

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING A'DAVION D. BUSH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a hard-working and impactful leader, Mr. A'Davion D. Bush. Mr. Bush has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to achieve success.

Mr. Bush is a 17-year-old resident of Indianola, Mississippi, and a senior at Gentry High School. Originally, from Kalamazoo, Michigan, he moved to the state of Mississippi in 2016 at the age of 11. Moving to Mississippi, he found it to be one of the best decisions he's made in his life and is the most important decision he's made. Living in rural Mississippi, he found that his calling was to serve people, stand up for people, speak for those who can't speak up for themselves, and stand in the gap for people.

Today, in his community, he's a community advocate, public servant, and companion. Continuing, he's the founder of the Sunflower County NAACP youth chapter along with a friend, he serves as a legislative assistant to a Mississippi State Representative, and most importantly, he's a teen influencer for Teen Health Mississippi, which is an organization that allows him to advocate for high-quality sex education for all schools across Mississippi right in the Mississippi Capitol. He serves on the Mississippi State Superintendent of School Student Council, which allows him to represent Gentry High school to the fullest and it's something he cherishes all the time.

To conclude some of the work he does, he's the founder of Project Chance, which is a project that helps improve the quality of justice-involved youth mental health by finding ways they can combat them. Project Chance's mission is dedicated to an initiative that will give attention and proper treatment to juveniles facing mental health challenges. Project Chance will promote and assist individuals in developing skills that will greatly enhance their mindset, behavior, character, and vision of themselves and others. Project Chance will promote productivity, professionalism, and so much more that will greatly benefit today's communities.

After high-school, he plans to attend The University of Mississippi, in Oxford, Mississippi. With confidence, he will further his education in the studies of political science or public policy, which will allow him to enter an accredited program that will allow him to get his juris doctorate in 6 years. Upon graduating college, he plans to move back to the Mississippi Delta or the metropolitan area of Mississippi to serve impoverished communities and provide equal access to legal representation and do so much other work to better all the lives around him. While practicing law, he wants to run for political offices starting at the

municipal or county level, moving to the state level, whether that be in the state legislature or state executive office, such as being governor of Mississippi, then potentially U.S. Congress, and concluding with the Presidency of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. A'Davion D. Bush for his passion, dedication, and tenacity to serving his community and desire to be an example for all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, on May 9, 2023, I was unable to cast my vote on H.R. 1715—Advanced Weather Model Computing Development Act. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 204.

HONORING KIDS IN DANGER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the lifesaving work of Kids In Danger on the occasion of their 25th Anniversary. Headquartered in my home state of Illinois, Kids In Danger is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting children by fighting for product safety.

It was founded in 1998 by Linda Ginzel and Boaz Keysar, the parents of sixteen-month-old Danny who died when a poorly designed and recalled portable crib collapsed around his neck in his childcare home. Kids In Danger's mission is to save lives by enhancing transparency and accountability through safer product development, better education, and stronger advocacy for children.

Kids In Danger is celebrating 25 years of impact by educating parents and caregivers about recalled and dangerous children's products through research, and community outreach and engagement at the local and national levels.

Shortly after its founding, Chicagoan Nancy Cowles became Kids in Danger's Executive Director, enabling the organization to take on bigger and bigger challenges. She sought out and worked tirelessly with parents who had lost their children in preventable accidents such as furniture that had toppled on them. A skilled organizer, advocate and spokesperson, Nancy always puts the parents first. I am proud to call her my dear friend.

Kids In Danger's advocacy has brought about many hard-fought victories for children such as the 2008 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act including Danny's Law re-

quiring strong standards for cribs and other nursery products, and most recently, the Safe Sleep for Babies Act banning infant inclined sleep products and padded crib bumpers, Reese's Law which will help prevent button and coin cell battery ingestion, and the STURDY Act, requiring a strong standard to prevent furniture tip-overs.

Kids In Danger also partners with university engineering programs to incorporate design safety into the engineering curriculum, and launched a free online course to help children's product designers and companies integrate safety into their design and development process.

Congratulations to Kids In Danger for protecting all our children and grandchildren from hazardous products.

HONORING THE CHICAGO CHAPTER NATIONAL BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, from the 1st Congressional District of the great state of Illinois, to recognize the outstanding contributions and dedication of the Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association with the following Proclamation:

Whereas, the nursing profession is a critical component of our healthcare system, ensuring the delivery of compassionate and quality care to patients in need, and;

Whereas, the Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association serves as a powerful voice for Black Nurses, fostering collective action to investigate, define, and advocate for the healthcare needs of African Americans while striving to ensure access to healthcare that meets or exceeds the standards of the larger society, and;

Whereas, the National Black Nurses Association and their state affiliate, the Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association, are committed to improving the quality of life of persons who share the African American heritage and other ethnic groups by:

Building consumer knowledge and understanding of health care issues.

Educating and mentoring registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses, nursing students, and retired nurses.

Facilitating the professional development, political advocacy, and career advancement of nurses in shaping emerging healthcare systems.

Promoting economic development of nurses through entrepreneurial and other business initiatives, and;

Whereas, the Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association has tirelessly worked to reduce health disparities in the African American community and promote diversity within the nursing profession, striving to

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create a healthcare system that is more equitable and accessible to all, and;

Whereas we recognize the extraordinary contributions of the Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association, who have demonstrated unwavering dedication to the health and well-being of our citizens, particularly in historically underserved communities, and;

Therefore, in honor of their work, dedication, and voice, I acknowledge the crucial role played by the Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association as a driving force for positive change in our community. In alignment with the National Nurses Week from May 6 through May 12, 2023, let us celebrate and appreciate the invaluable impact of all nurses in the Chicago Chapter and across the Nation during this celebratory Nurses Week.

