

work with her family all day to make a mere 50 cents. Ms. Lott worked as a seamstress as she grew older, and during World War II, she was one of many women who kept the country going while the men served in the war. She worked for many years at Regal Mills, sewing diapers.

Although Ms. Lott never had her own children, her many nieces and nephews and members of the community consider her to be a mother and grandmother. She is an active member of Providence Baptist Church in Hodges, SC, and her love for others and the Lord radiates around her wherever she goes. Ms. Lott loves to cook, garden, and read a good book. Throughout the isolation of the pandemic, Ms. Lott's main source of joy and comfort was reading. She lived most of her adult life in Greenwood, SC, and has since returned to her birthplace, as a resident of Saluda Nursing Home. Her impact is seen everywhere in the community, and I am proud to represent and serve constituents as impactful as those like Ms. Sue Lott.

On behalf of the Third District of South Carolina, I would like to wish Ms. Sue Lott a very happy 100th birthday and thank her for her many dedicated years to our community.

HONORING CARLA BROWN

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 27, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of the Baton Rouge community.

Nurse Carla Brown has been going door to door in her "clinic on wheels,"—her car—providing COVID vaccinations.

As of now, she and her partners have vaccinated over 2,000 people.

To Mrs. Brown, this fight is personal.

Her husband David died from COVID-19 after weeks on a ventilator.

He was a two-time cancer survivor. He survived a gunshot wound to the face.

But COVID was what took his life.

Since then, Nurse Brown has turned her grief into action, using her time off to provide vaccination house calls to underserved communities like North Baton Rouge.

Louisiana has one of the lowest vaccination rates in the country, so her work is truly saving lives.

Mrs. Brown tells people, "If there were a vaccine when my David was alive, he would be here."

I thank Carla Brown for her service to our community.

To all Americans, please hear this brave nurse's message: Get vaccinated.

URGING AWARD OF CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO PRESIDENT LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 27, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in remembrance of one of the true giants of American history and politics, Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th President of the United States, who was born 113 years ago today, August 27. It might be fair to say that I have quoted the wise words of President Abraham Lincoln on this floor perhaps more than any other Member and my appreciation and profound gratitude for leadership of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who led our country out of the Great Depression and into an economic and military superpower, to victory in World War II, and whose New Deal transformed the way Americans live and work for the better, is unsurpassed.

But next to these two greatest of all American presidents, in my view shared by millions, stands Lyndon Baines Johnson, the visionary and architect of the Great Society, which centered federal policy on the growth and human development of the individual, providing educational and economic opportunity to all persons of all races, genders, and creeds living in every rural and urban community in every region of the nation. As I will discuss, the acclaimed Pulitzer Prize winner and preeminent historian and biographer, Robert Caro, is exactly right when he wrote that with the single exception of Abraham Lincoln, Lyndon Johnson was the greatest champion of the poor and underprivileged in the history of the Republic and was the President "who wrote mercy and justice into the statute books by which America was governed."

That is why earlier this year I introduced H.R. 115, legislation awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to President Lyndon Baines Johnson, whose vision and leadership secured passage of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965, the Social Security Amendments Act (Medicare) of 1965, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Higher Education Act of 1965, the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1965, to name just a handful of the more than 180 laws that have done so much to shape American society in the 21st Century. The awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal is long overdue recognition of the remarkable record of achievement in the field of domestic affairs of the person most responsible for several of the nation's landmark laws that mark their 56th anniversary this year.

Madam Speaker, as a Member of Congress from the Tenth Congressional District of Texas, as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate, Vice President and President of the United States, Lyndon Baines Johnson's domestic accomplishments in the fields of civil rights, education, and economic opportunity rank among the greatest achievements of the past century. As President, Lyndon Johnson proposed, championed, led to passage, and signed into law on August 6, 1965 the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which swept away barriers impeding

millions of Americans from meaningful participation in American political life. On July 30, 1965, President Johnson signed into law the Social Security Amendments Act of 1965, which we today know as Medicare, which has transformed the delivery of health care in the United States and which, along with Social Security, reduced the rate of poverty among the elderly from 28.5 percent in 1966 to 9.1 percent in 2012.

On July 2, 1964 President Johnson secured passage and signed into law the most sweeping civil rights legislation since Reconstruction, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination in employment, education, and public accommodations based on race, color, religion, or national origin.

On November 8, 1965, President Johnson signed into law the Higher Education Act, which provided need-based financial aid to students in the form of scholarships, work-study grants, and loans, and thus for the first time made higher education more accessible to populations of persons who were previously unable to attend college because of economic circumstances.

On October 3, 1965, President Johnson signed into law the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1965, which transformed the nation's immigration system by abolishing the racially based quota system that had defined American immigration policy for the previous four decades and replaced it with a policy whose central purpose was family reunification, with a preference for immigrants with specific skillsets.

