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RECOGNIZING MATTHEW QUIROZ

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. HURD of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary bravery of Matthew Quiroz.

In September of 2012, Matthew, who is now 9 years old, was diagnosed with Wilms Tumor stage II. After more than 2 years of remission, Matthew was diagnosed with a metastatic Wilms Tumor last April. He has been fighting bravely for the past 4 years, spending his time between Lubbock, Texas, and his hometown of Fort Stockton, Texas, which lies squarely in my district.

Yesterday, Matthew received a warm homecoming with friends and family as he returned to Fort Stockton. Matthew's bravery and determination has been an inspiration to me and many others in Fort Stockton and I am truly honored to represent such a courageous young man. The warmth that the community of Fort Stockton has shown Matthew has been tremendous and serves as a testament to the close knit communities that can be found in the 23rd Congressional District of Texas.

I have no doubt that Matthew's extraordinary fortitude of character and incredible demonstration of bravery in the face of overwhelming adversity will continue to serve as an inspiration to anyone who learns of his story.

LEGACY OF HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, Historically Black Colleges and Universities created and fostered a generation of African American leaders who would have otherwise been denied an education due to segregation. The legacy and impact of HBCUs are far-reaching and especially worthy of praise and appreciation. Today, with more than 100 institutions across the nation, HBCUs still play a vital role in educating our youth, nurturing leaders and producing great innovators.

My district, the 7th Congressional District, is home to some of the most prominent HBCUs in the country, and I am very proud to represent those universities in the United States Congress through my work on the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus.

Education is the great equalizer that levels the playing field and can help break the cycle of poverty that affects families across the 7th Congressional District, the state of Alabama, and this nation.

Young people from every background and every walk of life deserve the right to reach their full potential.

As the daughter of two educators, I know firsthand the difference a strong education can

make in achieving the American dream, regardless of race, gender or socioeconomic background.

HBCUs play a critically important role in educating our youth to prepare them in the areas of agriculture, science and cutting edge technology. In the State of Alabama alone, we have several HBCU institutions: From Alabama A&M, where students are working with government agencies to develop new technology to make our country safer. To Tuskegee University, where students are working with local communities and farmers to increase crop production and efficiencies. To Alabama State, where students are being trained as world class teachers equipped to educate our youth all across America.

Miles College, a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) institution located in Fairfield, is an outstanding HBCU that also offers quality educational options to traditional students, those going back to college, and law students.

These are just a few examples of the critical work that is being done at HBCUs in Alabama. And I must say I am quite proud of all of the work that our HBCUs do on a daily basis. The numbers speak for themselves when it comes to the value of what is produced by HBCUs: 22 percent of Black students who earn a bachelor's degree do so from an HBCU.

Among Blacks, 40 percent of Members of Congress graduated from an HBCU, 12.5 percent of CEOs, 40 percent of engineers, 50 percent of professors at non-HBCUs, 50 percent of lawyers, and 80 percent of judges.

HBCUs are still needed in this country and should be recognized and respected for their unique contributions to its students and society as a whole.

As we move forward in Congress, I remain committed to working with my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus and HBCUs from my district and across this country as we fight to promote the value and legacy of HBCUs.

RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF CROGHAN

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 175th Anniversary of the town of Croghan in Lewis County, New York. The town of Croghan was named after the famous war hero from the War of 1812, Colonel George Croghan.

One of the major shapers of Croghan was Theodore Basselin. Mr. Basselin had interests in the businesses of timber, railroad, paper manufacturing, furniture, banking, and electric power generation. He was elected to be the first President of the Village of Croghan. Upon his death in 1914, Mr. Basselin left \$25,000 for the creation of a parochial school named Father Leo Memorial School in Croghan. The Basselin mansion and family cemetery still exist in Croghan today and are considered significant landmarks.

The town of Croghan is home to the American Maple Museum and Hall of Fame, the Oswegatchie Educational Center, and the

Railway Historical Society of Northern New York Museum. One of the unique businesses in the town is the Croghan Meat Market that was founded in 1888 and is still going strong. The major businesses that are seen throughout the town are logging, farming, and the production of maple syrup. These businesses are vital to Upstate New York communities. Their products reach residents throughout New York and beyond, and will continue to be a strong asset to the state for years to come.

