

bells of Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church rang to celebrate emancipation. Under the pastorate of David Laney, most notably, the distinguished Gothic Revival structure of the Church was constructed. The Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church is not only the oldest African-American congregation in the state of Georgia, but also bears the distinct honor of being one of the oldest minority congregations in the country. Named for the street on which it is located, the Church has become the primary place of worship for many generations of the most prominent black families in Macon. It also enjoys the privilege of being listed in the National Register of Historic Places in America, another indication of its importance in the local, state, and national communities.

The story of Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church, which began as a small group of slaves worshipping in a small "African Chapel" and has grown into an expansive and successful church, is truly an inspiring one of the dedication and perseverance of a faithful congregation of people who put all their love and trust in the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in paying tribute to the Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church in Macon, Georgia for its congregation's enduring commitment despite adversity, to each other and to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for over 180 years. May their actions continue to inspire the community in courage, in dedication, and in faith.

HONORING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF WILLIAM HAROLD AND BILLIE JO BROWN GUTHRIE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 65th wedding anniversary of William Harold and Billie Jo Brown Guthrie of Oxford, Alabama.

They were married on November 1, 1953 at First Baptist Church of Oxford. Harold was in the Navy and came home on leave for the wedding and returned immediately to San Diego, California.

Harold retired from the Navy Reserve as Lieutenant Commander after 25 years and from Anniston Army Depot after 30 years.

Billie Jo was a house wife and she and Harold raised three daughters. They've been blessed with one grandson and five great-grandchildren.

The Guthries have lived in Oxford their entire 65 years of marriage and have been faithful members of Meadowbrook Baptist Church for over 50 years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 65th wedding anniversary of Harold and Billie Jo.

IN RECOGNITION OF COACH GEORGE CURRY, ON HIS INDUCTION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late coach George Curry, who was inducted to the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on November 3, 2018. Curry was among those honored during the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame held in Plains, PA.

Coach George Curry served as a high school football coach for 46 years, during which his teams amassed 455 victories and six Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association Class 3A championships. During his time at Berwick Area High School, Curry's teams won three mythical high school national championships based on their team record during the season. During his tenure he was twice named USA Today High School Football Coach of the Year.

Curry began his coaching career in 1967 at Lake Lehman High School in Lehman, PA. His teams achieved a winning record during his four years tenure. In 1971 he moved to Berwick, where he served until stepping down at the end of the 2005 season. It was while at Berwick that Curry's teams became a force to be reckoned with, earning six state football championships. He coached three more seasons at Wyoming Valley West High School in Plymouth, PA retiring in December 2008. Coming out of retirement he returned to Berwick Area High School as an interim head coach. He passed away on April 1, 2016.

It is an honor to recognize George's achievements and his storied career in Pennsylvania sports history and it is fitting that he should be inducted as a member of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. I join with the members of the Hall of Fame in recognizing the life of George Curry and in celebrating his impact on two generations of Pennsylvania's athletes.

HONORING DAVID AND RUTH NUTTY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize David and Ruth Nutty for their contributions to our state and Fayette County.

David and Ruth have made a positive and lasting impact in Fayette County through public and community service. Our state is better off today because of their extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, the Nuttys were among my earliest and most vocal supporters. They are loyal friends and wise advisers. I want to thank David and Ruth for their friendship and

support of my work in Congress. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ANN ELIASER

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, to honor the life and legacy of a trailblazing, transformative leader, Ann Eliaser, who passed away on October 24 in her beloved city of San Francisco.

Ann was a woman of exceptional vision and determination, who fearlessly spoke truth to power to reshape the face of our state and national politics during her decades in the political arena. She was driven by the extraordinary strength of her convictions and by her remarkable independence of thought, making history as she rose through the ranks of the state Democratic Party.

Ann did not merely observe political history; she shaped it. As a California delegate at the Democratic National Convention and as the California Democratic Party's National Committeewoman, she played a vital role in determining who sat at the decision-making table in our state and country. She fought relentlessly for candidates who would champion Democratic values, regardless of conventional wisdom or political popularity. Her advocacy was critical to the success of leaders up and down the ballot, from Presidents Harry Truman and Jimmy Carter to local politicians in our city of Saint Francis.

Ann was a San Francisco native, who dedicated her full life and spirit to building better futures for the people of the Golden State. As an appointee to the San Francisco Board of Permit Appeals, she held our city's business leaders accountable for ensuring fair pay and better working conditions for employees. As the first woman member of the Lake Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, she fought relentlessly to protect the beauty of God's creation for generations to come. Through her leadership on numerous city, state, national and international boards, she advocated relentlessly for our nation's fundamental promise of liberty and justice for all, fighting to overturn the death penalty, end unjust wars and support the State of Israel.

Ann's deep belief that strength lies in diversity was essential in bringing more women and greater diversity into the halls of power in our country. Her courage to defy history and demand a seat at the table has inspired and empowered generations of strong women leaders, leaving a beautiful and lasting legacy for our nation.

Ann's many friends will forever remember and cherish her profound love for family. May it bring some measure of comfort to Ann's daughter, Mary Powell, her grandchildren Blair Shane and Alexander Rosenblatt, her four great-grandchildren, and all who were blessed to know and love her, that so many grieve with them and pray for them during this sad time.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF DR. JANETTE HOSTON HARRIS

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Janette Hoston Harris, an educator, historian, public servant, and activist, who died on November 2, 2018 at the age of 79.

In 1960, during her senior year, Dr. Harris was one of six Southern University students arrested for trying to desegregate an all-white lunch counter in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The students were also expelled from the university by order of the governor and prohibited from attending any college in the state. While attending Central State University in Ohio, Dr. Harris' case challenging segregation, *Hoston v. State of Louisiana*, went before the Louisiana Supreme Court and in time became part of the larger *Garner v. State of Louisiana* case, which was won by future Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall in 1962.

