

graced the stages of Carnegie Hall and the Library of Congress, as well as the 2004 Democratic National Convention where she was introduced by Maya Angelou. She has had the opportunity to perform with Joe Turner, Lightnin' Hopkins, Albert King, James Brown, Bob Dylan, and Mavis Staples, among others. She continues to travel throughout the United States and Canada to speak about diversity and civil rights, because although we have come a long way, there is always work to be done to advance justice and equality.

On a personal note, I grew up in Selma hearing the voice of Bettie Mae Fikes. Her beautiful voice was the soundtrack of the historic march from Selma to Montgomery. I am so grateful that she faithfully returns on the pilgrimage to Selma each year with Congressman JOHN LEWIS and the Faith and Politics Institute to commemorate Bloody Sunday. Her beautiful music continues to move us all as we rededicate ourselves to the ideals of equality and justice for all. I know that I would not be Alabama's first black Congresswoman today had it not been for the bravery and sacrifice of freedom fighters like Bettie Mae Fikes.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the 7th Congressional District and the State of Alabama, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the activism and lasting contributions of Ms. Bettie Mae Fikes. Through song, her melodious voice was an inspiration for the Civil Rights Movement that changed a nation. Her work as an educator, her incredible voice and her story will be remembered in Alabama for many years to come.

TERMINATION OF NATIONAL
EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE
PRESIDENT ON FEBRUARY 15,
2019

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to praise this House for its swift passage of H.J. Res 46, a bipartisan bill to terminate President Trump's declaration of a Fake National Emergency.

The President's declaration is not only an unconstitutional attempt to circumvent Congress and the will of the people. It also shows an unprecedented disregard for precedent, as well as the values and institutions enshrined in our Constitution.

To pay for his wall, President Trump will not get the funds from Mexico as he promised but from our troops, robbing \$3.5 billion from the Department of Defense, funds which were passed to improve military family housing, training facilities, security of overseas bases, and much more.

Just in Ohio, over \$90 million in military construction investment is being placed at risk, including \$61,000,000 for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base's Intelligence Production Complex and \$7,400,000 for Camp Ravenna's Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun Range.

Mr. Speaker, this declaration was not founded in the security of our nation, but in delivering on an ill-advised campaign promise. We cannot allow the President to ask those who have sacrificed already to sacrifice even

more—especially for an expensive border wall few think will even work. Now, it's on the Senate to take up and pass this resolution without delay.

RECOGNIZING MRS. INEZ DOROTHY YOUNG GIBSON ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am excited to recognize Inez Dorothy Young Gibson, a revered member of the Dallas, Texas, community, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on this upcoming March 26th.

Mrs. Gibson was raised in Rockwall, Texas, home of the Caddo Indians. Heavy racial and residential segregation in the area prompted a move to Dallas, Texas in 1936, for Mrs. Gibson and her family. She attended Burnett High School, an all-African-American school in Terrell, Texas, and graduated with honors.

Mrs. Gibson later became a Vocational Nurse at the Methodist Hospital of Dallas, where she served for an impressive 23 years. She has also been heavily involved in community engagement and social activism throughout her life, specifically work to improve the South Dallas/Fair Park area. Mrs. Gibson has donated countless hours of her time to volunteer with the Warren Avenue Christian Church and Dallas ISD's Reading is Fundamental Program, among others.

Mrs. Gibson married T.D. Gibson, Sr. on August 19, 1943, and had four children: Marilyn, T.D. Jr., Michael, and Charmin. She is now the affectionate matriarch of 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I wish to commend Mrs. Inez Dorothy Young Gibson for a life dedicated to her family, friends and the Dallas community, and want to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. Congratulations are in order as she celebrates this extraordinary milestone.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SECURING
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SE-
CURITY FIREARMS ACT

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, regrettably, there have been too many instances in which Department of Homeland Security officers have misplaced or lost their Department-issued firearms due to a failure to properly secure such sensitive assets.

In October 2017, the DHS Office of Inspector General found that 2,142 sensitive assets—including 228 firearms and 1,889 badges—were misplaced between fiscal years 2014 and 2016. Most of these losses were due to DHS personnel who did not properly safeguard such sensitive assets. The Office of Inspector General identified the lack of a Department-wide firearm policy as a major reason why sensitive assets were not secured.

