

member of the Epsilon Pi tau Technology Honor Society.

Sylvia Newman-Green worked for Bank Plus for three years and worked over nine years for the Mississippi Department of Employment Security as an employment interviewer and for the Internet Technology Department at their Yazoo City office. She began working for the Yazoo County School District on July 1, 2011, as an IT Professional. Over the years, Sylvia's duties grew and soon her job titles changed. She is currently the Director of Publicity and Technology Specialist. Sylvia is also the owner of Premier Designs Jewelry and SassyDesignz08 T-Shirt Boutique.

Sylvia and her husband Nakia, Sr. are the parents of two boys: Dontrell and Donavin. She is heavily involved in school activities as a parent, but also volunteer in various capacities. She is the Co-Sponsor for the Yazoo County National Beta Club Society and is certified as an athletic Coach through the MS High School Activities Association.

Outside of her volunteer efforts with Yazoo County Schools, she is involved with the Youth Department at Peter Rock Church of God in Christ, Junior Auxiliary of Yazoo City, Elite Club of Yazoo City and Mentors and educate local youth and senior citizens on technology. Sylvia is a Charter Member of the Omega Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. of Yazoo City. Sylvia has served as chapter Treasurer for seven years and Budget and Finance Chair and has served on several other committees.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Sylvia Newman-Green for her passion and dedication to serving Yazoo County, and her desire to make a difference in the community and preparing children for the future.

HONORING EDWARD "BOONE"  
GREEN

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 24, 2020*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Edward "Boone" Green, who passed away on September 30, 2019, at the age of 74 after a lifetime of exemplary service to his community.

Born in 1945 in Monroe, Louisiana, Mr. Green's family migrated to California in search of well-paying factory jobs and settled in Marin City when he was ten years old. His parents found employment with Marinship Corporation. As a young man, Mr. Green attended Tamalpais High School, and he developed what became a lifelong passion for boxing.

In 1989, he became a boxing coach and established the only boxing club in Marin City. The Marin Boxing Club quickly grew from a small outdoor training program into a full-scale training facility at the Marin City Recreation Center. He also established the non-profit One Kid at a Time. Mr. Green used boxing as vehicle to teach important life skills, including health and nutrition and the importance of a strong work ethic. Eventually, Mr. Green went on to teach fitness and boxing classes for adults at College of Marin.

Mr. Green was known as a tough coach, always expecting the best from his fighters, and

he was regarded for his kindness and generosity. Mr. Green discreetly offered financial assistance to single mothers throughout the community and opened his home to young men in need of support.

Mr. Green was a well-respected member of the community who will be remembered for his generous spirit, passion for boxing, and commitment to religion. He is survived by his wife Ida Green, his children Apollo and Grace Green, a grandson, as well as his large extended family. While he will be greatly missed, Mr. Green's legacy will live on through the indelible positive impact he had on his many friends, family, and the community at large.

IN RECOGNITION OF CONGRESS-  
MAN JOHN CONYERS, JR. AS HE  
RECEIVES THE LEGACY AWARD

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 24, 2020*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Congressman John Conyers' distinguished life as he receives the inaugural Legacy Award from Rainbow PUSH. After a remarkable political career, Congressman Conyers died on October 27, 2019. His passing is a loss for our entire community, but his legacy will be remembered for generations to come.

John James Conyers, Jr. was born in Detroit on May 16, 1929. After enlisting in the army in 1950 and serving in Korea as a second lieutenant, Conyers returned home to Michigan and enrolled in Wayne State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1957 and a law degree in 1958. Upon graduation, Conyers began his political career as a legislative aide to Representative John D. Dingell, Jr. and continued working in state government and as a lawyer until running for Congress himself.

