

Dave served in the military, returned home, raised a family, and ran a successful insurance business.

Dave was a rugged man, but a tender husband, father and grandfather. At their church Dave and Sally taught Sunday School.

Dave and Sally raised five sons and are proud grandparents to three girls and two boys. Today we share their sorrow, but also share the faith that Dave is enjoying his eternal reward.

Dave Jones' legacy will continue through his children and grandchildren who learned firsthand from Dave's daily demonstration of faith through action, dedication to others, and love of family.

It has been a true honor to know Dave and to represent him in Congress. Godspeed.

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#### THE PASSING OF JIMMY RUFFIN

### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2014*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and music of a great Detroit Motown Records singer and songwriter, Jimmy Ruffin, who passed away on November 17th, 2014, at the age of 78.

His contribution to popular music left a huge mark on the music industry and Rhythm and Blues music.

As the Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee, I have worked on music and copyright issues over the years and have a deep appreciation for the contribution that Mr. Ruffin made for lovers of Rhythm and Blues music across the world.

Mr. Ruffin, born in Collinsville, Mississippi, was the older brother of the late Temptations singer David Ruffin. Both of them sang gospel music in the South and Detroit where their family later moved. They also worked with Barry Gordy and Motown Records, where they became widely known for their style of music.

After serving honorably in the U.S. Army here and overseas he returned to Motown Records to continue his career. Jimmy Ruffin not only wrote but sang many of his musical creations which included his song "What Becomes of the Brokenhearted," which went on to become a Top 10 pop hit.

His reputation grew in this country and around the world. His popularity through the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s continued to grow as he put out songs including "I've Passed This Way Before" and "Gonna Give Her All the Love I've Got." Jimmy and David Ruffin went on to work together on the 1970s album "I Am My Brother's Keeper." In the 1980's he had a major hit, "Hold on to My Love," which the Bee Gees' Robin Gibb produced.

Mr. Ruffin will be missed for his singing and as a musician he produced music that was legendary. We are grateful for the songs and music that Mr. Ruffin provided to the Nation over the years and his songs will live on to be enjoyed by future generations.

I am sad that we have lost a great performer, a consummate artist and one of Motown Records' biggest stars.

Our condolences go out to his family and friends around the world.

HONORING GEORGE REED, JR.

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a courageous and remarkable veteran, Mr. George Reed, Jr.

Mr. Reed was born in Enid, Oklahoma in April of 1943. He is the only child of the late Mr. George Reed, Sr., who was a World War II Veteran, and Mrs. Estella Hunt Reed.

Mr. Reed graduated from Gentry High School in 1962. In May of 1963, he did basic training in San Diego, California for the United States Navy.

From 1964–1965, Mr. Reed did two tours in Vietnam on the USS *Oriskany* CVA–34. Then, he transferred to USS *John Archibald Bole* DD 755 and served the next four years on this ship. Two of the places he toured on this ship are Japan and Fort Malaysia.

Mr. Reed served six years, and retired in 1969 as a Machinist Mate E5. He now serves as Post Adjutant at the American Legion Post #205, where they have 30 active members.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. George Reed, Jr. for his time and dedication to serving our country.

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#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2014*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,993,726,181,400.08. We've added \$7,366,849,132,487.00 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$7.3 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

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#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WAYZATA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

### HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2014*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Wayzata High School Boys Cross Country team on winning the Minnesota Cross Country 2A Championship Meet, held at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

The Trojans—led by Coach Bill Miles—dominated the field and finished with the lowest score in school history of 47 points. This is the eighth state championship in Coach Miles 40 years of coaching.

Wayzata truly made it a team effort as six different runners made the All-Lake team. The team was led by Connor Olson's championship effort, clocking in at 15 minutes, 17.1 seconds. Jaret Carpenter and Ian Ekin both had top ten finishes as well for the Trojans.

The dedication it takes to become a state championship athlete should be commended. It means skillfully juggling practice, academics, and other commitments to be prepared physically and mentally for each race. Their success this season is a tribute to their effort and focus and they should take pride in their victory.

Cross Country is athletics at its purest. It takes hard work day after day, pushing oneself to the limit in order to achieve your personal best. It takes a strong mental will to reach the point of exhaustion and then push past it. Wayzata's success this year is evidence of this effort.

It is truly an honor to congratulate and represent these hard-working student-athletes. Congratulations Trojans!

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#### HONORING DR. HASKELL S. BINGHAM

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a courageous and remarkable veteran, Dr. Haskell S. Bingham.

Dr. Bingham was a native son of Vicksburg, Mississippi, born to the late Rev. Judge R. Bingham, Sr. and Mrs. Julia E. Bingham.

Dr. Bingham attended Vicksburg schools, Jackson State College, University of Denver, Peabody College/Vanderbilt University and served in the U.S. Army, and became a Korean War veteran.

Dr. Bingham was a former teacher at Brinkley High School in Jackson, Mississippi. He also retired having served as former Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Virginia State University, former Assistant to the President at St. Paul's College (Virginia) and former Dean of Admissions and Records at Jackson State University.

Dr. Bingham was greatly respected and loved as the historian/genealogist of the Bingham's of African descent in America. He identified over 2500 relatives in his historical research in South Africa and the United States. He also achieved recognition for his ancestors including the Freedom Fighter Gabriel of Gabriel's Rebellion in Virginia, from the National Parks Service, City of Richmond City Council, and former Governor Kaine of Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Haskell S. Bingham for his time and dedication to serving our country.

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#### IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JOSEPH OVICK

### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2014*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Joseph Ovick as he retires from his long-held position as Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools and to congratulate him on the culmination of a truly outstanding 45-year career in education.

Joseph Ovick began his career as a Special Education teacher, working diligently to ensure