of loss in the wake of his passing. But we are all better people for having known him and the influence he had on our lives.

CELEBRATING THE 33RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE JAMES TATUM FOUNDATION

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the James Tatum Foundation for the Arts on the occasion of its thirty third anniversary.

The James Tatum Foundation for The Arts was founded in 1987 by a coalition of concerned educators and civic leaders who recognized vast numbers of artistically talented young people in the Metropolitan Detroit area and the lack of opportunities to nurture that talent. Since then, the James Tatum Foundation, under the leadership of James Tatum, a world-renowned jazz musician and educator, has carried out its mission to provide opportunities to young artists to develop and display their talents. Furthermore, through its Youth Scholarship Program, the Foundation works to award young people with financial assistance to help attain performing art studies beyond high school.

Over the years, the James Tatum Foundation has blossomed into one of Detroit's most distinguished nonprofit organizations, nurturing students with diverse talents by providing scholarships, mentoring and exposure. The Foundation has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in performing arts scholarships to graduating seniors who are advancing to some of the most prestigious colleges and universities, including Juilliard School of Music, New England Conservatory of Music, Curtis Music Institute, Yale University, Oberlin Music School, and the University of Michigan School of Music.

Please join me in celebrating the thirty third anniversary of the James Tatum Foundation for the Performing Arts and the countless young people who have been able to pursue their dreams in the performing arts.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MRS. VERLIA HOGGARD

HON. STEVEN HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I ask that this body recognize the life of Mrs. Verlia Hoggard, who recently passed away.

Ms. Hoggard dedicated her life to serving Las Vegas, and her consistent work to better the lives of those around her made her a fixture in our community.

As the former Director of Clark County Social Services, she dedicated her career to social work, including spending 32 years as the Director of Welfare.

Whereas most people may become bogged down after such a long career in social work—a notoriously tiring profession that asks so much of those in it—Ms. Hoggard remained focused on those she served, demonstrating her steadfast commitment and boundless dedication to her community.

Additionally, she was active in many local, county, and state governments, as well as organizations including the NAACP, Clark County Library Board, Women's Democratic Club, the Links, Incorporated, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Even after her official work ended with her retirement in 2003, her involvement did not. She continued her longtime participation in various organizations, served on the Steward Board and Hospitality Committee.

She also remained an active member of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church, serving her community through it as well.

Beyond her work as a public official, Ms. Hoggard was known for her kind spirit, her selflessness, and her fortitude. Put simply, it was a privilege to know her.

Las Vegas is lucky to have been the place that Ms. Hoggard called home and to have benefitted tremendously from her years of service.

I am proud of the work my dear friend accomplished and honored to continue her legacy of service—pushing forward with her contributions alongside my colleagues in the Nevada delegation here in the House of Representatives, as well as those serving in the state and local governments back home.

2020 GIRL SCOUTS BIRTHDAY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Girl Scouts of the USA and its 108 years of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

On March 12, 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded the first Girl Scout troop with just 18 girls. More than 100 years later, Girl Scouts is 2.5 million strong—more than 1.7 million girls and 750,000 adults who believe in the power of every girl to change the world.

By developing girls' leadership potential—helping girls identify their passions, take the lead, and pursue their dreams—Girl Scouts has shaped generations of girls and women. Today, more than 50 million women are Girl Scout alums, including 57 percent of women currently serving in the U.S. House of Representatives and 69 percent in the U.S. Senate.

Girl Scouts is committed to ensuring all girls develop to their full potential. The inclusive, all-female environment of a Girl Scout troop gives girls the change to try new things, develop a range of skills, take on leadership roles, and just be themselves. Girl Scouts is proven to help girls thrive in five key ways, as they develop a strong sense of self; seek challenges and learn from setbacks; display positive values; form and maintain healthy relationships; and identify and solve problems in the community. As we celebrate Girl Scouts' 108th birthday, I applaud the Girl Scout councils that serve in my community for encouraging girls to dream big and do bigger to achieve their extraordinary goals.

FEDERALLY REQUIRING EARNED EDUCATION-DEBT DISCHARGES FOR VETS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SUSIE LEE

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I would like to correct the Record. Earlier in my remarks, I stated that the Department of Education's automated loan discharge for these loans had been stalled. While they were stalled for three months, the department has resumed forgiving hundreds of millions of dollars in student loans owed by veterans with severe disabilities. This bill will require the Secretary to continue matching borrowers with data from Veterans Affairs to identify and automatically discharge the debt of matched individuals, eliminating burden on our veterans.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Women's History Month—and specifically, this year's Women's History Month.

In 2020, we celebrate 100 years since the passage of the 19th Amendment and the beginning of women's suffrage.

This is also the year in which 38 states finally ratified the Equal Rights Amendment and we held a vote on the House floor to extend the deadline for passage.

These historic milestones remind us of how hard women have worked and fought in the streets, in the courts, and in political office for the rights we have today.

But even as we celebrate the role of courageous trailblazers, we remember, too, the hidden figures whose contributions are not in our history books.

I think about the knowledge we cannot pass down, and about the women we will never know because their history was not recorded.

We've made gains in the home, in the workplace, in military service, across civil and reproductive rights, and as global leaders.

Despite that, we know that there are many places where young girls do not see what they can be—shattering elusive glass ceilings will change that.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday I was delayed on my way to votes and unfortunately I missed the first vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 95.