

they could not stop now; evidently, the fight against racial prejudice is a life-long battle. While it is not justifiable nor acceptable, we as individuals carry implicit biases and prejudices against other groups of people. However, it is our duty as informed citizens and sympathetic human beings that we continue to educate ourselves and create “good trouble” so that we can continuously learn. It is only through acts of good trouble that we, as a society, can progress to a state of being where individuals do not fear being pulled over by a cop—one where Black people do not have to worry about being unfairly stereotyped and having to face inhumane treatment because of that. This is the absolute bare minimum, yet this is where our society has fallen behind. Because of individuals like Representative John Lewis, we were able to dismantle a series of racist laws our nation shamelessly agreed upon at one point in time, but it is our duty today to continue that fight and John Lewis’s legacy to truly mend the wounds we have created.

ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY PROGRAMS OF COLORADO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Animal Assisted Therapy Programs of Colorado for receiving the 2021 Arvada Chamber of Commerce’s Non-Profit of the Year Award.

The Arvada Chamber of Commerce’s Non-Profit of the Year is recognized for their support of Arvada and its citizens through impactful programs, services and overall involvement within the community. Nominees are also evaluated on local partnerships and collaboration.

Animal Assisted Therapy Programs of Colorado supports Arvada by making the benefits of animal-assisted therapy available to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. It is one of the first counseling centers in the country to specifically integrate teams of professional therapists and their therapy animals to facilitate the therapy process. The program specifically aims to serve economically, physically, and/or mentally disadvantaged individuals and families. AATCP also provides many opportunities for members of the surrounding community to become involved as volunteers, taking care of the animals, the property, and the on-site organic garden that produces much of the fresh produce consumed by the therapy animals.

Congratulations to Animal Assisted Therapy Programs of Colorado for this honor and I thank them for their contribution to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF MULTIFOCAL MOTOR NEUROPATHY (MMN) MONTH 2022

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2022

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the month of February as Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN) Awareness Month.

Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN) is a rare disorder in which focal areas of multiple motor nerves are attacked by one’s own immune system. Typically, MMN is slowly progressive, resulting in asymmetrical weakness of a patient’s limbs. Patients frequently develop weakness in their hand(s), resulting in dropping of objects or sometimes inability to turn a key in a lock. The weakness associated with MMN can be recognized as fitting a specific nerve territory. There is essentially no numbness, tingling, or pain. Patients with MMN can have other symptoms, including twitching, or small random dimpling of the muscle under the skin which neurologists call fasciculations.

The clinical course of MMN is chronically progressive without remission. The prevalence of this very rare disease is estimated to be 0.6 cases in every 100,000 people, which makes it even rarer than GBS, a spontaneously self-limiting disorder in which 1–2/100,000 cases occur each year in North America and Europe.

It is now established that intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg), a preparation of antibodies obtained from healthy volunteers, can be readily given through an arm vein and provides benefit to patients with MMN. It is the only treatment for this disorder that is approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and regulatory agencies in Europe and Canada. IVIg can lead to improved motor function in most patients with MMN, with the response varying from minimal to very large. Early treatment shortly after symptom onset is always more effective. The treatment usually does not completely reverse all of the symptoms, and those patients who do respond will require repeated treatments to maintain their improvement.

Founded over 40 years ago, the GBS/CIDP Foundation International is the preeminent global nonprofit organization supporting individuals and their families affected by Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP), and related syndromes such as multifocal motor neuropathy (MMN) through a commitment to support, education, research, and advocacy.

On behalf of my constituent Brenda Perales, an MMN patient, member of the Board of Directors of the GBS/CIDP Foundation International, and Co-Chair efforts to raise awareness of MMC, I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing the month of February as Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN) Awareness Month.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH AN- NIVERSARY OF THE APPLETON NOON LIONS CLUB

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2022

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Appleton Noon Lions Club.

The Appleton Noon Lions Club was chartered on March 1, 1922, when 25 Appleton business leaders came together with a mission to serve their community. As the Appleton Noon Lions Club celebrates this milestone, we must look back on the club’s numerous achievements in the City of Appleton, the State of Wisconsin, and around the world.

The Appleton Noon Lions Club has consistently upheld and honored the mission of all Lions Clubs which is to serve. Over 1.4 million men and women who are members of Lions Clubs throughout the world are dedicated to serving their communities in times of need and the Appleton Noon Lions Club is no exception. From the beginning, the club has offered aid to the local Appleton Schools through supporting countless educational and recreational initiatives, from musical instruments to playground equipment.

