

HONORING DR. HILLIARD
LAWRENCE LACKEY III

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Dr. Hilliard Lawrence Lackey, III.

Hilliard Lawrence Lackey, III, was born to the late Hilliard Lawrence, Jr. and Cora Lackey on October 9, 1942.

Dr. Lackey earned three degrees from Jackson State University: Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science, Master of Science Degree in Education Administration/Supervision and an Education Specialist Degree in Educational Administration. Dr. Lackey also earned a Master of Arts in Historical Geography at the University of Arkansas and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Higher Education Administration at the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Hilliard L. Lackey was an Assistant Professor of History and Alumni President (2004 to 2010) before he became Assistant to the Executive Vice President for External Affairs at Jackson State University (1967 to 2002). He also taught at LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis in 2003 and 2004, and parts of 2005 and 2006.

Dr. Lackey's talent and hobbies include: being a football referee and baseball umpire; a columnist for the Mississippi Link, St. Louis American, Clarksdale Press Register, and The Scope; and a television program host for Scope and radio news director of the WMPR radio station.

Dr. Lackey is married to the love of his life, former Lillian Troupe, a math teacher at Powell Middle School. They have four beautiful children: Dr. Katrina Lackey Davis, a Medical Doctor at the University of Tennessee Medical School; Hilliard L. Lackey, IV, a recipient of a bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas; Tahiri Charyse Lackey, a Ph.D. candidate at Georgia Tech; and Darryl William Lackey, an undergraduate student at Jackson State University who retired from Jackson State in 2010.

Dr. Lackey became a writer at an early age and published a book, "Marks, Martin and the Mule Train" in 1998 because there was no written information about the events of the Mule Train and the Poor People's Campaign during 1968 from Marks, MS to Washington, D.C.

Another major accomplishment is that Dr. Lackey was the First Black Park Ranger at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Carlsbad, New Mexico during the summers of 1964, 1965, 1966.

Dr. Lackey felt it was his appointed duty to answer the call of President Lyndon Baines Johnson and help integrate the National Park Service. Although he was terrified as a young man being so far away from the cotton fields of Marks, his birthplace, he conquered his fear.

Dr. Lackey survived three summers, mastered his job and paved the way for others. One of his encouraging encounters was when a black custodian working at the site put down his broom and became a Park Ranger during the time of his last year working there.

Dr. Lackey also an unpublished book about being the First Black Park Ranger at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, New Mexico.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Hilliard Lawrence Lackey for his successes and accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAUREEN
TAYLOR AS SHE RECEIVES THE
LET FREEDOM RING AWARD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maureen Taylor's distinguished career and honor her remarkable work as she receives the Rainbow PUSH Let Freedom Ring Award. Taylor's contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

In 1983, Maureen Taylor received her Bachelor of Social Work from Marygrove College, where she was the distinguished valedictorian of her graduating class. After graduation, Taylor quickly immersed herself in social causes and became a dedicated community activist for poor and low-income families. In 1993, Taylor became the State Chair of the Michigan Welfare Rights Organization, the union for public assistance recipients and low-income people and was elected Treasurer of the National Welfare Rights Union in 1994.

Maureen Taylor makes a difference in our community. She has worked with countless people, residents, and community organizations to stop water, gas, and electricity shut offs for thousands of low-income families. Beyond this, Taylor has testified on the local, state, and federal level about the plight of poor people and continues to work with administrators and public officials to draft policies that protect poor and low-income families. Taylor's work has a profound impact on our community and reflects many of the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by selflessly giving a voice to those who are silenced, powerless, or suppressed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Maureen Taylor. Taylor's tenacity for change and commitment to improving the lives of our community's most vulnerable makes her a deserving recipient of the Let Freedom Ring Award. I am grateful for her impact on our community and wish her continued success in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on January 8, 2020 during roll call no. 2, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 535) to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoid-

ably detained during roll call no. 3, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 535) to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 4, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Secure 5G and Beyond Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

CELEBRATING RALPH OWENS' 30
YEARS OF SERVICE AS MAYOR
OF LAVONIA

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ralph Owens for his retirement as Mayor of the City of Lavonia. Mayor Owens retired on December 31, 2019, after serving the people of Lavonia as Mayor for over 30 years.

Since first being elected to the Lavonia City Council in 1987 and, two years later, being elected Mayor in 1989, Mayor Owens has dedicated over 30 years to serving the people of Lavonia. During his tenure as mayor, Mr. Owens oversaw dramatic changes to the city's departments and emergency services. When Mayor Owens took office, the city's police department had only six officers and two police cruisers at their disposal. His expansion of the city's police department and their capabilities resulted in the construction of a new complex, hiring of an additional eight officers, and providing each officer with their own vehicle.

Throughout his 30 years of service, Mr. Owens remained focused on Lavonia's economic and industrial growth. As chair of the Franklin County Industrial Building Authority, he worked to successfully bring new businesses to the community, such as the AutoZone Distribution Center and St. Mary's Sacred Heart Hospital, who now employ hundreds of people in and around the area.

In 2012, Owens was honored for his leadership by being named the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission's (GMRC) Elected Official of the Year Award. The GMRC focuses on advancing economic and administrative cooperation amongst the various Northeast Georgia communities. As mayor of Lavonia, Mr. Owens made considerable efforts to do his part in representing the interests of the people of Lavonia.

In addition to being named Georgia Mountains Regional Commission's Elected Official of the Year 2012, Mayor Owens was also recently named Lavonia Chamber of Commerce's Good Citizen of the Year and was honored with the Margaret Ayers Award for Civic Health.

