

But not of Presidential Glory or cheese-burgers hey!
 Because, long before there was Mr. President Clinton, "Bill" . . .
 Brooks so owned that center stage!
 Brooks Robbing Some,
 The Man With The Golden HEART and GLOVE
 Who history has so made!
 Because upon these fields of green . . .
 no greater third baseman has so been seen!
 With his soft hands and cannon arm to win the day!
 As he so took command on each and every play!
 When, charging the bunt . . .
 he was always on the hunt for that put out or double play!
 With that bare hand grab,
 as was his to have all in perfection's way!
 An when all was so said and done,
 his arm was so equipped with a golden gun . . .
 Of the caliber from which he could throw lasers from!
 And Brooksy Babe could even throw out Superman, this one!
 Even impressing James Bond and making Chuck say,
 "go to war Miss Murphy" On each and every day!
 And with his reactions so all in time,
 it was but a crime the way Brooks so stole all those hits away!
 Making it look so very easy" too WAY . . . WAY" . . . WAY!"!
 And bringing them to their knee's each and everyday!
 Because no matter who the batter,
 they'd all come back to the dugout in a lather cursing his name they!
 Brooks Robinson . . . the latter!
 And this Man,
 who in The Hall of Fame now so stands . . .
 was also equipped with a bat of such power to make em pay!
 As it all so began on those fields of green,
 a catch with Mom and Dad had they . . .
 And then on that first opening day!
 As that dream to play he so made!
 As a child,
 as he so wished the while!
 To make it to The Big Leagues one day!
 With that great Brooksy smile!
 From Little Leagues to High School ball . . .
 And some college calls and wants you to play . . .
 Until, that fateful draft day . . .
 and now your out on your way!
 To The Big Leagues, To The Pro's . . .
 something that few of us will ever know!
 Until, finally then you get that one golden chance,
 to so advance on your first opening day!
 But, for most of us these dreams die hard they say!
 So surely now,
 no one can so claim no doubt!
 No greater Third Baseman has ever come our way!
 As Brooksy Babe made it to the "O"'s!
 For in all of those boys of summer,
 no other man with such golden hands and glove here . . .
 and kind heart has so played!
 With all his basic instincts,
 history Brooks Robinson so made!
 Like a vacuum cleaner,
 to batters no one was any meaner stealing all of those hits away!
 And Oh that arm which did such harm,
 that would even make Superman alarmed!
 As "Aint the beer cold" as Chuck would say!
 And as a Batter he was just as Phatter . . .
 Hitting tatters and for average as he gathered everyday!
 As he was Mr MVP,
 during the season and The World Series . . .

as Brooksy Babe always took center stage!
 For Mr. Clutch,
 for Brooksy was of such a ballplayer . . .
 yea!
 As he made Earl Weaver a true believer,
 and get down on his knees here and thank God for Brooks and pray!
 Here's to you Mr. Robinson,
 and what to Baltimore you so gave!
 And Oh that dynamic duo,
 that other Robinson who so who "O",
 who were like Batman and Robin all the rage!
 And Brooks, in baseball you stood at the very top,
 as "O" miles apart from all the others . . .
 yup!
 But the greatest thing about you Brooks,
 is your heart of kindness for others would not stop!!
 For you always so find the time,
 to us all so remind of your greatest part!
 And that kindness in the game of life,
 is where it all so starts, is but surely the greatest play in any ball park!
 Yea number 5, in the game of baseball . . .
 you will forever stay alive until the end of days!
 For you were The Very Best,
 and nothing less they will say!
 As you so showed us all The Oriole Way,
 all in your time!
 "Yea Brooks like a vacuum cleaner you sucked all of those balls up for outs each day!
 And you were such a thief beyond belief in every way!
 Who but on fields of green,
 robbing some on each and every day!!
 Now here's to you Mr. Robinson,
 and what to this game of Baseball and Baltimore you so gave!
 And that's why in The Hall of Fame as The Greatest whose ever played!

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER SHAFTON T. ADAMS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great friend and outstanding public servant, Officer Shafton T. Adams, of the United States Capitol Police, for his distinguished service to Congress and the United States of America. On June 30, 2014, Officer Adams will be retiring from the U.S. Capitol Police after thirty outstanding years of service.

