

only recently been recognized for the incredible work they put into the mission that defined generations, thanks to the film "Hidden Figures."

Only Ms. Johnson is still alive today to receive our overdue gratitude for these women.

Before we began carrying calculators in our pockets, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Vaughan, and Ms. Jackson did manual calculations of astronomical problems using only pen and paper.

The stakes were incredibly high. The working conditions were segregated and tense. Yet, these women produced work at a caliber high enough to send men to the surface of the Moon.

That is what I call some Black girl magic.

Ms. Johnson, Ms. Vaughan, and Ms. Jackson each defied intense discrimination and overwhelming adversity. Their lifetimes were metaphorical Apollo missions: astronomically successful despite all odds.

But they were hidden figures. We did not know them.

I am proud to recognize them today on the floor as women of distinction with unrivaled talent. I am proud to know that their contributions are finally being recognized.

On a very personal note, as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., I am proud to call them my sisters.

Their legacy of Black female excellence and newfound recognition will undoubtedly inspire a generation of young people to pursue STEM careers, despite whatever odds may be against them.

Black girls can learn about the *Apollo 11* mission and know that there are heroes who look just like them. First-generation college students, low-income children, and children of color can discover how it is possible to defy the odds with STEM.

To help make this possible, my long-term friend and colleague from Florida (Mr. POSEY) and I worked together to pass H.R. 2726, the *Apollo 11* 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act, which honors the *Apollo 11* crew, NASA scientists, engineers, astronauts, and Americans from every State who made the mission possible. The bill supports college scholarships for future scientists, engineers, and astronauts. Surcharges from the sale of the coins will help promote STEM education, space exploration, and scientific discovery.

I am grateful that throughout my lifetime, these hidden figures have finally been brought into the light and celebrated in the manner they have deserved since 1969. They are no longer hidden. Now, we all know them, celebrate them, and thank God for their brilliance and magnificent contributions.

#### HONORING ABE BROWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Mr. Abe Brown.

In 1984, Mr. Brown was the first African American to be elected Glynn County coroner. This was not only important to Brunswick, but he was the first African American coroner in the entire State of Georgia.

His service to the Brunswick community was exceptional. He made it a point to treat each case like it was his own family.

Before his remarkable 8 years of public service, Mr. Brown owned a funeral home in town and built friendships with nearly everyone residing in Brunswick. Citizens there remember him as loved by anyone who came in contact with him and as a man who had a special way of encouraging people to work together.

Mr. Brown passed away earlier this year at the age of 77. This past June, the Brunswick City Commission named a park in his honor.

I am proud that Brunswick could celebrate his work with this park, an honor that is truly well deserved.

#### RECOGNIZING SHAKEMA DEAL

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Shakema Deal for her dedication to her country, her community, and her own education.

A native of the First Congressional District of Georgia, Ms. Deal is currently serving in Afghanistan as part of the Georgia National Guard. However, while at home, she works as a police officer with the Savannah Police Department.

Through all of her hours spent keeping the Savannah area a safe place to live, as well as her time dedicated to serving the United States Armed Forces, Ms. Deal has been studying for the last 7 months to earn a degree in criminal justice administration from Columbia College.

In late June, her fellow soldiers and police colleagues took part in something truly unique: a graduation ceremony in Afghanistan.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Ms. Deal on her graduation. She is an inspiration to all of us, and I wish her the best of luck with her career.

#### REMEMBERING DR. RAYMOND ALLEN COOK

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Dr. Raymond Allen Cook, who passed away on June 29 at the age of 99.

Dr. Raymond Allen Cook dedicated his life to sharing his love for English language literature with not only countless university students in the State of Georgia but also students all over the world. He taught for over 30 years at multiple Georgia universities and even traveled the world to share his knowledge when he was appointed as a Fulbright lecturer in American literature at the University of Shiraz in Iran.

Highly accomplished in academic circles, he published numerous papers and even five books on some of the authors who developed the canon of our language's literature, including Walt Whitman, Geoffrey Chaucer, Jane Austen, and more.

Through all of this, he never forgot where he came from. In 1964, Dr. Cook returned to his and my alma mater, Young Harris College, to serve as its president.

I am thankful that both the State of Georgia and also my alma mater, Young Harris College, could partner with a scholar as distinguished as Dr. Cook for the last 30 years.

His family and friends will be in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

#### SALUTING CHIEF ANTHONY TANNER UPON HIS RETIREMENT

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Anthony "Tony" Tanner, who has dedicated his entire professional career to protecting the city of Waycross from crime.

Chief Tanner began his career over 30 years ago with the Waycross Police Department in the First Congressional District of Georgia. A testament to both his hard work and commitment to the city of Waycross, he worked his way from patrol officer to chief of police, holding every single rank within the department during different points of his career.

Of the 12 men who have been chiefs of police in Waycross beginning in 1906, Chief Tanner has held the position longer than any of them.

His work in his community doesn't stop there, though. Outside of the police force, he continued dedicating time to the community through the Exchange Club, Red Cross blood drives, the Domestic Violence Task Force, and much more.

Chief Tanner retired from the Waycross Police Department on June 28, and his work in the First Congressional District of Georgia will be deeply missed.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Chief Tanner on his retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING STEARNS COUNTY FOR WATER CONSERVATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. EMMER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District for receiving the Source Water Protection Award for 2019.

Each year, the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Rural Water Association recognize water suppliers that conserve resources. This year, the Stearns County facility demonstrated its ability to go above and beyond to help save energy for the community.

