

The McNutts have three children, six grandchildren and one great-grandson including: Linda Joy Jones, a teacher and mother of two sons and grandmother to one grandson; Barbara Vickery, an RN and mother of one son and one daughter; and Jerry Lester McNutt, an audio engineer, and father of two sons.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Jerrell and Vera McNutt for their tireless service in the Lee County community.

HONORING DIANE COWAN

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary work of Diane Cowan of Temple, TX. Diane is the latest recipient of the Cy Carpenter Award from Experience Works for her leadership, advocacy on behalf of older workers, and never-ending passion to help others succeed.

Diane retired in 2012 after a 36-year career with Experience Works, where she held progressively responsible positions including Texas state director and national customer service center director. Through her tireless efforts, she has helped Experience Works fulfill its noble mission to assist thousands of mature workers over age 55 with job placement, job training, and job counseling. Her leadership and advocacy, especially for older Americans in rural areas, makes her the ideal recipient of the prestigious Cy Carpenter Award.

Diane Cowan brings to life Gandhi's words that "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Her commitment to advocacy and helping others reflects the best values of Central Texas. I applaud her work and wish her success as she continues to be a champion for older Americans.

HONORING THE PHILADELPHIA
OFFICE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Philadelphia Office of Forensic Science. Forensic science is the application of a broad spectrum of sciences and technologies to investigate and establish facts of interest in relation to criminal or civil law. The word forensic comes from the Latin forensic, meaning "before the forum." In modern usage, the word defines a category of legal evidence that may be presented in a legal courtroom setting. Forensic science is a vital public service and access to quality forensic analysis dramatically improves the investigation of criminal activity leading to the exoneration of the innocent and the prosecution of the guilty. Forensic science plays a critical role in public outreach and crime prevention and that role is evolving within the criminal justice community. Crime scene investigators, forensic examiners and forensic scientists provide unbiased, accurate and reliable analyses of evidence recovered from scenes across the nation. In the United States there are more than 12,000 forensic scientists active in the field.

The dedicated and hardworking individuals that comprise the forensic science organizations are worthy of recognition for their commitment to proper scientific investigations to support the cause of justice. Through quality forensic services, accredited programs, validated scientific techniques and a commitment to scientific integrity, forensic scientists make a significant impact in our communities.

From August 10–16, 2014, professional organizations across the country acknowledged the value of modern forensic science and the role of forensic examiners by hosting events to observe National Forensic Science Week. Activities were presented to encourage a better understanding of forensic science and educate local, state and federal policy makers to the current capabilities and future challenges facing this field.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in expressing appreciation for the people, facilities, and technologies that make reliable forensic science possible for the betterment of our communities.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE WILDERNESS ACT

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, located in Harding Township, County of Morris, New Jersey, as it celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

On September 3, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed one of the most important and successful pieces of conservation legislation: The Wilderness Act. Over the past half-century, the Wilderness Act has led to the preservation of environmentally sensitive land in more than 750 Wilderness Areas in 44 states across America, encompassing 109 million acres.

Almost 7,800 acres of that total is found in the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in Morris County, New Jersey. One of the most beautiful, peaceful, ecologically diverse and environmentally important areas of the Garden State, the Great Swamp is true wilderness, formed by the retreat of the Wisconsin Glacier. The Refuge remains today much as it has for millennia. But what took nature thousands of years to create was once almost destroyed in the blink of an eye.

In 1961, the Port of New York Authority (as it was then known) wanted to build another airport—the fourth—for the metropolitan area. The new airport would have been enormous: twice the size of Kennedy International Airport. If the Port Authority had its way, it would have paved over New Jersey's Great Swamp, which the PA maintained was the only practical site it could find.

Then, as now, the Port Authority was a powerful player in the region's politics. The Port Authority was used to getting what it wanted. Stopping it would not be easy. But in what would become one of the nation's first modern major environmental battles pitting progress against preservation, preservation and citizen action would win.

Among those who fought to save the Great Swamp was the area's representative in Congress, my father, Peter H.B. Frelinghuysen.