In 2004, Dr. Harris, along with her fellow sit-in comrades was awarded an honorary degree from Southern University, 44 years after the state officials forced her from campus and from attending any Louisiana institution of higher education.

Dr. Janette Hoston Harris was born on September 7, 1939, in Monroe, Louisiana; her mother, Maud Marrie Hoston, was a homemaker and her father, Eluin Homer Hoston, was a printer and businessman who opened the first shoe store in Louisiana for African Americans, "Hoston's Shoes and Bootery."

In 1956, Dr. Harris earned her high school diploma from Carroll High School in Monroe, Louisiana, where she was a member of the English and spelling bee clubs and the basketball team. From 1956 until 1960, Dr. Harris attended Southern University, where she was active in the Methodist club, a co-founder of Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority, and captain of the drill team. Dr. Harris completed her education at Central State University in Ohio, where she earned her B.A. degree in psychology in 1962.

After her graduation, Dr. Harris worked in the selection division of the Peace Corps. From 1964 until 1970, Dr. Harris had a career in education, teaching second, fourth, fifth and sixth grades in Washington, D.C. public schools. From 1970 until 1972, Dr. Harris worked as a research associate for the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. Dr. Harris earned her master's degree in history in 1972 and her Ph.D. degree in 1975 from Howard University.

Dr. Harris took on numerous roles in Washington, D.C. throughout her professional life. In 1975, Dr. Harris began teaching history at Federal City College, now known as the University of the District of Columbia. That same year she established a consulting firm, JOR Associates. From 1979 until 1980, Dr. Harris served as campaign manager for the Carter Mondale Re-election Campaign. In 1991, Dr. Harris was appointed director of educational affairs for Washington, D.C., where she remained for a year. For the next three years, Dr. Harris served as director of the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Relations under Mayor Marion S. Barry, Jr; in 1998, she was

appointed city historian for Washington, D.C., the first person to hold the post; serving as the president of Carter G. Woodson's Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in Washington; and being appointed by Mayor Muriel Bowser to the D.C. Commission to Commemorate and Recognize the Honorable Marion S. Barry, Jr. She was also awarded a Southern University Alumni Federation Lifetime Achievement Award from the school in July of 2018.

Dr. Harris was a proud member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., an artist, and the author of *Black crusaders in History*, *Congress and Government: Teacher's Guide* and other books.

Our nation has lost a trailblazer, a champion for civil rights, and a woman of many firsts. Dr. Janette Hoston Harris, legacy will forever be a part of this nation's history and her dedication to justice embodies the spirit of the Civil Rights Movement. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Dr. Harris, but surely, we can try to match her sense of service. We cannot match Dr. Harris' courage, but we can strive to match her devotion.

Dr. Harris is survived by her husband, Rudolph Harris; their son, Rylan; and daughter, Junie.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Janette Hoston Harris.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced the Commission of Fine Arts District of Columbia Home Rule Act. This bill is necessary to prohibit the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) from exercising authority over non-federal property in the District of Columbia.

Under presidential executive orders (EOs) and federal law, the CFA has review authority for D.C.-owned parks and buildings, as well as certain private land in D.C. Under the relevant EOs, CFA has review authority for the design of D.C.-owned parks and buildings. Under the Shipstead-Luce Act, CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in the District "adjacent to public buildings and grounds of major importance," such as Rock Creek Park and the Potomac riverfront. Under the Old Georgetown Act, the CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in the part of Georgetown referred to as "Old Georgetown" in the act. The members of the CFA are appointed by the President.

The federal government, including the CFA, has no business in local land-use policies and decisions. Not only is the federal government's authority over D.C. buildings and private property anti-democratic, it also delays and increases the cost of public and private development in the District.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF COACH KAREN
KLASSNER ON HER INDUCTION
TO THE PENNSYLVANIA SPORTS
HALL OF FAME

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor coach Karen Klassner, who was inducted to the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on November 3, 2018. Klassner was among those honored during the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame held in Plains, PA.

Since 1972, Klassner has served as the head coach of the field hockey team at Wyoming Seminary. She has led her teams to win six state championships, six district championships, and ten league championships. Additionally, Sem has made twenty-eight district playoff appearances (after joining the PIAA in 1985) and 14 state tournament appearances. She also led her team to victory at the Moravian Tournament eight times, most recently in 2017. Her overall field hockey coaching record is 660-171-46.

Klassner's unparalleled leadership ability has been recognized throughout her career. She was named "Coach of the Year" seven times, named 2006 Developmental Coach of the Year by the United States Field Hockey Association, inducted into the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2009, inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2003, and named national coach of the year in field hockey by the National High School Coaches Association in 2009. She has also dedicated her time and expertise to various service positions, including chairing the PA All-State Selection Committee from 1998 to 2009 and serving as the president of PA State Field Hockey State Coaches Association from 1998 to 2009. In addition to coaching field hockey at Sem, she currently serves as a consultant for the Keystone State Games.

It is an honor to recognize Klassner's achievements and her impressive career at Wyoming Seminary, and it is fitting that she should be inducted as a member of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. I join with the members of the Hall of Fame in recognizing Klassner's career and in celebrating her impact on Wyoming Seminary athletics for decades.

RECOGNIZING RYAN TOPPER

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the brave actions of Ryan Topper from Bremen.

Ryan is a student, a rising football star, and a lifesaver. Good instinct and determination tend to give people the opportunity to achieve, but for Ryan, these qualities also helped him change the course of his best friend's life.

One night, Ryan and friends were driving to a lake house for the evening. Ryan, driving ahead of his friends, realized their truck was