Over the course of the year, the Stearns County facility updated its wellhead protection activities and ensured its inventory met contamination standards. Because of practices like these, the constituents of Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District have access to safe drinking water.

Additionally, these efforts worked to conserve water, saving money for the county and bettering the environment.

The Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District has worked closely with grant programs to raise money for its efforts. The citizens of Stearns County have better access to the services they need because the district has put conservation and health first.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District for this outstanding recognition. We are grateful for its work to help our district and the great State of Minnesota.

#### RECOGNIZING DAN STOLTZ

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dan Stoltz for receiving the HERBIE Award.

This award from the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes individuals that exemplify the traits inspired by its namesake, Herb Brooks: humanitarian, enterprising, resilient, bold, inspirational, and ethical.

Herb Brooks remains a Minnesota legend. As coach of the United States Olympic men's hockey team in 1980, he led them to their gold medal victory with his focus, determination, strong work ethic, and inspirational leadership.

As CEO of Spire Federal Credit Union and in his everyday life, I can attest that Dan Stoltz channels the energy of our Minnesota legend, Herb Brooks.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dan for this well-deserved award. Our community appreciates the generosity he provides every day.

#### CONGRATULATING THE SCHLICHTINGS, FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Schlichting family for being named the University of Minnesota 2019 Farm Family of the Year.

The Schlichting farm is a third-generation farm owned and operated by the Rick Schlichting family. His grandparents homesteaded in Rice, Minnesota, in the 1920s.

Since then, Rick has taken pride in the land his family has worked and cared for by restoring some of the land to what it was like when his grandparents first settled the property. In fact, close to 70 acres have been reverted to original prairie.

The Schlichtings are dedicated to stewardship. In 2016, they were honored with the Outstanding Conservationist Award by the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

I am honored to represent farm families like the Schlichtings. They have dedicated themselves to preserving the land while doing their part to feed the world.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Rick and his family for being named Farm Family of the Year.

#### REMEMBERING GABRIELE GRUNEWALD

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the incredible life of Gabriele Grunewald, who passed away far too early.

Taken by a disease that has impacted the lives of nearly everyone we know,

Gabriele was known by the world as an Olympic runner, star track athlete for the University of Minnesota, and someone who fought cancer every step of the way.

She used her story and her struggle to share a message of hope. She did this by starting the Brave Like Gabe Foundation, which supports research on rare cancers.

A cure is vital, but private and public dollars are necessary to fund this work, which is why we have and should continue to fund the National Institutes of Health.

We did not have a cure in time for Gabriele or for all the other loved ones we have already lost, but if we continue to support medical research and innovation, a cure will be found, and we can save future generations from this awful disease.

#### THANKING BRENT HALES FOR HIS SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Brent D. Hales for the service and leadership he provided to the University of Minnesota's Extension program. I am also grateful for his participation on my Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Brent's service to agriculture in Minnesota has been amazing. His work to foster community development and innovation in agricultural production has served our State well.

We have been lucky to benefit from his expertise and commitment. While we will miss him, I want to congratulate Brent for his new role as Penn State's director of extension. As he transitions out of this service to the University of Minnesota on July 31, we wish him the best.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Brent, and congratulate him on his new opportunity.

□ 1115

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF "APOLLO 11"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that it was 50 years ago this week that three brave Americans stepped foot on the Moon. When we look at our children's toys today, it is amazing that they contain more data processing power than the systems which actually operated the Apollo vehicles 50 years ago.

These three American astronauts—Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins—could not really know whether they would return. They were willing to serve their country and proud for America to be leading the world in space.

But even if our space program got a strong jump-start, even because of the Cold War, this mission was also about the human spirit and the need to explore. The whole world was eager to hear news of the mission. No matter what may happen in the future, this

would be the first time human beings would step foot on a world other than our own home. Neil Armstrong's description of that mission was a leap, and it is as fitting today as it is instructional now.

I am excited, as many of my colleagues and many Americans are, about the President's call to accelerate our plans to land again on the Moon by 2024. I am very proud of the role that my home State of Alabama has played in the development of the most powerful rockets, the Saturn family. You can still see today, if you go down to Huntsville, Alabama, a real Saturn V rocket suspended horizontally at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville.

Likewise, I am proud of the Marshall Space Flight Center, including the Michoud Assembly Facility, as the designer and the builder of the Space Launch System. This will be the most powerful rocket in the world and is approximately 90 percent finished. The American taxpayers own it, and they will benefit from it as a national asset. It is the successful combined work of product companies and suppliers from virtually every State in the Nation.

The Saturn V rocket was able to execute the Apollo mission in one launch because of the rocket's third stage propelled lander and the reentry vehicle to the Moon's orbit.

Similarly, the SLS exploration upper stage, referred to as the EUS, will enable a payload delivery to the Moon's orbit, including the Orion capsule, of 45 metric tons, three to four times greater than any other launch vehicle currently in use or close to completion. It can have that EUS capability ready by 2024, but we can only have that ready if we move ahead this year with that goal.

Systems like the SLS and Orion inspire innovation, and maybe one day other rockets and capsules will surpass them. But to reach our goal by 2024, we need to stay focused and complete these nearly mature systems.

Some have said in recent years about our going to the Moon: We have been there. We have done that. With all due respect, I would disagree. But this new mission to the Moon, I would say: Go there, but don't stop there.

Sustainability offers many future benefits, but let's not get distracted for this first human return to the Moon. Let's reach the peak. Let's make that landing.

And as we ponder the future of the Moon, let's look up again and set a date, a real mission date, for setting foot on Mars.

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF "APOLLO 11"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BALDERSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of spaceflight *Apollo 11* that