

They proved that “the antidote to racism is excellence in performance,” as retired Lt. Col. Herbert Carter once remarked.

Madam Speaker, Black History Month is also a time to remember many pioneering women like U.S. Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm; activists Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks; astronaut Mae C. Jemison; mathematicians like Katherine G. Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson authors Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, and Gwendolyn Brooks; all of whom have each in their own way, whether through courageous activism, cultural or intellectual contributions, or artistic creativity, forged social and political change, and forever changed our great Nation for the better.

It is also fitting, Madam Speaker, that in addition to those national leaders who contributions have made our nation better, we honor also those who have and are making a difference in their local communities.

In my home city of Houston, there are numerous men and women who are great because they have heeded the counsel of Dr. King who said:

“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

By that measure, I wish to pay tribute to some of the great men and women who help to make Houston the wonderful, dynamic, vibrant, inclusive, and progressive city that it is.

As we celebrate Black History Month, let us pay tribute to those who have come before us, and pay forward to future generations by addressing what is the number one issue for African American families, and all American families today: preserving the American promise of economic opportunity for all.

Our immediate focus must be to work ‘For The People’ for job creation, and enacting legislation that will foster and lay the foundation for today’s and tomorrow’s generation of groundbreaking activists, leaders, scientists, writers and artists to continue contributing to the greatness of America.

We must continue to preserve the American Dream for all.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to stand here in celebration of the heroic and historic acts of African Americans and their indispensable contributions to this great Nation.

It is through our work in creating possibilities for today and future generations that we best honor the accomplishments and legacy of our predecessors.

HONORING LAUREN ACKERMAN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lauren Ackerman for her dedicated service to our community as the Proprietor of Ackerman Heritage House.

Ms. Ackerman was born in Los Angeles, California where she attended the University of Southern California and attained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations and Business. She then attended Pepperdine University, completing a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in Strategic Mar-

keting and Entrepreneurship. Currently serving on the City of Napa General Plan Advisory Council (GPAC) 2040; her most notable contribution to the Napa community came when Ms. Ackerman bought and restored an historic property in downtown Napa, a Queen Anne Victorian home originally designed by acclaimed architect Luther Turton. The property is now celebrating its 130th anniversary, and the restoration done by Ms. Ackerman won a 2019 Preservation Design Award for Restoration.

This achievement alone warrants recognition, but Ms. Ackerman’s contribution to our community is not limited to the Heritage House. She plays a very active role in our community in many other ways. Ms. Ackerman serves as chair of the board for both the American Center for Wine, Food and the Arts, and the Napa Valley Community Foundation. She is also on the board for the Napa Valley Film Festival, The Society of Fellows and the Board Advancement Committee for the Culinary Institute of America, among others. Lauren Ackerman is an advocate for Women in Business and determined to maintain the history of Napa through the contribution of the Ackerman Heritage House.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Ackerman is the kind of citizen we should all strive to be. Her astounding level of community involvement and commitment to preserving the history and culture of our community is noteworthy. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Lauren Ackerman here today.

HONORING FRANKLIN DOWNTON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Franklin Downton. Franklin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1692, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Franklin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Franklin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Franklin has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Franklin Downton for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RED ROCKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Red Rocks Community College on being awarded the West Metro Chamber of Commerce Large Business of the Year Award.

With campuses in Lakewood and Arvada, Colo., Red Rocks Community College is a tremendous asset in our community assisting students in meeting their career and educational goals through multiple pathways to success and in a collaborative environment.

Red Rocks Community College serves thousands of students each semester, the vast majority of whom are considered non-traditional students. A typical student at Red Rocks is 28 years old on average and most work part or full-time, in addition to pursuing their degree. Many students also have a family to support as well. Red Rocks offers 150 degree and certificate programs, 40 department of Student Success Services programs, and recently became the first community college in the nation to offer a master’s degree and two bachelor’s degrees.

Red Rocks has been ranked first among Colorado Community colleges for first-year graduate earnings and ranked third among Colorado public and private 2-year and 4-year institutions.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Red Rocks Community College for this well-deserved recognition and thank them for their continued service to the community.

HONORING REVEREND DR.
MARCUS DEMOND DAVIDSON
SENIOR PASTOR OF NEW MOUNT
OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH ON HIS
10TH ANNUAL PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Dr. Marcus Demond Davidson, Senior Pastor of the New Mount Olive Baptist Church, on his 10th Annual Pastoral Anniversary, which will take place during the month of March 2020.

This achievement truly is remarkable and a testament to Rev. Davidson’s commitment to faith, leadership, and our community. Throughout his career, he has tirelessly served faith-based and secular groups by helping to transform and empower others to achieve their greatest potential.

Rev. Davidson is a graduate of Deshler High School in Tusculum, Alabama. In further studies, he received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University in Normal, Alabama; Master of Biblical Studies from Heritage Bible College in Huntsville, Alabama; Master of Divinity from Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama; and a Doctor of Ministry with an emphasis in Black Church Leadership from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He has studied at the Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas; abroad at the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology, Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies.

At the age of six, Rev. Davidson accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and united with the St. James Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of his father, Rev. Dr. Green Davidson, III. When he was sixteen years of age, Rev. Davidson acknowledged

his call into the preaching ministry. In 1999, he was elected and previously served for ten years as pastor of the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Courtland, Alabama.

Rev. Davidson's move to the New Mount Olive Baptist Church continued his career as a young, spirited minister who's many achievements include his work as a gospel recording artist, entrepreneur, noted preacher, pastor, and teacher. Additionally, he has been an inspiring figure through his numerous other works and engagements within the community.

