

DECATUR COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Decatur County and its county seat, Greensburg, Indiana, in its Bicentennial celebration. Decatur County and the wonderful city of Greensburg were founded in the year of 1822 by veterans and war heroes of the war of 1812, and still stand today as a model county and city.

Decatur County is known for its Hoosier hospitality, industry, art filled streets, and rich history. Decatur County and the city of Greensburg will long stand as a beacon of hope, from the communities filled with hospitality to the famous "Tree City" courthouse.

Madam Speaker, today I honor Decatur County on its historic bicentennial.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Rollcall No. 378. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on Roll Call No. 378.

HONORING BEBE MOORE CAMPBELL NATIONAL MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought on an unprecedented number of mental health issues for Americans across the nation. However, America has been dealing with a crisis for years.

This is particularly true for youth of color. Black children under the age of 12 are dying by suicide at twice the rate of their White peers. Suicide is the leading cause of death for Asian Pacific Islander youth ages 12 to 19 years old.

That is why I am proud to have introduced H. Res. 1217, urging mental health resources be provided for adolescents of color.

Similarly, I am proud to see that as of this past week, Americans can finally use the nationwide 988 Lifeline.

This will afford everyone in need 24/7 confidential support if they are experiencing suicidal or mental-health related stress.

Despite this stride forward in our fight to accessible mental health care, there are still systemic and institutional barriers to our children of color. Already, the lack of cultural understanding and competency by health care providers cause many to delay or forgo treatment and leads to 'underdiagnosis'.

We must commit to saving the lives of our children.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF BYNUM BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize The 75th Anniversary of the Bynum Baptist Church located in Bynum, Alabama.

The Bynum Baptist Church began organization on a Sunday afternoon on September 14, 1947 at Bynum Community Building, Desoto Manor.

The members of the Organizing Presbytery consisted of: Dr. B. Locke Davis, Pastor, Parker Memorial Baptist Church in Anniston; Rev. L.R. Perry, Pastor, Liberty & Bethel Baptist Church in Crossville; Rev. Otis C. Fincher of Wedowee; Rev. G.C. Shaddix, Pastor, New Haven Baptist Church, RFD 1 in Anniston; Bro. Ben Sawyer, Deacon, Parker Memorial Baptist Church; Bro. Fred B. Bryant, Deacon, Parker Memorial Baptist Church and Bro. S.L. Johnson, Moderator, Deacon, Parker Memorial Baptist Church.

The church was organized with a charter membership of 37 Baptists living in and near the Bynum Community who desired to organize a church. Today the church's pastor is Rev. Benjie K. Miller.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this milestone for Bynum Baptist Church.

HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, MICHIGAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 175th Anniversary of the City of Taylor, Michigan, located in the Downriver area of Metro Detroit. The City of Taylor is strong and resilient—just like their residents. The city offers beautiful recreation areas, excellent educational opportunities, and a strong sense of community. Their nearly two centuries of excellence are worthy of commendation.

Named after former President Zachary Taylor, the city began as a small township. In the city's early days, it was part of Ecorse Township, but residents of the area found they were too spread out to fully participate in the necessary civic functions. Because of this, residents petitioned to form a separate community, which was approved in 1847. For what started as an agricultural area, Taylor has flourished into a diverse city of many industries and opportunities. Residents of Taylor can live, work, and shop all within a twenty-four square mile area. The city is well connected to the rest of Metro Detroit through highways and is just east of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport. As they say: "all roads lead to Taylor."

Taylor's talented residents are employed at various medical centers, retail locations, and transportation practices, providing essential services to the entire Downriver community. The city is home to the Taylor High School, Taylor Prep Charter High School, Trillium Academy, and the Downriver campus of Wayne County Community College where students thrive. Natives of Taylor include famous athletes, actors, and musicians—there is no shortage of talent coming from this city.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the City of Taylor as they celebrate 175 fantastic years. Although much has changed over the years, the sense of resilience and community that is found in Taylor has never changed. We wish Mayor Tim Woolley and the entire Taylor community the very best during this time of recognition and celebration.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF PROFESSOR JOHN F. STACK, JR.

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart I rise today to commemorate a true academic scholar, Mr. John F. Stack, Jr. whose commitment to democracy in international and public affairs at the Florida International University has left an impressionable mark on the community and on me.

John began his career in 1976, as an instructor and shortly after Chair of the Department of Political Science at FIU and remained committed throughout his tenure to advancing FIU's core mission in providing high-quality teaching, state-of-the-art research, and collaborative engagement with our local and global communities. FIU's College of Law is credited in large part to John's leadership as Chair of the College of Law initiative in 2000 and his devotion to the rule of law in remaining part of the faculty for the past two decades. As if establishing a Law School wasn't enough, Professor Stack additionally served as the founding Director of the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and as the founding Dean of the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs.

Due in large part to his determination and vision for FIU, John led FIU to many firsts and has impacted thousands of students along the way. Under his leadership at FIU's Green School of International and Public Affairs, South Florida made history as the first university in Florida to achieve the designation of Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs, one of only 40 globally.

Throughout his extraordinary career, he has received numerous awards, including Doctor of Humane Letters in 2018 presented by his alma mater, Stonehill College. Among John's proudest moment was leading and advising FIU's Model UN team to rank Number 1 in the North American College Model U.N. Championship in 2019, a first in FIU history.

John was more than a professor; he became a personal mentor to me as well as to my Chief of Staff, Cesar Gonzalez. Before I began my professional career a friend recommended that I sit down with John to discuss my future. Although I was not one of

John's students, he agreed to sit down with me. After a number of conversations, he urged me to consider public service. Though he considered public service demanding, he implored on me that there is no greater honor than serving your neighbor, community, country and fellow man. I am forever grateful for his mentorship and guidance throughout my time in public service.

