

until he took a major risk and began an aggressive price cutting program. However, the risk paid off and the results were revolutionary. With the rallying cry of "Lowest Food Prices in North Carolina," Mr. Ketner went from having one store to owning one of the largest grocery franchises.

Even though his professional accomplishments are outstanding, Mr. Ketner's proudest achievements came in what he was able to give back to the community through his many philanthropic works. During his lifetime, he never forgot to thank those that made it all possible and helped whenever he could. After the success of Food Lion, Mr. Ketner donated millions of dollars to support various education projects including the development of the business school at Catawba College which now proudly bears his name.

Ralph Ketner was a remarkable man known for his dedication, passion, and kindness. You would be hard pressed to find anyone who does not speak of him with the utmost respect and admiration. I will always cherish the time I spent with Mr. Ketner. I will never forget his friendship, humor, and sound advice. While we mourn the loss of Mr. Ketner, there is no doubt that his legacy will live on through not only his professional success but also the countless lives he was able to touch.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in commemorating the remarkable life of Mr. Ralph Ketner.

HONORING MARTIN GROCER
PENNY STORE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vicksburg, Mississippi's tiniest and oldest grocery store, Martin Grocer Penny Store. Martin Grocer Penny Store has been a thriving force in Vicksburg, MS for nearly fifty years.

Martin Grocer Penny Store was a single-room grocery attached to Ms. Exelena Martin's home. The store remains mostly in its original condition. The loud clank of the cowbell alerted Ms. Martin when she had customers. The ceiling slants at a steep pitch and is less than 6 feet high at the northern wall. Two bare light bulbs provided all the light shoppers needed in the full service store which had no particular hours.

The 83-year-old Exelena Martin decided it was time to retire in November 2015. Martin's is an example of a small business weathering the test of time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Martin Grocer Penny Store for its longevity and dedication to serving Vicksburg, MS.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Girl

Scout Gold Award, the highest and most prestigious award in the Girl Scouts organization, which has produced one million young women as leaders and change agents in their communities.

Since 1916, this award has honored high school-aged Girl Scouts who answer the call to "Go Gold" and put in years of research and hard work to facilitate large-scale community service projects. The impact these young women are having on the world around them far exceeds their average age of 17 years old.

As the Girl Scouts' highest achievement, Gold Award recipients who enlist in the U.S. armed forces may enter at one rank higher than other recruits. Universities and colleges around the country also offer scholarships to young women who receive this award.

Sarah Banach, of Enfield, Connecticut, created and implemented coding lesson plans for young women at her local middle school to help bridge the gender gap in STEM-related fields. Loren McClendon, of Jacksonville, Fla., trained almost 500 adults in her community on how to recognize warning signs of strokes. Kaitlin Greenough, of Zephyrhills, Fla., developed an entire curriculum to teach elementary school-aged children about the Florida water system and water conservation. These are just a few of the countless community service projects taken on by Girl Scouts from the illustrious ranks of Gold Award recipients.

As an organization, the Girl Scouts have allowed millions of girls nationwide to become involved in their communities and take on leadership roles while building courage, confidence and critical life skills. There are currently 3 million Girls Scouts nationwide and 50 million alumnae, a testament to founder Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low's original mission to empower girls with confidence, courage, and character.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to recognize this organization, particularly my local troop, the Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida, in Congress. I am inspired by what these esteemed Gold Award recipients have been able to accomplish in 100 years and look forward to seeing them succeed for many more years to come.

TRIBUTE TO SHERRIE ADAMS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, our greatest and most valuable assets are our children. Our children are the future and are educated and shaped by our teachers; and

Whereas, Mrs. Sherrie Adams is a teacher in DeKalb County, Georgia and an educator at Smoke Rise Elementary School, who has demonstrated twenty-nine years of dedicated leadership and raising student achievement in my district; and

Whereas, Mrs. Adams has been awarded the honor of Teacher of the Year 2016, recognizing her exceptional teaching style at Smoke Rise Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman is active at Smoke Rise Elementary School, her soror-

ity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the YMCA in Decatur, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mrs. Adams can be described as a Proverbs 31 woman. She is the wife of Dr. Michael S. Adams, Sr., the mother of Michael, Jr., and Matthew. She is devoted to serving our community daily as an educator who imparts knowledge and skills for the overall success of our children. She is a motivator, an innovator and a model citizen who gives and ask for nothing in return; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Sherrie Adams for her leadership and service to my District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2016 Teacher of the Year at Smoke Rise Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 4, 2016 as: Mrs. Sherrie Adams Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of May, 2016.