Therefore, I am introducing the Securing Department of Homeland Security Firearms

Act, which improves the accountability of DHS-issued firearms and other sensitive assets. Specifically, the bill directs DHS to develop and distribute a Department-wide directive for achieving adequate security over firearms and other sensitive assets. That directive must include reporting and recordkeeping requirements for lost assets. Additionally, the bill requires that DHS provide officers with training and guidance on how to follow safeguarding requirements and how to properly report the loss or theft of a firearm.

Due to its mission, DHS has a variety of highly sensitive equipment. Failure to safeguard those assets can have grave consequences for public safety and homeland security. This measure will foster greater accountability and security within DHS.

HONORING LIEUTENANT ERIC JIMENEZ, U.S. NAVY, ON EIGHT YEARS OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, today I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Lieutenant Eric Jimenez, a resident of Tulsa, Oklahoma, on eight years of dedicated active duty service to our Country in the United States Navy.

Lt. Jimenez currently serves as an Operations Research Analyst in the Naval Service Warfare Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He entered the USN in 2011, and served in numerous assignments and deployments throughout his distinguished career.

Lt. Jimenez has shown not only outstanding leadership, but uncommon technical skill. As a Reactor Control Officer on the USS *Santa Fe*, he managed a team of nine nuclear trained electronics technicians charged with maintaining nuclear reactor protection systems. He further trained an underperforming division by implementing a rigorous training and monitoring program resulting in a two-letter grade improvement in all categories of the Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE). As an Electrical Division Officer, Lt. Jimenez maintained a 100 percent electrical safety training performance and executed the ship's electrical safety program using the most up-to-date instructions and notices. As Assistant Weapons Officer, Lt. Jimenez led his team through several weapons exercises, earning the 2015 Commanders Submarines Squadron SEVEN Battle Efficiency and the Submarine Squadron Seven Weapons Excellence White "W" award.

Since November of 2016, Lt. Jimenez has led four studies, valued at \$3 million dollars, in the development, analysis, and interpretation of results of Defense Planning Scenarios designed to inform and influence Navy senior executive leadership. He further served as a co-chair on Technical Evaluation Boards, overseeing contract proposals worth an estimated \$1.5 million.

On behalf of Oklahoma's First Congressional District, I commend and congratulate my constituent, Lieutenant Eric Jimenez, on his devoted service to the United States of

America. May we learn from this young man the virtues of self-sacrifice and fidelity to our beloved Nation.

HONORING DR. ADOLPHUS
HAILSTORK

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. TONKA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the work of Dr. Adolphus Hailstork.

Dr. Hailstork is a leading composer and professor who has dedicated his life to the study, composition, and continuation of musical excellence. He has written numerous works for chorus, chamber ensembles, piano, organ, band and orchestra, which are performed and celebrated around the world.

Born in Rochester, NY, but raised in Albany, Dr. Hailstork's remarkable musical career can be traced back to his membership in the historic Cathedral of All Saints Choir of Men and Boys, the oldest continually performing ensemble of its kind in the United States. His membership in the Choir was the catalyst to more than seventy years of creative expression and musical prowess.

Since his time with the Choir, he has pursued a career in music with relentless dedication. During his years at Albany High School, he began composing music regularly. He received degrees from Howard University and the Manhattan School of Music and studied in France with famed composer and teacher Nadia Boulanger before receiving his doctorate from Michigan State University in 1971.

What makes Dr. Hailstork truly admirable is not only his aptitude in making music, but his desire and skill in teaching it, passing on his substantial knowledge to future musicians. He has served as professor at Youngstown State University in Ohio and at Norfolk State University in Virginia. Currently, he works as a professor of music and Composer-in-Residence at Old Dominion University in Norfolk.

One of the most incredible aspects of music is its ability to connect individuals of all ages and backgrounds. Dr. Hailstork's work exemplifies this idea. He has studied, composed and taught a vast range of musical styles and genres, focusing on classical compositions with a blend of African American and European traditions. His masterful compositions have been performed by the New York Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic and numerous other prestigious orchestras.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Dr. Hailstork's graduation from Albany High School. Since his time in New York's Capital Region, he has left an imprint on the districts culture and society that will not soon fade.

