

an eternal optimist by confronting the challenge with grace and fortitude. Up until her passing, Joyce continued to do the things she enjoyed the most including spending time with her family and grandchildren, attending Plymouth Park United Methodist Church, and making phone calls for her favorite local candidates.

Madam Speaker, I extend sincere condolences to the Pittman family and I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Joyce Howard Pittman.

REMEMBERING ROBERT JAMES GLASS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and service of Robert James Glass, a 40-year Yuba City resident who embodied the American spirit of enduring dedication to his family and country.

Born on December 4, 1927, Robert joined the U.S. Merchant Marine at age 16 to fight in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Through his service as a merchant mariner during the war, Robert joined in an effort that proved to be an instrumental asset on an untold number of occasions.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt stated in 1944 that the Merchant Marine had “delivered the goods when and where needed in every theater of operations and across every ocean in the biggest, the most difficult, and dangerous transportation job ever undertaken. As time goes on, there will be greater public understanding of our merchant fleet’s record during this war.” It was in that ultimately victorious cause that Robert volunteered to lend his hand.

Following the war, Robert served 22 years in the U.S. Air Force, including deployments across the world. He retired as a Master Sergeant at Beale AFB, California. Through his active engagement in local organizations such as the American Legion he remained a dedicated member of the Yuba City community until his passing.

He is survived by his three sons, Robert, Richard and Bruce and their families. I know that they, along with the rest of his family and friends, join me in celebrating his life and his memory.

HONORING NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National Foster Care Month, which has been observed in May for more than thirty years, and to speak about an issue that affects foster children and families across America.

Too many children dream of a stable, loving, family. Many adults want to open their homes and their hearts, but they face barriers because the system says that they practice

the wrong religion, love the wrong person, or are not married.

My friends, this is discrimination. It is not right, not fair, and not just.

I am proud to sponsor the Every Child Deserves a Family Act to change that. This bill is the right thing to do, and quite frankly, it is long overdue.

It does not matter whether we are gay or straight, married or single, Christian, Jewish, or Muslim. It does not matter whether we practice all religions or no religion. It does not matter whether we are African American, Latino, Native American, Asian American, or white.

We are all one people, one country.

And we must each do our part to ensure that every young person and aspiring parent is able to enjoy the dream of a loving, stable family.

I look forward to reintroducing the Every Child Deserves a Family Act next week.

HONORING MARIO CARTAYA

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Cartaya and Associates Architects on their 40th anniversary in South Florida.

Mario Cartaya and his firm Cartaya and Associates Architects have helped shape the look and architectural landscape of South Florida for our many visitors to enjoy.

Mr. Cartaya is a visionary whose work can be seen throughout Broward County, from the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport and several municipal centers, to public libraries and performing arts centers, and even in our police headquarters and fire stations.

Cartaya and Associates has also designed several additions and renovations for many hospitals and health care facilities in the area.

Mario Cartaya has also dedicated himself to giving back to our community. He served as chairman of Broward College’s Board of Trustees, as a member of former Senator Bob Graham’s Air Force and Naval Academy Selection Committees, and as a member of the Broward County Cultural Arts Council. He also served as an adjunct professor at Florida Atlantic University’s School of Architecture.

His life has been dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in his professional career and the improvement of the community in which he lives.

Mario Cartaya is a selfless, compassionate, and thoughtful citizen, one whom I am proud to call my friend. I applaud his work and wish him continued success.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THERESA TURNER BURROUGHS

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and

legacy of the late Theresa Turner Burroughs. Mrs. Burroughs, a champion of the right to vote, was a beloved member of the Hale County community who, through grace, grit and love, helped move her hometown of Greensboro, Alabama towards a more just and equal future. Sadly, Mrs. Burroughs passed away on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at the age of 89.

Mrs. Burroughs was the youngest of eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon and Mattie Turner near Moundville, Alabama on August 14, 1928. Due to a flood, the family moved to Greensboro, Alabama, where she remained throughout her life. Mrs. Burroughs graduated from Hale County Training School in 1946 and later from the Bestita School of Beauty. She was married to the late Walter Kenneth Burroughs, who retired from the United States Army. Mrs. Burroughs was the mother of four children: Paula Renee, Kathy Sue, Leslie Erroll and Toni Teresa.

From a young age, Mrs. Burroughs became fascinated by the right to vote and wondered why that right was solely given to white citizens in the Black Belt. During the Jim Crow era, the board of registrars at Alabama’s Hale County Courthouse prevented African Americans from registering to vote. Undeterred, she went to the Hale County Courthouse to register to vote on the first and third Monday of each month, where she sometimes waited for hours before being tested with irrelevant questions. She was quizzed on how many red jelly beans there were in a jar and was asked to recite the second line of the second paragraph of the U.S. Constitution and the American Creed, among other tasks, but was denied the right to vote time after time. After two long years, Mrs. Burroughs’ determination paid off, and she successfully registered to vote.

Mrs. Burroughs carried these experiences with her throughout her life. Mrs. Burroughs said it was a joy to finally be able to cast her ballot but remarked that it should not have been so difficult to do so. She knew just how precious her right to vote was and worked hard to ensure her own voice and those of all the citizens in the Greensboro community were counted at the ballot box. She never missed a chance to exercise that sacred right, voting in elections at every level.

Mrs. Burroughs showed the depth of her bravery and dedication to the Civil Rights Movement when she marched over the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama on March 7, 1965 along with hundreds of other Foot Soldiers to protest for their right to vote. That day, Bloody Sunday, she was brutally beaten and arrested by state troopers and sheriff’s deputies.