For over three decades, Mayor Owens has made great sacrifices to serve the people of Lavonia. I want to congratulate him and his wife, Judy, on his retirement. But most of all, I want to thank him for dedicating his life to the betterment of the people of Lavonia.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND
OPENING OF MALEK AL-KABOB'S
DEARBORN LOCATION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the grand opening of Malek Al-Kabob in Dearborn. The restaurant is a beloved institution in our community and the opening of its new location is cause for celebration.

Malek Al-Kabob was founded by chefs Abu-Fahd and Abu-Snan whose culinary careers began at an early age. After growing up in the Republic of Yemen, both migrated separately to the United States seeking the American Dream. After beginning their careers in the food industry, the two met as sous chefs and developed a close friendship due to their shared backgrounds and love for Middle Eastern cuisine. After working side by side for years, Abu-Fahd and Abu-Snan decided to open an enterprise of their own. In the years that followed, the two opened several restaurants that have quickly become favorites in the communities in which they operate.

In January of 2006, Malek Al-Kabob first opened its doors in Taylor. The location became a popular destination in the Downriver community and was quickly recognized as one of the best Middle Eastern restaurants throughout the entire Metro Detroit region. Today, I am proud to celebrate Malek Al-Kabob as it expands. The opening of its new location in Dearborn not only exemplifies the restaurants continued success, but is a testament to the hard work of its staff and the pride its chefs put in to each and every dish.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the grand opening of Malek Al-Kabob's Dearborn location. The expansion represents a big step forward for the restaurant and will offer our community a new opportunity to come together to celebrate Middle Eastern cuisine.

HONORING MICHAEL A. GATER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Michael A. Gater, a native of Jackson, Mississippi. He is a proud 1984 honors' graduate of Jackson State University and holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Management.

In July 2019 Mr. Gater was named the Director of Human Resources for the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA), which is the governing entity for the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN) and Hawkins Field (General Aviation) Airport (HKS). He is responsible for managing and integrating broad, comprehensive human resource management programs and safety for the Authority at JAN and HKS.

For over twenty-one years, Mr. Gater dedicated his career to enhancing the management of resources related to employees. Prior

to joining the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority, he served as the Regional Site Human Resources Manager at Faurecia Automotive Seating for its Madison and Cleveland, Mississippi plants. His experience spans several industries (Auto Manufacturing, Cable and Entertainment, Waste Services and Retailing), where he has held corporate, division, and regional/field HR leadership roles.

Committed to giving back to the HR industry and to his community, Mr. Gater is a life-long member and Past President of the Rho Xi Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. He is the former Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated Director of National Programs for the District of Mississippi and serves on the Mississippi Alpha Network Executive Board as the Area Director for Jackson, Brookhaven, and Canton. Mr. Gater also serves on the March of Dimes Central Mississippi Board of Directors.

Mr. Gater has held previous board positions with Anderson United Methodist Church, Capital Area HR Association, and United Way of the Capital Area, Jackson Council PTA, Mississippi PTA and Mississippi Children's Home Services (Canopy Children's Solutions).

He resides in Jackson, Mississippi with his wife, Mrs. Ada Gater.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Michael A. Gater.

RECOGNIZING THE 2020 MARCH
FOR LIFE

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, I proudly recognize the 47th annual March for Life.

I am incredibly proud of the thousands of Americans, especially those from Wisconsin, who have traveled to Washington this week to defend the sanctity of life and protect the rights of the unborn. Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have been a staunch advocate for pro-life issues and have always supported efforts to preserve human life at every stage of development. As Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, I shepherded the partial-birth abortion ban through Congress. It was one of my greatest honors to watch President George W. Bush sign it into law. I have also fully supported every effort in Congress to stop federally funded abortions, both in the United States and abroad.

I want to thank everyone who participated in this year's march and am grateful for all who stand for the unborn, but were unable to make it to Washington. We still have much work ahead of us to advance pro-life protections and your voices must be heard.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF SOS COMMUNITY
SERVICES

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of SOS Community Services.

SOS Community Services was founded on the campus of Eastern Michigan University in 1970. Seeing a need for drug-related crisis intervention in Washtenaw County, student and faculty volunteers came together to establish the organization to offer food, shelter, and emergency services to their struggling neighbors and peers. As the organization grew, SOS Community Services began to take a more central role in directing services toward families and individuals with housing hardships, establishing numerous assistance programs and opening several shelters to help people in need.

Half a century later, SOS Community Services continues to be an important resource for many in the Washtenaw County community. Every year, SOS provides assistance and housing services to nearly 7,000 people and particularly strives to help parents become self-sufficient by connecting them with employment opportunities, local resources, and stable housing options. Through their comprehensive work in Washtenaw County, SOS Community Services has improved our community and transformed thousands of lives. Their critical services enable people to regain hope, confidence, and dignity.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 50th anniversary of SOS Community Services. For five decades, SOS Community Services has been a valuable resource to many in Washtenaw County. The organization's commitment to our community sets an example we all should strive to emulate.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote last week due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 14; NAY on Roll Call No. 16; NAY on Roll Call No. 17; NAY on Roll Call No. 18; YEA on Roll Call No. 19; YEA on Roll Call No. 20; NAY on Roll Call No. 21; and NAY on Roll Call No. 22.

HONORING SYLVIA NEWMAN-
GREEN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and ambitious woman, Mrs. Sylvia Newman-Green. Sylvia has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Sylvia was born in Louise, Mississippi and attended school in the Humphreys County School district. She graduated from high school in 1995 and went on to attend MS Valley State University where she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science. Sylvia later earned her Master of Science Degree in Technology Education from Jackson State University, where she was a