

IN HONOR OF 40 YEARS OF YES TO YOUTH: MONTGOMERY COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Fortieth Anniversary of one of my community's finest service organizations, Yes to Youth—Montgomery County Youth Services.

Established on February 2, 1979, Yes to Youth (Y2Y) has faithfully served the Montgomery County community for four decades. Their noble mission is to empower teens and their families by building up their existing strengths, expanding their access to opportunities, and overall, enhancing their lives. Their selfless service, hard work, and dedicated commitment to this mission has inspired and positively affected countless lives in our community.

Y2Y first began providing services to teens facing crises through the launch of their crisis hotline. As the organization expanded over the years, so too did the scope of the services offered to those in need. Today, the organization offers a wide variety of resources and initiatives to serve teens and their families. To name just a few, Y2Y offers group and family mental health counseling, school presentations on crisis situations, suicide prevention, emergency youth shelter, outreach program from homeless teens, and a support program for young adults.

These services have not only saved countless lives, but they have made Montgomery County a better place to call home. The qualities that Y2Y and its volunteers embody represent the best in our society, and today is about making sure they know the tireless work they do to improve our community does not go unnoticed.

It is my absolute honor to congratulate the Y2Y team today as they celebrate four decades of extraordinary service. I know I speak for the entire Eighth Congressional District of Texas when I say, thank you. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Y2Y's Fortieth Anniversary and their positive impact on the Montgomery County community.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL MICHAEL "MOSES" THOMPSON

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Colonel Michael "Moses" Thompson. As a member of the United States Air Force, "Moses," his call sign as an F-16 pilot, plans his retirement after 24 years of dutiful service to his country.

With his long and successful career in a many number of leadership positions, Colonel Moses Thompson will officially retire in the summer of this year. His career began at the United States Air Force Academy in 1991 where he majored in Political Science and International Relations. He became an F-16 Pilot of the 14th Fighter Squadron, then joined

the 79th Fighter Squadron in 1999 as Chief of Standardization and Evaluation. Continuing his love of flight and earnest ability to help others, Moses started instructing young and hopeful pilots, then becoming an Air Liaison and Flight Commander in Fort Benning, Georgia. In 2007 he received an MBA from the University of Maryland University College, and soon after finished another master's degree, this time from the United States Air Force Command and Staff College. After more positions in leadership as a commander in Germany and senior advisor to the Iraqi Ministry of Defense in Baghdad, Moses Thompson is now the Chief of Advanced Weapons Systems at the U.S. Air Force Headquarters Air Combat Command.

After a lengthy and dedicated career, Colonel Thompson will now retire with his wife Ali. He has been described as a "powerful, inspiration, and effective leader," known for his integrity and ability to "make the difficult look easy." As previously stated, he has had many titles and many honorable positions, but his selfless action and dedicated service are what keep Americans safe. People like Moses are special and rare, and our country is blessed to have had him serve our people.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the many accomplishments of Colonel Michael "Moses" Thompson, honoring his love of country and service he has given to our great nation.

CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION OF NILDA L. WILSON

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, Nilda L. Wilson has been a longtime leader in the Dominican community. She was among the original co-founders of many non-profit charities including the Dominican Medical Society Women's Chapter, Dominicanos Pro-Ayuda A La Niñez, and many more philanthropic activities supporting the community.

Nilda L. Wilson with her husband Dr. James A. Wilson, have for over 40 years managed and operated one of the earliest Dominican medical practices in Washington Heights in New York's 13th Congressional District.

They were among the first Dominican medical practices in Northern Manhattan first established in 1966 on the corner of 178th St. & Audubon Ave. and remained in the same location serving the Dominican community through their retirement in 2006.

Nilda L. Wilson has always felt a strong and enduring responsibility to care for those in need of health care especially in Washington Heights and Northern Manhattan. Ms. Wilson and Dr. Wilson have maintained and strengthened their ties to the Dominican Republic helping sponsor medical students and trainees coming to the United States.

Nilda L. Wilson and her remarkable family have reached extraordinary professional success and continue to give back to the Dominican-American community.

