

never get hired because you're Black.'" Likewise, a woman business owner explained: I have gone on interviews where I am in . . . the running, three people, final cut. And I have spoken to this person about the job and they were questioning me about my skill, my everything, why I bid the job. I'm looking at this person as, 'What do you mean why, I bid this job? . . . I'm in the business of making money' . . . and he said to me, 'Well, you know, women just simply shouldn't be here.'" Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Disparity Study, Volumes 1–3, Prepared for the State of Maryland, NERA Economic Consulting, June 25, 2018, at 276–277. This is what women and minority entrepreneurs are up against. We must do better. We can do better. And the DBE program is one of the most important tools in our arsenal.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE LEAD ABATEMENT FOR FAMILIES ACT

**HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 2020*

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Lead Abatement for Families Act along with my colleague, AYANNA PRESSLEY.

It is a national scandal that more than ten million homes in the United States still get their water from lead pipes. I am introducing this bill to direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to identify lead pipes in our country's public and federally subsidized housing and provide grants to replace them.

A 2015 study determined that by the third grade, children in Chicago with even small amounts of lead in their blood were more than 32% more likely to fail standardized tests. One fifth of U.S. children with lead poisoning are participants in the Housing Choice Voucher Program, so HUD's role in removing lead pipes are crucially important. It is vitally important that Congress address this injustice by giving HUD the mandate and the funds to quickly eliminate this public health hazard.

Let us be clear—this is a racial justice issue. Black and brown communities like mine are disproportionately affected by lead pipes, and our neighborhoods suffer the consequences.

I urge this body to advance this legislation that helps ensure safe drinking water for all by getting lead pipes out of public and federally assisted housing.

IN MEMORY OF REVEREND  
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER  
RICHARDSON, JR.

**HON. MARTHA ROBY**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 2020*

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a beloved Alabamian, Reverend George Washington Carver Richardson, Jr. Dr. Richardson passed away on Thursday, July 9, 2020. Dr. Richardson was deeply devoted to the Lord, a loving husband and father, and a strong voice for the community. He will be dearly missed by all.

Dr. Richardson was born in Geiger, Alabama, to George and Louise Richardson. At the early age of four years old, Dr. Richardson began preaching. He spent his early years preparing to enter Ministry, and he went on to earn his BA Degree, Bachelor of Theology, Masters of Divinity, Masters in Religious Education, Doctor of Divinity, Doctor of Humane Letters, Existential Degree, and L.C.U. Degree all from various institutes.

Dr. Richardson's faithfulness to spreading the Gospel never wavered as he traveled across the United States, preaching to crowds, conducting workshops, and leading seminars. He served as Pastor to several churches, but he led the Hutchinson Missionary Baptist Church for almost forty years.

Not only was Dr. Richardson devoted to the Church, but also to the community. He worked towards the betterment of mankind his entire life through his involvement with the Civil Rights Movement. Dr. Richardson served on several Civic Boards and Committees, such as the SCLC, NAACP, and Montgomery Improvement Association. He also helped spearhead the Selma Movement from beginning to end, participating in marches and demonstrations in the area, including Bloody Sunday.

In 1967, Dr. Richardson moved to Bessemer, Alabama and became the first African American to campaign for a major political office, running for the Office of Mayor. His campaign paved the way for future African American leaders to take leadership positions in the city of Bessemer.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Reverend George Washington Carver Richardson, Jr. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered, and his remarkable legacy will be remembered for years to come.

#### HONORING TAMMY SHEPHERD'S RETIREMENT

**HON. JODY B. HICE**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 2020*

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Tammy Shepherd, who is retiring from the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, a thriving organization serving a notable community in the Tenth Congressional District, which I have the honor of representing.

Twelve years ago, Tammy Shepherd joined the organization as the Director of Programs and soon after received a promotion to Vice President of Business Development. In 2010, she earned the position of President and CEO, and over the past decade, she has established the Chamber as a leading business organization representing companies of all sizes throughout the region. Under her faithful watch, the Chamber has grown to nearly 1,000 members, has twice earned the highest distinction of 5-Star Accreditation through the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, has formed the Columbia County Chamber Foundation, as well as a holding company and a Political Action Committee, and most recently, has opened a second location in the heart of Columbia County's growth.

