

the elementary school since the county reorganization include Ruth Scott, O.W. Howard, Samuel McGee, Arthur Jackson, Arthur Holmes, Jr., Legora M. Norwood, Joe Jennings, Sammy Armstrong, Linda Perry Robinson, Willie E. Norwood, Sr., and Johnnie Vick. Montresia Cain is the current elementary school principal. Principals who have served the High School are A.L. Moore, Sr., Willie Gates, Eltea Lambert, Robert Latham, Shelton Wilder, Jackie Campbell, Dr. I.D. Thompson, and Dr. Wanda C. Stringer. Shaneequa Beal is the current high school principal. Mound Bayou Public School District was merged with North Bolivar School District in July, 2014, forming the new North Bolivar Consolidated School District. Mr. Johnnie Vick is the current Superintendent.

Mound Bayou has a rich and strong educational history. It has had and continues to have dedicated administrators and teachers. The students demonstrate the ability to achieve at all levels, and graduates compete, globally, in a wide cadre of professional fields. The Mound Bayou Public School System was definitely a successful educational organization. It is anticipated to have a continued high level of achievement for the students at I.T. Montgomery Elementary School and John F. Kennedy Memorial High School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an extraordinary educational institution the Mound Bayou Public School District.

JOAL MARTINEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Joal Martinez for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Joal Martinez is a 10th grader at Vantage Point High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Joal Martinez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Joal Martinez for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE MACEDONIA  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2016*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special church in the Central Kentucky Area. Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, located in Keene, Kentucky, was organized in

February of 1867. This year they will celebrate their sesquicentennial with one hundred and fifty years of ministry.

The original members of this church first worshipped as a part of a white congregation at Mount Pleasant Church. As they desired to form a church of their own, a committee of black members was formed. The church held its first services in a one room log cabin which also served as a school. The present building was constructed in 1874.

Over the last one hundred and fifty years, the church has grown physically with additions and upgrades of the buildings. Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church has been pastored by many fine ministers, starting with Rev. Peter Johnson in 1867 and leading to today's pastor, Rev. Reginald C. Davis. Many lives have been changed by the ministry of the pastors and the members of this church.

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church has been called one of the best rural churches in Kentucky. As they celebrate this historic one hundred and fifty year anniversary, they continue their ministry to worship and serve God through Jesus Christ. I am proud to have visited the church and I am honored to recognize the historic Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the achievements and the 50th anniversary of the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue. In January of 1966, Prince William County hired its first paid firefighter, Phil Ponder. Ponder was the first of what is now over 600 Fire & Rescue personnel.

Prince William County holds a number of records such as the first jurisdiction on the east coast to implement a 911 system and the first jurisdiction in the state and national capital region to implement a physical agility exam for career firefighters. In addition to those achievements, the department hired the first female fire chief of a metropolitan-sized department.

I had the pleasure of meeting with Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue Chief Kevin McGee recently where we talked about how the Department has evolved. Chief McGee always challenges his team to be on the cutting edge of firefighting and emergency rescue. Time and again Prince William County Fire and Rescue personnel have used their skills not only to help the people of Prince William County but also the citizens of Northern Virginia and beyond at their time in need.

Over the years, Prince William County Fire and Rescue has assisted with incidents like the 9/11 attacks on the Pentagon and with rescue efforts following Hurricane Katrina. Today, the department has 555 uniformed and 60 civilian staff providing service around the clock. It is one of three jurisdictions in the

Commonwealth with a delegated training authority for the Virginia Department of Fire Programs and is a partner in the National Capital Region Incident Management Team.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to acknowledge the achievements of the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue over the last 50 years and thank all of the staff, both past and present, for protecting the lives and property of the region. I offer sincere gratitude for their service to the community, the Commonwealth, and the nation over the past 50 years and know that high quality service will be engrained in the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue for generations to come.

HONORING MELVIN V. PRIESTER

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Councilman Melvin V. Priester, Jr., who is a proud alum of Murrah High School (valedictorian, class of 1997). In 2001, Councilman Priester graduated from Harvard College magna cum laude with a degree in social studies. Councilman Priester wrote his honors thesis on the use of religion by progressive political activists. While at Harvard, Mr. Priester was active: in the Black Students' Association and student government; he was a jazz DJ at WHRB; and he served as a research assistant for then, director of the Children's Studies Program, Kiku Adatto.

Councilman Priester obtained his juris doctorate from Stanford Law School in 2004. While at Stanford, Councilman Priester was a member of the board of the Stanford Technology Law Review and participated in Stanford's civil rights clinic under noted scholar, Michelle Alexander, and the cyber law legal clinic under internet privacy activist, Jennifer Granick. Upon graduating from law school and until he joined Jackson's Priester Law Firm in 2008, Councilman Priester was a litigation associate in the San Francisco office of Morrison & Foerster LLP, where he advised clients in financial services, intellectual property, and governmental investigations. Councilman Priester has done pro bono and volunteer work for clients including: the Innocence Project of Northern California, the North Midtown Art Center, and numerous indigent clients.

At Priester Law Firm, a family firm, which has been opened since 1988, Councilman Priester represents a diverse set of clients in business litigation, governmental affairs, real estate, personal injury law, family law, and medical malpractice. Since 2011, Councilman Priester has been a regional producer for the Figment Arts Festival (www.figmentproject.org), a nationwide arts festival with significant events in New York City, Boston, Detroit, Jackson, Washington, D.C., and Pittsburg.

Councilman Priester is licensed to practice law in Mississippi and California. He is a member of the Charles Clark Inns of Court, the American Bar Association, the Magnolia Bar Association, and the Capital Area Bar Association.