Madam Speaker, Rev. Davidson has long stated that "worship is not so much style as it is substance." It is abundantly clear that over the last decade at New Mount Olive Baptist Church that this remains his ethos every single day. I once again want to congratulate Reverend Dr. Marcus Demond Davidson on his 10th Annual Pastoral Anniversary and wish him many more years of successful service to our community.

HONORING CAMILO HERMOSILLO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional life of Camilo Hermosillo.

Camilo was born July 28, 1929, in Jalostotitlan Jalisco, Mexico. He was raised in humble circumstances, by a single mother. He often recounted working with his mother in the corn fields for a penny a day. Camilo immigrated to the United States as a young man in 1947 as part of the Bracero program.

His life was built on a foundation of hard work and service, and he was always grateful for the opportunities that the United States provided him. He had many farming and agricultural jobs throughout his life. He worked on the Leveroni Ranch in south Sonoma, where he worked for three generations of Leveronis. He and his wife owned the first Mexican market and restaurant in Sonoma Valley. With his hard work, he was able to purchase three homes in Sonoma County, which he rented out inexpensively to give Latino families a hand up.

An immigrant himself, Camilo understood the barriers that many Latinos must overcome in order to create a happy and successful life in the United States. He dedicated himself and his resources to serving fellow Latino immigrants. He helped find jobs, drove people to the DMV to get their driver licenses, and even housed people in the spare bedrooms of his own home. He found great joy in helping his own family and other Latinos get settled in California.

Camilo is survived by his loving wife, Maria, and their children; Gabriel Hermosillo, Gerardo Hermosillo, Carmen Cervantes, Marco Antonio Hermosillo, Martha Sanchez, and Rebecca Hermosillo. He is preceded in death by his daughter Cecilia Hermosillo. He leaves behind 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and a large extended family.

Madam Speaker, Camilo Hermosillo was the kind of father that everyone wishes for, and the kind of person we should all strive to be. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING IAN DUNCAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ian Duncan. Ian is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1692, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ian has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ian has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ian has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ian Duncan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

OPPOSITION TO S. 3201, THE TEMPORARY REAUTHORIZATION AND STUDY OF THE EMERGENCY SCHEDULING OF FENTANYL ANALOGUES ACT

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on January 29, I voted against S. 3201, the Temporary Reauthorization and Study of the Emergency Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Act.

Fentanyl, a deadly synthetic drug 50 times more powerful than heroin, is wreaking havoc on Americans across the country. In 2017, there were over 47,000 opioid overdose deaths, and 28,000 of those deaths involved synthetic opioids such as fentanyl. In Oregon, fentanyl use and deaths associated with fentanyl use continue to climb: In 2013, there were 14 related fentanyl deaths in Oregon; In 2018, there were more than 75.

We must do more to combat this epidemic. We should start with aggressively cracking down on major manufacturers. According to the Oregon-Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program, most non-pharmaceutical fentanyl and fentanyl analogues that are available in Oregon are illicitly manufactured—primarily in China, as well as in Mexico—and then imported into the United States.

That's why I am a cosponsor of the Fentanyl Sanctions Act. This legislation would require the imposition of sanctions on drug manufacturers in China who knowingly provide synthetic opioids to traffickers, transnational criminal organizations (such as cartels in Mexico who are known to mix fentanyl with other drugs before trafficking them into the U.S.), and financial institutions that assist such entities. It would also authorize new funding for law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat the foreign trafficking of synthetic opioids and urge the president to significantly ramp up diplomatic efforts with China and

Mexico to establish multilateral sanctions against foreign synthetic opioid traffickers. I am pleased that this important legislation was included in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 that was signed into law last year.

However, I have strong concerns that S. 3201 will expose more individuals to prosecutions and aggressive federal mandatory minimums for even trace amounts of illicit fentanyl and fentanyl analogues, undermine our progress on bipartisan sentencing reform efforts like the First Step Act, and fail to focus our efforts on combatting major illicit fentanyl manufacturers and traffickers.

We must not arrest our way out of this crisis. This epidemic demands thoughtful legislation from Congress, not a knee-jerk response that is likely to exacerbate troubling trends in federal drug prosecutions and incarceration levels.

Given that S. 3201 will extend the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) emergency scheduling of fentanyl-related substances through May 6, 2021, I hope the committees of jurisdiction use that time to develop a balanced, comprehensive approach that protects public health and safety while addressing fentanyl overdoses and reducing the harm of federal mandatory minimums and overincarceration.

HONORING ADVENTIST HEALTH HOWARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital for its recent five-star rating by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This rating reflects the hard work and dedication of Adventist Health Howard Memorial's staff and their commitment to high quality, patient-centered care.

In 1925, members of the Willits Development Association discussed the need for a community hospital. This group included Charles S. Howard, the owner of a nearby ranch and the racehorse Seabiscuit. In 1926, Charles Howard's 15-year-old son died in an automobile accident, and the family felt a lack of emergency equipment and access to hospital facilities contributed to his death. Charles Howard donated substantial funds toward the construction of the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital to be built in honor of his son. The hospital admitted its first patient in 1928.

Of the more than 4,500 hospitals rated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) this year, Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital is one of only 407 hospitals to receive a five-star rating. This rating is based on the hospital's performance across seven metrics of quality, including patient experience and readmission rates.

In addition to this rating, the hospital recently received a Planetree Gold Certification which reflects "Excellence in Person-Centered Care". It is an evidence-based certification program that provides a framework for healthcare providers to improve overall health and well-being by engaging patients, families, staff, and the wider community in tailoring