Representative John Conyers, Jr. was the longest-serving African American in the history of Congress. Elected in 1964, Conyers represented Michigan in Congress for more than five decades. Throughout his tenure, Conyers was a fierce champion for civil rights, social justice, and economic equality. Conyers was an outspoken leader who took strong stands on some of our nation's most challenging issues. Days after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Conyers became the leading voice in the fight to enshrine Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as a national holiday. On April 8, 1968, Conyers first introduced the legislation, but the bill stalled. Yet, thanks to Conyers' unrelenting persistence and painstaking efforts to recognize the civil rights icon, Congress passed the bill nearly twenty years later. On November 3, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed the bill, formally designating the third Monday of January as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Congressman John Conyers. Conyers will forever be remembered as a trailblazer on issues of equality, civil rights, and social justice. He passionately worked to make his Michigan community a better place, and his legacy provides a lasting example of what we all should strive to accomplish.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 24, 2020*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, due to a family emergency, I have been unable to travel to Washington, D.C., and missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall vote No. 14, I would have voted aye; Rollcall vote No. 15, I would have voted aye; Rollcall vote No. 16, I would have voted nay; Rollcall vote No. 17, I would have voted nay; Rollcall vote No. 18, I would have voted nay; Rollcall vote No. 19, I would have voted nay; Rollcall vote No. 20, I would have voted aye; Rollcall vote No. 21, I would have voted nay; and Rollcall vote No. 22, I would have voted nay.

HONORING FIRE CHIEF TROY S.  
JACKSON

**HON. JASON CROW**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 24, 2020*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a fallen Colorado hero. On December 16, our community mourned the passing of South Metro Fire Rescue's Operations Chief Troy Jackson. In 2013, Chief Jackson was diagnosed with a rare, job-related terminal cancer which ultimately took his life. Despite the physical and emotional challenges of his illness, Chief Jackson triumphed as a phenomenal leader and mentor during his battle with cancer.

Chief Jackson began his professional firefighting career in 1990. In his three-decade career he rose through the ranks, ultimately reaching the rank of Assistant Chief. Throughout his career, Chief Jackson excelled at each level he served. His passion for training and safety is evidenced by his numerous awards and commendations for exceptional service.

Chief Jackson worked diligently to help forever change the culture of South Metro Fire and the American fire service. Jackson was a pioneer in reducing exposure and protecting firefighters. Specifically, Jackson initiated policy changes and equipment upgrades to promote aggressive firefighter decontamination following fires—and these policies have since spread across the United States. His programs, leadership, and vision help keep other firefighters from suffering from health problems like the one that took his life. There's no doubt that Chief Jackson's legacy lives on in our community, the fire service, and our country. His passion to protect and improve the health and safety of our emergency responders is of the greatest testament to his selfless leadership.

Chief Jackson leaves behind his supportive family including his loving wife, Lori, and children Covey and Carley. Along with the entire South Metro Fire Family, they mourn our loss and commit to continuing his legacy. I am honored to recognize this American Hero in this chamber, the U.S. House of Representatives.

It is impossible to count the number of lives Chief Jackson touched as a firefighter, but we

know it was many. His legacy lives on and his vision continues to save lives. We thank Chief Jackson for his leadership and unwavering commitment to our citizens and community. May we never forget his ultimate sacrifice.

94TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH  
NATIONAL FUND-USA

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 24, 2020*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, on January 26, 1926, Jewish National Fund was established in the United States, starting a uniquely American effort to support non-profit development in Israel. Its six action areas include ecology and afforestation; water; community development; research and development; tourism and recreation; and education.

Jewish National Fund-USA remains the oldest tree-planting organization in the world, and February 10, 2020, marks the Jewish Festival of Tu B'Shvat, the New Year for trees.

The Jewish National Fund has planted over 250 million trees that cleanse the air and provide a habitat for birds and other wildlife. Israel is the only country in the world that has a higher number of trees in the 21st century than in the previous century.

Today, we pay tribute to Jewish National Fund-USA, an organization that brings the United States and Israel closer together. I commend the organization's lay leadership and partners on this 94th anniversary, who continue to work tirelessly to make this earth a better place.

HONORING MR. MICHAEL ANTHONY  
MARTIN

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 24, 2020*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Anthony Martin, a Weslaco, Texas native who became a national champion on Monday, January 13, 2020, as a member of Louisiana State University's National Championship football team.

Martin, a freshman wide receiver for the LSU Tigers helped his team beat the Clemson Tigers with a final score of 42–25 to claim the College Football National Championship at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana. The game was an exhilarating battle that went back and forth between the two teams until LSU pulled away in the second half.

