

INTRODUCTION OF THE HIDDEN FIGURES CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I am joined by my good friend from Oklahoma, Ranking Member LUCAS, in introducing the Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act.

Katherine Johnson, Dr. Christine Darden, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson were pioneers. At a time of male dominance and racial segregation at NASA, women and their talents were often overlooked. When women were permitted to contribute, they were routinely not given credit for their work. Women of color faced additional daily indignities. In spite of these challenges, these women chose to apply their considerable talents to help land the first man on the moon. Their stories, portrayed in the Hidden Figures book and film, represent the stories of hundreds of women computers, mathematicians, and engineers working at NASA and its precursor organization, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), from the 1930s to the 1970s.

The success of the NASA space program is due in large part to their brilliance, hard work, and perseverance in the face of adversity. What better example can we hope to give our sons and daughters?

This bill will bestow Congress's highest civilian honor in appreciation of the achievements of Katherine Johnson, Dr. Christine Darden, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson, and all the women computers, mathematicians, and engineers at NACA and NASA during this important time in our history.

I am pleased to be joined by Ranking Member LUCAS and our colleagues in the Senate in introducing the Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act. I commend Senator COONS for his leadership in championing this bill. Fifty years after the Apollo 11 moon landing, it is high time we recognize the contributions the women of NASA have made in service to the nation.

I urge my colleagues to join us and help us move this legislation forward into law.

NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH REOPENS AND CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the reopening of New Hope Presbyterian Church in Katy, Texas.

During Hurricane Harvey, the New Hope Presbyterian Church sustained over \$1.5 million in flood damage. The reopening of the church coincided with its 40 year anniversary. Pastor Long and the 100 person congregation have dedicated their church's outreach efforts on ways they can help and serve their community while growing in their faith. The church also serves as the home to the Houston Ko-

rean Community Church and a food pantry for the local community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to New Hope Presbyterian Church on their new facilities and 40th anniversary. Thank them again for bringing faith, fellowship and service to our community; we look forward to another 40 years.

COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CARTHAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the Carthage Public Library of Carthage, Illinois, for celebrating their 125th anniversary.

In 1894, the Carthage Public Library was officially opened as a circulating library for the residents of the city. Since then, the library has grown immensely; it now provides the community with far more than great reads. The library has taken on its own role in the area. This is where the residents of Carthage go to stay current on local affairs, and where the youth go to learn life skills that strengthen both their mind and body.

The Carthage Public Library is known throughout west-central Illinois for the services that it has provided for the community over the last 125 years. Today, we celebrate the library and staff for their dedication to serving Carthage. I extend my sincere congratulations to the Carthage Public Library for a successful 125 years, and I wish them even more success going forward.

BOBBY TARANGO HONORED BY THE APPLE VALLEY OPTIMIST CLUB

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2019

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and commitment of Bobby Tarango, who was honored by the Apple Valley Optimist Club on Saturday, March 8.

Bobby Tarango has worked as a sales representative for Chicago Title Company for the past 22 years, where he has worked to make Chicago Title one of the premier players in the High Desert real estate industry. He has twice served as the Affiliate Director for the Victor Valley Association of Realtors, previously served as Chairman of the Board for St. Timothy's Preparatory School in Apple Valley, and currently serves on the board of directors for the Victor Valley Chamber of Commerce and the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation Board. In his spare time, Bobby enjoys coaching his son's and daughter's soccer teams, and serves as Vice President of Storm Soccer Club and President of Storm Recreational Soccer.

Bobby Tarango is consistently doing all he can to make the High Desert a great place to

live and raise a family. I congratulate him on being honored by the Apple Valley Optimist Club, and I wish him years of happiness and success.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF REPRESENTATIVE JOHN MARSH, JR.

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John Otho "Jack" Marsh, Jr., who passed away on February 4, 2019. John was 92 years old.

Jack was known for his love for the community and his years of public service. At the age of eighteen, Jack enlisted in the United States Army during World War II in Germany. From 1954 to 1976, Jack served in the Army Reserves and the Virginia National Guard 29th Division. Not long after his service, Jack earned a law degree and began a career in politics. From 1963 to 1971, he served four terms for what was then the 7th District of Virginia. Choosing not to seek a fifth term, he continued his career as a Counselor in President Gerald Ford's cabinet and eventually as the Secretary of the Army for the longest time in our nation's history. From 1989–1994, Jack served as Chairman of the Reserve Forces Policy Board, a position he was appointed to by former Secretary of Defense Cheney.

Congressman Marsh served for over two decades on the Advisory Council of the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences (VIMS) and received the VIMS Pathfinder Award. Much of their amazing work impacts my very own district, as they work to meet the issues facing the Chesapeake Bay and the coastal ocean. Jack also served on the Board of Visitors at Virginia Military Institute (VMI) and is one of the few honorary alumni of VMI. Jack was honored with the prestigious VMI New Market Medal, for his public service and role in the preservation and interpretation of the Hall of Valor. The Commonwealth not only lost a public servant and community leader, but also a patriot who has dedicated his entire life to serving our great nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in remembrance of John Otho "Jack" Marsh, Jr. Words cannot express our gratitude. May God bless Jack and his family as his legacy lives on through his service.

COMMEMORATING BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2019

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, this week commemorates Brain Awareness Week which presents an important opportunity to educate lawmakers, students, and the broader public about brain science, and its many impacts and benefits. This is critical when you consider that brain disorders and diseases affect the lives of nearly 100 million Americans—from Alzheimer's to ALS to mental illness.

