any age, gender, race or background across the United States and Western New York.

As is, dysautonomia can be extremely incapacitating, but an often-unseen symptom of this disability is the social isolation that accompanies it. The financial stress on the families of those impacted by this disease warrant our acknowledgement and recognition. Increased awareness about dysautonomia will help patients get treated sooner, save lives and foster support for individuals and families coping with this diagnosis. I am proud to once again affirm that the outstanding character and strong moral fiber of those in the Western New York Community continue to provide the much-needed support for the victims suffering from dysautonomia. Looking ahead, it will be crucial for the community to remain steadfast as they rally around these victims in their ongoing hard fought battle against this disease.

Dysautonomia awareness is a critical component in the early detection of the disease because most patients take years to be properly diagnosed. Dysautonomia International, a non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with dysautonomia, encourages communities to deepen their understanding of this challenging condition; especially during Dysautonomia Awareness Month each October. The tireless efforts of the Dysautonomia community for research and accessible services will be recognized on Saturday, October 5 in my Congressional District; the color turquoise will bathe Niagara Falls and Buffalo City Hall in solidarity of care and concern.

Dysautonomia International continues to raise awareness and funds for this debilitating disease in hopes that one day successful treatments and a cure will be found. Their efforts should be recognized across our nation throughout and beyond the month of October.

Madam Speaker, I recognize Dysautonomia International and Dysautonomia Awareness Month. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the contributions of the professional medical community, patients and family members who are working to educate our citizenry about dysautonomia throughout Western New York. They are deserving of greater understanding, recognition and respect.

HONORING THE CITY OF FORT BRAGG

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Fort Bragg, California on the 130th anniversary of its incorporation. One of only four cities in Mendocino County, it is the largest coastal city on California's North Coast between San Francisco and Eureka.

Prior to its incorporation as a city on August 5, 1889, the area now known as Fort Bragg was inhabited by Native Americans of the Pomo tribes for more than 10,000 years. It was first encountered by a Bureau of Indian Affairs exploration party in 1855, which led to the establishment of the Mendocino Indian Reservation and Fort Bragg military post in 1857. The military post and reservation were abandoned by 1865, after the majority of the indigenous population was forced to relocate to the Round Valley Reservation in inland Mendocino County.

Fort Bragg's first Mayor, C.R. Johnson, was president of the Fort Bragg Redwood Company. Much of the City's infrastructure was laid out and developed by the timber industry, particularly the Union Lumber Company which formed through the consolidation of smaller companies and established Fort Bragg as a company town. Additionally, Noyo Harbor was a thriving commercial fishing port as well as the only source of outside goods until the California Western Railroad was developed in 1905, creating reliable rail transportation between Fort Bragg and San Francisco.

Today, Fort Bragg has transitioned from timber extraction and commercial fishing to an economy oriented toward tourism and services. With a population of approximately 8,000, it is the largest city on the North Coast and serves as a retail and service hub for more than 20,000 residents as well as hundreds of thousands of visitors who come each year to experience the scenic coastline and temperate climate. Fort Bragg is governed by a City Council comprised of 5 members and has a thriving and diverse population that is dedicated to making the City a warm, inviting, and family-friendly place to live and work.

Madam Speaker, the City of Fort Bragg continues to be a special place with a thriving local economy and inviting atmosphere. Despite the challenges inherent in transitioning into a tourism-focused economy, the City has succeeded in carrying on the values and traditions that epitomize this unique coastal community. Please join me in congratulating the City of Fort Bragg on the occasion of its 130th anniversary, and in wishing it and its residents many more years of vibrance and prosperity.

HONORING THE TOWN OF LEWIS ON THE DEDICATION OF THEIR NEW VETERANS PARK

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Town of Lewis, the Veterans Park Committee, American Legion Post