

spans fifteen years and includes: Fort Sill, Oklahoma—Clerk Typist; Fort Jackson, South Carolina—Drill Sergeant; Fort Bragg, North Carolina—Drill Sergeant; U.S. Army Base Zweibrücken, Germany—Administration; U.S. Army Base Busan, Korea—Staff Sergeant; Jackson, Mississippi—Receptionist; Jackson, Mississippi—Armed Forces Recruiting Station; 71L30 Administrative Specialist—10 years; and 71N30 Traffic Management Coordinator—5 years.

Lucille went to Jackson, Mississippi in 1977 and remained until 1979. While in Jackson, she was invited to a revival at Greater Bethlehem Temple Church. Little did she know that this revival would change her life. In October 1979, she was baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and received the gift of the Holy Ghost, evidenced by speaking in tongues as the spirit gave utterance.

Lucille's other work experiences were: Krystal's Restaurant—Management 1980–1982; W.H. McCoy Federal Building 1982–1983; Mississippi Veteran's Medical Center 1993–1998; Greater Bethlehem Temple Church—Food Service 1993–2011; and Jackson Public School District—Special Education Transportation Attendant 2012–Present.

Lucille also has many honors and recognitions: National Defense Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Good Conduct Medal—4TH Award; Expert Badge M–16 Rifle Bar; Army Service Ribbon; NCO Professional Development; Overseas Service Ribbon; after all her successes she was also a cancer survivor—5 Years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Lucille Shirley for her dedication to serving others and giving back to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND
ROBERT OSHITA AND REVEREND
PATTI OSHITA

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of my good friends, Reverend Robert “Bob” Oshita and Reverend Patti Oshita, of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento Hongwanji Betsuin. As the community celebrates the departure of two excellent leaders, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their remarkable contributions to the Buddhist Church of Sacramento and the greater Sacramento community.

It is a great pleasure to recognize Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti, as Reverend Patti had served as Executive Assistant for my late husband, the Congressman Robert T. Matsui. Reverend Bob began ministering at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento in 1984 after completing both undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of California, Berkeley and ministerial training in Kyoto, Japan. Two years later, Reverend Bob married Reverend Patti, who attended California State University, Sacramento and also studied in Japan for her ministerial ordination. Together, they have become an institution at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento. Reverend Bob was the 36th minister of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, and has served the church for 32

years. Reverend Patti was an assistant minister of the church and taught Sunday Dharma School classes. Both have proved to be excellent community leaders, leading with humility and providing comfort and guidance for those in need.

It is under the leadership of Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti that the membership of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento has grown to just under 1000 households. Through seeking out genuine human connections, Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti have promoted a more unified community, both within the Buddhist Church of Sacramento and beyond. The dedication Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti have demonstrated is exemplary and the wisdom they have spread in the Sacramento area is truly invaluable.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to exceptional community members Reverend Bob Oshita and Reverend Patti Oshita as they celebrate their service to the Buddhist Church of Sacramento and the Sacramento community. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their outstanding work and wishing them the best in retirement.

TRIBUTE TO AFRICAN AMERICAN DAY OF PRAYER

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, citizens of different cultures strive to bring awareness and enlightenment to our community; and

Whereas, the African American culture has been and continues to be a great gift to our nation through its inventions, music, literature, dance, food, art, native crafts and religion; and

Whereas, the power of prayer has sustained the African American race through generations. It continues to be a great tool in breaking bondages, bringing blessings and strengthening communities. Prayer brings about change to deliver, restore, build and resurrect; and

Whereas, our beloved District is blessed to have citizens that believe in the power of prayer; and

Whereas, our community has been strengthened in our awareness, our lives have been touched, and our spirits uplifted through the prayers that go up daily for the benefit of our District and our Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize all of the individuals that give of themselves for the betterment of others and to recognize this sacred day of prayer in the African American Community; now therefore, I, HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 4, 2016 as: The African American Day of Prayer Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of June, 2016.