HONORING DR. HICKMAN MORGAN JOHNSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Hickman Morgan Johnson. Dr. Johnson has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and the desire to help people in need.

Dr. Johnson is a Tennessee native and a graduate of Tennessee State University, where he received his bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1964; and, in 1967 graduated from the Morehouse School of Religion-ITC with a Master of Divinity. He was the first African American to graduate from Mississippi College, receiving the Master of Arts in Religion in 1970, and Doctor of Ministry from Emory University in 1989.

Dr. Johnson accepted the pastorate at Farish Street in August 1968 and has faithfully served there for 54 years. Dr. Johnson has been deeply involved in the housing arena, providing safe and affordable housing for those in need. Last October, a ribbon cutting ceremony happened for Hickman Heights in Jackson, which is named after Dr. Johnson. Hickman Heights is a four story building with 100 rental units, developed with tax-exempt bonds using public and private financing.

Dr. Johnson has been the executive director of Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VI, since 2004. He continues to deliver the needs of constituents around the state of Mississippi. Over the years, he has worn many titles: Chaplain, Director, Dean, Executive Director, Chairman, Moderator, Corresponding Secretary, and Commissioner, but the one he reveres most is Pastor. Dr. Johnson is married to Mrs. Gladys Marie Thomas Johnson, and they have 5 beautiful daughters. Dr. Johnson has been a great asset to his community, and his work never goes unnoticed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Hickman Morgan Johnson for his hard work in caring for the constituents in the State of Mississippi.

HONORING ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH 2023

HON. LUCY McBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Mrs. McBATH. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage (AANHPI) Month 2023. Each May, the AANHPI community commemorates two historic anniversaries: the immigration of the first Japanese people to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, a significant portion of which was laid by Chinese immigrants. First proposed as a ten-day celebration in 1977, this month celebrates the history, accomplishments, and contributions of the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities in America. With each passing generation, members of this vibrant community continue to enrich the fabric of this great nation with their own unique talents and gifts.

Here in Georgia's Seventh Congressional District, we are well represented by a beautiful tapestry of ethnicities, nationalities, of faith traditions, and experiences. Our diversity is truly our strength—I see it in action every single day. Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders contribute significantly to our community's rich blend of cultures, experiences, and countries. Throughout American history, these men and women have played a central role in the growth and progress of the nation. The full stories of these communities have not been without pain, however. During the construction of the transcontinental railroad, thousands of Chinese immigrants worked under dangerous conditions, endured abusive labor practices, and received unfair compensation. During World War II, people of Japanese ancestry were removed from their homes, imprisoned, and held in desolate places without trial. In recent years, anti-Asian hate and discrimination began to rise during the COVID-19 pandemic due to intolerance and xenophobia. And in metro Atlanta, eight lives were stolen from us by an act of anti-Asian hatred.

As Americans, we must reject and condemn such discrimination and embrace the many differences that make this community a hub of culture and diversity. We must reflect on our responsibility to condemn racism and bigotry that fuels tragedies like the Atlanta spa shooting. We must rededicate ourselves to our responsibility to live in fellowship with our neighbors of all backgrounds and experiences. That is why, at the start of this year, I became a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, to fight for the AANHPI communities here in Georgia and across our country. Together, we can support the hard-working Americans who bring their unique experiences to our Nation, advocate and advance our shared goals, and celebrate the many contributions that have made America a more perfect union.

This month and always, I am honored to represent the many cultures, nationalities, and spoken languages that make up Georgia's Seventh Congressional District. Happy Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAKE AUCHINCLOSS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I was necessarily absent from votes on May 9, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 203 and YEA on Roll Call No. 204.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LIZZIE FLETCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Mrs. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, my flight on Tuesday, May 9 was delayed from taking off from Houston, which prevented me from being able to vote on the evening series of votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 203 and YEA on Roll Call No. 204.

HONORING MAISIE BROWN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the first Jackson State University student to receive the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation Award, Miss Maisie Brown of Jackson, Mississippi.

For Maisie Brown, activism started with an eight-grade Algebra assignment. Her class was asked to redesign the Mississippi state flag. That made Brown ask, "Why are we designing a new flag? What's wrong with the old one?"

At the time, the Mississippi state flag featured a Confederate flag as part of its design, and the more Maisie thought about it, the more concerned she became about the message it was sending. "Flying [the flag] over our state buildings and over schools' little Black children are walking into . . . It was racist, and I found it really disrespectful for the Blackest state in the nation."

She is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science with a special research interest in how education and environmental policies affect southern black and brown communities. Since her teen years, she has been involved in removing Confederate memorabilia, coordinating clean drinking water to Jackson households, and ensuring incarcerated women have access to feminine hygiene products. As the ACLU of Mississippi's Advocacy Coordinator, she has prioritized engaging young people and created the organization's first-ever Leaders in Action training program. Maisie has contributed to media outlets such as CNN, MSNBC, and Essence, among others, to raise awareness of critical issues, especially the Jackson, MS water crisis. She plans to pursue a PhD in public policy and administration with a concentration in educational policy to ameliorate conditions she faced as a public-school student and expand community