Madam Speaker, in addition to all this, Tammy has served on the Board of Directors

for the SRS Community Reuse Organization, Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, Alliance for Fort Gordon, and Georgia Southern Athletic Foundation. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Tammy Shepherd for her outstanding leadership in a community that continues to experience tremendous growth and to wish her and her husband, Stan, joy and continued success in the years to come.

#### JULY VETERAN OF THE MONTH

**HON. KEVIN HERN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 2020*

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's July Veteran of the Month, Major Ralph Wilson.

A pilot in the United States Air Force, Major Ralph Wilson honorably served our nation for twenty years. Upon returning home from service, Ralph continued to serve at the Tinker Air Force Base for twenty years.

Major Ralph Wilson served in both World War II and the Korean War. He flew sixty-nine missions in World War II and fifty in the Korean War. Major Wilson flew unarmed reconnaissance missions in Korea. He is the recipient of numerous awards and is a decorated airman. When asked about his service by the Tulsa World, he explained, "I never considered myself a hero, I just did my part." Major Ralph Wilson served his country selflessly, and he now carries himself with dignity and humility in his community. He is certainly part of the "Greatest Generation."

In addition to working at the Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma, Wilson developed a hobby of woodworking and volunteered with local schools helping children build projects. He answered the call to defend freedom across the globe and sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. It is my honor to recognize Major Ralph Wilson as the 1st Congressional District of Oklahoma's July Veteran of the Month.

#### INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 1045

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 2020*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, this past Saturday marked the 25th anniversary of the genocide that took place at Srebrenica. In 1992, following Bosnia and Herzegovina's declaration of independence from Yugoslavia, Bosnian Serb forces, also called the Army of Republika Srpska, attacked Eastern Bosnia in order to unify and secure Serb territory. During this struggle for control, those Bosnian Serb forces committed crimes of ethnic cleansing and the systematic murder of the non-Serb population. Over 8,000 Bosnian men and boys were systematically executed at Srebrenica in July 1995.

The House of Representatives rightfully classified the atrocities that happened in Srebrenica and other policies of aggression

and ethnic cleansing by Serb forces during the Bosnian War as genocide in 2005, and again in 2015. Yet the denial and diminishing of what happened persists in some populations.

During my time in Congress, I have had the opportunity to meet the mothers of the boys and men killed during the war and have heard their stories of grief and sorrow.

As a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Bosnia, I have also seen how the country of Bosnia and Herzegovina has overcome many obstacles and developed since declaring independence. Though significant progress has been achieved, there is more work left to be done. Peace is fragile in this region and the international community must continue its efforts to ensure that Bosnia and Herzegovina remains a peaceful and inclusive country.

Earlier this week, I introduced a Resolution honoring those who lost their lives during the worst atrocity on European soil since World War II. The Resolution is also a testament of support for the Bosnian people's aspiration for greater Euro-Atlantic integration.

Madam Speaker, the genocide at Srebrenica serves as a reminder of the consequences that occur when the international community fails to react to actions of military force. I stand with the victims and survivors of the Srebrenica genocide and believe this tragedy should never be forgotten.

#### HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

##### HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 2020*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial year of a tremendous university in my district, Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU). IWU is a private university that was founded in 1920 on three basic pillars: academic excellence, Christ-centered education and global worldview.

It is a testament to the academic excellence of a school to achieve the success that IWU has for one hundred years. Indiana Wesleyan University is a Christian comprehensive university of The Wesleyan Church. The University was founded in 1920 as Marion College before changing its name to Indiana Wesleyan University in 1988. IWU committed to liberal arts and professional education. Nearly 3,000 students are enrolled in traditional programs on the University's 350-acre residential campus in Marion. Most buildings on the Marion campus have been built in the past 25 years, so students live and learn in a visually striking environment with well-appointed residence halls and academic facilities, all on a campus that is only an hour away from both Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.

IWU offers more than 80 undergraduate degrees, 38 graduate degrees and 5 doctorate degrees and students represent more than 80 Christian denominations and 10 foreign countries. Indiana Wesleyan has received national attention for its innovative adult education program, which began in 1985. Over 10,000 adult learners attend classes at education centers in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio, and online.