On behalf of the United States Congress, it is my great honor and privilege to recognize Dr. Hailstork's accomplishments. I offer my gratitude for his immeasurable dedication and wish him continued success in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE RAINWATER
FAMILY AND THEIR CONTRIBU-
TIONS TO THE CITY OF
CARROLLTON, TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate trailblazers for equality like the Rainwater Family of Carrollton, Texas during this Black History Month. Over the last 100 years, each generation of the Rainwater family has persistently worked to grow Carrollton, Texas, into a diverse, inclusive, and loving community.

Born on February 3, 1912, Annie Heads Rainwater was the sixth child of Walter and Nancy Heads. In 1932, Annie married Charlie "Wash" Rainwater, son of George W. Rainwater and Delia Bush. Annie and Charlie had eight children, two of which passed away as infants. Annie and Charlie lived on the family farm belonging to Annie's grandparents—located in present day Carrollton, Texas. Annie was a homemaker and Charlie managed the family farm. Together, they attended church and spent time instilling Christian values of charity, hard work, and friendship in their children.

In 1962, Dallas' school district desegregation plan was slowly being put into place. In Carrollton, a then-rural school district to the northwest, Annie Heads Rainwater's six children had no neighborhood high school. Under segregation laws and as was customary, black students were not allowed to attend the all-white Carrollton High School just minutes away from the Rainwater family farm. Black students were bused 20 miles to all-black Booker T. Washington High School in Dallas, and later, 30 miles north to Denton's all-black Fred Moore High.

To Mrs. Rainwater, the school system had failed her family. As a recent widow, Mrs. Rainwater filed civil action in U.S. District Court against Carrollton's school district, demanding desegregation. Her younger daughters, Nancy and Betty, were named as plaintiffs in the case. Later that year, Judge Sarah T. Hughes ordered Carrollton to integrate its high school. In fall 1963, Mrs. Rainwater watched as Nancy and other teenagers became the first black students to attend all-white R.L. Turner High School in Carrollton, Texas. Annie Heads Rainwater lived until 1992. In 1994, the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD recognized Annie for her bold perseverance against many odds by dedicating Annie Heads Rainwater Elementary in her honor.

Today, Annie Heads Rainwater's son, Rev. Willie Rainwater, continues to carry the torch for justice and freedom through his work at Christ Community Connection. Willie and his wife, Juanita, work diligently to provide scholarships to underprivileged students in Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD. Additionally, Willie and Juanita started the Martin Luther King, Jr. parade that celebrated its 25th anniversary last month.

Madam Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring the Rainwater Family for their significant contributions to the Carrollton, Texas community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, on roll call votes 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, and 95, I was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA," "YEA," "YEA," "YEA," "YEA," and "YEA" respectively.

PASSING OF MRS. FANNIE MAE EVANS CORBETT AND IN RECOGNITION OF HER MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of a great woman and legend within the Wilson, North Carolina community, Mrs. Fannie Mae Evans Corbett. Mrs. Corbett passed away on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. She was 86 years old.

Born in Pitt County, North Carolina on May 23, 1932, Mrs. Corbett was the fourth of five children born to Bessie Evans and Sylvester Powell. Mrs. Corbett learned the meaning of hard work at a young age, spending much of her developmental years working in the cotton and tobacco fields. In 1955, Mrs. Corbett moved to Wilson, North Carolina, where she married and raised her family. After becoming a single mother of four children, Mrs. Corbett set out to improve her economic outlook by returning to school to earn her high school diploma and an associate's degree from Wilson Community Technical Institute.

Mrs. Corbett's influence in Wilson was transformational. In 1968, Mrs. Corbett became one of the key founders of the Wilson Community Improvement Association (WCIA). Mrs. Corbett led WCIA's growth from a local grassroots organization to a proactive movement that was a model for community development corporations across the country. Mrs. Corbett's indelible contributions to Wilson include coordinating voter registration drives across East Wilson and engaging the youth in educational and recreational programs. In 1973, under Mrs. Corbett's leadership, WCIA established the Wilson Senior Citizen Center, which was the first nutritional feeding program in Wilson County.

While championing the value of homeownership, Mrs. Corbett advocated for programs that would make owning a home an attainable goal even to those with modest means. In 1991, WCIA received a \$1.2 million grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to build 68 homes for low- and moderate-income people. Over 200 families applied for residency in the subdivision, Adventura East. After purchasing more land, WCIA completed an additional 30 units. Today, the Adventura East I & II subdivision is home to 148 families. In 1993, with WCIA's affordable housing momentum building, the organization acquired Sunset Terrace, a 104-unit housing complex. Two years later, WCIA