

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HARLAN
BIBLE DONATION TO CONGRESS

HON. MIKE JOHNSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the good work and friendship of the American Judicial Alliance. AJA and its founder, Judge Darrell White, have been working tirelessly to introduce the tradition of the Harlan Bible by donating these Bibles to our nation's courtrooms and institutions, including to this chamber. Justice John Marshall Harlan set this precedent by donating his very own Bible to the Supreme Court back in 1906, and since then, every justice has signed this Bible after taking the oath of office.

Justice Harlan is probably best known for being the "Great Dissenter" and specifically for his role as the lone dissenter in *Plessy v. Ferguson's* unjust 'separate but equal' precedent. His personal transformation made him an impassioned supporter for civil rights during his 34 years on the Court.

It was Justice Harlan who stated: "Our constitution is color-blind, and neither knows nor tolerates classes among citizens. In respect of civil rights, all citizens are equal before the law."

By donating these Harlan Bibles, AJA is honoring the legacy of Justice Harlan's fight for justice, recognizing that our inalienable rights come directly from our Creator, and restoring faith in our Nation's courtrooms. May God continue to bless the American Judicial Alliance as it endeavors to share the Harlan Bible and its important message of justice, mercy, and faith to the American people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, December 9, 2021, I missed roll call votes No. 439 and 440 due to the effects of the ongoing public health emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on 439 and "nay" on 440.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
DR. ANDREW HUGINE, JR. AS
PRESIDENT OF ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL
AND MECHANICAL
UNIVERSITY

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the leadership of Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., the 11th President of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (Alabama A&M University), who is retiring on December 31, 2021, after 12 wonderful years of service to the University and the surrounding community. Dr. Hugine obtained his bachelor's

and master's degrees in mathematics from South Carolina State University. He went on to earn his doctorate in Higher Education and Institutional Research from Michigan State University.

Prior to his tenure at Alabama A&M University, Dr. Hugine served as the President of South Carolina State University and held numerous positions in education including Interim Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; Director of Special Services Program; Director of University Year for Action Program—a service-learning program; Research Fellow; Assistant and Director of Institutional Self-Study; Professor of Mathematics and high school mathematics teacher. Dr. Hugine has been recognized both nationally and internationally for his leadership in education and adept administrative skills.

Under the exceptional guidance of Dr. Hugine, Alabama A&M University has made many advancements. By making bold financial decisions, increasing academic programs, and fostering tenacious alumni and student connections, Dr. Hugine dedicated himself to ensuring that the university is more competitive in the 21st century.

Partnering with various organizations including, those of the National Pan-Hellenic Council along with the support of public and private entities, helped the university gain additional streams of external funding to increase financial opportunities for prospective students. As a result of Dr. Hugine's efforts, the university increased its total endowment by almost 50 million dollars, completing its first-ever capital campaign raising over 27 million dollars, and establishing the Normal Legacy Society, which has contributed over 5 million dollars to the university.

Along with financial improvements, academic programs have shown tremendously growth under Dr. Hugine's tenure. Nine new academic programs were formed, including Animal Bio-Health Technology, Communication Specialist, Construction Management, and many more to give the students versatility while pursuing the careers they desire. As a result of these academic developments, there have been record-breaking highs in Alabama A&M University's recent fall enrollment with 1,690 students enrolling into the freshman class.

Increasing pride in this historic institution remained a focal point of Dr. Hugine's presidency. With the vision of First Lady Abbiegail Hugine and the help of the Bulldog Pride Committee, several initiatives were implemented to beautify the campus, enhance customer service, promote character development, and increase the wearing of Alabama A&M University paraphernalia as a display of pride. Other incredible programs and scholarships were established such as the "Quad," a program focused on student activities, the First Lady's Endowed Scholarship Program, and the Normalite Walkway Pavers' Scholarship.

Under the direction of Dr. Hugine Alabama A&M University has strengthened its nurturing environment for students to thrive and become remarkable contributors to society. Although I know he will continue to serve his community through volunteering, I sincerely hope that his retirement is filled with the joy of becoming a new grandparent and spending time with family and friends.