CELEBRATING THE HISTORY OF
ST. LUCAS LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Lucas Lutheran Church in South Toledo. On Sunday, June 12, the church dedicated a state historic marker as part of its 130th anniversary celebration. The celebration began on Mothers Day 2016 with a concert featuring the Toledo Symphony's Brass Quintet.

St. Lucas is a progressive Lutheran Church wrapping itself around its congregants in their faith journeys. It describes itself as "a faith community of many ministries and many ministers. In all we do we strive to glorify Jesus Christ."

The church began on March 21, 1886 when a group of people met in the home of Louis Burman to discuss the formation of a Lutheran church in Toledo's southern neighborhood to serve the Germans settling there. Though first meeting in borrowed space, by 1887 the congregation had its own church building and parsonage on Walbridge Avenue. With both German and English services, a Ladies Aid Society, Young People's Society and choir, the church was well established. Though these organizations were briefly disbanded, by 1897 they were a permanent part of the mission of St. Lucas. That same year, a monthly paper was published in coordination with two other congregations, with an eventual readership in 1200 homes.

As it grew, the church outgrew its space and the last services in St. Lucas' first church building were held on May 8, 1910. The new building was a reflection of the church's origins as a German mission church and built in the Gothic revival style. During the 1911 dedication celebration of the new church building, the congregation received a German language Bible inscribed by Kaiser Wilhelm II. The dedication also saw the first English-speaking sermon, offered by Pastor Hugo Hamfeldt. Soon Sunday services were spoken in English. The church undertook renovations in 1931, 1945, 1961 and as part of its 1986 centennial celebration in order to "enhance and update the

worship atmosphere.” In the 1960s as the ecumenism movement flourished, St. Lucas was a charter member of the Old South End’s ecumenical organization known as CROSS (Christians Relating Our Savior on the South Side.) CROSS has engaged in exchanges in the pulpit, Thanksgiving Eve and Unity Good Friday services, Feed Your Neighbor food pantry and children’s summer services. As the neighborhood changed, St. Lucas continued to adapt itself, “taking risks for the sake of the Gospel.” It now sits in the heart of a neighborhood with many challenges, yet the church soldiers on meeting the needs of its congregation and neighborhood through outreach.

Now as it comes to its 130th anniversary, St. Lucas Lutheran Church proudly dedicates a historic marker outlining the church’s history in the neighborhood. A special feature of the dedication ceremony is the world premiere of a hymn which was commissioned especially for the 130th anniversary. With words and music by the parish’s husband and wife team of Michael and Karen Biscay, Choirmaster Ron Lang conducts the St. Lucas Choir, accompanied by organist Jamie Dael in the fast-ever performance of the anthem. At its 125th anniversary, the Biscays wrote a hymn in tribute to the congregation’s German heritage and this work is also featured in Sunday’s dedication ceremony. I was pleased to join the congregation and members of our community in celebrating this joyous occasion.

St. Lucas Lutheran Church stands today in testament to the faith and perseverance of its members through the ages. Generations have worshiped together, prayed together, served together. Truly, it can be said of St. Lucas that its congregation has lived the Gospels and Christ’s message as written in Matthew 12:30–31 to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength . . . Love your neighbor as yourself.” As the congregation of St. Lucas Lutheran Church continues on its faith journey, living the Gospel and sharing Christ’s message of Love, it stands on a rich and deep history. The Ohio Historic Marker records that history as the church turns forward to a future strong in its faith.

HONORING MAYOR MARCUS
WALLACE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable young entrepreneur and Mayor, Mayor Marcus Wallace of Edwards, Mississippi.

Marcus L. Wallace was raised in Edwards, MS. He attended school in Edwards and graduated from Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA in 1992, with a B.S. in Marketing. He is a successful businessman, serving as President and CEO of MAC & Associates, LLC. Additionally, Mr. Wallace is President of the Wall Group, a Sports & Entertainment Firm.