Madam Speaker, Lyndon Baines Johnson began his working life as a teacher and debate coach in the poor Hispanic community in the South Texas town of Cotulla, where poverty was so bad that he recalled seeing "Mexican children going through a garbage pile, shaking the coffee grounds from the grapefruit rinds and sucking the rinds for the juice that was left, a sight he never forgot, and which fueled his passion and commitment to ending poverty in America. This teacher who became president served his country in numerous, distinguished ways, including as Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy during World War II, as a Member of both houses of Congress, as Vice President of the United States, and as the 36th President of the United States. Lyndon Baines Johnson was born on August 27, 1908, in Stonewall, Texas.

In 1927, he enrolled in Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos, Texas (Texas State University-San Marcos) and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in August 1930. After graduation he taught at Pearsall High School in Pearsall, Texas, and taught public speaking at Sam Houston High School in Houston, Texas, where in the spring of 1931, his debate team won the district championship. In a special election in 1937, Johnson won the U.S. House of Representatives seat representing the 10th Congressional District of Texas, defeating nine other candidates, and would be re-elected to a full term in the 76th Congress and to each succeeding Congress until 1948.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Johnson became the first Member of Congress to volunteer for active duty in the armed forces (U.S. Navy), reporting for active duty on December 9, 1941. Johnson received the Silver Star from General

Douglas MacArthur for gallantry in action during an aerial combat mission over hostile positions in New Guinea on June 9, 1942. President Roosevelt ordered all Members of Congress in the armed forces to return to their offices, and Johnson was released from active duty on July 16, 1942. In 1948, after a campaign in which he traveled by 'newfangled' helicopter all over the state, Johnson won the primary by 87 votes and earning the nickname 'Landslide Lyndon' and went on to victory in the general election, where he served until inaugurated Vice-President of the United States on January 20, 1961.

As a member of the Senate, Lyndon Johnson is acknowledged by historians, scholars, and students of politics as the greatest Majority Leader in the history of that chamber. Lyndon Johnson became the 36th President of the United States on November 22, 1963, after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. During his administration, education was one of the many areas where President Johnson blazed new ground, proposing numerous education initiatives which became landmark education bills he signed into law. In 1963, President Johnson signed the Higher Education Facilities Act (P.L. 88-204) which authorized a five-year program of federal grants and loans for construction or improvement of public and private higher education academic facilities. This legislation was the largest education program enacted by Congress since the National Defense Education Act of 1958, and it was the first broad education bill enacted in the post-World War II period that was not tied to national defense.

In 1964, Johnson signed the Library Services Act (P.L. 88-269) to make high quality public libraries more accessible to both urban and rural residents. The funds made available under this Act were used to construct as well as operate libraries, and to extend this program to cities as well as rural areas. Later that year, President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act (P.L. 88-352), which included Title VI among its landmark provisions authorizing federal authorities to sue for the desegregation of schools and to withhold federal funds from education institutions that practiced segregation. In 1965, in the presence of his first teacher, Mrs. Kathryn Deadrich Loney, President Johnson signed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (P.L. 89-10) at the former Junction Elementary School in Stone-wall, Texas, where he first attended school. This legislation was the first general aid-to-education program ever adopted by Congress, and it provided programs to help educate disadvantaged children in urban and rural areas.

Later that year, he also signed the Higher Education Act (P.L. 89-329), which was the first program approved by the U.S. Congress for scholarships to undergraduate students. In 1965, President Johnson launched Project Head Start, as an eight-week summer program, to help break the cycle of poverty by providing pre-school children from low-income families with a comprehensive program to meet their emotional, social, health, nutritional, and psychological needs. Recruiting children from ages three to school-entry age, Head Start was enthusiastically received by education and child development specialists, community leaders, and parents across the nation. Currently, Head Start continues to serve children and their families each year in urban and rural areas in all 50 States, the District of Co-

lumbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Territories, as well as many migrant children. In 1966, President Johnson signed the International Education Act (P.L. 89-698), which promoted international studies at U.S. colleges and universities.

In 1968, he signed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Amendments of 1967 (P.L. 90-247), establishing bilingual education programs for non-English speaking children, and providing more funds for special education for disabled children. Later that year, he also signed the Handicapped Children's Early Education Assistance Act (P.L. 90-538), which authorized experimental programs for disabled children of preschool age. In 1965, President Johnson achieved passage of the greatest legislative achievement for the cause of civil rights and equality of opportunity, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which outlawed discrimination in voting, thus allowing millions of southern black Americans to vote for the very first time. In other actions on the civil rights front, President Johnson nominated civil rights attorney Thurgood Marshall to the position of Solicitor General and later Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, making him the first African American to serve in either capacity.

Madam Speaker, I include in the Record a document entitled the "The Legislative Legacy of President Lyndon Baines Johnson: 1963-1968," to remind all Members and the Nation what can be accomplished under the leadership of one who had a servant's heart, an iron will, and as the famed biographer Robert Caro memorably characterized it, "a natural genius for politics." I invite all Members to join me in sponsoring H.R. 115, legislation awarding the Congressional Gold Medal and recognizing the extraordinary domestic achievements of President Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th President of the United States.

