

HONORING MS. MELISSA ANTINOFF ON BEING NAMED BURLINGTON COUNTY'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Melissa Antinoff, a devoted educator who has helped shape the minds of New Jersey's youth throughout her 19 years as a public school teacher. Ms. Antinoff was recently named Burlington County's Teacher of the Year by the New Jersey Department of Education for her tireless work as a 3rd grade teacher at Ashbrook Elementary School.

Passionate from an early age about working with and educating children, Ms. Antinoff has developed a classroom environment that fosters innovation, creativity, and self-confidence within her students. Ms. Antinoff recognizes the importance of reading to developing a child's sense of confidence and therefore strongly encourages independent reading in her classroom. She credits this practice with instilling in her students greater self-esteem and willingness to take risks in their other areas of study. Ms. Antinoff's colleagues praise her for her ingenious ability to integrate interdisciplinary elements, such as music, into her classroom as well as her eagerness to take risks in her instruction methods including granting her students the independence to work and learn collaboratively in small groups.

Ms. Antinoff is a prime example of the kind of teacher who goes above and beyond to ensure that the well-being of the entire student, including his or her emotional and mental needs are attended to just as much as his or her academic needs. Above all else, she wants her students to have the confidence to enjoy school and feel safe and secure there so that they can learn and grow creatively. For these reasons, I am proud to honor Ms. Antinoff for her efforts and sincerely thank her for the positive influence she has had on countless students throughout her distinguished career.

RECOGNIZING BEN FERENCZ

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ben Ferencz. Ben is the last living Nuremberg prosecutor and is also celebrating his 100th Birthday.

Born in Transylvania in 1920, Ben immigrated to the United States and attended public schools in New York. He won a scholarship to Harvard Law School where he worked as a research assistant for a professor writing a book on war crimes. He received his degree in 1943 and promptly joined the U.S. Army as a private in the artillery. He was awarded five battle stars for not being killed or wounded at Normandy Beach and every major campaign in Europe.

As the war was ending, he was transferred to General Patton's HQ to serve as a war

crimes investigator. He entered many Nazi concentration camps as they were liberated and the horrors he saw made an indelible impression. When he returned home, he was recruited by General Telford Taylor to return to Germany to help in the additional war crimes trials.

He was appointed Chief Prosecutor in what was aptly described as the biggest murder trial in history—the "Einsatzgruppen case." All 22 defendants, including six SS Generals, were convicted of murdering over a million innocent men, women, and children. Ben was 27 years old and it was his first case.

Since then, Ben has dedicated much of his life to seeking compensation for victims and trying to prevent illegal war-making. He became a self-appointed personal lobbyist for peace, with countless lectures, publications, and speeches at many universities and in countries around the world.

Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to honor Mr. Ben Ferencz and his service to his country, his community, and the world. Happy Birthday to Ben.

RECOGNIZING DR. ROBERT DANN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Robert Dann, a beloved family man, a pillar of his community, and a lauded veterinarian, in celebration of his recent retirement. A 1979 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Dann shortly thereafter became an owner and director of Blum Animal Hospital, a mainstay of Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood. Over the course of four decades, Dr. Dann has served countless animals and their owners from across the city, seeing firsthand time and again the power for good that pets can be. After transitioning from several roles within the Hospital to spend more time with his family, Dr. Dann has remained practicing until today.

Ever since I was a kid visiting the Lincoln Park Zoo for the first time, a love for animals has been a through-line of my entire life. Since coming to Congress, I've had the privilege of defending endangered species and working on key animal protection issues; however; I've never forgotten just how much joy my family's own furry friend, our dog Scout, has brought us over the years.

Without caring and committed veterinarians like Dr. Dann, millions of pet owners across the country just like myself would not have the same happy memories that I do. Dr. Dann's work has been repeatedly recognized, including when he was named one of Chicago's top veterinarians. Beyond his contributions to the city's canine and feline populations, Dr. Dann has remained engaged in his community, sitting on the boards of two charitable foundations. Through his decades-long commitment to the veterinary medicine profession, and his work to support others in his community, Dr. Dann truly embodies the best of our neighborhoods and our city.