Described by the New York Times as "a leader of the opposition," my father headed the steering committee formed to oppose the Port Authority's plan. He helped mobilize the New Jersey Congressional delegation—both Republicans and Democrats—against the idea. He was joined by literally thousands of citizens in marshalling support and raising money to save what one writer described as "a natural masterpiece."

At countless hearings and public meetings, the public came out against the proposal. One of the most effective citizen leaders was Helen Fenske. Her efforts were recently recognized by naming the visitor's center at the Great Swamp in her honor. At one meeting called by the Department of Interior, more than 900 people crowded the room. Only one person spoke in favor of the proposed airport. He was not well received.

Yet despite the enormous outpouring of support for saving the Great Swamp, the Port Authority continued to press forward. But its efforts would never come to fruition. On May 29, 1964, 2,600 acres of the Great Swamp were designated a National Wildlife Refuge, the first such protected wilderness in the country. In recognition of the leadership and generosity of M. Hartley Dodge, who donated a considerable portion of the land for the new refuge, it carried his name.

Had the PA succeeded, the residents of New Jersey and New York would have been the primary losers. The Great Swamp helps regenerate and improves air quality for millions of people in New York City and northern New Jersey, protects water supplies, and provides homes to a wide variety of wildlife, including more than 200 species of birds—among them, our national emblem, the American Bald Eagle. But the nation would also have lost forever this unique natural treasure.

My father considered his effort to help preserve the Great Swamp as the proudest legacy of his service in the House of Representatives. During my own tenure in Congress, I have followed his lead. Over the years I have secured Federal funds to expand the Refuge.

Today, the tens of millions of people who visit the Great Swamp and the hundreds of other Wilderness Areas across the country can learn about and appreciate some of the most beautiful parts of America's precious natural heritage.

President Johnson called the Wilderness Act one of the "most far-reaching conservation measures that a farsighted nation" had ever enacted. As we mark its 50th Anniversary, my hope is that we will continue to build on its legacy for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

HONORING ARNOLD HARVEY

HON. JOHN K. DELANEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I pay special tribute to an outstanding citizen from the State of Maryland, Arnold Harvey.

One of the great strengths of this country is how the American people look out for one another. When our neighbor is suffering, we lend a hand.

Arnold Harvey personifies that virtue. A Waste Management commercial driver for over 20 years, Mr. Harvey saw individuals and families in need along his route and worked to do something about it. In cooperation with his employer, Mr. Harvey organized food and clothing drives. He also founded a non-profit, God's Connection Transition to help those in his community in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Today, in partnership with grocery stores, retailers, churches and shelters, his non-profit donates food to 5,000 families a month.

Arnold Harvey is a shining light helping others during dark times. The CONGRESSIONAL RECORD should reflect the good work he has done as a permanent testament to his generosity and the generosity of the American people.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Arnold Harvey for his outstanding service to his community.

IN RECOGNITION OF WAYNE AND
JEAN IVEY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ivey who have been married 50 years and serve as clergy in Lee County, Alabama.

Jean of Manchester, Georgia and Wayne of Columbus, Georgia met while attending a surprise birthday party. They were married in Manchester on August 23, 1964.

In 1966, Wayne joined the Air Force and he and Jean joined a Baptist church in Tampa, Florida. Soon after, Wayne began to feel the call of God to full-time ministry. Since he had a problem with stuttering, he did not see how God could use him as a pastor, but Wayne soon found when he spoke on subjects related to God he did not stutter.

After completing his education, Wayne served as pastor in two full-time churches, Pleasant Grove in Abbeville and Midway in Smiths Station, both in Alabama. For almost a decade, he has served as part-time pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Opelika, Alabama. Jean currently works part-time as administrative assistant for the Tuskegee Lee Baptist Association.

They have two children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Wayne and Jean Ivey for their tireless service in the Lee County community.

