

Thai CDC spearheaded the effort to build and develop the Thai Town Market Place and establish a twice weekly East Hollywood Farmers Market to help incubate small businesses and provide healthy and affordable food options to the neighborhood. In 2004, Thai CDC helped found the Thai New Year's Day Songkran Festival which has since become an annual event attracting hundreds of thousands of attendees.

Since its founding, Thai CDC has also been committed to improving the lives of Thai immigrants through culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate social services and programs such as legal aid, financial literacy and counseling, and mediation and dispute resolution. In addition to assisting clients with securing affordable housing, Thai CDC has also built the Halifax Apartments, a multi-family affordable housing development in Hollywood, and the Palm Village Senior Housing in Sun Valley. Thai CDC has also raised awareness of modern-day slavery and human trafficking in the United States through the creation of the Slavery Eradication and Rights Initiative, SERI.

I am proud to recognize the Thai Community Development Center for twenty-five years of providing extraordinary service to the Thai American community in the greater Los Angeles area, and I ask all members to join me in congratulating the center for its outstanding achievements.

HONORING MOUNT ZION SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH ON THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Mount Zion Seventh Day Adventist Church, its staff, and congregation as they commemorate their 100th Anniversary. This is a remarkable milestone for this community treasure and certainly cause for great celebration.

Through its many ministries, the members of Mount Zion nourish their souls as well as those they serve. From educating young people and organizing exciting activities for them to providing information on healthier food options and recipes for families, the congregation is enriching the lives of others throughout the community.

Our churches play a vital role in our communities—providing people with a place to turn to for comfort when they are most in need. The members of Mount Zion have also given much to the Town of Hamden. Throughout the years, as their membership grew so did its commitment to the community. By strengthening our bonds of faith, Mount Zion gives its members a place to find their spiritual center and to solidify and support their values.

In its 100-year history, the Mount Zion Seventh Day Adventist Church has built a strong foundation and its success is due to the dedication and commitment of each and every member of its congregation. Through their ministry and outreach efforts, they have left an indelible mark on our community and continue

to enrich the lives of others. That is why I am so pleased to stand today to offer my sincere congratulations as they mark this very special centennial anniversary. The families, parishioners, and staff have much to be proud of as they celebrate this 100th anniversary year.

RECOGNIZING THE LEE LOCKWOOD LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum in Waco, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

In the mid-1960s, planning began for a home base for the Scottish Rite Freemasons in Texas. A committee was formed to raise the money needed for the building. Members of this committee included many Waco businessmen and leaders including Allen Shivers, the 37th Governor of Texas; Abner McCall, President of Baylor University; and Robert L. Lockwood, the building's namesake. Waco was selected as the location for the building and construction began in 1967. The building opened on September 27, 1969.

Since its opening, the building has served as a central meeting location for Scottish Rite Masons as well as a library and museum. The Lee Lockwood Library and Museum is home to a more than 1,200 piece print collection by Waco photographer Fred Gildersleeve, a large coin collection, as well as Civil War era letters, medical records, and military enlistment data. It also contains more than 10,000 books on world, American, and Texas history; as well as rare and first edition prints from authors such as Mark Twain and Charles Dickens.

Throughout the year, the building hosts weddings, meetings, concerts, veterans' events, and other Masonic and non-Masonic gatherings. The auditorium is also home to the Waco Children's and Christian Youth Theater, which hold many performances and camps every year.

The building is constructed out of limestone in a large rectangular shape, has four, dramatic two-story columns at the entrance, and is flanked by two, two-ton limestone sphinxes. The director of the Masonic National Memorial called the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum "the last great Masonic building built in America." In 2014, the City of Waco Historic Landmark Preservation Commission presented the library an award for "Recognition of Sustained Excellence for an Institutional Structure".

Madam Speaker, the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum has served as a pillar for knowledge and public service in its 50 years of operation. I congratulate the Scottish Rite Masons on reaching this milestone and I look forward to seeing their continued success.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize the legacy of the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING NEW YORK CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE FOR ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize New York Chiropractic College for the one hundredth anniversary of its founding.