I thoroughly congratulate Dr. Dann on his forty-year career, on behalf of myself and the

thousands of animals he has cared for along the way.

HONORING MS. DELINA RODRIGUES OF CARBON COUNTY

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Ms. Delina Rodrigues of Carbon County, who represented the United States at the Special Olympics World Games in the United Arab Emirates. Delina took home three medals from the games: a bronze medal in the bench press competition and two gold medals in the deadlift and overall lifting events.

Delina's success at the Special Olympics is the result of her many years of hard work and dedication to power lifting and track and field events. Having competed in various sports for Carbon County's Special Olympics Organization for fourteen years, she continues to exhibit great mental strength, athletic skill, and sportsmanship as she competes on the global stage.

In addition to her outstanding athletic accomplishments, Delina is also a graduate of Carbon County Technical Institute. She is a great representation of the values we hold dear in Pennsylvania's Ninth District: courage, enthusiasm, and perseverance.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in celebrating Delina's remarkable achievements and wishing her continued success in all her future endeavors and competitions.

HONORING LYNDA RESNICK FOR RECEIVING THE BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE FOUNDATION INDIVIDUAL PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. KEVIN McCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. McCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mrs. Lynda Resnick as the recipient of the 2019 Bakersfield College Foundation Individual Philanthropist of the Year Award.

Lynda is the vice-chair and co-owner of The Wonderful Company, a global powerhouse known for its iconic brands like Wonderful Pistachios, Wonderful Halos, POM Wonderful, and FIJI Water, among many others.

An exceptional marketer, Lynda dropped out of college at the age of 19 to open her own advertisement agency. It was there that she met Stewart Resnick, who initially sought her services as a client for his janitorial business. The two later married and purchased a parcel of California Central Valley farmland in 1978, and the rest is history. Today, Lynda oversees worldwide marketing operations for the Wonderful Company, and is renowned for the creativity and innovation she brings to the company. Under her supervision, the Wonderful Company developed a rich culture of giving back to the community. On average, the

Resnicks contribute \$50 million annually to life-changing initiatives like community development efforts, educational programs, and the Wonderful Health and Wellness initiative, which Lynda directly oversees.

Lynda's philanthropic efforts extend well beyond the company. She was recently honored as a Life Trustee for her donations to, and service as a Board of Trustees member on the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Additionally, she is an executive board member of the Aspen Institute's board of trustees, and contributed over \$30 million to establish the Resnick Sustainability Institute at the California Institute of Technology.

Lynda's lifetime of philanthropy, and generous contributions to the communities where Wonderful operates, deserve our recognition and gratitude. The Bakersfield College Foundation Sterling Silver Medal recognizes Lynda's many achievements, and I want to thank her for her tireless leadership and devotion to the communities and citizens of the Central Valley.

CELEBRATING THE INVESTITURE
OF DR. LILY D. MCNAIR, 8TH
PRESIDENT OF TUSKEGEE UNI-
VERSITY

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Inaugural Convocation and Investiture of Dr. Lily D. McNair as the 8th President of Tuskegee University and the first woman to ever serve as President in the University's storied 136-year history. Prior to her appointment at Tuskegee, Dr. McNair served for nearly seven years as provost and senior vice academic for affairs at Wagner College—a private college of 2,200 students located in Staten Island, New York.

Dr. McNair grew up in Browns Mills, New Jersey and is the eldest of four children. She is the daughter of a Japanese seamstress and an African American veteran who worked as a payroll clerk after serving in the Korean War.

Unlike many of her friends at other schools, Dr. McNair was lucky to have a high school guidance counselor who encouraged her, an aspiring first-generation college student with scarce financial resources, to apply to the Ivy League university she had dreamed of attending since she was a little girl. Because of her own experience, Dr. McNair believes in the value of mentorship and has placed a special emphasis on working with students and faculty to advance their goals.