CONGRATULATING STEFFES REGISTERED HOLSTEINS FOR RECEIVING THE ILLINOIS MILK PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dennis, Jane, and Darcy Steffes

of Steffes Registered Holsteins of Elizabeth, Illinois, whose farm was recently awarded the Illinois Milk Producers' Association Environmental Stewardship Award.

Dennis and Jane have continued to build upon their family's five-generation tradition of dairy farming. Along with their daughter Darcy and three employees, Dennis and Jane strive to consistently produce high quality milk, all while staying conscious of the farm's impact on the environment.

It was with these goals in mind that the Steffes built a concrete tank on their property for the storage of manure, water, and yard run-off, with the contents being applied to the ground twice a year as part of the farm's comprehensive nutrient management plan. This plan has helped the Steffes to maintain an effective crop rotation program, ensuring that the land will continue to produce for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to know that businesses such as Steffes Registered Holsteins exist, and I want to once again congratulate the Steffes family and their employees on having been recognized by their peers for their dedication to environmentally friendly and sustainable farming practices.

HAPPY 125TH BIRTHDAY TO
LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 125th birthday of the city of Lafayette Colorado, one of the historical gems of the Rocky Mountain Front Range. Lafayette is set in a dramatic location at the area that the plains meet the Rocky Mountains. Before the land was settled, the Cheyenne and Arapahoe nations roamed the plains. After migrating from the east coast, frontier woman Mary Miller raised her six children on the land and cultivated one of the most successful farms in Colorado. In 1888 Mary platted a 150 acre two site and named it Lafayette, after her late husband. The town had agricultural and ranching success which continues to shape its landscape and culture. In 1889 the town was officially incorporated into Colorado.

After the first mine shaft was dug in 1887, Lafayette grew to a thriving mining town. The community survived on the coal mining industry for the century to come. The last mine in Lafayette closed in 1956 and the town became a successful commercial and small industrial community nestled between Denver and Boulder.

Lafayette is known for their commitment to local art, respect of the environment, and historical preservation in their city. I congratulate the people of Lafayette for 125 years of community and prosperity and look eagerly forward to the future of this beautiful city.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PRS FOR MUSIC ON 100 YEARS OF PROTECTING SONGWRITERS AND COMPOSERS

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize PRS for Music—the United Kingdom's Performing Rights Society—representing that nation's composers, lyricists and music publishers—on its milestone 100th anniversary.

Founded in 1914, the same year as ASCAP, its sister American performing rights organization, PRS for Music has, for a century, championed and protected the rights of music writers and publishers by licensing the public performance of their music. Significantly, via reciprocal agreements with America's performing rights organizations, our friends at PRS for Music have protected our country's music creators by making it possible for American songwriters and composers to receive royalties when their works are performed in the United Kingdom.

British music creators who joined the PRS in its early years include Ivor Novello, the writer of "Keep the Home Fires Burning," Noël Coward, writer of "Mad Dogs and Englishmen," Ray Noble, composer of "The Very Thought of You," Jimmy Kennedy, lyricist of "South of the Border," Gustav Holst, composer of The Planets, Benjamin Britten, composer of The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra, and pioneering music publishers William Boosey and Oliver Hawkes, who founded the PRS.

As time went on, the musical cross-pollination between the United States and the United Kingdom grew more and more intense and PRS songwriters who have made their mark on the USA and the world include the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Elton John, Rod Stewart, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Phil Collins, and Adele.

PRS for Music has played a leading role in the global music industry for 100 years and has weathered every new development in music delivery and musical style. I hope that my colleagues will join me in applauding the significant contributions of PRS for Music and wishing them many more years of success.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. A.L.
WILSON AND NANCY MAE BROWN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Dr. and Mrs. A.L. Wilson who have been married 66 years and serve as clergy in Lee County, Alabama.

A.L. Wilson and his wife, Nancy Mae, were both born in Elmore County, Alabama and married on August 8, 1948. The Wilsons moved to Lee County in 1954 so Dr. Wilson could be pastor of Thompson Chapel AME Zion. Dr. Wilson served as pastor there for 50 years.