

helped define a truly successful period in the library's history.

It is fitting that one of Nann's last actions as director was to secure a grant from the State of Illinois, ensuring that her legacy of excellence continues well into the future.

The entire Zion-Benton community is lucky to have enjoyed Nann Blaine Hilyard's service.

RECOGNIZING THE ALLEMAN
SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding results achieved by the Alleman Pioneers against the Teutopolis Wooden Shoes in the 2A Illinois state softball championship game on June 7, 2014.

I congratulate the Pioneers for winning the Illinois 1A state championship. This hard fought victory by Alleman gives the school the only program in state history to have won a softball title in three different classes. The Pioneers now hold titles in Class A (1992, 1993, 1994, 1998), Class 2A (2014) and Class AA (1985).

The school and the entire community should be extremely proud of the effort put forth by Alleman, which concluded the season with a record of 10–3.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of the Alleman softball team, both on and off the field, and I am honored to salute them today.

RECOGNIZING DR. DAVID
COCKRELL OF STILLWATER,
OKLAHOMA

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding citizen of Oklahoma's third congressional district. Dr. David Cockrell of Stillwater, Oklahoma, will soon be elected President of the American Optometric Association (AOA) as the association's 92nd president.

Dr. Cockrell is a graduate of the Southern College of Optometry. He is a past president of the Southwest Council of Optometry, and served in Oklahoma as chair of the Congress Committee as well as the State and Federal Legislative Committees. He is also a past President of the Oklahoma Association of Optometric Physicians and has been honored as the Oklahoma Optometrist of the Year. In 2012, he was named Distinguished Optometrist of the Year by the Oklahoma Association of Optometric Physicians. These are just a few ways in which David has served his community, profession, and colleagues over the years.

Dr. Cockrell is a dedicated advocate of optometric issues, and I am proud to have him serving as this year's AOA president. What an honor it is to have an Oklahoman serving in such a prestigious capacity! I am confident his leadership will serve his profession well, and I

join his family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating him on this tremendous achievement and wish him the very best.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Since its passage on July 2, 1964, this landmark legislation ended segregation in public places and banned employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

After the Civil War, three Constitutional Amendments were adopted to abolish slavery, grant former slaves citizenship and allow all men the right to vote regardless of race. Following a brief period of Reconstruction, Congress did not pass any civil rights legislation until 1957 when the Civil Rights Section of the Justice Department and a Commission on Civil Rights were established.

Following the conclusion of the Birmingham Bus Boycott in May 1963, President John F. Kennedy proposed a comprehensive civil rights bill in June 1963. He stated then that the United States "will not be fully free until all of its citizens are free."

Passing the Civil Rights Act of 1964 required the masterful legislative savvy of President Lyndon B. Johnson. In his first State of the Union address he urged, "Let this session of Congress be known as the session which did more for civil rights than the last hundred sessions combined." The ban on employment discrimination against women was introduced as an amendment thought to be a mischievous attempt to kill the bill. The amendment passed.

The bill was debated on the Senate floor and one of the longest filibusters in Senate history took place. Never before in history had the Senate been able to raise enough votes to end a filibuster on a civil rights bill. Once the votes had been secured to end this filibuster, Minority Leader Senator Everett Dirksen, an Illinois Republican noted that the cloture vote was occurring on the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's nomination to a second term.

There was also "street heat" on Congress from ordinary citizens, civil rights organizations and churches. In June 1964 Senator Dirksen estimated that he had heard from at least 100,000 people about the bill. Telegrams, petitions and letters all urged passage and increased pressure on the Senate to pass the Civil Rights Bill. The NAACP, CORE, the National Urban League, SCLC and others represented organized African-American support for passage of the Bill.

The 1964 Civil Rights Act debate continued for 83 days, slightly over 730 hours and had taken up almost 3000 pages in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Finally, on July 2 within a few hours of the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, President Johnson signed it into law on national television, using more than 70 ceremonial pens.

On behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I would like to commemorate the 50th

Anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act as the most important civil rights legislation since Reconstruction. I join together with California Attorney General Kamala Harris, Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson, Black Elected Officials and Faith Based Leaders of the East Bay, the Equal Justice Society, NAACP, City of Oakland, Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Center, East Oakland Youth Development Center and labor organizations to celebrate this important milestone and continue the important work to ensure justice, equality and opportunity for all Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I was necessarily absent on Tuesday, June 17th in order to attend the funeral of a close family friend. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 3375 (rollcall vote 313) and "yea" on H.R. 1671 (rollcall vote 314).

RECOGNIZING CARALINE SEPICH

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Caraline Sepich, a remarkable woman whose resiliency, dedication and talent continue to define her outstanding achievements as a student at Arizona State University.

On August 31, 2003, Caraline and her family suffered a horrific tragedy that altered the course of their life. Caraline's sister, Katie Sepich, was walking home from a friend's house when she was brutally raped and murdered in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The news of this crime sent a shockwave across the country and Caraline's family prompted the nation to prevent criminals from committing these violent crimes. After years of tireless work by Caraline and her family, President Obama signed into law the "Katie Sepich Act," which authorizes funding for states to collect DNA from detainees arrested on suspicion of serious crimes.

Despite her sister's death, Caraline continues to push forward with an unparalleled passion and drive to effect change everywhere she goes. Caraline graduated from high school as salutatorian in 2012, and the following summer she was a Biofuel Laboratory Intern for the Algal Production Project at the Center of Excellence in Carlsbad. Caraline is now aggressively pursuing a double major in Biochemistry and Biophysics at Arizona State University, is a founding member of the Arizona State University BIOMED Team, and is a recent recipient of a Helios Scholarship for her work in the Collaborative Sequencing Center at the Translational Genomics Research Institute.

Most recently, Caraline was selected into the prestigious Barrett-Mayo Clinic Premedical Scholars Program. There she hopes to further her understanding of medical research, and to