

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

resources. She is the proud mother of one year-old, D'Mari and enjoys reading, watching movies, and spending time with family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing, Miss Maisie Brown for her dedication to improve equality within her city as well as her state.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO RETIRED  
SERGEANT DOREEN GALE  
PAVEY ON THE OCCASION OF  
HER PASSING**

**HON. JAY OBERNOLTE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2023*

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life of retired Sergeant Doreen Gale Pavey of the United States Marine Corps. Doreen was born on August 10, 1929, in Johnson City, New York to Ina and Frank Newton. She passed away on March 8, 2023, at the age of 93.

Doreen grew up in the Johnson City area and attended Alfred University. Following her graduation, Doreen joined the United States Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict working for the Commandant of the Marine Corps with distinction for several years. Doreen retired from the service as a sergeant to travel the country with her husband John.

Doreen was a devoted wife and mother to three children. She raised her children using the core qualities she embraced as a sergeant in the Marine Corps: family, country, faith, and service. In fact, her daughter, Rebekah, currently serves as a Hesperia City Councilmember. Doreen cherished her family above all else, and her unwavering love and support were a constant source of strength and guidance to those around her. Doreen is survived by her husband, John, her 3 children, and her 3 grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family as they navigate this difficult loss.

**CONGRATULATING COLUMBIA  
WATER COMPANY ON THE OCCA-  
SION OF ITS BICENTENNIAL**

**HON. LLOYD SMUCKER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2023*

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Columbia Water Company as they celebrate 200 years of service to Lancaster and York Counties.

Over the past two centuries, water delivery systems have changed drastically—but as ground reservoirs have turned into elevated steel storage tanks, and wooden pipes into electronic control systems, one thing remained constant: the company ensuring that residents of Columbia and the surrounding communities had access to clean and safe water.

Incorporated in 1823, Columbia Water has survived a Civil War, a Great Recession, Two World Wars, and countless droughts. Nevertheless, in a nation defined by its entrepreneurial spirit, this company has thrived in a way few others have, serving generations of

Lancaster and York families, and playing a critical role in helping the community prosper. Today, it operates 160 miles of water mains, 9 finished water storage tanks, 6 pumping stations, 4 wells, and 11 pressure zones. That's a long way from operating just one log reservoir more than 200 years ago.

Once again, it is my privilege to congratulate Columbia Water Company on the occasion of their bicentennial and thank them for their service to residents in my congressional district.

**HONORING DR. LIZA BURRELL-  
ALDANA**

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2023*

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride to congratulate Dr. Liza Burrell-Aldana, principal of Mount Vernon Community School in Alexandria, VA on being named 2023 Washington Post Principal of the Year. Dr. Burrell-Aldana has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills through both typical and exceptional circumstances. As the principal of the only full dual language school in Alexandria City Public Schools, Dr. Burrell-Aldana believes that all students have the capacity to achieve their dreams, and that bilingualism, biliteracy, and biculturalism are key to students' future success in a global society. Her belief in the power of dual language education has guided her leadership in the transformation of Mount Vernon Community School into a high-performing, multicultural and multilingual school in which administrators, faculty, staff and families work collaboratively to implement the mission and vision of the school.

Dr. Burrell-Aldana has led the adoption of new and innovative instructional approaches that emphasize the integration of content and language instruction so that all students are able to succeed in an academically rigorous learning environment. These approaches emphasize critical-thinking, hands-on learning, engaging in metalinguistic analysis of the two program languages, academic discussion and writing, and inquiry.

Her efforts have led to significant academic growth between 2018 and now for various student groups, despite the unprecedented learning interruptions experienced in school years 2019–2020 and 2020–2021, as well as the challenges faced with the reopening of schools in 2021–2022. Dr. Burrell-Aldana's voice, vision, and experiences are unique, and represent a much-needed perspective in K through 12 education. Through her steadfast leadership and powerful vision of bilingualism and biculturalism, Dr. Burrell-Aldana has fostered a school experience and community that values and celebrates students' linguistic and cultural assets, and truly believes in the potential of all students.

On behalf of the residents of Virginia's 8th Congressional District, I congratulate Dr. Liza Burrell-Aldana on her outstanding achievement.

**HONORING THE LATE TENNIE  
SUDDUTH SELF**

**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 tenacious and self-motivated leader, the late Tennie Sudduth Self. Tennie has been a champion of service and dedication to Coahoma County.

Tennie Sudduth was born to Sam and Essie Rush Sudduth on March 10, 1926, in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, and was educated in the racially segregated public school system of Oktibbeha County. She married David Cornelius Self and to this union 5 children were born: Audrey Wilburn, Olenza Elaine, Howrhu Marcus, David Cornelius, and Juan Ray.

Tennie had a passion for cooking and providing nourishment the masses. She was especially known for her homemade rolls. She worked many years at Coahoma Junior College and Agricultural High School as the college dining hall manager and the high school cafeteria manager. Breaking racial barriers even in the 1960s, she became the first black dietary manager at Coahoma County Hospital.

Tennie was a life member of the NAACP and an active behind-the-scenes participant in the Clarksdale/Coahoma County civil rights movement from the mid 1950s until well into the 2000s. She was also a member of The Versatile Club and The American Legion. She was a dedicated member of First Baptist Church, serving in its choir and as The Missionary Society's President for many years. She was completely in charge of the church's kitchen. She was a compassionate community team player who cared deeply for the youth and the improvement of Clarksdale even to the point of transporting and feeding underprivileged children out of her own purse—seeking neither credit nor recognition. In 2015, she was featured in "Southern Living" magazine and, that same year, the publication of "DELTA JEWELS—In Search of My Grandmother's Wisdom" by Center Street Publishing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Tennie Sudduth Self for her strength, dedication, compassion and advocacy in her community. Her selfless service to her community, Rural MS Delta Region and the State of Mississippi are commended.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. MORGAN LUTTRELL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2023*

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, I was unable to vote on Roll Call Nos. 203 and 204. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: NAY on Roll Call No. 203, and NAY on Roll Call No. 204.