

Caldwell County and congratulate him on his retirement after so many years of service.

Over his 16 years of service as a Caldwell County Commissioner, Dr. Thuss presided over several critical projects vital to the economic, educational, and conservation interests of the people of Caldwell County. He was instrumental in the designation and preservation of Wilson Creek as a Wild and Scenic River and has demonstrated his commitment to expanding educational opportunities through his work establishing the Caldwell Early College High School and Caldwell Career Center Middle College. Dr. Thuss' concern for public education is further evidenced by his support for West Caldwell High School athletics and Communities in Schools, the nation's largest and most effective dropout prevention program. During his time on the Board of Directors of the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Thuss has been a vocal supporter of local businesses and economic development throughout Caldwell County. He is a former member of the North Carolina Board of Health and a former member of the Human Resource Committee of the National Association of County Officials. After a year of service as an at-large member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC), Dr. Thuss was honored as the NCACC's Outstanding Commissioner of the Year.

Dr. John Thuss is a model public servant whose work for his community has earned him respect and gratitude across Western North Carolina. I am proud to honor Dr. John Thuss for his long service to Caldwell County and sincerely express the gratitude and best wishes of the people of North Carolina as he enters retirement.

#### HONORING CANTEEN BREWHOUSE

### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 17, 2016*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Canteen Brewhouse on their achievement during the 2016 World Beer Cup awards.

The Brewers Association hosts the World Beer Cup every two years, a competition which features over 200 judges for over 90 categories of beer. Large and small breweries throughout the globe enter this prestigious event.

I am honored to know that Albuquerque, New Mexico's very own Canteen Brewhouse received the Silver in the Bohemian-Style Pilsner category, for their High Plains Pils, out of a total of 65 entries from around the world.

Canteen Brewhouse was founded in Albuquerque in 1994 as the Il Vincino Brewing Company. Over the past 20 years their beers have become staples in our state and have gone on to win over 140 local, national, and international awards. In 2014, Il Vincino Brewing Company updated its name to Canteen Brewhouse.

As a small locally owned manufacturing and service business Canteen Brewhouse represents the prosperity of a burgeoning local craft beer industry in New Mexico. Canteen Brewhouse is a testament to the contributions small businesses make to our country and

communities and the idea that with hard work and dedication nothing is unattainable.

To this day lawyers, government officials, business leaders, political icons, artists and students continue to enjoy exquisite beers in Canteen Brewhouse's friendly atmosphere. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize Canteen Brewhouse for their accomplishments in the 2016 World Beer Cup competition and commitment to our community at large. I am proud to know that we have a great business located in the First Congressional District of New Mexico.

#### HONORING NORMA HARRIS ON BEING ACCEPTED BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL SCIENTISTS AS A DELEGATE TO THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 17, 2016*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Neosho High School student Norma Harris on her being accepted as a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors-only program that is designed to motivate and direct the top students in the United States. Specifically, it's designed for students aspiring to become physicians or medical researchers, and provides a path and mentorship for students to accomplish their goals.

To be considered for acceptance as a delegate, applicants are either recommended by a teacher or member of the Academy based on a proven track record of academic excellence. Delegates represent all 50 states plus Puerto Rico, and must have a minimum 3.5 GPA. Students like Harris who qualify for this incredibly selective honor exemplify top-tier diligence and academic talent.

Mr. Speaker, as a perennial Honor Roll student at her high school, Norma Harris has displayed elite academic qualifications, which will undoubtedly serve her future aspirations well. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating her for this achievement. On behalf of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District, I wish Norma the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

#### IN HONOR OF LAVERNE JACKSON

### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 17, 2016*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. LaVerne Guice Chatmon Jackson of Columbus, Georgia on her 97th birthday on May 17, 2016. Mrs. Jackson has been an outstanding member of the community through her work as a nurse for 37 years and her service to numerous civic and charitable organizations.

LaVerne Guice was born in Birmingham, Alabama on May 17, 1919. She came from a

large family of six children. Her father, Thomas Jefferson Guice, was a blacksmith for the Frisco railroad for many years and her mother, Minnie Waters Guice, was a teacher for over forty years.

In 1936, Mrs. Jackson graduated from Industrial High School (now A.H. Parker High School) in Birmingham, Alabama. She earned a degree from the Norwood School of Nursing, also located in Birmingham. Mrs. Jackson continued her education at the University of Chicago, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Miles College, and Tuskegee Institute (now University).

Mrs. Jackson's Christian faith has been important to her since a young age when she chose to become baptized at Sardis Baptist Church in Birmingham. When she married the late Warren Pete Chatmon, II, she became a member of Green Liberty Baptist Church, where she served on the Usher Board and in the Young Matrons, and sang in the choir.

Mrs. Jackson was able to touch many lives during her 37 years as a Public Health Nurse for the Jefferson County Department of Health in Birmingham. During those years, she worked in a variety of capacities, helping to heal people of all ages and from all walks of life. When she retired in 1984, she said, "One could not have had a more rewarding career; to have the responsibility of promoting health and wellbeing is in itself rewarding for it has not only affected the present population but it will have an impact on future generations as well. You can be assured that I will continue to work in our community promoting health and wellbeing, for the nurse in me will never retire."

In 1986, Mrs. Jackson, then a widow, decided to move to Columbus, Georgia to reunite with her childhood sweetheart, the late CW4 Lawton W. Jackson. Mrs. Jackson and her husband became active members of the First African Baptist Church in Columbus.