BLUE SKY FOUNDATION—BOOTS ON THE COURT PROGRAM

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dick Stockton and his wife Liz of Wellington, Florida for their continuous support for our men and women in uniform and their families through their charitable non-profit the Blue Sky Foundation.

As avid tennis players with successful careers on and off the court, Dick and Liz's passion for the game of tennis and community has resulted in a combined 40 years either playing the game, teaching the game, or giving back to their community through the game of tennis.

It was this mutual love of tennis and community that led Dick and Liz to establish Blue Sky Foundation, Inc. in 2008. This non-profit charitable organization was originally established with the goals of raising funds for different children's charities in order to give them a hope for a better tomorrow through sporting event fund raisers.

However, also seeking a way to pay tribute to past and current service members for their sacrifice to our country, Dick and Liz created the “Boots on the Court Program” which offers free tennis clinics from former tour players and certified teaching professionals to active service members, spouses, children, veterans, and wounded warriors.

Since their first clinic in July of 2013, Boots on the Court has traveled to 12 different locations and put on more than 18 different events across the nation and touched countless numbers of lives.

This month, on June 18th, Boots on the Court will be hosting their next event right here in Washington D.C. at Joint Base Andrews.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to encourage all military men and women in the area to attend this fantastic event and once again thank Dick and Liz Stockton and the staff at Blue Sky Foundation for their continued support of communities and military men and women across the nation.

HONORING L'DINA ROBINSON

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 public servant, Ms. L'Dina Robinson, the Daughter Ruler and State President of the Greystone Temple of Daughter Elkton's. Ms. Robinson has held this position since 1957. Ms. Robinson has been a daughter member of the L. K. Atwood Elk's Lodge Number 518 located on Lynch Street since 1952, some 59 years.

Ms. Robinson is a product of the city of New Orleans, Louisiana. She attended and graduated from Gilbert Academy High School. She also attended and graduated from Dillard University located in Louisiana. Ms. Robinson's work histories include: Office manager for the Historical Edward Lee Hotel of West Church

Street and Instructor at Campbell College located on Lunch Street. Ms. Robinson worked many years for the United States Veterans Administration Regional Office. She was first employed as a clerk and she retired as a senior executive several years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. L'Dina Robinson for her dedication to serving.

TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. STAFFORD
WICKER

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, Reverend Dr. Stafford J.N. Wicker is celebrating forty (40) years in ministry and providing stellar leadership to his church; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Stafford J.N. Wicker under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Antioch African Methodist Episcopal Church as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Wicker is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, and most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our community and the nation his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Reverend Dr. Stafford J.N. Wicker as he celebrates forty years in pastoral leadership; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 5, 2016 as: Reverend Dr. Stafford J.N. Wicker Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 5th day of June, 2016.

HONORING CHARLEEN R. SZABO

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with the Honorable LOIS FRANKEL, the Honorable PATRICK MURPHY, and the Honorable ALCEE HASTINGS, to recognize Charleen R. Szabo. Ms. Szabo will retire as the Director of the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center on June 30, 2016. We commend Ms. Szabo's career and offer our sincerest gratitude for her dedication of nearly 42 years of service to our veterans.

Ms. Szabo received her undergraduate degree from Utica College of Syracuse University and was later awarded her Master's degree from State University College of New York at Brockport. Charleen began her career at the Batavia, New York VA Medical Center before transferring to the Miami, Florida VA Medical Center. Throughout her career, she has devoted herself to the Richmond, Virginia

VA Medical Centers in Richmond, Virginia; Newington, Connecticut; Batavia, New York; Lebanon, Pennsylvania; and Miami, Florida.

As director of the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center, she has made it a priority to direct the Center with respect and care for the needs of all local veterans. Ms. Szabo has worked endlessly to improve the lives of our veterans. She embodies the VA's mission to "Honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being."

