

will be tested in a laboratory for nutrients and bacteria levels. These assessments test the overall health of the water as well as any threats to aquatic organisms, fish, and humans. Through this work, volunteers become environmental stewards and ambassadors for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and local watersheds. Since 2000, a total of 3,783 volunteers have donated 18,915 hours of their time to monitor any of the Snapshot Day sites.

Since its beginning in 2000, Snapshot Day has shown how engaged volunteers can make a critical impact in their community. Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary as they celebrate their 20th Snapshot Day.

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HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS

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**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Polish American Congress. I am pleased to recognize such an esteemed organization that has enriched the cultural landscape of our nation and strengthened America's friendship with Poland. I am proud to have worked closely for many years with Polish American Congress President Frank Spula in Chicago.

Established near the end of World War II, the Polish American Congress gave voice to the shared Polish-American interest in a free Poland and in defeating the Axis powers. After World War II ended, the organization played a leading role in international efforts to secure a prosperous and independent post-war Poland. During the Cold War, the organization engaged in further work to bolster relations between our two countries, through pushing for American recognition of the Polish western border, securing support for Radio Free Europe, and advocating on behalf of Polish immigrants.

Today, the Polish American Congress stands as a federation of over 3,000 Polish American organizations including veteran, cultural, professional, religious, and social associations, and represents over 10 million Americans of Polish descent and origin. Throughout its rich history, the Polish American Congress has been highly successful in ensuring strong economic cooperation and promoting civic, educational, and cultural programs to further artistic and intellectual exchanges.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Polish American Congress on its 75th anniversary. Chicagoland is fortunate to have the most robust Polish-American community in our nation. I am proud to be a Polish-American and to represent so many others in my district. I have witnessed firsthand the exceptional contributions of the Polish American Congress. I know this organization will continue its important work for many years into the future.

RECOGNIZING JASMINE WATT, DELEGATE TO THE 2019 CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

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**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jasmine Carol Watt on her nomination and selection as a Delegate to the 2019 Congress of Future Medical Leaders. She will represent the great State of Georgia and White County High School at the event in Boston, Massachusetts.

Selection as a Delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an incredible honor. The goal of the Congress is to identify high-achieving high school students who aspire to become physicians or medical scientists and provide them with the guidance and mentorship needed to succeed.

To become a Delegate, one must have a proven record of academic achievement. Jasmine greatly exceeded that requirement with her near-perfect GPA. While maintaining a stellar GPA, Jasmine also participates in the White County High School concert and marching bands as a percussionist.

From an early age, Jasmine was always intrigued by the possibility of a career in the medical profession. Inspired by her mother, a law enforcement officer, she originally expressed interest in forensic sciences but later turned her attention to becoming a nurse in the operating room, where her aunt works.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an incredible opportunity for Jasmine to acquire the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to succeed in the medical profession. I am proud to congratulate her on this well-deserved honor, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

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TRIBUTE HONORING THE ANCESTRAL REBURIAL HOSTED BY THE GULLAH SOCIETY

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**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor 36 individuals of African descent whose remains were unearthed at Gaillard Center in Charleston, South Carolina in 2013. These souls, whose stories are unknown, were buried in unmarked graves and their resting site was later buried under construction as the city grew. While they may have been forgotten in their time, they are not forgotten today. I commend the Gullah Society and the City of Charleston for honoring these individuals by holding a naming ceremony and ancestral reburial celebration to honor these souls and recognize their contributions to Charleston's history.

What we do know is that these 36 individuals—men, women and children—were either born in Africa or were of African descent. Thanks to the efforts of the Gullah Society, analysis has been done that dates the original burial of these souls to between 1750 and 1800. Yet the site was never recognized as a

burial ground. These souls were almost certainly enslaved people and endured prejudices and abuses throughout their life.

Alexis de Tocqueville wrote in his great work *Democracy in America*; “The greatness of America lies not in being more enlightened than any other nation, but rather in her ability to repair her faults.” The reburial celebration is one step towards acknowledging this important part of history and repairing this fault.