Throughout the years, the Lions have dedicated their time to ensuring that their communities are equipped with the resources they deserve. I commend the outstanding and unwavering support that the Appleton Noon Lions Club has shown to Northeast Wisconsin.

One of the many worldwide missions for the Lions is to prevent avoidable blindness and improve the quality for individuals who are visually impaired. With a focus to carry out this mission, the Appleton Noon Lions Club has completed over 70,000 vision screenings of students in Appleton and Menasha schools and collected over 8,000 used eyeglasses and 500 hearing aids for the Lions Eye Glass Recycling Center. Not only do the Lions support the visually impaired, but they also support other organizations that give back to the community.

For 25 years, the Lions have offered tools and resources to assist older adults at their Senior Expo where they raised \$250,000 for local charitable organizations. Through these initiatives and their 100 years of service, the Appleton Noon Lions Club is a true credit to their community and to Northeast Wisconsin.

I invite all Members of this body to join me in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Appleton Noon Lions Club. The Appleton Noon Lions Club is a wonderful organization and is deserving of the highest degree of recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JANICE B. YOST

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2022

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Janice B. Yost, a passionate advocate whose efforts to improve health care and health outcomes has saved countless lives over the course of the last two decades.

In 1999, after serving in leadership roles at both health care and educational organizations, Dr. Yost relocated from South Carolina to run a new organization in Worcester, Massachusetts, the Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts. A prolific grant developer, Dr. Yost helped the Health Foundation allocate over \$50 million in grants throughout her 23-year career. Dr. Yost was able to develop results-oriented grantmaking and grant implementation, which enabled her to successfully push for significant changes in health care policy.

Dr. Yost has worked hard to focus the Health Foundation’s mission not only on health care, but also on social determinants of health. Her ethos requires looking at the whole of a person’s life to determine the state of their health, and she engrained that belief in

the work of the Health Foundation from its start. As a result, she has been a catalyst for systemic and policy changes in everything from community development and affordable housing to food insecurity and nutrition.

Madam Speaker, the impact of Dr. Yost's advocacy in the field of public health cannot be understated. She has helped the foundation fund grants supporting everything from re-entry programs for formerly incarcerated people to initiatives to address childhood trauma—Dr. Yost has been relentless in her pursuit to help others.

Dr. Yost is driven by a genuine desire to do good. She has beautifully blended the work of philanthropy, government, and the nonprofit sector in a way that alters the trajectory of people's lives and serves as a model for public health across the country.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and all the people in whose lives Dr. Yost has made positive and immeasurable differences, it is my great privilege to thank and recognize Dr. Janice B. Yost for her service to the people of Massachusetts and her tireless efforts to create a more just and equitable world.

RECOGNIZING TAMPA'S LOCAL
TRAILBLAZER, ROBERT SCOTT,
JR., IN HONOR OF BLACK HIS-
TORY MONTH

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2022

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, this Black History Month, I am proud to celebrate local trailblazers who have lifted up our community and those who dedicate their time and talent to preserve local African American heritage. I rise today in immense gratitude of Robert Scott, Jr., a lifetime public servant. Mr. Scott was born in 1954 and it was during an impressionable age when he witnessed segregation, brutality, marches, resisting through nonviolence and the numerous assassinations of national civil rights activists and prominent figures, such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, as well as Robert F. and John F. Kennedy. But he also witnessed the change and improvements that emanated. His parents were Robert, an insurance agent and Doris Scott, a school principal. He graduated from Chamberlain High School and then from Bethune Cookman University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He also graduated from the University of South Florida Institute of Government Executive Fellows Program.