In its first one hundred years, IWU has produced over 80,000 degreed alumni. IWU has

a 78 percent retention rate for those starting as college freshmen. The Indiana Wesleyan Wildcats have won 5 national championship titles in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), including 2 NAIA national championships from the record-setting 2006 to 2007 women's basketball team that went 38–0 and the 2012–2013 women's basketball team. IWU has won an additional 3 NAIA national championships in 2014, 2016 and 2018 in men's basketball.

Congratulations to Indiana Wesleyan University for a century of success thanks to the hard working and dedicated faculty, staff, administration, board members, students and alumni. Hoosiers of the Fifth District and beyond are grateful and look forward to another century of extraordinary leadership and educational opportunities.

#### IN HONOR OF STEPHANIE BARON

##### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 2020*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephanie A. Baron, who is being honored for her work as the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) New Hampshire State President over the past year. VFW works to ensure that all veterans are recognized for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our nation. President Baron served during an unprecedented year. Faced with the COVID–19 pandemic, she helped VFW continue fulfilling its mission by facilitating the organization's transition to online programming and even helped conduct their first Virtual Convention.

A resident of Merrimack, President Baron is a devoted mother and grandmother who is deeply committed to supporting veterans in her community. When she is not busy improving the lives of veterans in our state, President Baron works for herself as a nail technician.

Her grandfather, Adam P. Plynkofsky, served in the United States Army in World War II from 1941 to 1944, receiving the three Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart. His sacrifices shaped President Baron's passion for giving back to veterans and their families.

Since joining the VFW Auxiliary, President Baron has diligently served the organization in many capacities. She has held roles as Senior Vice President, Department Scholarship Chairman, Youth Activities chair, and Auxiliary Chaplain. She is a Life member of the VFW National Home for Children and a member of the American Legion.

On behalf of all of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Stephanie Baron for her longstanding devotion to our state and our Veterans. I congratulate her on a successful term as State President and thank her for all that she has done, and will continue to do, to support Granite State veterans.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF DEANDREE WATSON

##### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 2020*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the late DeAndree Watson, a young public servant and community advocate for the city of Detroit.

DeAndree was born and raised in Detroit, and product of Detroit Public Schools, graduating from Cass Technical High School in 2008. DeAndree went on to attend the University of Michigan, serving as Class President for the 2012 graduating class, graduating with the highest honors. DeAndree began his commitment to service and the city of Detroit as an intern for former councilman Charles Pugh before rising through the ranks to serve as Policy Analyst for Detroit City Council and District One Councilman James Tate for six years. Through this role, DeAndree helped lead critical legislation for the 13th Congressional District in Northwest Detroit and across the city.

DeAndree dedicated his life to serving residents, a priority that was reflected in his daily work. His commitment to serving residents went beyond policy, and included supporting numerous associations, block clubs, and organizations with critical services whenever he could. DeAndree held several roles in his young professional career, not only serving as a Policy Analyst, but also serving as the President and leader of the New Leaders Council, a young progressive coalition of talented rising leaders across Detroit. His planned journey back to the University of Michigan to pursue his Law Degree would have undoubtedly set him on a path to further his ongoing work to serve the city of Detroit and our district. DeAndree's hard work and dedication to working on behalf of the people of Detroit was unmatched. He was known for his professionalism, attention to details, and the love he held for the City of Detroit. DeAndree was a bright and affable rising star with limitless potential ahead of him. We are stunned and saddened by his sudden and tragic death.

DeAndree Watson embodied the spirit of community, leadership and Detroit. His presence will truly be missed. Please join me in honoring his memory and this great loss to our community.

#### DR. MARK JOHNSON

##### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Mark Johnson, Executive Director of the Jefferson County Public Health Department for receiving the American College of Preventive Medicine's Distinguished Service Award, recognizing his more than 30 years of service in the public health sector. Additionally, in September 2019, Dr. Johnson also received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Public Health in the Rockies. Both awards recognize Dr. Johnson's significant contributions and leadership in public health.