In 1919, Columbia Institute of Chiropractic was founded by Dr. Frank Dean. The institute later became New York Chiropractic College in the 1970s. In 1991, a two-hundred and eighty-six acre campus was purchased in Seneca Falls, New York, and the college moved to this expanded location.

Clinics were added throughout the region, including in Seneca Falls, Depew and Levittown, New York. The college has also partnered with the Veterans Administration and others throughout the years.

This college has been educating Chiropractic students for one hundred years and I wish them success in the next one hundred years of educating students. New York Chiropractic College has provided outstanding programming that is both meaningful and valuable to its students and the patients they go on to help. I applaud their efforts and hope to see many more great things from them in the future.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to recognize New York Chiropractic College for the one hundredth Anniversary of its founding.

RECOGNIZING THE IEEE WOMEN IN ENGINEERING AI LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Women in Engineering AI Leadership Summit. This summit is a valuable forum for women students, teachers, researchers, and engineers to share their experiences and knowledge in the AI field.

As chair of the House Financial Services Committee Artificial Intelligence Task Force, I know that developments in this field are at the forefront of American technological innovation. AI has the potential to fundamentally change how we interact with the world, and the work of groups like IEEE Women in Engineering is shaping the future of entrepreneurship, financial decisionmaking, and technological development.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the IEEE Women in Engineering AI Leadership Summit and the many great contributions that women engineers and scientists have made to this country and its communities.

HONORING THE ANNIVERSARY OF
PENTECOSTAL TEMPLE CHURCH
OF GOD IN CHRIST

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ, a house of worship in Inkster, Michigan, as its members celebrate the church's ninetieth anniversary.

Pentecostal Church of God in Christ was founded in 1930. Construction of the church itself was a labor of love initiated by pledges and donations of community members and built by their own hands. Since then, the church has grown to accommodate its flock and its many programs. The same sense of community that was present at the church's inception is still evident in its growth both physically and spiritually. Over the years, Pentecostal Church of God in Christ has expanded to include a school for kindergarten through sixth. It offers summer programs, daycare, and even technology classes. The legacy of community service and inclusion lives on under the leadership of Pastor Kellen Brooks, the grandson of Pentecostal Church in God's longest serving pastor, the late Bishop Isaac King, Jr.

Please join me in tribute to Pastor Kellen Brooks and the members of Pentecostal Church of God in Christ as we recognize its ninetieth anniversary.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE
AND LEGACY OF DR. EMILY
ENGLAND CLYBURN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the life and legacy of a transformative leader and my personal friend, Dr. Emily England Clyburn.

A native South Carolinian, Dr. Clyburn graduated from Berkeley Training High School in Moncks Corner before attending South Carolina State University (SCSU), where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Library Science. She continued her studies and earned a Master's degree in Librarianship from the University of South Carolina. In 2010, Dr. Clyburn was recognized for her achievements in the humanities through an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from her alma mater, SCSU.

Dr. Clyburn served as a public school librarian in Columbia and Charleston in the early part of her career. She later transitioned to a medical librarian position at the Charleston Naval Base and Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia, where she merged her passion of librarianship with her commitment to service.

Dr. Clyburn and her husband, my good friend Congressman JIM CLYBURN, generously contributed funding to South Carolina State University to allow for the reestablishment of the Honors College. In addition, the university created the Dr. Emily England Clyburn Honors

College Scholarship Endowment, which enables deserving students the opportunity to further their education.

Dr. Clyburn's philanthropic successes did not go unnoticed. She was a recipient of the Woman of Faith Award from the Columbia Chapter of the National Council of Negro Women, the Distinguished Service Award from the South Carolina State University National Alumni Association, and the Woman of Distinction Award by the Girl Scouts of South Carolina. Additionally, she was featured in the I. DeQuincy Newman Institute for Peace and Social Justice's documentary, *Notable African American Women: In Their Own Voices*.

