

and were respected for their work ethic and discipline. Above all, these workers formed one of the first organized labor movements in the United States for better living wages and work conditions, which ultimately opened doors for future generations.

This is why I introduced a resolution in Congress since 2014 to recognize their important contributions and the dangerous risks they faced in the process. It is important for us to commemorate their efforts and share their stories, so that their role in America's history is not forgotten. After all, their stories helped create the space needed for today's growing conversations on Asian American diversity and inclusion.

Madam Speaker, I believe today's celebration is not only about recognizing the many contributions the Asian American community has made—and continues to make—but it is also a step towards weaving the story of Asian Americans into the greater American tapestry. I am thankful for the indelible mark they left in the growth of our nation—and hope their contributions are further honored for the next 150 years.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAWTOOTHS AND OTHER RANGES OF IMAGINATION: CONTEMPORARY ART FROM IDAHO

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Sawtooths and Other Ranges of Imagination: Contemporary Art from Idaho.

In 1983–84, the Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM) featured an exhibition titled Sawtooths and Other Ranges of Imagination: Contemporary Art from Idaho that exclusively showcased artwork by acclaimed Idaho artists. The exhibition was shown at SAAM and then at the Boise Art Museum. Curated by Barbara Shissler Nosanow from the Smithsonian, the exhibition was realized thanks to the strong influence of Louise McClure, wife of U.S. Senator Jim McClure (Idaho).

Louise, Senator McClure, Barbara, and one of Senator McClure's staff toured Idaho in a five-seat plane, stopping in at least five locations to jury entries submitted by Idaho artists. The opening reception featured Idaho food, including a special potato chip made by Ore-Idaho and fresh huckleberries.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush appointed Louise to the National Council on the Arts, the body that oversees the National Endowment for the Arts. She helped guide the National Endowment for the Arts through a challenging period during her six-year term of service. In addition to this important role in arts policy, Louise also advanced the arts in Idaho, including service on the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival Board, Boise State Public Radio Community Advisory Board, Boise Philharmonic, Women's and Children's Alliance, and many others. Louise's work has supported and fostered a strong arts culture in the capital city that continues today. In 2010, Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter honored Louise and Jim by bestowing the

Lifetime Achievement Award at the Governor's Awards in the Arts.

On May 15, 2019, the James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research, along with the University of Idaho's College of Art and Architecture, will partner with the Boise Art Museum to host a reception celebrating the 35th anniversary of this exhibition and the policymakers who value and support the arts, including Louise McClure.

There is no question that Senator McClure had a huge influence on me and my political career. I strive every day to represent Idaho in the manner which he did, and Louise has always been a close, personal friend of Kathy and mine. It is truly an honor to recognize her today and thank her for all she has done for Idaho.

BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH CAUCUS

SPEECH OF

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, the United States holds the worst maternal mortality rate of any country in the developed world: every year, approximately 700 women die from pregnancy-related complications.

This rate is three times as high as Canada's and six times as high as Scandinavia's.

In Great Britain, a man is more likely to die while his partner is pregnant than she is.

In the United States, however, a woman today is 50 percent more likely to die in childbirth than her own mother was.

And the biggest risk factor in dying from childbirth is being black.

A recent CDC study found that 60 percent of pregnancy-related deaths in recent years could have been prevented.

Title X family planning clinics play a key role in preventing these deaths by helping women avoid and terminate unwanted pregnancies.

Given the particular danger of pregnancy, this care saves women's lives.

However, the administration's proposed gag rule would bar Title X providers from offering comprehensive reproductive healthcare.

If this rule goes into effect, maternal mortality rates will rise.

Racial disparities in healthcare will worsen.

And more families will be needlessly ripped apart.

RECOGNIZING FIRST BAPTIST BRYAN BUSINESS MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the First Baptist Bryan's Business Men's Bible Class during the 100th anniversary of their organization.

During World War I, Dr. Jonathan Held, the pastor of First Baptist Church, was encouraged by Brazos Valley women to address the challenges facing the community. On February

9, 1919, Dr. Held assembled a group of 15 men at the Queen Theatre in Downtown Bryan to share the message of Jesus Christ.

At that time, the precedent for their meetings was set. Beginning with two hymns, the program is followed by prayer, a lesson, benediction, attendance, and open discussion. Teaching responsibilities are shared by four individuals and the Explore the Bible series is the basis for all the lessons.

In 1927, the group moved to the First Baptist Bryan's church facilities. As the group approached its 50th anniversary, the weekly Bible lessons began to be broadcast on the radio each Sunday. These broadcasts have increased the reach of the lessons as folks who are unable to attend can participate by listening.

Since that time, the Business Men's Bible Class has grown to over 300 members of varying religious denominations committed to upholding the group's mission. Meeting every Sunday, the group gathers to facilitate more Bible study and share the story of Jesus Christ to all people and deepen the faith of all those who know Him.

Madam Speaker, the Business Men's Bible Class has had a deep impact in the Brazos Valley since their organization in 1919. Their service to our community and commitment to spreading God's message 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 the First Baptist Bryan Business Men's Bible Class.

May God bless its membership and the United States of America.

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.

PIKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU 100 ANNIVERSARY

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the Pike County Farm Bureau.

On May 10, 1918, leaders in Pike County met with the goal of helping farmers and our strong agriculture community in west-central Illinois.

Exactly one hundred years later, the Pike County Farm Bureau continues to thrive supporting rural communities by educating our farmers and providing them with best practices to succeed.

It's a busy time of year for our farmers who are in the middle of planting season. As we have seen heavy rains and flooding, the Pike County Farm Bureau continues to generate awareness to support those in the agriculture community who are in need.

