

Parchman where prison authorities subjected them to days of abuse, humiliation and punishment under horrific conditions.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these civil rights activists and honoring their memories through the dedication of the Proud to Take Stand Monument.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY WITH THE FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 30, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of Lawrence University's partnership with the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) administered by the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO).

In 1860, Congress established the GPO to provide and preserve information about the federal government to Congress. The GPO's authority was later expanded through legislation in 1895, making the agency responsible for not only printing for all three branches of government, but also distributing government publications to designated libraries to provide information about the federal government to the public. Thus, the Federal Depository Library Program began. Today, the FDLP distributes government documents to nearly 1,159 libraries.

The Seeley G. Mudd Library is the oldest FDLP library among all universities and colleges in Wisconsin. Its collections of Congressional records and government documents include historical treasures unique among all FDLP libraries in the state. The Fox Valley and students of Lawrence University are fortunate to have a resource like the Seeley G. Mudd Library in our community. I am grateful to Lawrence University for pioneering Wisconsin's partnership with the FDLP, and to the Seeley G. Mudd Library for preserving treasured government documents for the community.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Lawrence University as the Seeley G. Mudd Library celebrates this impressive milestone.

COMMEMORATING TREE PLANTING IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 30, 2019*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the tree I was able to plant this morning on U.S. Capitol grounds in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt and his important influence on conservation.

Republicans quote him. Democrats quote him. He's on Mount Rushmore. He left a legacy of having written more than thirty-five books, 150,000 letters and countless articles.

As president, he used his authority to establish 150 national forests, 51 federal bird re-

serves, four national game preserves, five national parks, 18 national monuments, and designated over 200 million acres as national forests, yet no tree here on the U.S. Capitol grounds honors our transformational 26th president.

In 1907, Roosevelt penned a letter to school children in honor of Arbor Day, saying "a people without children would face a hopeless future; a country without trees is almost as helpless."

A Greek proverb tells us that "a society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."

It is my hope that our future youth and Capitol visitors will now enjoy the beauty and shade of this tree and that the important influence of President Roosevelt will continue well into the 22nd century and beyond.

HONORING PASTOR MARVIN HENK'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 30, 2019*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark a special anniversary in the community, as St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mamaroneck is celebrating Pastor Marvin Henk's 45th year as a pastor.

Pastor Henk was born in Salisbury, Maryland and grew up in both Des Plaines, Illinois and Fremont, California. He is a graduate of Valparaiso University, the Lutheran School of Theology of Chicago, Union Theological Seminary in New York, and Princeton Theological Seminary.

Pastor Henk was ordained at Trinity Lutheran Church, Staten Island in 1974, and served there as associate pastor and religion instructor until 1978. In 1978, he became pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Mamaroneck. For 40 years in Mamaroneck, Pastor Henk has served as a spiritual leader in the community. But his involvement goes beyond the church. He volunteers on the Board of Greenwood Union Cemetery Board in Rye and as a Chaplain to the Mamaroneck Fire and Police Departments. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Rye YMCA and the Samaritan Counseling Center in Rye. In addition, Pastor Henk has volunteered on the Ethics Committee for the Village of Mamaroneck, the Committee for Immigration and Hispanic Relations in Mamaroneck, and on various ELCA committees.

When not serving his congregants and neighbors, Pastor Henk enjoys sailing, watching baseball, running the New York City Marathon—which he's done three times—and playing racquetball. He also loves to travel, something I as Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee can appreciate.

But Pastor Henk's greatest love is family. He is married to his lovely wife, Kathleen, who is a teacher at Rye Presbyterian Nursery School. Together they have two daughters, Erin and Allison.

Madam Speaker, as Representative for New York's 16th District, it is my honor to recognize Pastor Henk on this special occasion. Congratulations to him on 45 years as pastor.

HONORING EVA JONES

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 30, 2019*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mrs. Eva Jones who has been a servant leader for most of her adult life. She began in her church organizing health fairs, women empowerment sessions, teen summits, and domestic abuse conferences that focused on raising awareness and ending dating and sexual assault violence in the Metro Jackson community. After raising her three sons, Mrs. Jones returned to college as an adult learner and earned a B.S. in Criminal Justice and Sociology from Mississippi College to enhance her knowledge in order to help women, men, and children who are victims and survivors of abuse and violence.