Dr. Clyburn was preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Mattie England, and siblings Arthur England and Mattie Mae England Wadley. She is survived by her husband, Congressman JIM CLYBURN; three daughters, Mignon L. Clyburn, Jennifer Clyburn Reed (Walter), and Angela Clyburn Hannibal; four grandchildren, Walter A. Clyburn Reed, Sydney Alexis Reed, Layla Joann Clyburn Hannibal, and Carter James Clyburn Hannibal; and many more loving family and friends.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Congressman CLYBURN, his loved ones, and all those who had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Clyburn. She was a pillar of this great institution's community, and we will dearly miss her.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2020, AND HEALTH EXTEND-
ERS ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I will vote yes on H.R. 4378, which funds the federal government through November 21, 2019, although I do have several concerns regarding what is in the bill.

The House has completed nearly all of its appropriations bills. The Republican Senate has passed none. Because the Senate has not done its work, bridge funding is needed to keep the government open past September 30.

Let me be clear: it is imperative that Congress provide long-term stability and funding. Congress, specifically the Senate, needs to get its work done and halt the ridiculous and irresponsible lurching from short-term fix to short-term fix. Shutting down the government does nothing but harm Americans. The shutdown earlier this year resulted in Coast Guard personnel going without a pay check for 35 days. I have a bill to ensure that never happens again.

The continuing resolution includes provisions that I strongly support. I am glad it contains language to stop roughly \$1.2 billion in cuts to transit formula funding from going into effect on October 1, 2019. Had this language not been included, the so-called "Rostenkowski test" would have been triggered for the first time ever, leading to a roughly 12 percent cut in funding to transit agencies. This test, originally intended to prevent overspending from the Highway Trust Fund, is no longer relevant given that the Trust Fund now consist-

ently relies on General Fund transfers and should ultimately be repealed.

It also includes funding for Community Health Centers, which provide a vital lifeline for health care services to thousands of Oregonians and millions of Americans in rural and underserved communities. It also modifies Medicaid's drug rebate program to ensure that rebates paid to the federal government and the states by brand name drug manufacturers are calculated based solely on the price of a brand name drug, and not on generic drug prices.

It includes language to ensure the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has the funding it needs to process claims from Blue Water Navy Veterans impacted by Agent Orange as well as critical provisions that will significantly expand enrollment in the World Trade Center Health Program, aiding 9/11 first responders and survivors.

Importantly, the bill provides \$250 million in aid to Ukraine to help it defend itself from Russian aggression, which President Trump suspiciously delayed this summer. Disturbingly, Trump may have even tried to use this aid as leverage to coerce Ukraine into conducting politically-motivated investigations to help Trump's former campaign chairman Paul Manafort and to target former Vice President Joe Biden's family.

However, I am extremely disappointed that the continuing resolution did not address a highway program funding issue created by the Republicans in the last surface-transportation reauthorization bill. Section 1438 of the Fix America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act rescinds \$7.6 billion of Federal highway funding on July 1, 2020. State Departments of Transportation are very concerned about the impact of the rescission on planning, construction, and repair of roads and bridges, and it is imperative that we address this before we finalize the fiscal year 2020 appropriations bills.

I also have serious concerns with the bill's attempt to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for trade relief that has been disbursed to farmers and ranchers hurt by President Trump's trade war with China. While there's no doubt that farmers and ranchers have suffered under President Trump's trade policies, this legislation essentially clears the way for the president to continue his erratic trade policies unchecked by providing an absurd bailout of more than \$20 billion.

I hope the Senate can get its work done during the next eight weeks so we can stop the budget gimmicks and spend our time working on important issues like improving access to health care and repairing our dilapidated infrastructure. That is what Americans expect, and that is what they deserve.

RECOGNIZING THE BRYAN/COL-
LEGE STATION HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

The Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1989 when a Texas