We have an obligation to preserve the rich history of this country. Celebrations like this provide an opportunity to rejoice in the continued preservation of not just historic events but of the people who made this country what it is today.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in celebrating this historic occasion that recognizes the contributions of these 36 souls and all of the similarly situated that they represent. Without the vigilance of the Gullah Society and the City of Charleston this recognition would not be possible; and I add my enduring gratitude for the tremendous work they have done to make this day possible.

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THE PASSING OF JUDGE DAMON KEITH

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**HON. JOHN LEWIS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Judge Damon Keith. He was a great American and a brilliant federal judge.

Over the years, I had the honor of meeting Judge Keith a few times. He was always gracious and thoughtful.

Appointed by Presidents Johnson and Carter, Judge Keith worked for more than half a century to help our nation realize the dream of a more perfect union.

He spent every single day committed to helping our country respect the dignity, worth, and equality of every human being—whether it was their right to vote, education, housing, employment, or privacy.

Madam Speaker, today, my thoughts are with his family, friends, and community, who were kind enough to share this amazing man with a grateful nation.

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RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE STAN FURMAN

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**HON. GREG STANTON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, today I want to recognize the Honorable Stan Furman who passed away on April 1, 2019 at the age of 87 in Phoenix, Arizona.

The two-term Arizona State Senator was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1932 and experienced a humble, often difficult upbringing. He lost both his parents before he turned 10 years old and spent his formative years in the Vista Del Mar orphanage in Los Angeles.

This experience shaped him, contributing to his strong beliefs in justice and equal rights. It formed Stan's social conscience as he developed a profound need to stand up for those who couldn't stand up for themselves. That

time also instilled his deep love and appreciation of his family and friends—people he never took for granted.

From 1952 to 1956, Stan served our country in the U.S. Air Force which took him to Japan during the Korean War. After an honorable discharge, Stan moved to Mexico City where he earned a degree in business and foreign trade from Mexico City College. His time in Mexico would forever change the course of his life.

It was there that he met Gloria, his soulmate and wife of 58 years. They married in Mexico City in 1960 and moved back to California where Stan worked for a fabric wholesaler. Their three children were born in California.

In 1969, the Furman family moved to Phoenix where Stan opened and managed a new branch for the fabric company. After some years in Arizona, Gloria entered local politics as a volunteer, which inspired Stan to get involved—and ultimately led to him running for public office himself.

Stan was elected to the Arizona State Senate and served two terms from 1991 to 1995. During his tenure, Stan focused on the issues that were instilled in him early on: civil rights, criminal justice, education. He served with compassion and dignity, always motivated by doing the right thing. He advocated for the 1992 referendum to make Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a paid state holiday in Arizona—an accomplishment that made him incredibly proud. And between his lawmaking, he found time to volunteer, and encouraged his colleagues in the legislature to volunteer at a local elementary school, too.

After leaving elected office, Stan's passion for service never wavered. He served on many Arizona boards and commissions and worked for the Arizona Corporation Commission. Following many years of extensive work with the Arizona Civil Liberties Union, Stan served as the President of ACLU Arizona from 2002 to 2006 and was honored to be named Arizona Civil Libertarian of the Year in 1995. He also served for several years on the National ACLU Board of Directors. It was no surprise, when in 1998; Stan was named “Mediator of the Year” by the Phoenix Community Mediation Program.

In his personal life, Stan was a man of many passions. He was an avid tennis player and golfer, quick-witted and a natural joke teller. He loved crossword puzzles and all word games. He enjoyed playing board games and online games with his children and grandchildren. He loved going to the beach while enjoying time at the family's vacation home in Rocky Point, Mexico. But those close to Stan knew that his work brought him as much joy as any of his hobbies. Stan Furman is survived by his wife and love of his life, Gloria, his daughters Diane (Randy) and Susan, his son Phil (Deb), his grandsons Spencer, Dylan, Nate, Harrison, Alex (Jessi), Hugo and Oscar, and his great-granddaughter Cheyanne.

Stan had a life well lived and will be deeply missed.