In 2010, Mrs. Jones founded Butterflies by Grace Defined by Faith, an organization that strives to educate, empower, and advocate awareness to change the hearts of people and propose policy and legislation to protect victims and survivors of sexual assault, human trafficking, and domestic violence. Butterflies by Grace Defined by Faith also strives to empower individuals and educate the community to create social change within the community. Butterflies by Grace Defined by Faith is a true ministry which has changed hundreds of lives.

Mrs. Jones has had the privilege to serve and volunteer on various boards and organizations such as the American Medical Technologist, Sickle Cell Foundation, SIDS, Diabetes Foundation, Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the Susan Komen Breast Cancer and many more. She has been honored by many civic organizations and most recently Black Girls Rock, AMT Distinguished Achievement Award, National Visionary Award and Hero of the Year Award recipient. Mrs. Jones is an active member of her church and has worked as a registered medical assistant for over 30 years. Mrs. Jones is a proud wife, mother of three sons, and grandmother of 7 grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Eva Jones.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JAMES OLIVER TWIST

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 30, 2019*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the life of James Oliver Twist, who passed away at the age of 27 after a lifetime of service to his fellow Americans. Through his extreme courage and selflessness, James became an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

James was born on June 30, 1992. The youngest of his siblings, James excelled as an athlete and obtained the rank of Eagle Scout before graduating from Forest Hills Central High School. Upon graduation, James enlisted in the United States Army. He completed his basic training at Fort Knox and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg,

North Carolina. James served in Afghanistan in 2012, where he was deployed to the Kandahar Valley. Throughout his service abroad, James was invaluable to his brothers in uniform, and he took great joy in the work he did for nearby villages. Following his return home, James married his wife Emalyn in 2013, and joined the Army Reserve, serving with the 321st Psychological Operations Battalion in Grand Rapids. Seeking to further serve his fellow Michiganders, James entered the State Police Training Academy and graduated in July 2018 as Trooper No. 1615.

Despite his unforgettable sense of humor and unique ability to bring joy to others, James hid his struggle with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. On October 22, 2019, James took his own life. Even after his death, James was dedicated to the public good as his organs and tissue were used to save the lives of six fellow Americans. As we look for solace after this tragedy, I want to express my heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. James' tireless devotion to the public good has touched the lives of countless Michiganders, and the impact of his work cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of James Oliver Twist. His legacy will forever live on in his family and through the countless lives he bettered through his service.

#### HONORING SAINT PETER'S BAPTIST CHURCH

#### HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Saint Peter's Baptist Church in Pascagoula, MS which will be celebrating its 200th anniversary. The founding of this church tells the story of Mr. Dudley Brooks, who was a former slave that gained his freedom by saving the life of his master's wife. Mr. Brooks then went on to work as a ship caulker so he could save up money, eventually buying his wife's freedom in Louisiana. Together, they traveled back to Scranton, presently known as Pascagoula, where they built their home on Market Street.

Mr. Brooks started by gathering a small group of community members to worship in his home which eventually transformed into the First Free Mission Baptist Church, later installing Reverend George Washington as the first pastor. The congregation soon outgrew the Brooks' home as worshippers traveled from Gautier by boat to attend the church, requiring the church to move the service underneath a huge oak tree on Market Street, presently known as Canal Street. With the oak tree's roots serving as pews for family members, and a small ship's bell fastened to the tree churchgoers would summon worshippers to join their service by ringing the bell. While times were tough and money was limited, members of the congregation were able to raise \$250 to purchase a 200 ft. by 60 ft. lot. While Mr. Brooks and the congregation were unable to write at the time the church was established, the story of the church's beginnings have been passed down through generations.