With over 2,000 active members, the Pike County Farm Bureau is engrained in our community and their commitment and dedication is clear to our farmers.

As we celebrate the last 100 years, I want to thank the Pike County Farm Bureau for their unwavering support of our farmers.

Their support and guidance will lead the Pike County farming community into the next 100 years.

RECOGNIZING NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the holidays our nation is recognizing this week—National Nurses Week and Mother's Day.

To recognize these auspicious occasions, I want to highlight the work of an incredible organization founded in my home state of Colorado—Nurse-Family Partnership.

An evidence-based program, N.F.P. works in 42 states sending registered nurses to the homes of vulnerable expectant mothers, from pregnancy through the child's second birthday.

Mothers served by N.F.P. in Colorado have a median annual income of \$7,500, demonstrating that this program serves the most vulnerable of our communities' mothers. Most importantly, for every \$1 invested in Colorado, N.F.P. saves nearly \$8—that's a nearly 8 times return on our nation's investment. And those results are being duplicated across our nation, with mothers in Alabama and Oregon, Oklahoma and Virginia, and nearly everywhere in between.

I want to thank N.F.P. for their commitment to families, and in particular I want to recognize the nurses who make these partnerships possible and ensure that our most vulnerable mothers will be supported this Mother's Day.

IN HONOR OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my alma mater, Purdue University, as we celebrate 150 years of "giant leaps" and academic excellence.

Since Purdue's first classes with six instructors and 39 students in 1874, upcoming generations have been equipped to push boundaries in innovation and entrepreneurship.

Now, with more than 200 areas of undergraduate study and over 69 graduate disciplines, students continue to pave the way for tremendous advances in medicine, agriculture, space exploration, engineering, and numerous other professions.

Through partnerships with world-renowned programs like NASA and serving the manufacturing sector with technical assistance programs, Purdue's mission to increase economic prosperity touches every aspect of life in Indiana and across the nation.

I am proud that this university stands as a pillar of excellence in our community.

Since its 1869 groundbreaking, Purdue University has evolved in response to a changing world, but one thing remains the same: a commitment to integrity and service that has been embodied since the very beginning.

I join all current and former Boilermakers in wishing Purdue a very happy 150th birthday.

WELCOMING THE MT. CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL BAND TO THE U.S. CAPITOL

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and honor that I rise today to welcome the Mt. Carmel High School Band to our nation's capital. They are performing this afternoon in front of the United States Capitol to showcase their impressive musical talent, and drill team. This exemplary group of students are a fine representation of Pennsylvania's legacy of educational and musical excellence.

I have a great appreciation for the hours these students have dedicated to preparing for their concert. I am certain that they will impress us all and be a highlight for many other visitors to the Capitol today. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I proudly welcome the Mt. Carmel High School Band to Capitol Hill and extend my best to them in their performance.

REMEMBERING HUBERT PAUL ADAMS, SR.

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Hubert Paul Adams, a World War II veteran who friends and family will miss dearly.

Mr. Adams was born on April 26, 1921, in Robstown, Texas. When World War II began, he proudly defended our nation in the U.S. Army.

When he returned home, he began his career at Questor Drilling. People in the community knew Mr. Adams for his dedication to his profession, and after 42 years, he ended his career having attained the position of Drilling Superintendent.

Mr. Adams leaves behind his wife of 47 years, Ruth, along with children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. His loved ones will remember him for his sense of humor and his Texas pride as a Dallas Cowboys fan.

During this time of mourning, I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to her and the rest of their loved ones.

COMMENDING SHERIFF JASON ARD

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Sheriff Jason Ard for

winning the Destination Zero Officer Traffic Safety Award. Talking about change is easy, as this body well knows. Making change happen is a different thing altogether. Sheriff Ard earned this recognition by taking decisive action to solve a real problem affecting the performance of his deputies. In January 2017, Sheriff Ard was advised that Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office had a 'bad driving' problem and that his deputies were spending too much on vehicle maintenance and repairs, having at-fault accidents, and dealing with crash injuries and even lawsuit settlements. So he stepped in and initiated change. First, he identified those among his deputies with safe driving records and rewarded them with an extra week off. He also installed GPS devices on all Sheriff's office vehicles and required all deputies to complete the NADA pursuit driving class—some of his drivers ended up becoming trainers. The result? An immediate 28 percent reduction in at fault crashes, a 62 percent reduction in damage costs, a 25 percent reduction in lawsuits, and an 87 percent reduction in lawsuit settlement payments. Sheriff Ard's leadership and decisive action serve as a model for law enforcement teams across the country that may be facing the same issues. I thank him for his service to our community and to the State of Louisiana—and for setting the example.

HONORING NATIONAL CORRECTIONS OFFICERS WEEK

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor our nation's correctional workers during National Correctional Officers Week. Twenty-five years ago this week, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating the first week in May as National Correctional Officers Week. He did so "in recognition of the contributions of correctional officers to our Nation." I believe it is important to continue to recognize the contributions and critical work that correctional officers engage in on a daily basis, often risking their own safety in the course of carrying out their duties.

It is estimated there are over 2 million people incarcerated in jails and prisons throughout the United States. Correctional officers are tasked with keeping these inmates and our communities safe, as well as the thousands of staff that support the operation of our detention facilities. Correctional officers are an integral part of our criminal justice system and play a key role in helping maintain public safety.

Equally important are correctional officers' interactions with prisoners, the vast majority of whom will be released at some point. Correctional officers are partners in our efforts to reduce recidivism by providing prisoners with the tools and resources that they need to succeed once released from custody. Correctional officers are the individuals who spend the most time with the prisoner population and investing in them so they can help inmates become productive members of society is a worthwhile endeavor.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the over 400,000 correctional officers in the United