Dr. McNair was the first in her family to attend college, and among the first African American women to attend Princeton University just six years after the university began admitting women. Dr. McNair earned her bachelor's degree in psychology in 1979, and master and doctorate degrees in psychology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Dr. McNair served as associate professor of psychology and associate director of the Clinical Psychology Doctoral Training Program at The University of Georgia, where in 1999 she was the first African American woman to ob-

tain tenure and promotion in the psychology department. Dr. McNair's career in higher education also includes other appointments at the State University of New York at New Paltz, Vassar College and Spelman College. At Spelman, Dr. McNair was responsible for cultivating the institution's research capabilities, worked to strengthen faculty involvement in research and improve the efficiency of research resources.

Dr. McNair's upbringing in a working-class family and her public school background deeply influenced her philosophy on higher education, as she has sought to elevate and open doors of opportunity for minorities in academia. While at the University of Georgia, she was actively involved in increasing the numbers of African American psychology graduate students. Likewise, as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Wagner College, Dr. McNair helped increase the diversity of hired faculty by over 115 percent.

A clinical psychologist by training, Dr. McNair's research has focused on the development and evaluation of community-based interventions that target substance abuse and early sexual behavior in African American youth. Preliminary findings of her longitudinal studies demonstrate the significant impact of positive parenting practices on children's outcomes across a variety of domains.

In addition to her numerous academic accomplishments, Dr. McNair is a dedicated mother to Randall and Marguerite Roberts, and wife of Dr. George W. Roberts, a retired senior administrator at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

On a personal note, I am proud to know Dr. McNair as a fellow graduate of Princeton University. She is a devoted administrator, committed public servant, inspirational figure, tireless educator, loving wife and proud mother. I know Dr. McNair will be an exemplary president of this esteemed institution, bringing to the position a keen intellect, strong advocacy abilities, steadfast work ethic and deep faith in God and the power of Mother Tuskegee. I look forward to continuing to work with Dr. McNair in her new position to bring more resources and greater opportunities to Tuskegee University. I gladly wish her well in her new endeavors.

On behalf of the 7th Congressional District and the State of Alabama, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the inauguration of Dr. Lily D. McNair as the 8th President of Tuskegee University and as the first woman to ever hold the position. I am honored to pay tribute to Dr. McNair for her tireless service and for the stellar and positive leadership she will surely continue to provide for all those who are a part of the Tuskegee University family.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NA-
TIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOP-
MENT ASSOCIATION'S 50TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary

of the National Community Development Association (NCDA). Since its genesis in 1969, the NCDA has been a pillar of support for cities and counties across the country, including the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri.

The NCDA is a nonpartisan, national, non-profit organization that was established to assist cities across the nation in administering the new U.S. Housing and Urban Development funds and programs created through President Johnson's Model Cities Program. In doing so, they rose to help address the great disparities in housing options and opportunities that had created racial and socioeconomic inequality in many of our great American cities.

The NCDA represents cities on a federal level for programs such as the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships, among a myriad of others. Specifically, the NCDA has fought to improve local infrastructure and provide greater accessibility to safe, decent, and affordable housing, as well as greater economic opportunities. Through these initiatives, the organization has expressed a commitment to providing tangible services that will strengthen both families and communities across the country. Through the NCDA's prestigious John Sasso Award and Audrey Nelson Award for Best Practices in Community Development, they annually recognize and celebrate significant contributions and solutions to affordable and alternative housing projects through federal grants.

Moreover, as an integral part of the NCDA model, they respect diversity and inclusion in leadership as a fundamental part of effective leadership. Throughout their fifty years of service, the organization sought to represent diversified backgrounds and individualized expertise. They continue to include a wide variety of organizations and individual voices as we collectively search for solutions to urban difficulties and discover ways to implement greater equity in housing as time moves forward. These voices are brought to national attention each year at the National Community Development Week hosted by the NCDA. This annual conference educates Members of Congress on the achievements of federal programs like HOME and CDBG so that these programs can continue to address a need for affordable housing and community development.

Today, NCDA membership has grown to include over 400 separate cities and counties. The organizations and governments represented across that vast membership continue to carry out a centralized goal and purpose. As they have been since day one, the NCDA continues to serve as a united, national institution to provide services and support for local governments and policy makers as they work on critical federal community development and housing programs.

Madam Speaker, please join with Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring the National Community Development Association for their remarkable achievements over the span of fifty years across the nation and in our own community. We stand to celebrate their indelible mark on our society.