

HONORING JACK HEALY AS HE RETIRES FROM MASSACHUSETTS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack Healy, President and CEO of the Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MassMEP), as he retires from a long and successful career in manufacturing.

For over 50 years, Jack has worked in various capacities within the manufacturing industry. Jack began his career with Squibb-Beech-Nut Inc., and continued his work at Lego Systems, Presmet Corporation, Wellesley Consulting Group, and MassMEP.

Notably, Jack served as a Senior Vice President of Lego Systems, where he co-founded the U.S. division and was responsible for the establishment and operation of Lego's U.S. based manufacturing operations. With the help of Jack, the Lego brand has become a household name in the United States.

As a founding Director of Operations for MassMEP, Jack has dedicated himself to helping small- and medium-sized manufacturers in Massachusetts identify and implement growth opportunities through advanced manufacturing and management practices. He's known as the "voice of manufacturing" in our Commonwealth, and is relied upon for his expertise in manufacturing competitiveness and workforce strategies.

During my time in Congress, I have had the pleasure of working with Jack and his organization on efforts to revitalize our manufacturing base and create good paying jobs in Massachusetts. Under his leadership, MassMEP has become a recognized leader in manufacturing competitiveness, helping to create thousands of jobs during its 17 year history. MassMEP has also developed an award-winning Mobile Outreach Skills Training (M.O.S.T) Program, which trains and recruits future workers with little or no prior manufacturing experience for entry level production jobs.

Jack has also been instrumental in numerous projects in my Congressional district and throughout Massachusetts. In particular, he has played a key role in the "Manufacturing Our Future" effort in Massachusetts, which has served as a catalyst for critical developments like Worcester's Gateway Park, and has led partnerships that bring together various stakeholders from industry, academia, and government to advance manufacturing competitiveness and create pipelines to careers in advanced manufacturing.

I wish Jack all the best as he retires from an incredible career, and know he will enjoy spending time with his wonderful wife, Hilda, his children, and his grandchildren. Jack has been an incredible partner in revitalizing the Massachusetts manufacturing base, and I'm proud to call him a friend.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jack Healy's contributions to the Massachusetts economy and our country's manufacturing sector.

HONORING MRS. LATONYA WILLIAMS-BRADLEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable entrepreneur, Mrs. LaTonya Williams-Bradley.

Strands of long, black locks fell effortlessly onto the floor as a pair of young eyes looked on eagerly—carefully observing the technique of the hands behind the shears that snipped away to create a new, edgy look.

Mrs. Williams-Bradley of Cleveland watched intently as her mother cut, washed and curled mane after mane, building a strong clientele at her Rosedale salon.

She remembers while sitting and observing her mother at her salon as a child, that she desired to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a hair stylist.

But, what she didn't know was that she would also become an agent, to help others do the same, as owner and CEO of Goshen School of Cosmetology in Cleveland, Mississippi.

As a single parent Mrs. Williams-Bradley received her cosmetology education at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Mississippi, where she graduated in 2006.

After passing the state licensure to become a licensed cosmetologist, Mrs. Williams-Bradley returned to Coahoma Community College to further her cosmetology career to become a cosmetology instructor and completed that course of study in 2009. She was immediately offered the opportunity to become a cosmetology instructor at Coahoma Community College.

After working at Coahoma Community College she worked at Blue Cliff College in Gulfport, Mississippi as a cosmetology instructor.

During her tenure as an instructor she decided that it was time to pursue her dream of owning her salon and began researching entrepreneurship practices and opportunities, eventually, deciding it was time to pursue her dream of one day opening her own salon. In 2011 she opened Goshen Salon and Boutique in Cleveland, Mississippi. She chose the biblical name Goshen because it is a land of plenty, comfort and growth in Egypt. On July 29, 2013 she opened Goshen School of Cosmetology with a core curriculum and institution designed to promote growth, increase and comfort.

Now, what was once the dream of a little girl has become a reality. Mrs. Williams-Bradley has enjoyed substantial success in the exciting field of cosmetology. Where over the last nine years she owned and managed two successful hair salons while teaching at two colleges, inspired numerous students to strive for excellence and to achieve their maximum potential.

The motto she shares with others is "Whatever is your passion and your heart's desire—pursue it and be the best at it and believe that there is nothing too hard for God."

Mrs. Williams-Bradley is married to Tony Bradley and has four children: Teara, Tamaryea, Zira and Lauren. She is the daughter of Freddie and Barbara Graham and has two (2) siblings: Erica Jackson and Beauty Braham.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing entrepreneur.

JOSHUA D. AGEE, SERGEANT,
UNITED STATES ARMY (RET.)

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Joshua D. Agee, Sergeant, United States Army (ret.), for his service to our country.

Sergeant Agee served in the United States Army and the Colorado Army National Guard from September 1999 to June 2009. During his service, he served in support of Operation Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, both in Kuwait and Iraq. As an Army Medical Specialist, Sergeant Agee had the opportunity to serve as a combat medic while on active duty, including his tour in Iraq.

Sergeant Agee participated in the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and Westminster High School in conjunction with our office. The film is part of the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project (VHP), a congressionally chartered project that works to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans. As a result, my office had the honor and privilege of getting to know Sergeant Agee and hearing about his experiences as a combat medic. Sergeant Agee's stories will be submitted to the Library of Congress to forever be preserved in our nation's history.

Sergeant Agee's courageous service has charted the path for future generations of men and women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Sergeant Joshua D. Agee for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

CONGRATULATING THE FAIRFIELD
MEDICAL CENTER

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fairfield Medical Center, located in Lancaster, Ohio, as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary.