Mrs. Burroughs is best known for her stewardship of the “Safe House Museum” in Greensboro, Alabama, which she founded in 2002. The museum is located in the same house where local residents hid Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from the Ku Klux Klan on a visit to West Alabama in 1968. The Safe House Museum is a reminder of the pivotal role the Black Belt of Alabama played in the Civil Rights Movement. It houses photographs, biographies and historical artifacts to document and educate future generations about the local struggle for the right to vote. The walls of the museum are lined with mug shots of Foot Soldiers, including one of Mrs. Burroughs holding a towel and glasses to protect her eyes from tear gas. A black “X” police

drew on the bottom of her mug shot signifies her status as a leader among the marchers.

Mrs. Burroughs always sought greater equality in her community and demanded to be treated equally, igniting her career and passion for advocacy. Never one to back down, she continued her efforts as an activist leading the Hale County Civic Improvement League, one of the oldest grassroots civil rights organizations in the nation. The organization was instrumental in sparking change in Greensboro and Hale County by soliciting and supporting minority candidates to run for local office, including city council, county commission, sheriff, school board and more.

She remained engaged and active in her community throughout her life and helped elect Greensboro's first African American Mayor, John Owens. Her exemplary reputation and prominence in Hale County drove many political candidates, both local and regional, to seek her council and support for their campaigns. Mrs. Burroughs also was instrumental in securing various programs for the city of Greensboro and Hale County, and led the charge to rename Depot Street to Martin Luther King Drive.

On a personal note, I am deeply honored that I got to know Mrs. Burroughs as one of the real matriarchs of the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama. Mrs. Burroughs was instrumental as the keeper of the archives surrounding the role that Greensboro, Alabama played protecting Dr. King from the KKK in 1968. As founder of the Safe House Museum, it was because of her efforts that future generations will learn about the sacrifices and bravery of so many known and unknown Foot Soldiers for justice. Mrs. Burroughs honored me by attending my first election night victory party in November 2010 in Selma, when I was elected Alabama's first black Congresswoman. I celebrated her as one of the "Black Women Pioneers in Alabama" that night. So many of us stand on the broad shoulders of Mrs. Theresa Burroughs that her bright light will always glow through the many lives that she has impacted.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the exemplary life of Theresa Turner Burroughs, a civil rights icon and a true American heroine, who helped change Alabama and the entire nation for the better. May we celebrate the totality of her life today and

honor her great contributions to the Civil Rights Movement.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE HONOR GUARD OF AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 56 AND NO. 635

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the remarkable work that the Honor Guard of Bloomington American Legion Post No. 56 and Normal American Legion Post No. 635 do for our community. The Bloomington-Normal Honor Guard is an integral organization for veterans and their families in Central Illinois.

The Bloomington and Normal Posts have worked together for decades to ensure the Honor Guard Units are there to provide irreplaceable services for the veterans in our community. Over the past twelve years, the Bloomington-Normal Honor Guard has conducted over 1,000 funerals and 500 Color Guard events.

Not only do Post No. 56 and Post No. 635 serve veterans and their families, but they also work to improve the well-being of our community. Over the past 25 years, both posts have presented the colors at the Illinois Special Olympics State Track and Field competition at Illinois State University. Also, Post No. 56 and Post No. 635 Honor Guard played a significant role at the dedication ceremony for the renaming of the Normal Post Office in honor of Sgt. Joshua Rodgers, which my office and I helped to facilitate.

I would like to thank the Bloomington American Legion Post No. 56 and Normal American Legion Post No. 635 for their commitment and service to our veteran community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the good works of the Bloomington-Normal American Legion Post Honor Guard Members. I include in the RECORD the names of the Honor Guard members.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL AMERICAN LEGION HONOR GUARD MEMBERS AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Jim Allen, Thomas Asis, Derek Bishop, David Brown, Roger Cann, Tom Crawford,

Brandon Cruz, Chuck Downs, Butch Ekstam, Mike Ellsworth, Milt Emmerson, Tom Fatten, Howard Hallstein, Mike Hammons, Bob Handley, Roy Hanks, Jill Henry, Clayton James, Royden Jones, Gina Keller.

Kevin Keller, Ken Kemp, Ted Kerrn, Tom Laskowski, Bob Littel, Dan Maffeo, Denny Meeks, Jack Menssen, Gus Miller, Clarence Mitchell, Jerry Monical, Rich Moran, Carl Powell, Kirby Reese, Steve Riesenber, Chris Riley, Mike Rimshas, Rick Ross, Thomas Rutherford, Bob Sable.

Denis Sackett, John Schroeder, Mike Scott, Larry Stokowski, Greg Struve, Keith Throop, Roger Troxel, Steve Turbett, Jim Ulbrich, Jerry Vogler, Bill Warren, Paul Whittmer, Roger Wilke, Bill Zimmerman.

IN RECOGNITION OF BRYNN BROWN AND ELI STOWERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Guyer High School sophomores Brynn Brown and Eli Stowers, who recently won gold medals at the 2019 UIL Texas State Track and Field meet.

The students' victories are well-earned. Following her regional meet, Ms. Brown was a self-proclaimed underdog. At the beginning of her mile run, Ms. Brown was seeded fourth in a competitive array of runners. Despite these circumstances, she finished first with a mile time of 4.48 minutes. Impressively, Ms. Brown won a second gold medal in the 3,200-meter run.

In the high jump competition, Mr. Stowers reached a remarkable 6 feet and 10 inches to claim the gold medal. Persevering through inclement weather, he rose to the challenge—a testament to his hard work and diligent preparation.

I commend Guyer High School track and field coaches Jonathan Ponsonby, Megan Hardesty, and Aaron Roberts for their leadership and dedication. It is a privilege to represent Guyer High School in the U.S. House of Representatives. I am pleased to recognize the achievements of Brynn Brown and Eli Stowers, and I wish them continued success in their athletic and academic endeavors.