Officer Adams, a Washington, D.C. native, attended Southeastern University and the University of the District of Columbia. He began his duty assignments as a Capitol Police Officer in 1984. Throughout his career, he received numerous honors, including a Certificate of Merit and a Life Saving Award. He has earned certifications in advanced specialized fields including Hostage Negotiations, Firearms Instructor and Armorer, Hazardous Materials Technician, CPR Instructor and Field Training Officer.

In 2004, Officer Adams began working as a Physical Security Specialist. In this capacity, he researched, maintained and educated staff on all facets of physical security and equipment. He created vulnerability assessment reports for Members of Congress and recommended risk mitigation. In doing so, he en-

sured the physical security needs of Members of Congress. His position required him to maintain a Top Secret SSBI Clearance.

The mission of the U.S. Capitol Police is to "protect the Congress, its legislative processes, Members, employees, visitors, and facilities from crime, disruption, or terrorism." Because of the selflessness and dedication of Officer Adams and the Capitol Police, Members of Congress are able to have peace of mind while fulfilling our constitutional responsibilities. We owe so much to the officers of this special force who devote their lives to protecting those who make the laws of our great nation as well as those who work in and visit the magnificent halls and grounds of our Capitol.

Officer Adams's service to his country is but a small testament of the high caliber of character that he embodies. He is passionate, dedicated and highly efficient and adheres to the highest standards of moral values. Officer Adams regards his mission on Earth as being a provider and protector—two roles I have witnessed him perform admirably throughout his professional and personal life.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Officer Adams not only for his distinguished service, but also for his friendship and guidance. It gave me great peace of mind to know that I could call on Officer Adams, day or night, in Washington or at home in Georgia, and he would go to great lengths to assist me in whatever I needed.

Officer Adams has certainly excelled in all areas of his life, but none of this would be possible without the love and support of his wife and his family.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues in the United States Congress to join me in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Officer Shafton T. Adams upon the occasion of his retirement from a stellar career of thirty years with the United States Capitol Police.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, as you know, I have introduced legislation to reestablish the public holiday for George Washington's Birthday from the third Monday of February to the actual date of Washington's birth on February 22. I have long admired President Washington and have found inspiration in public service from studying his life. Few know that his first political office was representing Winchester, Virginia, in the Virginia House of Burgesses. I am proud to say Winchester is in the 10th Congressional District of Virginia.

Earlier this month I spoke to the third grade classes at Waterford Elementary School in Loudoun County. When I brought my effort to move the holiday back to President Washington's actual birthday the children cheered. Then their teachers asked what their students could do help get the legislation passed.

I want to enter into the RECORD a resolution drafted and signed by all the students in the class that says that George Washington's Birthday should be observed on February 22, rather than the third Monday in February each year. The complete resolution reads:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN WOLF'S BILL TO MAKE FEBRUARY 22 THE OFFICIAL HOLIDAY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

We are gathered today in third grade at Waterford Elementary School, in historic Waterford within the County of Loudoun, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, to affirm Congressman Wolf's proposed bill to honor George Washington, and

We have learned of Congressman Wolf's initiative to celebrate the significance of President Washington's birth to the birth of our nation, honoring his unparalleled role in American History; instilling in the American people a deeper desire to learn more about this great man:

Whereas, as General and Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, Washington led the Patriots to victory in the Revolutionary War. Absent this, the United States may have never been born, and

Whereas, following his dreams of a free and democratic country, Washington refused to become a king and refused to serve more than two terms as president. He pioneered the qualities of our government that helped to establish clear roles of its leaders by establishing a system of checks and balances, and

Whereas, Washington's efforts and actions led to the design and construction of our capital city. Washington, himself, laid the cornerstone of our U.S. Capitol, and

Whereas, our first and one of the greatest presidents, was president of the Continental Congress, a key author of the Constitution, and an instrumental force in uniting the thirteen colonies, and

Whereas, Washington was the ONLY president unanimously nominated for that office by the electoral college for both his first and second terms, and

Whereas, Washington, a man of incredible vision, freed his own slaves in his will, foreshadowing an identical outcome nation-wide on September 22, 1862, and

Whereas, George Washington, the father of country, is admired and honored by all who know the significance of his contributions.