RECOGNIZING THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF KAZAKHSTAN'S NUR OTAN PARTY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Nur Otan party in Kazakhstan for its twentieth anniversary and the convening of its eighteenth Congress in Astana, Kazakhstan later this month. The Nur Otan party has made Kazakhstan's growth in the region, and around the world, its core mission through "Kazakhstan 2050".

This strategy seeks to place the country in the top 30 global economies by 2050 by investing in not only economic sectors; but through social initiatives as well. For instance, President Nazarbayev, Chairman of Nur Otan, has singled out investments in public housing, education, small business, economic diversification, and energy.

Madam Speaker, we must encourage such development, but we must also never forget the role Kazakhstan has played in our fight against terrorism and the immense role the country has played in the global cause of non-proliferation. In Afghanistan, Kazakhstan has provided invaluable support for supply lines used by the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Coalition, while also conducting joint military training programs with American and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) forces in the Central Asian steppes. As for non-proliferation, Kazakhstan, under President Nazarbayev's steady leadership, has not only relentlessly championed the cause of nuclear disarmament, but it has also established the world's first-ever Low Enriched Uranium Fuel Bank, in order to ensure stable civil nuclear energy use worldwide.

Madam Speaker, it is abundantly clear that Kazakhstan has been, and continues to be, a strong partner of ours in Central Asia, and it is my hope that the U.S.-Kazakhstan relationship will continue to strengthen to the benefit of both countries.

HONORING MAYOR JOE D. HERMES

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Joe D. Hermes, an Edna native who dedicated his life to public service and his community.

Mayor Hermes first moved to Edna when he was six years old and has considered it his home ever since. His first public service role came as council member from 1979 to 1987. He was then elected Mayor in 1987. After forty devoted years of serving the people of Edna, Mayor Hermes has decided to retire.

Since Mayor Hermes took office, Edna has built three parks and a swimming pool, purchased and restored property for the city, moved City Hall from the building that now accommodates the Edna Police Department, and navigated the community through difficult economic times.

Mayor Hermes' service to Edna includes various board member and committee member positions on the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission, the Jackson County Industrial Foundation and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, among others.

Mayor Hermes' retirement will afford him the opportunity to spend more time with some of his most important constituents, his three children and grandchildren, all of whom live within two hours of the city. Nevertheless, he will remain involved in the community.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Mayor Joe D. Hermes for his tremendous public service and dedication to the people of Edna. He is a model of generosity and embodies the spirit of Edna, Texas.

RECOGNIZING THE CANANDAIGUA VA MEDICAL CENTER

HON. ANTHONY BRINDISI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Mr. BRINDISI. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my constituent to recognize the staff of the Canandaigua, New York U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center.

Health care for our nation's veterans is truly one of the most important services the federal government provides. All too often however, we read news stories about substandard and unacceptable care that those who served our country in uniform receive. I was heartened recently to receive correspondence from a constituent, Beth Jones of Rome. Beth is the sister of a Vietnam veteran who served a total of six years in the Air Force and Army. He suffered trauma connected to his service, and through the years has resided in several facilities for veterans.

Beth told my office that, for nearly ten years, her brother has resided at the VA's Canandaigua community living center. During that time, he and the other patients there have received individual attention with staff members that take care of any health issues or other concerns promptly; communicate with out of town family members; and maintain the facility so that it is a clean, comfortable environment for its residents.

On Beth's behalf, I would like to commend the staff of the Canandaigua VA Medical Center for providing such devoted and compassionate care to this veteran and his family. Our nation's veterans have earned our steadfast support and respect, and I am glad to hear that this military family has received the care they needed at Canandaigua.

Veterans in New York and across the country deserve this same level of care, and I will continue fighting to ensure that they have the support and resources they need both when wearing our country's uniform, and when they return home.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
MOZELLE W. MYERS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary woman who possessed an adventurous spirit and a big heart. Mrs. Mozelle Myers passed away on Thursday, January 31, 2019, but her legacy remains with us through the many lives she touched during her 82 years among us.

Mozelle, the daughter of the late Reverend Willie Williams and Inez Williams Brown, was born on March 16, 1936. She was an honor graduate of Burke High School and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Claflin University in 1958. She married her college sweetheart and classmate, AME Presiding Elder Samuel L. Myers.