Neurological and neurodegenerative disorders are among the leading causes of disability in the United States and around the world—greater than heart disease and cancer put together. As society ages, this number will increase exponentially as will the cost to the healthcare system and to the economy. Yet, the underlying causes of most neurological diseases remain unknown.

Neuroscience is the next great frontier. Research and work being done in this field needs to be front and center in both the private world and Congress.

The bipartisan Congressional Neuroscience Caucus' mission is to build awareness of the intrinsic role brain research plays in understanding ourselves and our society. As the co-founder and co-chair, I am committed to working on these important issues and hope my colleagues will join our efforts as members of the Congressional Neuroscience Caucus.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF STEPHEN ROBERT SULENTIC

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Stephen Robert Sulentic, of Houston, who lost his twenty-month long battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) on December 18, 2018.

Stephen was born in Omaha, NE on May 3, 1958 to Phyllis Ann Sulentic and Stephen John Sulentic. As a member of the Society of Jesus, he strengthened his faith and devotion to God. Stephen graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts from St. Louis University and later acquired a Master of Arts from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctorate degree from Harvard Law School. He held many positions in his life ranging from attorney and teacher, to school bus driver and door-to-door salesman. Stephen served as a member of the Mount Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department from 1998 to 2007, where he received the Medal of Valor, the highest honor given by the Mount Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department, for going above and beyond the call of duty. Stephen left a legacy behind in his service to community and commitment to family.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, we mourn the loss of Stephen Robert Sulentic. We wish him fair winds and following seas in heaven.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2019

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, on Friday, I had a family commitment that caused me to miss votes. Had I been able to vote, I would have opposed H.R. 1.

CELEBRATING GINNY TAYLOR'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2019

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to wish Mrs. Ginny Taylor a happy 100th birthday. It has been a delight getting to know Mrs. Taylor and her family since they began splitting their time between homes in Greensboro and Land Harbor in North Carolina's Fifth District.

Mrs. Taylor is a mother of two, grandmother of three, great-grandmother of six, and beloved by all of them. Shortly after moving to North Carolina, her husband, Delmer, started Delta Plating, and she went back to school to learn how to keep books and even helped in the plant and driving trucks for the company.

Mrs. Taylor remains an engaged citizen to this day, especially in bridge circles and First Baptist Church, where everyone enjoys her pies.

At 100, I hope to be as full of life as Mrs. Taylor, and I wish her a wonderful birthday and many, many more to come.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN LEGION POST 159

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2019

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize American Legion Earl Graham Post 159 for the 100th anniversary of their organization.

The American Legion was founded on March 15, 1919 at the American Club in Paris by members of the American Expeditionary Forces. The organization was chartered by Congress on September 16, 1919 as a patriotic veteran organization.

American Legion Post 159 was also first organized in Brazos County in 1919 and invitations to join were published in the Bryan Eagle newspaper beginning on February 6, 1920. The post was formally chartered in Bryan, Texas on February 13, 1920.

Post 159 is named in honor of 1st Lieutenant Cyrus Earl Graham, a member of the Texas A&M Class of 1916 who served in the Army Air Corps during World War I.

Lieutenant Graham was born in Brazos County and attended Texas A&M where he was a member of the Ross Volunteers, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. He volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps and died in a plane crash in France in 1918, two days before the Armistice ending the war. Several years later, his remains were returned to the United States and he was buried in the Bryan City Cemetery. Every November 9th, the Post 159 Honor Guard pays their respect to his memory at a ceremony at his gravesite.

Since its inception, American Legion Post 159 has been a service and community minded organization. Post 159 committed 10,000 dollars to the Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial to assist with the creation of a permanent World War I memorial in Veterans Park. Every

month the Post sends 10 to 15 care boxes to active duty service members who are overseas. They provide emergency financial assistance to veterans in need, sponsor a veteran's resource fair, and host a weekly coffee for our community's veterans. Post 159's Honor Guard also provides services including a rifle salute and the playing of TAPS for over 70 veteran funerals each year.

Additionally, Post 159, and its Auxiliary, sponsor at least 20 high school seniors yearly to the American Legion's Boys and Girls State conference. They also sponsor Boy Scout Troop 159 and the Junior Shooting Sports Program.

Madam Speaker, American Legion Earl Graham Post 159 has had a deep impact in the Brazos Valley since their organization in 1919. Their service to current members of the armed forces, veterans, and youth of the community cannot be overstated.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the work and legacy of Earl Graham Post 159 and its members.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

WARREN PHILLIPS NAMED SUGAR LAND EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Warren Phillips for being named the 2018 Sugar Land Employee of the Year.

Warren is a firefighter and paramedic with the Sugar Land Fire-EMS Department and also serves on the West Fort Bend Regional SWAT Team. He was nominated and awarded this high honor by his peers for his unwavering commitment to our Sugar Land community and its citizens. Working with the Sugar Land—Ironman Sports Medicine Institute, Warren implemented a "Tactical Athlete Program" for the SWAT team and teaches a combat casualty care class for local police departments. Warren is also a U.S. Army veteran. His service and dedication to both the United States and Texas help keep us safe and free.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Warren Phillips on being named the 2018 Sugar Land Employee of the Year. I thank him for his service to our Sugar Land community.

REMEMBERING MORGAN NELSON

HON. XOCHITL TORRES SMALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2019

Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of an important and respected member of the southern New Mexico community, Morgan Nelson, who on March 1, 2019 passed away at the age of 99. Morgan