In 2013, Councilman Priester graduated from the Mississippi Black Leadership Institute. He is a proud member of New Hope

Baptist Church in Jackson and resides in the Woodhaven neighborhood of Jackson's Ward II. In his free time, he enjoys working at his studio in the North Midtown Arts Center and mentoring local school children. Mr. Priester's priorities for the council include: updating Jackson's stormwater master plan to address flooding, potholes and infrastructure; and providing quality educational enrichment opportunities for children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Councilman Priester for giving back to the community in which he was born and reared.

JORDYN ASHBURN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jordyn Ashburn for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Jordyn Ashburn is an 8th grader at Monterey Community School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jordyn Ashburn is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jordyn Ashburn for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OHEV  
SHALOM

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2016*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, for two generations, Ohev Shalom of Bucks County has served a family of congregants and inspired many Jewish lives, both children and adults. As you celebrate this 40th anniversary we recognize your many contributions to the greater community. Your 40-year history began with the first Ohev Shalom Purim held March 1976 in Southampton, Bucks County. The current building, the synagogue, was purchased two years later in Richboro, Northampton Township. Ohev Shalom is known to have an outgoing and growing community of congregants who share many enjoyable events and forge long lasting relationships. They also have a loving enthusiasm for each other that has translated into sharing and helping their community. On this milestone anniversary, you are warmly wished many years of continued success, devoted spiritual leaders and faithful congregants. Heartiest congratulations. Mazel tov.

IN TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY EARL  
JOHNSON

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2016*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Dorothy E. Johnson who passed away on April 16, 2016. Mrs. Johnson was born Dorothy Earl Haralson on April 19, 1929 in Lena, Mississippi. She was the fifth of fourteen children born to Dovie and Ollie Haralson. Mrs. Johnson received both her early and high school education in Lena, Mississippi.

She married I.W. Johnson in 1946. They moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1948 following the great migration of the north after Mr. Johnson secured employment at the Patrick Cudahy Packing House. Mrs. Johnson worked for the next three decades for varied employers; she was a salad maker extraordinaire for some of Milwaukee's finest hotels and culinary establishments such as the Knickerbocker Hotel, Fleur de Lis formerly located in the Cudahy Tower and Angie's Restaurant formerly on Water Street. She also worked for Globe Union. Mrs. Johnson's last employer was Milwaukee County from which she retired in 1990 after 15 years of service as a Food Service Worker.

Dorothy and I.W. Johnson raised 11 children in Milwaukee: Erma, Margie, Donna, Wayne, Barbara (deceased), Sharon, Kirk, Lynn, Vincent, David and Deon. She was a great support system for all of her children and their families. She leaves behind a wonderful legacy which includes: 30 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 7 great, great-grandchildren. Mrs. Johnson will also be sorely missed by numerous beloved extended family members and friends.

Dorothy Johnson was an avid reader. She also loved traveling, the theater and music. She was able to combine her love of family, travel, theater and music on her last big trip. She traveled to Toronto in 2012 to watch one of her granddaughters perform as a musician with Cirque du Soleil.

She also enjoyed watching political programming on television with C-SPAN being one of her favorites. She kept current with local and national politics and believed in making sure her vote counted. Even when encountering an illness before her passing Mrs. Johnson was adamant about exercising her franchise. She utilized curbside voting on April 5, 2016 for the Presidential Primary and General local and statewide elections.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Mrs. Dorothy Earl Johnson. She has been a tremendous asset to the Fourth Congressional District.

JOSHUA RAMIREZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Joshua Ramirez for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Joshua Ramirez is a 12th grader at North Valley School for Young Adults and received

this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Joshua Ramirez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Joshua Ramirez for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING GLORIA COLEMAN  
DOTSON

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Gloria Coleman Dotson.

Gloria Coleman Dotson grew up and lives in Claiborne County as the oldest of seven children of Curtis Coleman and Ethel Allen in the town Ulysses S. Grant said was "Too Beautiful to Burn." She is a 1973 graduate of Port Gibson High School. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education from Jackson State University in 1977.

After graduation, Ms. Dotson was employed by the Claiborne County Board of Supervisors in the Chancery Clerk's Office. She worked under the supervision of two Chancery Clerks: Mrs. Stella Jennings-Greenwood and Mr. Frank Wilson. She worked in the Chancery Clerk's Office for twenty-five years as Deputy Chancery Clerk prior to being elected Chancery Clerk in 2000. She is currently serving her fourth term as Chancery Clerk.

Ms. Dotson is a member of First Christian Disciples of Christ Church, a choir member and Sunday School Treasurer. She is involved in several civic organizations including: Port Gibson Main Street, MS Cultural Crossroad Board of Directors, Mississippi Delta Strategic Compact, a member of NAACP and the Chancery Clerk's Association.

Ms. Dotson has been married to Joe Dotson, Jr. for twenty-two years. They are the proud parents of three children: JaBari, JaNetra, and JoKevy. They have an eleven year old granddaughter, KaMeryal and a one year old grandson, KaMari.

The title "Chancery Clerk" does not adequately describe the various duties and responsibilities that Ms. Dotson has attended to in the office. The Chancery Clerk's Office has a multitude of duties and functions which are governed by an assortment of statutes and court rules, along with following guidelines established either by the State Department of Audit or the Department of Finance and Administration. The Chancery Clerk's position is a four year elected term.

Ms. Dotson often states, "I thank God for allowing me to serve as a Public Official. I love my job. When I'm not serving my constituents, I spend time with my family and friends, work in the yard and reading."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Gloria Coleman Dotson for her