Mrs. Myers had a passion for learning and service that led to a lifelong pursuit of knowledge. She continued her education at the University of Notre Dame, South Carolina State University, the University of South Carolina, and the College of Charleston. Mrs. Myers shared her deep appreciation for knowledge with future generations, devoting 30 years to teaching at Bonds Wilson and North Charleston High Schools. Her desire to learn extended beyond the classroom and inspired her to study the Bible and ancient history.

As a First Lady of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. Myers supported her husband's mission in ministry while remaining a leader in the church and her community. As a leader in the Women's Missionary Society for over 50 years she supported scholarship and community building efforts.

Her favorite words of inspiration were, "Lord, when it's my time to leave, let me come home to you with a clean heart and a peaceful soul. I have fought a good fight; now let me rest in your loving arms."

In addition to her husband of 61 years, she is survived by her loving daughters, Ms. Angela Myers and Ms. Sarita Myers; a special grandson, Brandon Jackson-Williams; siblings, Rev. Dr. Alfred Williams, Mrs. Luethel McNeil, Mrs. Mildred Williams, Mrs. Leila Daniels, Mrs. Rebecca Small, Mrs. Bessie Simmons, Mrs. Gloria Edwards, Mrs. Susie Williams Manning, Mr. Leon Williams, and nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was predeceased by her devoted brother, Isaac Williams, who also served as an aide to me for many years.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in offering our heartfelt condolences to Mozelle Myers' family and friends. Her extraordinary faith and dedication to serving others are the hallmarks of a life well lived.

HONORING MR. JOHN SALTER, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Salter, Jr. on his great contributions to civil rights activism.

Born in Chicago and raised in Flagstaff, Arizona, John began his journey to higher edu-

cation at Arizona State University after serving in the Army. He graduated in 1958 and received his master's degree in sociology in 1960. Mr. Salter alternated between activism and teaching. He pursued his tenure in both education and activism in Vermont, the State of Washington, Rochester, New York, Chicago, at the University of Iowa, Diné College, and the University of North Dakota. His work encompassed a variety of services including Directing the Department of American Indian Studies at the University of North Dakota, teaching, and working with street gangs in Chicago. Mr. Salter worked as a labor organizer in Arizona, the NAACP's Mississippi field secretary, and organized the Jackson Movement.

John Salter, Jr. died on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 84 years of age. He and his wife Eldri Johanson, who died in 2015, had been married for 54 years. He is survived by four children, Maria Salter and Josephine Evans, both of Pocatello, and John Salter III and Peter Salter, both of Lincoln, Neb.; a brother; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, today I honor the life of Mr. John Salter, Jr. for his many contributions to education and civil rights. Salter made a career of serving others, and his work had a direct and positive influence on the lives of literally thousands.

CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION
OF JUDGE MARY V. ROSADO

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the elevation of Judge Mary V. Rosado to the New York State Supreme Court, the highest-ranking court in the State of New York.

Judge Rosado is a lifelong resident of Manhattan and was raised in the Jefferson Houses in East Harlem in New York's 13th Congressional District.

From an early age, Judge Rosado was an omnipresent contributor to the local community organizing daytime summer camps in East Harlem. Before starting her legal career, she was a committed educator in the New York City Public Schools for seven years teaching Social Studies and English.

As the oldest of ten children born to Puerto Rican migrants to the U.S., Judge Rosado has committed herself to scholastic achievement as a graduate of Hunter College of the City University of New York (CUNY) where she received her B.A. and M.A. and Fullbright Scholar in Cairo, Egypt before receiving her J.D. from Columbia University Law School.

Judge Rosado through her professional and pro-bono work has become an acclaimed community activist and is the Founder and President of Friends of the West 59th Street Recreation Center Inc., Puerto Rican Bar Association, Dominican Bar Association, Women's Bar Association, Harlem School of the Arts, Inc., Amsterdam Action Community Association, Dominican Women's Caucus, and proud participant in the Mentor-Guardian ad litem program with the Civil Court of the City of New York.

Judge Rosado has forged a thirty-year legal career which epitomized with the creation of