Mr. Scott started with the City of Tampa as a personnel analyst and retired after 30 years as Division Manager of its Solid Waste Department in 2010. During his decades of service, he witnessed improvements in leadership and was proud to be part of diversifying leadership within city government. For decades, City of Tampa and Hillsborough County employees supported an annual local MLK tribute through a scholarship fund and downtown march, and Mr. Scott was part of that effort during his tenure at the City of Tampa. He also served on the City of Tampa Black History Committee. He is now the owner of Scott Travel Agency, which specializes in group and

cruise travel to all regions of the world. He understands that learning about other cultures provides a better perspective of how to treat people. Mr. Scott was one of the founders that established the MLK Foundation to build a family-friendly parade that started in 2015, fund scholarships for deserving students and honor community heroes that uphold the legacy of Dr. King. Today, the MLK Foundation hosts one of the largest MLK parades in the southeastern United States and engages with businesses, community organizations and entertainment—over the past few years, numerous bands from Historically Black Colleges & Universities have participated in the annual parade. In fact, 2022 was the first time ever that the largest HBCU bands in the country, Florida's own Bethune Cookman University and Florida A&M University, marched together. He hopes Tampa's MLK parade inspires all cities throughout the state to host their own in an effort to unify entire communities.

Mr. Scott has been a member of First Union Missionary Baptist Church for 48 years. He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and a 32nd degree Mason. He has served on other boards and committees such as the National Safety Council Executive Board, American Cancer Society, Gasparilla Parade, Super Bowl committee, and is a Certified Manager of the Solid Waste Association of North America. He is married to his beautiful wife, Barbara, and has four children, Michael, Pavonne, Robert III and Jason.

Mr. Scott understands fully how remembering our history, no matter how dark, can be used towards a better future. He also knows that preserving our own heritage is just as important as learning about other heritages from all over the world. Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation and Tampa Bay community, I am proud to recognize the service and leadership of Robert Scott, Jr.

OBSERVING THE 30TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE KHOJALY TRAG-
EDY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2022

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, our friends in Azerbaijan paused last week to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy and it is right that we join our allies in this remembrance.

Since the beginning of the armed conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan in the late 1980s, it is reported that the Khojaly tragedy, which happened on February 25 and 26, 1992, was the deadliest in this conflict, resulting in hundreds of lives lost, families devastated, and the town destroyed.

Although a cease-fire was negotiated in 1994, the conflict is ongoing and flares periodically, most recently in 2020. It remains my hope and prayer that the barriers to peace that have persisted for the last three decades can be resolved.

2022 also marks the 30th anniversary of the U.S. and Azerbaijan establishing diplomatic relations. Since then, Azerbaijan has been a key partner in the War on Terror, and the two nations share a Trade Relations Agreement and a Bilateral Investment Treaty.

The anniversary of this tragedy is an appropriate time to remember the lives of all the men, women, and children who were killed, and to recommit to working together to prevent such atrocities from occurring again. Long-term peace, security, and regional cooperation are in the best interests of the entire region of the South Caucasus and the world.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. ROBENA
GAINES FLAKES

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a phenomenal woman of God, dedicated early childhood educator, and beloved role model, Mrs. Robena Gaines Flakes. Sadly, Mrs. Flakes departed to her eternal reward on Saturday, February 5, 2022. A homegoing service celebrating the life of this exceptional woman was held on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at 11:00 AM at Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church located at 5230 Lee Road 235 in Phenix City, Alabama.

Mrs. Robena Gaines Flakes was born in Phenix City, Alabama in 1935. After graduating from South Girard High School, she went on to study Early Childhood Education at Morris Brown College and Columbus State University. She also attended American Baptist Theology College at the Friendship Baptist Church campus in Columbus, Georgia.

Mrs. Flakes was a loving mother to her children and was a supportive wife to her late husband, Rev. Dr. Johnny H. Flakes, Jr. She was the compassionate first lady to his congregations at Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia and Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Phenix City, Alabama. Together they used their deep and abiding faith in the Lord to make a tremendous impact on their community, state, and nation. Their son, Rev. Dr. Johnny H. Flakes, III now pastors Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church and, in addition, previously pastored Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church as did his father before him.

Mrs. Flakes was also the Founding Director of the Fourth Street Daycare Center (now the Robena Gaines Flakes Daycare) which was established in 1993. During her tenure as Director, the center expanded its roster from 56 children to over 150 children. She also expanded the facility as well as its programs and services to include an after-school program for elementary school students. It was also the first daycare to receive the "Center of Distinction Award" from the state of Georgia. She served in this capacity for 12 years until she retired as Director in 2005 and went on to serve as a Consultant.

Mrs. Flakes received several accolades and awards for her work with the youth. These awards include the Rosa Parks Women of Courage Award from the Gamma Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Gracious Ladies of Georgia Award. She also served as President of The East Alabama Women's Association.

Mrs. Flakes accomplished many things in her life but none of these would have been