While the loss of John marks a sad day for FIU and South Florida, his legacy will remain. I am fortunate to have had the privilege of working with such a talented and honorable individual.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to my dear friend and mentor, Mr. John F. Stack, Jr., for his outstanding leadership and dedication to higher education and public service, and I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

HONORING DIANE WINSTON

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Diane Garner Winston of Wytheville, who passed away on July 7, 2022.

Mrs. Winston was born in Norfolk, Virginia, on December 31, 1928, to George Hayden Garner and Vera Duke Garner. She earned a bachelor's degree in medical technology from the Medical College of Virginia, now Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. She married William Overton Winston and they raised four children.

God and country were foundational in Mrs. Winston's life. She was an active member of Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church. During World War II, she volunteered in Norfolk as an airplane spotter and nurse's aide. The faith and patriotism of individuals such as Mrs. Winston have often been the stable and steady pillars holding up families and communities across our land.

Mrs. Winston was preceded in death by her husband and a son, David C. Winston. Survivors include son Stephen Winston (Sandi); daughters Mary Blount (Tyler) and Rebecca Brewbaker (Bill); twelve grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren. I offer them my condolences on their loss.

RECOGNIZING THE LIBERIAN ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I want to recognize the Liberian Association of Michigan as they gather to celebrate the one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary of Liberia's independence and the contributions of Liberian Americans to Michigan and the 13th Congressional District Strong.

Founded in 1971, the Liberian Association of Michigan remains grounded in their mission

to provide assistance to those in need and to preserve Liberia's cultural heritage in our communities. In its commitment to these ideals, the Association hosts numerous events throughout the year, including African Heritage and Liberian Independence celebrations, as well as events that give back to the community, such as Thanksgiving and Back to School programs.

Beyond hosting numerous charitable and social events, Liberian Association of Michigan is "Doing the Right Thing for the Right Reason," the theme of this year's annual celebration, in its outreach and support to recent immigrants to our country. The Association and its members have created a welcoming space for new residents, while providing social and economic support. I commend their incredibly valuable work and I am incredibly proud of the Liberian Association of Michigan's many contributions to our richly diverse communities.

Please join me in recognizing the Liberian Association of Michigan as they celebrate more than fifty years of service, culture, and kinship across Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

HENRY COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the bicentennial of Henry County, Indiana. Henry County is rich in history and overflowing with Hoosier hospitality. Henry County was officially founded on June 1, 1822. Today it boasts museums to celebrate its past, parks and trails to discover its nature, and manufacturers, factories, and small businesses.

Henry County is home to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and served as the home court to the movie Hoosiers in Knightstown. A museum and birthplace of the inspirational Wilbur Wright also find its home here, in Henry County. It is also the birthplace of the famous LOVE artist, Robert Indiana.

The rich history and beauty of Henry County stands proudly on 392 square miles and includes the Old National Road, the oldest of the great Crossroads of America.

So be it then, Madam Speaker, that all Hoosiers join us in celebrating Henry County's grand Bicentennial.

HONORING COMMANDER MATTHEW MALDONADO

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Commander Matthew Maldonado from the Salinas Police Department after 29 years of service. The Salinas Police Department is an integral part of our community, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all Salinas residents for more than 145 years.

Commander Maldonado demonstrated an early commitment to public safety and serving his community. Raised in the City of Salinas, he graduated from Salinas High School in 1989 and attended classes at Monterey Peninsula College and Hartnell College, going on to graduate from Union Institute and University with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Management. Following in the footsteps of his father Richard Maldonado, who served with the Marina Department of Public Safety, he began his career with the Monterey County Sheriff's Department in 1992.

After graduating from the Gavilan Police Academy and a two-year assignment to the Correction Division, Commander Maldonado was hired by the Salinas Police Department and assigned to the Patrol unit working the midnight shift. While on the force, Commander Maldonado served in a variety of roles including patrol officer, crime scene investigator, and as a member of the Violence Suppression Unit/SWAT.

In 2004, he was promoted to Sergeant, where he supervised Patrol operations, the Violence Suppression Unit, the Narcotic Unit, and the Monterey County Joint Narcotics Team. Throughout his tenure, Commander Maldonado has been a strong leader with a commitment to public safety and education, having served as a firearms instructor for 17 years and as SWAT team leader-turned-commander for 18 years. He was also a founding sergeant of the California Department of Justice "STING" Task Force. Then-Sergeant Maldonado's teams were responsible for Operation Knock Out and Operation Snake Eyes, two successful wiretap cases into the Nuestra Familia criminal organization.

Matthew Maldonado was promoted to Commander in 2018. As a commander, he supervised patrol operations and served as the Hostage Negotiations Team Commander. For the last three years of his career, Commander Maldonado served as the SWAT Commander and was the commander in charge of the Northern California, South Bay Metro, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Salinas Violence Suppression Task Force. His team conducted successful narcotics and gang investigations spanning from Monterey County to the North Bay area and most recently worked closely with the Salinas Police Department's detectives on the wiretap case Operation Black Widow, which reached as far as Yuma, Arizona and the southern border of California and Mexico.

Throughout his career, Commander Maldonado has been recognized for his outstanding contributions to the community. Along with earning the Monterey County Peace Officer Association's Award of Merit three times, he was also awarded the Salinas Police Department Outstanding Duty Award twice.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Commander Matthew Maldonado for his years of service to our community on the Central Coast. I extend my gratitude to all those who selflessly dedicate their lives to serving their community. I extend my personal appreciation to Commander Matthew Maldonado and his dedication to the community of Salinas.