Congratulations to the town of Croghan on the 175th anniversary of your formation. I want to wish the people and businesses of Croghan continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO SHARON BAILEY

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, for more than 30 years, Sharon Bailey served the hungry and homeless of our nation as the Vice President and Director of the Emergency Food and Shelter (EFS) program at United Way Worldwide.

Mrs. Bailey passed away on September 9th of last year. We offer our deepest sympathy to her husband and daughter and her extended family, but also to her staff at United Way, the National Board members she served over the years, and especially to the staffs at social services agencies across America that have worked with her since 1983.

The EFS program began in 1983 as a creation of the House Appropriations Committee. It was reacting to an outcry across the country to help supplement the local food and shelter providers dealing with a burgeoning problem. Later it was authorized, in 1985, as Title III of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. It's a unique program that is administered by a National Board that determines the funding allocations across the country as well as the eligible uses of the funds.

The EFS National Board is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with membership that includes the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, the Jewish Federations of North America, the National Council of Churches, the Salvation Army and United Way Worldwide. The program is administered at the local level by an EFS Local Board whose membership mirrors the National Board but also contains a representative of local government as well as other agencies active in assisting the homeless and hungry in the community. Eligible services include the provision of overnight shelter and served meals, assistance to food banks and pantries, one month's rental or mortgage assistance to prevent evictions, and one month's utility payments to prevent service cut-offs.

The program has a very broad distribution system, annually reaching out to up to 2,500 local communities and more than 12,000 local service organizations (both charitable and governmental). In order to administer such a large program, chiefly among the non-profit community, the EFS National Board chose United Way to serve as the program's Secretariat. It is in that role that Sharon Bailey began her three decades of service to the EFS program.

That service included providing leadership to advance the emergency funds of more than \$4 billion over the life to the program rapidly while maintaining accountability at all levels.

In her position, Sharon served as the sounding board and counselor not only to her own staff but to hundreds of staff on EFS Local Boards as well as Local Recipient Organizations all across the county. She interpreted program policy and, when in doubt, brought waivers and similar requests before the National Board at its monthly meetings. She coordinated the annual audit of the program by independent outside firms, fulfilled governmental requests for information, managed the EFS program's web site and maintained the overall budget of the program. It's important to note that all of this work at the national level was carried out with Sharon and her staff only using 1 percent of the program's 3.5 percent administrative budget.

Sharon also arranged the National Board's on-site visits to meet with Local Board and provider groups to understand the program's impact and to learn how to simplify and improve its processes. I attended one of these visits in my District several years ago and can attest to the open exchange of ideas, and also to Sharon Bailey's devotion to the people the program served. Perhaps a recognition of that devotion is the most fitting memorial to her dedication and service to our nation and the people most in need our help.

IN RECOGNITION OF SABRA WILLIAMS AND ROBY SO BEING NAMED CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE BY THE WHITE HOUSE

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge two outstanding Angelenos, Sabra Williams and Roby So, both of whom were named Champions of Change by the White House for expanding fair chance opportunities.

Sabra Williams is the founder and director of the Actors' Gang Prison Project. An actress herself, Sabra conducts an 8-week theater program in prisons in California. Through her work, inmates have developed key social and emotional skills and also have increased their self-esteem and tolerance. As a result, the Department of Corrections has seen an 89 percent reduction in prison violations amongst inmates who have completed the Prison Project. Further, inmates who have gone through the program have the necessary skills to ease their transition back into society after prison, resulting in a lower risk of recidivism.

Roby So is a formerly incarcerated inmate of 12 years and has turned his harsh life experiences into helping others. Roby is the re-entry program manager at the Executive Clemency Initiative with Stanford Law School's Justice Advocacy Project. The program helps reintegrate returning inmates into society after long prison sentences. Roby is also a production supervisor in the entertainment industry, serving as an example to former inmates that they, too, can successfully reintegrate into society.

As our nation begins to cope with the tragic human toll of our mass incarceration experi-

ment, I am proud of the work both Sabra and Roby do to help some of the most forgotten members of our society. The White House has rightly named them Champions of Change.