The new church purchased a larger bell and placed it in the tree where the old ship's bell hung. While the church has since moved locations, the larger bell still hangs from an oak tree on Canal Street. Mr. Dudley Brooks' hardships are a real test of the human spirit, and through his determination, he created something that would continue to touch lives on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for centuries. His story is a true miracle and inspiration to us all. I want to congratulate the members of Saint Peter's Baptist Church for continuing to build on the foundation laid by Mr. Brooks and Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

#### TRIBUTE TO MILDRED L. HARPOLE

#### HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Mildred L. Harpole a highly esteemed change agent and civil rights leader. A Native of Cleveland, Ohio, Mildred came to Milwaukee to earn her bachelor's degree from Marquette University, and later her juris doctorate from now Case Western Reserve University in Ohio. During her brief time away, she married Reuben Harpole the love of her life and returned to Milwaukee to raise their family.

Upon her return in the early 1960s, Mildred would become an educator for Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS). With very few curriculum materials, and children lacking reading skills, she unlocked their desire to learn by engaging them in everyday media. By using newspapers, popular music, and television shows, she helped students read and inform themselves on current events, and literature styles. Mildred simultaneously became engaged in the fight to end segregation in MPS with the Milwaukee United School Integration Committee (MUSIC). Like other demonstrations during the Civil Rights era, Mildred helped organize several "Freedom Schools" that ran parallel to the boycott. These grassroots schools were designed to be a supportive environment for her students with innovative teaching, learning, and liberated thinking for African American children. "I don't feel that it was productive for children to sit home or be on the street during the boycott." Mildred often recalled. She would go on to administer and establish the foundation for the Harambee Community School that cultivated generations of students for more than forty years.

Mildred understood that there was a direct link between educational opportunity and housing policy and became the Director of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity in the Milwaukee office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Her work updating national fair housing standards and providing access to shelter for the underprivileged and homeless received extensive recognition from policy makers, developers and community groups. Mildred also served as chair of the health committee for the Harambee Health Center and was awarded a \$5 million grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and members of Fisk University for the City of Milwaukee to expand their operations.

Mildred's deep commitment to supporting our community was done consistently with humility and persistence. She was the National President of Eta Phi Beta an affiliate of the National Council of Negro Women, co-founder of the Community Brainstorming Conference, Family Service of Milwaukee, the women's leadership forum TEMPO Milwaukee, as well as the founding President of the North Central Service Club. Mildred was also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the City of Milwaukee Arts Board, the Milwaukee County Cultural Artistic and Musical Programming Advisory Council and a charter member of the Cream City Links, Inc.

She was also the recipient of the Vatican II Award from the Milwaukee Archdiocese for service in society, the Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals National Philanthropy Day—Todd Wehr Volunteer Award and the City of Milwaukee's Frank P. Zeidler Public Service Award with her husband.

Mildred never did anything for a title or recognition, but because it was the right thing to do. She understood that though this world is imperfect, what we do with our lives can create a better one. Her career as an educator and housing advocate was done intentionally to lift future generations of African Americans and underserved communities, so that they may reach for the sky. Till the end of her days she never stopped lifting and her legacy will have lasting impacts. I am proud to say Mildred was my friend and she and Reuben were a part of my support network. I will cherish the memories of working with her over the years. She leaves behind her husband Reuben, children Anette and John, and grandchildren to cherish her memory.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons I rise to salute Mildred Harpole, a fierce woman whose actions made the 4th Congressional District, the State of Wisconsin and the world a better place.

#### HONORING ERICA WEBBER JONES

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mrs. Erica Webber Jones. A native of Houston, Mississippi, Mrs. Jones earned a bachelor's and master's degree in Elementary Education from Jackson State University in May 2000.

Mrs. Jones served as an instructional coach and teacher in the Hinds County School District for four years. While there, she improved her students' passage rate on district-level assessments and saw profound academic growth in her pupils. Because of her effective instructional practices, she was named Teacher of the Year for Gary Road Elementary. It didn't take long before district leadership took notice of her superb performance in the classroom.

Jones was named Hinds County's District Teacher of the Year and her class became a model classroom for teachers to visit.

In 2018, she was also selected by the NEA Foundation to serve as a Global Learning Fellow. Later this summer she will travel to South