The Fairfield Medical Center has followed its historic mission to provide the best care to all, while serving as a foundation for year-round community efforts to encourage healthier lifestyles. The Fairfield Medical Center's commitment to promoting the well-being of all of southeastern Ohio can be seen in the useful health information it provides to members of the community, its all-inclusive appeal, and its strong advocacy for members of the community who have mental or physical disabilities.

On October 10, 1916, The Lancaster Municipal Hospital opened its doors for the first time on 10 acres just outside of the city's limits. At the time of the hospital's opening, there were 36 beds and 10 bassinets to serve the city of approximately 15,000 people. As the hospital

grew, it changed its name to the Fairfield Medical Center to reflect its role as the leading medical institution both in the county and throughout southeastern Ohio, a role it still serves as the county's largest employer.

Today, the Fairfield Medical Center has gained increased recognition for its excellence in healthcare and treatment. Now with over 200 beds and multiple affiliate locations in Fairfield County, the Fairfield Medical Center offers a variety of premier services to the people of southeastern Ohio, including oncology care, cardiovascular surgery, obstetrics, orthopedics, therapy, and emergency services.

Throughout its history, the Fairfield Medical Center has been unwavering in the promotion of the health of the community. I would like to thank the Fairfield Medical Center for its dedication to serving the community for 100 years.

CONGRATULATING THE GREEK ORTHODOX PARISH OF LOUDOUN COUNTY ON THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to extend my congratulations and best wishes to the members of the Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County as they celebrate their 10th anniversary this year.

What an incredible journey of faith and dedication it has been for them. Ten years ago, a few courageous people started reaching out Greek families in the phone book and before long a dynamic new community had been established in Loudoun County. Today, this community has a membership of more than 150 families who are participating in 20 different ministries.

Not only has the Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County been a source of spiritual support and development for its own members, it has also been a blessing to other residents of Loudoun County through its support of charitable projects such as the Good Shepherd Alliance, the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter, the Loudoun County Youth Shelter and the Twin Oaks Assisted Living Center, whose residents enjoy the special Christmas visits of parish members.

Another important contribution of the parish to the larger community is the "Taste of Greece" festival. Our understanding of the contribution of Hellenic culture and heritage to our national culture is enhanced through the wonderful food, music, and history that the members of the parish share with others at this annual festival.

I have learned from parish leaders that their plans for the next ten years are just as ambitious as the last decade, culminating in the building of a permanent place of worship in Loudoun County. As their representative in Congress, I offer my prayers and personal best wishes as they embark on this important journey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the members of the Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County as they continue to be a source of inspiration and support for our community.

ANGELA M. MILLER, SERGEANT,
UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Angela M. Miller, Sergeant, United States Army, for her service to our country.

Sergeant Miller served in the United States Army and the Iowa and Colorado Army National Guard from February 2003 through December 2012. As an Army Medical Specialist, Sergeant Miller had the opportunity to serve as a combat medic while on active duty, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Iraq.

Sergeant Miller participated in the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and Westminster High School in conjunction with our office. The film is part of the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project (VHP), a congressionally chartered project that works to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans. As a result, my office had the honor and privilege of getting to know Sergeant Miller and hearing about her experiences as a combat medic. Sergeant Miller's stories will be submitted to the Library of Congress to forever be preserved in our nation's history.

Sergeant Miller's courageous service has charted the path for future generations of men and women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Sergeant Angela M. Miller for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

HONORING REVEREND THOMAS H. PEOPLES, JR.

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special man, Reverend Thomas H. Peoples, Jr. He serves as pastor of Historic Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church in Lexington, Kentucky.

Reverend Peoples has led this wonderful congregation, which numbers over 1,300 members, for the past thirty-seven years. Historic Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1790 and is the oldest African-American active congregation west of the Allegheny Mountains. Rev. Peoples is the eighteenth minister to serve the church. Under his leadership, the church has grown in membership and in its community outreach. Reverend Peoples is greatly loved and respected by his congregation and by the Lexington community.

Reverend Peoples is a native of Lexington. He is a graduate of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School and Simmons Bible College.

Reverend Peoples has been married for fifty-three years to Delma Bennett Peoples. They are the proud parents of five children, including three sons in the ministry. They also have numerous grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Through the ministry of this good Christian man, many people have come to know Jesus Christ and serve Him through Historic Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church and beyond. Countless lives have been changed by this man of God and the world is a better place because of his ministry. It is my sincere honor to recognize him before the United States House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote yesterday for two pieces of legislation. Had I been in the chamber I would have voted YES on the United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act, H.R. 4939 and YES on the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Modernization Act, H.R. 5312.

TRIBUTE TO ITWOMEN GROUP OF TAMPA AND GIRLS INC OF PINELLAS AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a non-profit organization striving to make a difference in the technology and engineering fields for girls and women. The ITWomen Group of Tampa looks to provide all of the necessary support for females who want to pursue a career in technology.

The national organization was started in 2002 by senior level women from several technology companies. Their goal was to provide professional development, support, education, and scholarships to girls and women looking to break into technology and engineering fields. By working with non-profits, universities, various sponsors and organizations, they are successfully closing the gender gap in a field generally dominated by men.

The ITWomen of Tampa Bay is a new branch and is increasing their influence in Pinellas County and by partnering with Girls Incorporated of Pinellas After School Enrichment Program. The Girls Incorporated of Pinellas works to make sure our sisters, daughters, friends, family, and neighbors will become the leaders of tomorrow by providing them with programs that promote female empowerment. Their combined goal is to inspire girls in our community to confidently strive towards a career in technology.

Mackenzie Baird, a high school sophomore from our community who is hoping to pursue a career in technology, works with ITWomen of Tampa Bay and the Girls Incorporated of Pinellas After School Enrichment Program. In her free time, she helps mentor and educate younger elementary school girls about computer programming as well as the role of women in the technology sector. She is an exceptional young woman and I wish her luck in her future endeavors.