

outlook of race relations in America: the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act, and the Fair Housing Act. Brown helped level the playing field for all Americans regardless of race.

While the battle over segregation continued at the state level for many years afterward, and our nation still today has many civil rights issues to address, Brown remains a moment of historical significance that ushered our country to contemporary standards of humanity and compassion. As we mark this important milestone in our nation's history, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

135TH BIRTHDAY OF NANNIE  
HELEN BURROUGHS

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, April 30, 2014*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 135th birthday of Nannie Helen Burroughs and in recognizing her many contributions to our nation, and especially the District of Columbia. Ms. Burroughs was born on May 2, 1879, and in 1975, Mayor Walter Washington declared May 10 "Nannie Helen Burroughs Day" in D.C.

Born in Orange, Virginia, Ms. Burroughs moved to Washington with her mother when she was five years old. In 1896, Ms. Burroughs graduated with honors from M Street School, now Dunbar High School. She proceeded to make immeasurable contributions to our city and country as an educator, civil rights advocate and religious leader.

Ms. Burroughs was launched onto the national scene in 1900 with her speech at the National Baptist Convention in Richmond, Virginia, "Hindering the Women from Helping," about giving women a greater role in the church. Her speech led to the establishment of the Women's Convention to the National Baptist Convention and her selection as its secretary. Ms. Burroughs held this position until 1947, when she was elected president and served in that capacity until her death in 1961.

Ms. Burroughs' signature achievement was the founding of the National Training School for Negro Women and Girls in the Deanwood Area of Washington, D.C. in 1909, where she served as its principal until her death in 1961. The school would later be renamed the Nannie Helen Burroughs School and remained in operation until 2013.

Ms. Burroughs contributed to many other parts of the nation, including: establishing a Negro women's industrial club—the first of its kind—in Louisville, Kentucky in 1898; serving as keynote speaker at the first Baptist World Alliance Congress in London, England in 1905; establishing Woman's Day in the Baptist Church in 1907, while a member of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church in D.C.; giving the commencement speech at Tuskegee Institute in 1934—the first woman to do so; serving on the listeners' advisory panel of the National Broadcasting Company; and giving a radio address to the nation and soldiers fighting abroad men abroad in 1943. She was also a primary force in establishing the Frederick Douglass House Museum. Most recently, in 2012, Mrs. Burroughs was posthumously

awarded membership in the American Automobile Association—a benefit which had been denied in 1930.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Nannie Helen Burroughs for a life of committed service to our children. Her legacy continues to offer a powerful example for how we should conduct our lives and strive to teach the next generation.

IN RECOGNITION OF NEW MEXICO  
SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF'S ACADEMIC BOWL TEAM

**HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN**

OF NEW MEXICO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, April 30, 2014*

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to acknowledge the success of the Academic Bowl Team at the New Mexico School for the Deaf. This impressive group of students travelled to Austin, Texas earlier this year to take part in the Regional Academic Bowl Competition, a tournament measuring contestants in different areas of knowledge. Over the course of matches consisting of three one-hour rounds, competitors were tested on their knowledge of the humanities, sciences, current events, deaf studies, and many other disciplines.

For the first time in school history, the NMSD team won the Regional Competition, going undefeated in all eight of their matches. Their winning performance earned them a trip to the national competition, held annually here in Washington, D.C. at Gallaudet University, the first university in the world founded to give instruction specifically to the deaf and hard of hearing. The team continued its run of excellence at the highest level by winning three out of five of matches on the first day of competition. On day two, NMSD won its first match before a loss in the playoffs eliminated them from competition.

This impressive performance was a result of hard work, dedication and perseverance, and is a source of pride for the state of New Mexico. The team features a diverse group of students from different backgrounds, hailing from different parts of the Land of Enchantment, along with one exchange student—Kalle Lovgren—from Sweden. Two of the NMSD team members, Jasmine Sisneros and Tyrel Wilding, were selected as All-Stars for the entire Southwest Region. These fine young students, together with teammates Augusta Skoog, Hadassah Aguilar-Davis, and former National Most Outstanding Player Paige Foreman, who rejoined the team for the national competition, performed brilliantly through the Academic Bowl Competition.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the NMSD Academic Bowl Team and their coaches, Scott Vollmar and Nate Harrison, on all their success.

IN RECOGNITION OF FATHER  
OWEN J. MULLEN

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, April 30, 2014*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Father Owen J. Mullen, a dedicated

member of my Service Academy Selection Committee and an outstanding person who will be celebrating 50 years service as a Catholic Priest on May 16, 2014.

Born in Troy, New York in 1938, Father Mullen attended Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary for eight years in Emmitsburg, Maryland before being ordained a priest for the Wilmington Diocese in Delaware on May 16, 1964. He was then sent to Villanova University in Philadelphia in order to obtain a Masters Degree in Educational Administration and it was here that he worked for the next 17 years serving as both a teacher and a high school administrator. Following Villanova, Father Mullen became Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Chestertown, Maryland.

Aside from serving in his church, Father Mullen also proudly served our nation. In 1968, he was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Delaware National Guard and in 1979 was transferred into the Army Reserves where he was stationed at the United States Military Academy Admission Office counseling candidates for West Point. During the summer he also served as a Chaplain for the incoming Cadets at Beast Barracks and continued doing so for the next 20 years. In 1981, Father Mullen accepted a position to become Associate Chaplain at the University of San Diego until 1989.

Father Mullen was again invited to serve our nation's young military cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point as an active duty Army Lieutenant Colonel Catholic Cadet Chaplain for the United States Corps of Cadets, where he served from 1989–1997. Father Mullen was then promoted to full Colonel and assigned as the Senior Army Chaplain in Hawaii.

Despite retiring on August 31, 2001, as a Colonel in the US Army after 30 years of active and reserve service, Father Mullen continued his service by becoming Pastor at Holy Family Parish and Academy until June 2004. He then returned to the University of San Diego as a University Chaplain with a multitude of responsibilities, including Chaplain for the Football, Baseball, Basketball Teams and the Lacrosse Club. Father Mullen also found the time to serve as an Advisor to the Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity and recently became the twenty-fourth alumnus to be elected as Phi Kappa Theta's Fraternity President.

During his time in San Diego, Father Mullen has served as a member of the Service Academy Selection Committee for both me and my father, former Congressman Duncan L. Hunter. In this capacity he has provided much needed insight and guidance to many young men and women as they prepared for careers in the military.

The common theme throughout Father Mullen's career has been one word—service. As Father Mullen knows well, Jesus taught his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew, "But the greatest among you shall be your servant." This biblical principle has been the standard to Father Mullen's approach to any request, challenge or need, and we have all benefited from his commitment to this standard. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating and thanking Father Mullen for his 50 years of service to both his community and our nation.