Now, therefore, be it resolved to pass H.R. 681: to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that Washington's Birthday be observed on February 22, rather than the third Monday of February of each year.

Be it further resolved to tell Congressman Wolf how much his inspiration, wisdom, determination, and unflinching support for honoring George Washington means to us; and how grateful we are or his service.

Respectfully Submitted: Riley E. White, Paige E. Wenham, Clay Ash, Kierstin G. Culp, Reggie Norton, Matt Chmielewski, Jackson Allgood, Aiden Akers, Kevin Beach, Ava Fahrner, Luke Jenkins, Connor Thurston, Joseph T. Ravese, Barrett Ralston, Haley Oliver, Maxwell Twyford, Ava Mumaw, Charlotte Fiorentino, Emma Vest, Lily Kelly, Cole Gormont, Claire Thurston, Ian T. Watson, Susan H. Verdin Teacher, Stephanie R. Wang, Wynn Drenning, Blake Earles, Luke Malonis, Henry E. Dinger, Cash Croft, Grace Gavilinski, Madeline Shea, Collin Price, Anthony Alfaro, Corey Schaeffer, and Evelyn B. Hale Teacher.

The third graders at Waterford Elementary aren't alone in their support of H.R. 681. Two-time Pulitzer Prize winning history author David McCullough, Washington historian Ron Chernow, historians Peter Henriques and Richard Bookhiser and scholar and history professor Gordon Wood also support the bill, as does George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. On June 2, 2014, I received the following letter from Curt Viebranz, the president of Mount Vernon:

DEAR CONGRESSMAN WOLF: Thank you for introducing H.R. 681 to restore the nation's

official observance of George Washington's Birthday on February 22, the actual date of his birth 282 years ago. We at Mount Vernon enthusiastically support this important legislative effort!

As you are well aware, the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association was created to save George Washington's home from potential ruin and maintain this priceless landmark for the good of the American people. We have worked tirelessly for more than 150 years to keep Washington's extraordinary legacy alive, and we accomplish this solely through private donations—we do not accept any government funds. Just last year, we opened the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington which offers a remarkable new platform to expand our scholarship and educational outreach for visitors both on the estate and online. We strongly believe that a true patriotic celebration of Washington's birthday would help return George Washington to a place of prominence in our national consciousness—a goal for which we have been striving for many years.

Today several states, the media, advertisers, and the general public have abandoned recognition of Washington's birthday and replaced it with a commercial "shopping holiday" that leaves American history, heroes, and patriotism by the side of the road. The holiday was far more meaningful when it revolved around George Washington and schools and families focused on Washington's sterling example of character and leadership.

Americans should learn from example and celebrate and appreciate our heroes. Our Founding Fathers and subsequent leaders were surely clear on this point. President John F. Kennedy stated, "History is the means by which a nation establishes its sense of identity and purpose." President Harry Truman emphasized this point as well when he said, "The only thing new in the world is the history you don't know."

Restoring the official celebration of Washington's birthday would be a great place to start. We look forward to the day when, once again, February 22 is marked by patriotic festivities and lessons about George Washington which can teach and inspire American leaders of today and tomorrow.

As our nation's foremost founding father, Washington is relevant to each new generation because his prominent character traits—undaunted courage, unabashed patriotism, reasoned judgment, a profound sense of civic responsibility, and a deep, selfless commitment to country—never go out of style. Educating the children of America about the life and leadership of George Washington is an important investment in the future of our nation.

Your efforts are particularly important because as noted author and keynote speaker at our Library's opening ceremonies David McCullough has said many times, we are "raising a generation of historically illiterate children." Surveys and focus groups validate this problem and show that most Americans recognize the face of Washington on their dollar bills, but they don't know much about him. This is a real cause for concern about the future of our nation. It is our duty and privilege to teach today's young people about George Washington's leadership with the hope that they will follow in his footsteps. Enactment of your legislation would go a long way toward emphasizing the importance of remembering the Father of Our Country.