THE LEGISLATIVE LEGACY OF PRESIDENT
LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON: 1963-1968

1963

- College Facilities
- Clean Air
- Vocational Education
- Indian Vocational Training
- Manpower Training

1964

- Inter-American Development Bank
- Kennedy Cultural Center
- Tax Reduction
- Farm Program
- Pesticide Controls
- International Development Association
- Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Water Resources Research
- War on Poverty
- Criminal Justice
- Truth-in-Securities
- Food Stamps
- Housing Act
- Wilderness Areas
- Nurse Training
- Library Services

1965

- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Elementary and Secondary Education
- Higher Education
- Bilingual Education
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Housing Act
- Voting Rights
- Immigration Reform Law
- Older Americans
- Heart, Cancer, Stroke Program
- Law Enforcement Assistance

- Drug Controls
- Mental Health Facilities
- Health Professions
- Medical Libraries
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Anti-Poverty Program
- Arts and Humanities Foundation
- Aid to Appalachia
- Highway Beauty
- Clean Air
- Water Pollution Control
- High Speed Transit
- Manpower Training
- Child Health
- Community Health Services
- Water Resources Council
- Water Desalting
- Juvenile Delinquency Control
- Arms Control
- Affirmative Action

1966

- Child Nutrition
- Department of Transportation
- Truth in Packaging
- Model Cities
- Rent Supplements
- Teachers Corps
- Asian Development Bank
- Clean Rivers
- Food for Freedom
- Child Safety
- Narcotics Rehabilitation
- Traffic Safety
- Highway Safety
- Mine Safety
- International Education
- Bail Reform
- Auto Safety
- Tire Safety
- New GI Bill
- Minimum Wage Increase
- Urban Mass Transit
- Civil Procedure Reform
- Fish-Wildlife Preservation
- Water for Peace
- Anti-Inflation Program
- Scientific Knowledge Exchange
- Protection for Savings
- Freedom of Information
- Hirshhorn Museum

1967

- Education Professions
- Education Act
- Air Pollution Control
- Partnership for Health
- Social Security Increases
- Age Discrimination
- Wholesome Meat
- Flammable Fabrics
- Urban Research
- Public Broadcasting
- Outer Space Treaty
- Modern D.C. Government
- Federal Judicial Center
- Deaf-Blind Center
- College Work Study
- Summer Youth Programs
- Food Stamps
- Urban Fellowships
- Safety at Sea Treaty
- Narcotics Treaty
- Anti-Racketeering
- Product Safety Commission
- Inter-American Bank

1968

- Fair Housing
- Indian Bill of Rights
- Safe Streets
- Wholesome Poultry
- Commodity Exchange Rules
- School Breakfasts
- Truth-in-Lending
- Aircraft Noise Abatement
- New Narcotics Bureau
- Gas Pipeline Safety
- Fire Safety

Sea Grant Colleges
 Tax Surcharge Housing Act
 International Monetary Reform
 Fair Federal Juries
 Juvenile Delinquency Prevention
 Guaranteed Student Loans
 Health Manpower
 Gun Controls
 Aid-to-Handicapped Children
 Heart, Cancer and Stroke Programs
 Hazardous Radiation Protection
 Scenic Rivers
 Scenic Trails
 National Water Commission
 Vocational Education
 Dangerous Drug Control
 Military Justice Code
 Tax Surcharge

RECOGNIZING JAMES
 MOUSALIMAS FOR HIS DEDI-
 CATED PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 27, 2021

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing James

Mousalimas for his dedicated service to our community and congratulating him on his retirement after 35 years in education.

James found his passion for education during his time as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Niger, West Africa, where he was a teacher and basketball coach. Following this experience, he taught math in Richmond Unified School District and then embarked overseas to become a teacher, assistant principal, and eventually the principal of an American International School in Saudi Arabia.

In 1998, James returned to the United States and served as Coordinator of Year-Round Education for Tracy Unified School District. Shortly thereafter, he became the Director of Alternative Programs for Tracy Unified School District. In 2008, James joined the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) as Assistant Superintendent of County Operated Schools and Programs.

James was elected as the San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools in 2014 and again in 2018. During his tenure as Superintendent of Schools, James brought visionary ideas to fruition, expanding and adding new services to meet the needs of students, families, and our community. From advancing

STEM education to furthering adult learning, James worked tirelessly to ensure the success of SJCOE schools and programs including the Greater Valley Conservation Corps, Come Back Kids, Teachers College of San Joaquin, CodeStack Academy, and the SJCOE FabLab.

James has made invaluable contributions to our community, and his leadership has made a positive impact on countless students. He was instrumental in the opening of the Discovery Challenge Academy in San Joaquin County, which helps students who traditionally would have fallen through the cracks and allows them to earn high school credits, develop leadership, job skills, and academic skills while improving self-esteem, pride, and confidence. Additionally, James oversaw the transition to online learning during the COVID-19 pandemic to keep students, teachers, and educators safe.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing James Mousalimas for his distinguished service and in wishing him a happy, well-deserved retirement.