MARIE WILLAN'S ONE HUNDRED TENTH BIRTHDAY

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marie Willan of Wadena, Minnesota who is celebrating her 110th birthday today. A lifelong resident of Wadena, Marie has always been an active member of her community, who put caring for her family and community before herself throughout her life. She put graduating high school on hold to take care of her eight siblings, her family's farm, then later her own son Roy. Never one to leave things unfinished, Marie returned to Wadena High School and in 2007 completed her high school diploma at age 101.

Her family, thankful for all Marie's support, says her secret to such a long life is not holding onto worries and problems. A strong woman all her life, Marie made a point not to get worked up over the little things and today looks back at a long vibrant life with over a century of memories shared with her family, friends, and community.

On this very special day for Marie and her loved ones, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Marie a happy 110th birthday.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF AU PAIR IN AMERICA

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to congratulate Au Pair in America on its 30th anniversary. Since its inception, Au Pair in America has been a leader in providing trusted live-in cultural care.

Au Pair in America is part of the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS), based in Stamford, Connecticut. AIFS has maintained an exceptional record of leadership and innovation in the international education community for more than 50 years.

In 1986, Au Pair in America was the first program sponsor to be designated by the State Department to administer an au pair program. To date, Au Pair in America has placed more than 90,000 au pairs from nearly 60 countries in Europe, South Africa, the Americas, New Zealand, the Middle East and Asia with American host families in 40 states and the District of Columbia.

Au Pair in America has set a high standard for management of the program and its active engagement with both U.S. families and international au pairs. Its initial model—including careful screening, orientation and child safety courses for au pairs upon arrival, and the supervision of local Community Counselors—remains the program standard to this day.

The au pair program provides a unique and rewarding experience for U.S. families and au

pairs. And both host families and au pairs benefit from the cultural exchange that takes place and the creation of "global families."

I commend Au Pair in America for its dedication in providing host families with the most complete and fulfilling childcare and cultural exchange experience available.

IN RECOGNITION OF B.W. "STONEY" STONE

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the life of a pillar of service from our community in East San Diego County, Mr. B.W. "Stoney" Stone of Santee, who passed away on April 20, 2016, surrounded by his family and loved ones. We had over 90 years with Stoney but, honestly, the selfish side of us wishes we had him a bit longer because we knew East County was better with him by our side.

Born in Mesa, AZ in 1925, Stoney moved to East County with his parents as a teen, graduating from Sweetwater High School in 1943. Knowing how much service was a part of his character, it is no surprise that he immediately joined the Army Air Forces upon graduation, proudly serving his nation during World War II from 1943 through 1946. Stoney was also a successful businessman, opening Stoney's Rock & Roll Market in El Cajon, before moving into the banking industry and becoming President of Cajon Valley Bank and eventually retiring from Temecula Valley Bank in 2000. By his side throughout this successful career was Stoney's beautiful wife of 54 years Bonnie and a large family of five children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In our community, Stoney was known as "Mr. East County," and this was for good reason. Aside from his family, community service was Stoney's greatest passion, particularly helping underprivileged children. Stoney founded the East County Toy and Food Drive, which has been helping kids for the past 41 years and has become East County's largest Holiday charity collection event, assisting over 20,000 families and 50,000 children. In fact, the drive became so successful that, 14 years ago, Stoney asked the Salvation Army to come in and help organize the thousands of toy donations to ensure that they reached those in need. Eventually this event would be taken over by another great service leader in our community, the Viejas Band of Mission Indians, who have proudly carried on Stoney's legacy.

Aside from the Toy and Food Drive, Stoney was instrumental in helping the El Cajon Police Department with their D.A.R.E. program, which would eventually evolve into its own program named Stoney's Kids. This program has raised over \$800,000 since 1991 to assist underprivileged kids throughout the year in providing youth programs, summer camp, sport equipment, music instruments, exercise equipment for the disabled, and playground build-outs. As if this was not enough, Stoney was also involved with the Mother Goose Parade, the American Red Cross, and the Lion's Club, always serving with his personal motto, "It's All About the Kids."