We are inspired in countless ways by George Washington's example as the indispensable man. He served as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army through the eight long years of the War of Independence. The people then showed their overwhelming

support for him as he was unanimously elected as president of the Constitutional Convention and to two terms as our new nation's first president. As you know, the unanimous election of a President of the United States has never occurred since.

A true celebration of Washington's birthday would encourage Americans to reflect on the distinguishing qualities of his leadership. For example, Washington was willing to sacrifice the life he loved at Mount Vernon time and time again when he was called to serve his country. Perhaps more than anyone in American history, he understood and valued patriotic duty.

Another admirable trait was his willingness to give up power. In a time when great leaders were marked by their ability to gain and keep as much power as possible, George Washington willingly stepped down as the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army as well as after his second term as president. He could have been elected again and again, but his peaceful transition of power demonstrated that democracy really worked and established a new definition of power. He truly believed in the concept of liberty where the power rested with the people. What an important lesson even for the leaders of today!

The celebration of George Washington's Birthday on February 22 will help return the Father of Our Country to his position as "First in War, First in Peace, and First in the Hearts of his Countrymen," as Light-Horse Harry Lee said so many years ago. George Washington's sterling example of character and leadership provides the opportunity to refresh and inspire our country as we face formidable challenges both at home and abroad.

Thank you again for your efforts in introducing H.R. 681. The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association stands behind you in this patriotic pursuit.

Sincerely,

CURTIS G. VIEBRANZ,
President.

My legislation is not without precedent. In 1975, Congress amended the Uniform Monday Holiday Act and President Gerald R. Ford signed legislation into law returning the annual observance of Veterans Day from the fourth Monday in November to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day as a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

There is a reason the birthday of President George Washington is the only legal federal holiday observed for a president of the United States. He is called the "father of our country" because he is without compare in our nation's history. Washington's Birthday has been celebrated since the final days of the Revolutionary War. French and American troops paraded through Newport, Rhode Island, in 1781 and celebrations were held in Richmond, Virginia, in 1782. Organized by French General Rochambeau and others who knew him personally, these celebrations drew special attention to the bravery, courage, leadership and perseverance of the Revolutionary War hero. From the beginning of our country, the importance of this day has been recognized. As President James Buchanan said in 1860, ". . . when the birthday of Washington shall be forgotten, liberty will have perished from

the earth." In response, President Rutherford B. Hayes signed legislation in 1879 that made Washington's Birthday a holiday for District federal workers. The holiday was extended to all federal workers in 1885.

Sadly, the celebration of President Washington's unparalleled role in American history has been lost and I believe Congress has unwittingly contributed to this lack of historical understanding by relegating Washington's birthday to the third Monday in February to take advantage of a three-day weekend. It is time to change the focus of the holiday from celebrating sales at the mall to celebrating the significance of President Washington's birth and the birth of our nation. I urge the House to take up this bill and pass it.

RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED
CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF
DEMETRIS A. SAMPSON

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. DeMetris Sampson as she retires after 25 years of illustrious service from the Dallas-based law firm, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP. Ms. Sampson was the first African-American woman named as partner at the firm, and she epitomizes the characteristics of a true servant-leader. It is often said that the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service to others. I dare to say that DeMetris has found herself twice over.

DeMetris Sampson has provided outstanding community service throughout the City of Dallas. She has displayed a constant commitment to serving those whose life she has impacted through varied activities—from serving as president of the J.L. Turner Legal Association and the Dallas Association of Black Women Attorneys. She has been involved extensively with programs, such as Emerging Young Leaders and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

DeMetris Sampson is not only a leader; she is a person of incredible intellect who possesses the ability to build alliances with people and groups from diverse backgrounds and varying interests. She is a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Trinity Chapter of Links, Inc. No matter the organization or affiliation, integrity has always been the central element of Ms. Sampson's work. She can always be counted on to do what is right. She is a champion of justice and offers a resounding voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. Ms. Sampson has received numerous awards for her dedicated service, including the 2012 Legacy of Service Foundation Award.