HONORING THE POLISH HIGHLANDERS ALLIANCE OF NORTH AMERICA ON ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2019*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Polish Highlanders Alliance of North America as the organization prepares to celebrate its 90th anniversary. It is a privilege to represent so many Polish Highlanders and to have the organization's headquarters just a few blocks from my district.

The Polish Highlanders Alliance traces its roots back to 1929 when its first chapter, known as a circle, was founded in Chicago. Since its inception, the Alliance has sought to organize Polish Highlanders throughout North America into a unified Highlander family. For the last 90 years, members of the Alliance have worked hard to preserve the unique cultural heritage of the Polish Highland region, including music, dance, folk costumes, and other traditions. Through the years, the organization has grown to over 80 circles throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Today, the Polish Highlanders Alliance is headquartered on the Southwest Side of Chicago in the Highlander Home on Archer Avenue. The Alliance organizes many cultural events for the Highlander and the Polish-American community including the Highlander Picnic which attracts nearly 3,000 people every year. For its numerous cultural activities, the Alliance has received awards including the Gloria Artis Cultural Achievement Medal. The medal was awarded by the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland for the Alliance's distinguished contributions to Polish culture. In addition to cultural activities, the Polish Highlanders Alliance raises money to provide assistance to churches, schools, and other establishments within Poland and the Highland region.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing all that the Polish Highlanders Alliance of North America does to promote unique Polish cultural traditions and to support strong ties between Poland and the U.S. The members' devotion to their community and their mission is commendable and I wish them the best as they continue to impart their traditions for generations to come. One hundred years (Sto lat).

PRAISING THE PERSEVERANCE OF BRIAN SCHNELLE

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2019*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Brian Schnelle who will graduate from college on Saturday at the age of 30.

Brian had a rough start in life and has overcome many obstacles. Born in Modesto, California, in a hospital serving a mostly indigent population, baby Brian and his biological mother somehow made it to a Truckstop of America near downtown Nashville. There his mother got into an altercation and was jailed

and Brian ended up in foster care. After months of custody battles, his mother left town and the Schnelle family of Nashville was free to adopt the three-year-old on July 3, 1991.

As a toddler, Brian loved books, cars, and trains and every Kidsongs video on the market. His new family took him to the library, read him books and took him where he could see trains, planes and 18-wheelers. But it was clear Brian had health issues, including needing breathing treatments for asthma, and he was labelled as having ADD, ADHD and finally Asperger's Syndrome. Brian was verbal but lacked many of the social skills of kids his age. School was not easy, but Brian's eventual academic success came about when he began attending Genesis Academy which could meet his special needs. Brian graduated with a regular high school diploma after taking the Tennessee Gateway Test three times. It was then he announced he wanted to go to college and major in sports management. Brian had always been an avid fan of University of Tennessee sports—especially women's basketball, women's volleyball and women's softball.

Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville was the best choice for Brian to pursue his dream of getting a college degree. The University has recognized his efforts by creating a special award, the Brian Schnelle Perseverance Award, which will be presented annually to future persistent students. It took 12 years, but Brian graduates with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Management—with honors—on Saturday.

I want to congratulate Brian and the entire Schnelle family, including his sister, my legislative assistant Alex Schnelle, for this major accomplishment, and wish them all a bright future.

CONGRATULATIONS GARY WALTERS

**HON. TROY BALDERSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2019*

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend Gary Walters. On May 18, 2019, Coach Walters will be inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in recognition of his tremendous career as the head basketball coach at Newark High School in Licking County, Ohio.

Over the course of his twenty-seven years coaching the Newark Wildcats, Gary and his athletes racked up a 477–199 record, winning twelve league championships, 17 sectional championships, seven district championships and 1 regional championship. As a result of his efforts, Gary was elected Ohio Coach of the year in both 1992 and 1999.

Gary's results on the court were only possible through his dedication to his players off the court. He set high standards and helped generations of young men achieve them. Having grown up as a multi-sport athlete himself, Gary knew all too well the special impact a good coach can have on those under his charge. By investing in their character, studies, and personal wellbeing, Gary set himself apart as a model coach and mentor.

Over the years I've known Coach, he has reflected the highest virtues we admire in public service. In addition to his years as an educator and coach, Gary continues to serve his