Mrs. Jackson quickly fell in love with her new city and volunteered much of her time to better the Columbus community. She served in the Metro Columbus Urban League, United Negro College Fund, American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, March of Dimes, Lindsay Creek Association, Girl Scouts of America, Columbus Health Fair, and the Columbus Community Center. Mrs. Jackson also served the Fort Benning community as President, Vice President, and Chaplain of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Officer's Wives Club and the Chattahoochee Valley Chapter of the Retired Officers Association. Her giving spirit, concern for others, and contributions to the community led to Mrs. Jackson's induction into the Gracious Ladies of Georgia in 1995.

Mrs. Jackson is also a charter member of the Xi Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. An active member for more than fifty years, Mrs. Jackson has served as president of both the Birmingham and Columbus chapters. On the national level, she served as the Dean of Pledges and South East Regional Director.

Mrs. Jackson has lived a selfless and generous life, serving as a nurse and volunteer. She has been blessed with two children, Gwendolyn Chatmon Corrin and Warren Pete Chatmon, III; ten grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and my wife, Vivian, in extending our best wishes to LaVerne G. Jackson on her 97th

birthday. As we celebrate another year of this outstanding citizen's life, we would do well to follow the example of her legacy of striving to improve the quality of life of others.

HONORING BOSQUE BREWING

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 17, 2016*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bosque Brewing on their achievement during the 2016 World Beer Cup awards.

The Brewers Association hosts the World Beer Cup every two years, a competition which features over 200 judges for over 90 categories of beer. Large and small breweries throughout the globe enter this prestigious event.

I am honored to know that Albuquerque, New Mexico's very own Bosque Brewing received the Bronze in the Australian or International-Style Pale Ale category, for their Riverwalker IPA, out of a total of 84 entries from around the world.

Bosque Brewing was founded in Albuquerque in October 2012. Since opening, they have expanded rapidly in New Mexico with an outstanding selection of beer. Although just four years old, Bosque Brewing's beers are already staples in restaurants and bars throughout our state.

As a small locally owned manufacturing and service business Bosque Brewing represents the prosperity of a burgeoning local craft beer industry in New Mexico. Not only is Bosque Brewery a thriving business in the heart of downtown Albuquerque, but they are an active and engaged partner in our local community. Each month Bosque Brewery designates an "Adoption Brew" and donates \$1 from every sale to the ABBA fund, an organization that extends 0 percent interest loans to families aspiring to adopt domestically and internationally. Bosque Brewery is a testament to the contributions small businesses make to our country and communities and the idea that with hard work and dedication nothing is unattainable.

To this day lawyers, government officials, business leaders, political icons, artists and students continue to enjoy exquisite beers in Bosque's friendly atmosphere. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize Bosque Brewery for their accomplishments in the 2016 World Beer Cup competition and

commitment to our community at large. I am proud to know that we have a great business located in the First Congressional District of New Mexico.

TRIBUTE TO SHARON ANDERSON

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 17, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sharon Anderson of Adair, Iowa for being named the 2015 Adair Citizen of the Year.

Sharon was cited for her devotion to the community youth in Adair through her leadership in the children's Christmas programs. She is a dedicated volunteer with WACKO (We Are Christ's Kids on a Mission) organization, where they recently packaged meals for Outreach, Inc. Sharon also provides music at the Anita Nursing Home each week. The award ceremony was held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Adair where she was honored among family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Sharon Anderson in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating her on receiving this well-deserved award and wish her nothing but continued success.

COMMEMORATING 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF LANDMARK SUPREME COURT DECISION IN BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 17, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 62nd anniversary of the historic Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education, which overturned the doctrine of "separate but equal" that had been the law of the land since 1896 when the Supreme Court decided Plessy v. Ferguson.

In Brown v. Board of Education, the Supreme Court declared that separate public schools for black and white Americans were unconstitutional.

This unanimous decision sparked the movement toward desegregation of American insti-

tutions and paved the way for the civil rights movement.

On the anniversary of this landmark decision, it is appropriate that we pay tribute to our ancestors who endured and lived through those days of crisis and challenge so that we could enjoy the right to vote, the right to equal protection of the law, and to enjoy the blessings of liberties.

This historic case originated in Topeka, Kansas, and involved a black third-grader named Linda Brown, who had to walk one mile through a railroad switchyard to get to her black elementary school, even though a white elementary school was only seven blocks away.

Linda's father, Oliver Brown, tried to enroll her in the white elementary school, but the principal of the school refused.

Brown went to McKinley Burnett, the head of Topeka's branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and asked for help.

The NAACP persuaded other black parents to join in a complaint and in 1951 the NAACP sought an injunction that would forbid the segregation of Topeka's public schools.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas heard Brown's case and refused to overrule the precedent of Plessy v. Ferguson which allowed separate but equal school systems for blacks and whites.

The case was taken to the Supreme Court on October 1, 1951 and set up one of the landmark cases in the history of the American justice system.

The argument of the great civil rights lawyer, Thurgood Marshall of the NAACP, and counsel for plaintiff Brown won the day.

On May 17, 1954, Chief Justice Earl Warren read the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court:

We come then to the question presented: Does segregation of children in public schools solely on the basis of race, even though the physical facilities and other "tangible" factors may be equal, deprive the children of the minority group of equal educational opportunities? We believe that it does. . . . We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.

With those few words more than a century of racial discrimination and separation were dealt a great blow.

It is up to us to preserve the hard-won gains of those who led the fight and won the case of Brown v. Board of Education.