The legacy Charleen Szabo leaves behind is a true testament to her commitment to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and to the men and women who served and protected our Nation. Her legacy will have a long-lasting impact on the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center for years to come. We offer Ms. Szabo our warmest congratulations and wish her a rewarding and rich retirement.

HONORING MRS. ORA B. PHIPPS

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 Mrs. Ora B. Phipps.

Ora B. Peoples was born on October 21, 1928 to the late Rev. Claiborne and Elizabeth Peoples in Coahoma, MS. She was educated in her early years by the Coahoma County School system in a one room, one teacher, all black school. She attended Aggie High School and a college by Coahoma College. She grew up in a farming family. Often their school schedule was set around the farmers. Many students would drop out of school because work was more important than education. This stuck with her and later became very instrumental in shaping her and her family's life. She has 10 children (seven girls and 3 boys) which are the joy of her life.

In 1951 she moved to Marks, MS where she later married Armstead Phipps. They were both concerned about education. Their children were some of the first to integrate Marks Jr. High School better known then as the white school or bulldog. Their children suffered the abuse and ridicule that came with the movement but as parents they were committed to see this process through.

Armstead Phipps, husband, participated in the James Meredith March against Fear in 1966 in which he collapsed and died in the process of fighting for Civil Rights. He suffered a heart condition in which he was warned not to participate but he thought the cause was too important not to. He felt that his children would benefit from the integration of the school system. He said he would like to shake hands with Dr. Martin Luther King and Dick Gregory then everything would be alright. He asked his wife, Ora Phipps, to promise him that if anything happened that she would send their children to the white school. She kept that promise. At the time of his death a voter registration card was found in his wallet, which was one of his proudest achievements. His funeral was eulogized by the late Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Valley Queen Church in Marks, MS. That voter registration card was shown to the congregation at the funeral by Dr. King.

Ora B. Phipps was very instrumental in starting the first head start program in Marks, MS in the home of Mr. Brady on Martin Luther King Drive. They had no school buses to get the children to school. She and many other people solicited drivers, teachers, social workers, cooks, and everything necessary to start the program all by volunteers. The program then advanced to local churches in surrounding areas, finally the proposal to start and fund the program was submitted to the school board in Hotel Heidelberg at Jackson, MS. She was a visionary and a self-starter.

Her hobbies consist of gardening where she spends countless hours in the yard. This is a community garden in her yard where she gives to anyone that asks. She is known by everyone in the community for her giving nature and love for the people. She still is an active member of the Church of Christ in Lambert, MS.

Ora Phipps was honored in Birmingham, Alabama with the Southern Rural Black Women Initiative for Economic and Social Justice Award on March 6, 2010 for her brave efforts in fighting for social and economic justice.

Mr. Speaker, please help us to congratulate Mrs. Ora B. Phipps for her part in history.

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER MINNIE
JONES

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, for thirty-six years, Mother Minnie Jones served as President of the Beulah Baptist Church Mother Board Number 2, in Decatur, Georgia. We are all thankful this virtuous woman of God accepting her call to serve in the leadership role of the Mother Board, assisting and serving the members of the congregation; and

Whereas, Mother Jones began her membership at Beulah in 1952 and since joining the church, she has provided service to citizens from all walks of life. In 1978, Mother Jones initiated the formation of the Junior Mother Board at Beulah. She served in various other ministries at the church such as the Golden Eagles, the Missionary Board, and the Usher Board. She is a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; and

Whereas, this energetic, phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents, giving the citizens of our District a friend to help those in need, a fearless leader and a servant to all. She is a powerful prayer warrior and intercessor for the congregation; and

Whereas, Mother Jones is a cornerstone in our community who has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mother Jones on her outstanding years of leadership and service to the Beulah Baptist Church Mother Board Number 2; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim June 11, 2016 as: Mother Minnie Jones Day in the 4th Congressional District.