Mr. Speaker, I can say with great pride that the City of Dallas is a better place because of the dedicated and selfless service of DeMetris A. Sampson. Her unprecedented community involvement will impact the City of Dallas for years to come. I want to extend a personal thank you, and a thank you on behalf of the wonderful people of the great City of Dallas. Thank you DeMetris for your outstanding example. As you retire, you deserve to reflect

upon your career with great pride in a job well done. I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ms. Sampson for her outstanding professional achievement and dedicated service.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES PITTS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to James Pitts, who passed away on Thursday, June 19, 2014. As one of the key researchers in understanding the dangers and repercussions of air pollution, his contribution to the state of California, and the world, will not be forgotten. James will be truly missed, as a dynamic and passionate advocate, educator, mentor and friend.

Six months after James was born in Salt Lake City on January 10, 1921 to Ester and James N. Pitts, the family moved to Los Angeles. It was not until James' studies in high school at Manual Arts High School that he found his passion for chemistry. He took this enthusiasm for science to the University of California, Los Angeles, where he graduated with a bachelor's in chemistry in 1945 and a doctorate in chemistry in 1949. Following his graduation, James' passion for teaching began to take shape. In 1954, James began as a founding professor at the University of California, Riverside, focusing his research on fundamental photochemistry. James led the efforts to establish the Statewide Air Pollution Research Center at the University of California, Riverside and served successfully as its director for eighteen years.

James began his air pollution research in the 1950s during a time when the nature and dangers of smog were still unknown. Through James' findings, he was able to influence groundbreaking Southern California air policy and clean air regulations that drastically improved the state's environmental health, and the health of California residents. The research carried out by his team provided much of the scientific basis of California's forward-thinking policies and regulations which have been widely adopted both nationally and internationally. Throughout his tenure, James also managed to find time to co-author nearly four hundred scientific works, and became such an authority in the scientific world that he was constantly visited by scientists, politicians and international leaders from around the globe. His extensive work in this field earned him numerous accolades from the United States Congress, the California State Assembly, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the State Air Resources Board, and the Coalition for Clean Air.

James Pitts was an energetic advocate who made a true difference in the state of California and through his efforts, he ultimately impacted the world for the better. As an educator at both University of California, Riverside and University of California, Irvine, his enthusiasm for chemistry was contagious. James instilled many of his students with an unrelenting desire to improve the environment and prepared these future generations of scientists to better the world for many years to come.

James will always be remembered for his incredible work ethic, generosity, contributions

to the community, and love of family. James will also be remembered for his love of the outdoors. James took advantage of everything the environment had to offer, which was clearly reflected in his life's work. James is survived by his second wife, Barbara Finlayson-Pitts and his three daughters from a previous marriage, Linda Lee, Christie Hoffman, and Beckie St. George as well as his former wife, Nancy, six grandchildren and their families. I extend my condolences to James' family and friends; although James may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AND PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts and Public Defender Service Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments Act. The bill would make a minor change to the authorities of the District of Columbia Courts (D.C. Courts) and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS), placing these entities in the same position as their federal counterparts for more effective management and operation.

This bill would give the D.C. Courts and PDS authority to offer voluntary separation incentive payments, or buyouts to their employees. Buyouts would allow the D.C. Courts and PDS to respond to their future administrative and budget needs. The sequester and other budgetary pressures are a factor in the need to offer employees who are eligible for retirement the incentive to retire. The D.C. Courts and PDS would like the flexibility to extend such offers to their employees. In particular, many of the jobs that the D.C. Courts are trying to fill require specialized skill sets and buyout authority would help to make the administration and operations of the court more effective and efficient.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has held that voluntary separation incentive payments may be made only where statutorily authorized. While federal agencies and federal courts have the statutory authority to offer buyouts, PDS and the D.C. Courts have not been expressly permitted to provide these types of payments to their employees. PDS and the D.C. Courts seek the same buyout authority in order to manage their workforce as budget conditions and needs change.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

MARYLAND 6TH DISTRICT COUNTY
TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN K. DELANEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor the following Teachers