On a personal note, I was privileged to get to know Dr. Hugine and to witness first-hand his remarkable leadership as President of Alabama A&M University. Dr. Hugine is a visionary leader, dynamic educator, effective administrator, solid steward of the University's finance, and true champion of the students, faculty, alumni, and trustees of Alabama A&M University. Under his twelve-year tenure as the 11th President of Alabama A&M University, Dr. Hugine made a lasting contribution to the education and administration of AAMU. Upon his retirement, his legacy will continue to live on in the numerous lives that he impacted and the outstanding contributions that AAMU students will make to this Nation. I wish him and his lovely wife Abbiegail, of over 40 years, much success in their future endeavors. They have truly been a blessing and left an indelible mark on the State of Alabama. For all he has done, we thank him for his exemplary service.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary leadership and service of Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., and his contributions as President of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University.

HONORING 175 YEARS OF THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF LANSING

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the First Presbyterian Church of Lansing as they gather to celebrate 175 years of continuous faith and service.

Founded on December 17, 1847, First Presbyterian Church is the oldest, formally-constituted church in the city. At the time of its founding, Lansing's residents were unified against slavery and the city served as a secondary stop on the Underground Railroad. The First Presbyterian faith community were among these early advocates for abolition and when the Civil War broke out, strongly supported Michigan troops who joined to defend the Union. The women of First Presbyterian Church cooked, washed clothes, and wrote letters home for those who could not write. Meanwhile, from the church pulpit, Rev. Chester S. Armstrong, urged local farmers to do their part and increase their harvests to feed the Union Army.

After the war, the congregation continued to lead the way for social justice. They were the principal sponsor and supporter of the first African-American Sabbath School in Lansing, which later became the African Methodist Episcopal Church which was founded in 1879. At the turn of the century, when outbreaks of cholera, typhoid, and malaria ravaged the most vulnerable residents in Lansing, First Presbyterian was a key proponent of improving sanitary living conditions. In addition to partnering with the YMCA to support the city's youth, church members were invested in the common welfare of the needy, caring for neighbors who could not work or those whose wages weren't enough to feed their families.

As the city of Lansing grew, so did the First Presbyterian Church congregation. From its new home beside the state Capitol, pastors

and elders occupied prominent positions in the community. During the Great Depression, when charity was so desperately needed, the church distributed food and clothing to the poor and provided care for indigent children. It's essential work that continues to this day—feeding thousands of people through its food pantry.

Madam Speaker, Lansing's First Presbyterian Church is a key player in interfaith and inter-racial fellowship. It serves as a refuge and a sanctuary for several community based-service organizations who truly do God's work in our state capital. They host weekly forums for residents to come together and enrich their understanding of the church's history and tradition while also providing a venue for civic and academic leaders to meet with the community and answer questions on topics relevant to their lives. First Presbyterian supports artists, musicians, charities, and more—truly living up to its commitment as a strong community of faith and a positive agent for social justice and human welfare.

The theme for their 175th anniversary celebration is: "a diverse Christian community inspired by its heritage, renewed in faith and outreach, and dedicated to peace and justice." It is a noble cause for a noble faith community and it is my privilege to recognize First Presbyterian Church of Lansing with these words in the People's House. May they last as a fitting tribute to its 175 years of service and guide the way for the next 175 years to come.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAMPTON-NEWPORT NEWS COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board on its 50th anniversary.

The Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board was established in 1971 by the Virginia General Assembly and by resolutions passed by the city councils of Hampton and Newport News. The organization's mission was to provide services to families and communities affected by mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders. I want to congratulate and thank Natale Ward Christian, the current Executive Director, as well as her predecessors: Joe Allen, Steven Capo, Howard Cullum, and Charles Hall for their years of service and dedication to our community.

The Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board is a source of support for the Hampton-Newport News community. The tireless work of the organization has improved the quality of life for countless people on the Virginia Peninsula. For fifty years, the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board has achieved results because of continued partnership with individuals, family members, advocates and local service agencies. Since the board's creation, it has grown to become an agency with over 80 programs and now serves thousands of individuals every year.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the leadership and staff of the Hampton-Newport News

Community Services Board for fifty years of continued service to the citizens of Hampton and Newport News. It is through the hard work and dedication of the board and its leadership, as well as the involvement of members of our community, that make Hampton Roads such a great place to live, work and raise a family. I wish for many more years of continued success, so the board can keep up the important work of providing its critical services for those who need it most.