As a young entrepreneur who had a plan to become a general contractor, he has grown his company from \$500 projects to multimillion dollar projects, consisting of constructions of virtually every kind. To further expand the scope of his company’s services, Mr. Wallace

established MAC & Associates, LLC, a division of MAC Construction Company. Mr. Wallace and the company’s principals, collectively, have over 50 years of expertise in government, commercial, and private sector construction management. MAC Construction Company of Mississippi is licensed, bonded and insured. During the past 16 years, MAC has completed several projects throughout the state of Mississippi. It is one of the fastest growing minority owned construction firms in Mississippi. Mr. Wallace is the largest minority owner of the new Westin Hotel (under construction) in downtown Jackson and has ownership in the Iron Horse Grill.

In addition to his Construction prowess, Mr. Wallace has been a Sports Agent for professional athletes in the NBA and NFL, managed recording artists in the music industry and promoted concerts and comedy shows, and has extensive experience in the communication and transportation industries.

On December 8, 2014, Mr. Wallace was sworn in as Mayor of Edwards, MS. He hit the ground running even before his inauguration and hasn’t slowed down. His inaugural decisions sent a strong message about his focus. Instead of hosting a celebratory event, he redirected the funds to help families in Edwards. He provided shoes for kids in Edwards and made Christmas special for children by delivering toys during the Christmas holidays. From those simple steps, his path has not wavered. His focus is on the citizens of Edwards, a town he acknowledges “needs everything”. Mayor Wallace sees himself as “front line soldier” intent upon seeing that they get it. During Mayor Wallace’s first year in office, the Town of Edwards has experienced a transformation unparalleled in its history. The following are major accomplishments during May for Mayor Wallace’s tenure:

The police department has received new police cars, new uniforms, a new police chief, and the establishment of a Crime Task Force. Crime is down by 60 percent.

Edwards and Cal-Maine Foods partnership for infrastructure improvement: Cal-Maine provided financial assistance to Edwards for optioning the electrical easement that will serve power to their new pullet facility. Also, Cal-Maine hired a company to clear the roadside and repair the road from Highway 80 to the railroad. The partnership is valued at over \$75,000, with a \$10,000 cash contribution to the town.

Amnesty Day: Over \$200,000 was collected during Amnesty Day.

Community Building and Livestock Building Demolition: Edwards received \$150,000 from Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) and \$80,000 from Block Grant Funds.

New Legal Appointments: Mayor Wallace appointed a new legal team that consisted of Judge Frank Sutton as Edwards’ new Municipal Judge, Mrs. Greta Mack-Harris as Municipal Prosecutor, and Mr. Omar Nelson as the town’s attorney.

Edwards received a \$20,000 grant from MDOT to enhance the Edwards’ exits on Interstate 20, east and west bound.

Established the Mayor’s Annual Town Clean-Up Day.

Balanced the Town’s budget.

Mr. Wallace is a committed civic leader and strong supporter of communities throughout central Mississippi. He is a born leader, respected for both his character and work ethics.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mayor Marcus Wallace for his dedication to serving our great state of Mississippi.

TRIBUTE TO DAPHNE KING

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, our greatest and most valuable assets are our children. Our children are the future and are educated and shaped by our teachers; and

Whereas, Mrs. Daphne Jackson King is a teacher in DeKalb County, Georgia and an educator at Dunaire Elementary School, who has demonstrated thirty two years of dedicated leadership and raising student achievement in my district; and

Whereas, Mrs. King has been awarded the honor of Teacher of the Year 2016, recognizing her exceptional teaching style at Dunaire Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman is active at Dunaire Elementary School, her church, and in her community, in Decatur, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mrs. King can be described as a Proverbs 31 woman. She is a wife, mother, daughter and a sister. She is devoted to serving our community daily as an educator who imparts knowledge and skills for the overall success of our children. She is a motivator, an innovator and a model citizen who gives and asks for nothing in return; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Daphne Jackson King for her leadership and service to my District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2016 Teacher of the Year at Dunaire Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 11, 2016 as: Mrs. Daphne Jackson King Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of May, 2016.

CONGRATULATING FLORIDA
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY ON
THE GRAND OPENING OF THE
FIU IN D.C. OFFICE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Florida International University on the grand opening of the FIU In D.C. office located just steps from the U.S. Capitol. Since opening its doors in 1965, FIU has grown to become the number one university in awarding bachelor’s and master’s degrees to Hispanic and other minority students. With the new expansion, FIU has ensured that students seeking opportunities in our nation’s capital have the resources they need to succeed.

In the past five years, hundreds of FIU Panthers have come to D.C. as interns and fellows to work for non-profits, federal agencies