Michael Martin is the son of Randy and Mari Fuentes-Martin who raised their three children in the Rio Grande Valley, before moving to Louisiana. There Michael joined the LSU Tiger

football team as a walk-on in 2018 and was redshirted his true freshman year. Prior to Michael's first year with the LSU Tigers, he played his senior season at the University Laboratory School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he was a standout baseball and football player. Michael transferred to University Laboratory from Weslaco High School after his junior year, where he grew up learning the ins and outs of the sport.

While attending University Laboratory as a senior, Michael lead his team to a perfect 13–0 record, which helped them to capture the 2017 Louisiana Division-II State Championship. During the state title game against De La Salle High School, Michael returned a 54-yard punt for a touchdown, helping University Laboratory clinch the state championship against De La Salle. Throughout the 2017 football season at University Laboratory, Michael scored four touchdowns for the team and led the team with four interceptions.

I know that Michael is just getting his life going, but I want to pause and honor the accomplishments he has reached at such a young age. I look forward to what is ahead for him, both on and off the field. I wish him the best of luck as he continues his studies and football career at LSU, and I know that he will continue to make our community in the Rio Grande Valley proud.

I thank his family for instilling in him the values and morals needed to be a National Football Champion and know they have been supportive of him since birth.

Today, it is with great honor, admiration, and respect that I recognize the achievements of a young outstanding individual, Michael Anthony Martin, who is now a Division I college football champion.

HONORING DEJUAN WATTS, SR.

**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 Mr. DeJuan Watts, Sr., a remarkable individual with phenomenal communal involvement impacting the lives of others through service and outreach in the community.

As a lifelong resident of the Mississippi Delta, DeJuan Watts, Sr. exemplifies the necessary intangible characteristics of perseverance, selflessness, integrity, and resilience. While every human should exemplify these qualities, there are certain individuals who epitomize those assets and adopt standards far beyond those as essential peculiarities. It takes special mentorship and unwavering commitment to become one of those individuals. DeJuan Watts, Sr. embeds this into individuals who have been heartened by his numerous services positively affecting communities, careers, and ultimately lives.

Mr. Watts has proven to be a socially and academically incisive individual. A graduate of Quitman County High School, COGIC Seminary, and a current student of Liberty University working untiring hours within our communities and beyond, he continually expresses adoration for being involved in encouraging the well-being of others. Though willingly helping each person possible is important, he has a partiality for helping young men. Over the last 30 years, Mr. Watts has worked alongside Boyz to Men Mentoring, Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Quitman County School District, Quitman County Development Organization, M. S. Palmer Performing Arts, and most recently Tougaloo College's Delta Health Partners Healthy Start Initiative. Through the latter mentioned, Mr. Watts utilizes social work services aimed to empower and encourage young men to be present and active fathers to grow and sustain healthy family relationships. Completing countless hours of community service and volunteerism he continually seeks opportunities to serve, illustrating his work ethic, generosity, and leadership.

DeJuan Watts whole heartedly shows the importance of family in the community: as husband of Pearl Gordon Watts; father of two sons: DeJuan, Jr. and Torian Watts; two daughters in love: Nakisha and Jalisa Watts; and two very special grandchildren: Harlem and Kingston. He also serves as clergy in the community, appointed by the Northern Mississippi Jurisdiction Presiding Bishop and as Pastor of Rose Chapel Church of God In Christ in Crenshaw, MS.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. DeJuan Watts, Sr. as an unwittingly committed member of our community. Given his devotion to continual improvement of youth, health, and wellness DeJuan Watts, Sr. upholds moral and ethical standards of remarkable caliber.

CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 76  
ON JANUARY 14, 2020

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 24, 2020*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, when the Committee on Rules filed its report (H. Rept. 116–377) to accompany House Resolution 790, the Committee was unaware that the waiver of all points of order against consideration of H.J. Res. 76 included a waiver of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of legislation that would cause the level of total new budget authority for the first fiscal year to be exceeded, or would cause revenues to be less than the level of total revenues for the first fiscal year or for the total of that first fiscal year and the ensuing fiscal years for which allocations are provided.