ROB GREEN RETIREMENT

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, today I rise to salute a dedicated public servant and friend. After working for a series of Members of the House, including Rep. Bill Goodling, Rob Green first served the Education and Workforce Committee from 1995 to 2001. Rob rejoined the Committee four years ago and has been an invaluable leader of the GOP workforce team ever since.

As Director of Workforce Policy, Rob has worked tirelessly to protect the rights of workers and employers alike. He has dedicated years of his life to fighting for free market principles and to seeing that our country stays a self-governed Republic. Whether we have been in the majority or in the minority, Rob has made addressing federal overreach a top priority and has never been afraid to hold federal agencies accountable.

Rob's consummate professionalism when working with Members of Congress as well as with Democrat staff has allowed us to pass bipartisan bills such as the Retirement Improvement and Savings Enhancement Act (RISE), which will help many Americans prepare for a more secure future.

Rob's work was also pivotal in helping us pass a ban on surprise billing. This fight for transparency in our medical system has been a passion of Rob's and will help millions of struggling Americans.

Rob's influence has also extended beyond the Committee. GOP leadership has relied on Rob to shape policy in the labor arena, ensuring that the American worker's voice gets heard. His relationship with lawmakers and staff throughout the House has allowed the Committee to flourish and accomplish a tremendous amount.

Too often populist lobbies have an out-sized influence over politics in Washington. Rob's work on this Committee ensured that the voices of job creators and small business owners were heard.

I, myself, have relied on Rob's expertise and keen eye for strategy to further this Committee's mission, and I will miss his support. Thankfully, his expertise will live on in the team that he has led and mentored for four years.

I commend Rob for his many accomplishments and for his selfless service to this country. It is because of dedicated public servants like Rob, standing in the gap and defending our Republic, that we have a chance at reclaiming the vision our Founding Fathers had for this Nation.

I truly congratulate Rob on his retirement, he has earned it.

HONORING VETERANS OF THE
KOREAN WAR

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of our Korean War veterans, who fought so bravely to repel an invasion intended to overthrow the government of the Republic of Korea and subjugate its people to authoritarian rule.

On June 25, 1950, the armed forces of North Korea attacked South Korea with the goal of imposing a totalitarian regime on the men, women and children living south of the 38th parallel at the demarcation line of the two countries. That same day, the Security Council of the United Nations unanimously condemned this violation of South Korean sovereignty, and two days later published Resolution 83, which authorized the use of force by member states to repel the invasion. President Truman immediately sent United States troops to assist in responding to this aggression, but the conflict rapidly expanded to include armed forces from the People's Republic of China. After three years of bloody struggle, and the deaths of nearly 37,000 members of the Armed Forces of United States and millions of Korean civilians, an armistice was signed by the governments of North Korea, the People's Republic of China and the United States ending hostilities and establishing a demilitarized zone at the 38th parallel to formalize the existence of North and South Korea.

The Korean War is often referred to as the "Forgotten War," as contemporaneous news coverage was censored, and its three years of conflict were overshadowed by the Second World War and the war in Vietnam. Former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, however, liked to display in his Pentagon office a night-time satellite image of the Korean peninsula. This image, which revealed a thriving, brightly lit South Korea and a pitch-black North Korea emblematic of the painful suffering of its citizens, was kept on display by Mr. Rumsfeld to remind himself and his visitors that the sacrifices of our veterans were not forgotten by, and had a transformative impact on, the people of South Korea.

Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the brave veterans of the Korean War as we approach the seventh decade since the 1953 armistice ending the conflict. On behalf of a grateful Nation, we honor our veterans' courage and their sacrifices to preserve peace and the blessings of liberty for an important ally and for the men, women and children who live in the Republic of South Korea.

CONGRATULATING THE MORIAH
VIKINGS ON A VALIANT EFFORT
IN THE NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Moriah High School football team on an extraordinary season culminating in a great effort at the state championship game.