

it into landfills. The air we breathe and the water we drink in Los Angeles County has literally improved thanks to his efforts.

I have had the pleasure of working with Supervisor Knabe on several occasions throughout my time in Congress. A navy veteran, Mr. Knabe has been a strong supporter for Veterans Resource fairs and Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day events. I have always been able to rely on his support, whether it was for the Congressional Art Competition or for an Annual Senior Fair in my district.

Supervisor Knabe will leave an indelible mark on Los Angeles County when he retires at the end of this term. I am forever thankful for the work Mr. Knabe accomplished, and I thank him for his tireless efforts on behalf of the people of Los Angeles County. He will truly be missed.

HONORING JIM RIDLEY

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, the city of Nashville lost one of its finest citizens last week. Nashville Scene editor and Middle Tennessee native Jim Ridley was a true talent—an exceptionally gifted journalist and critic, a gracious and humble leader and a champion for our great city. Just as much as he was known in Music City and beyond for his matchless wit and intelligence, he was known for his generous spirit, his earnestness and his enormous heart.

Jim was widely respected for his work with the Scene, where he was a writer and editor for well over two decades—nearly since the publication's inception—and that respect brought him accolades and offers alike. But he never wanted to leave his beloved alt-weekly newspaper, or his beloved town.

Jim's passion for music and film is what drove our arts community to greater heights. His honesty and diligence shone a light for his fellow journalists and the city's leaders. His kindness, patience, guidance and love for his friends and family continue to set an example for what it means to be a truly good person, a truly good Nashvillian. Jim Ridley made our city better, and it will not be the same without him.

TRIBUTE TO JAYME FRY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jayme Fry for being named a 2016 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based

on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2016 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 640 business leaders and growing.

As First Vice President of West Bank, Jayme works tirelessly to build relationships with clients that will lead to continued business and growth within the company. She has been dedicated to improving her skills within the banking industry so that one day she can achieve the goals she has set for herself. Not only is Jayme a dedicated employee but she is also passionate about creating awareness for the ever increasing need for mental health services among young people in our state. Specifically, she dedicates her time and talents to Orchard Place, a Des Moines based non-profit that specializes in mental health services for children.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Jayme in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jayme on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2016 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

HONORING MILDRETTE N. WHITE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Mildrette White, who is a remarkable Educator and Public Servant.

Born July 15, 1948, the second oldest of five children born to J. W. and Cora V. Netter in the small Delta town of Rosedale, MS. Mildrette attended elementary, junior high and high school in the West Bolivar County School District where her extracurricular activities included basketball, band, track and cheerleading. Because of her successful performance in track and the efforts of her high school coach, Willie McCoy, she was invited by the track coach at Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN, to participate in his summer training camp for high school girls during the summer of her junior and senior year of high school in hopes of getting a track scholarship. At that time, Tennessee State was the nearest University to her that had a women track program. None of the Colleges and Universities in Mississippi had women track programs. After she was rejected, basically because of her height and being from Mississippi, she thought her track career and her chance to go to college was over. The coach preferred taller girls and didn't particularly care for girls from Mississippi because of previous unpleasant experiences.

Mildrette later realized that being turned down by the coach was a blessing in disguise. The disappointment of not getting the scholarship she thought she deserved made her more determined to go to college because she did not want to spend the rest of her life chopping and picking cotton. Mildrette was also

able to take the skills and knowledge gained and come back to Mississippi and open the doors for other young girls to get a track scholarship to go to college, and still be blessed with what God had for her. Little did she know then, that she would become the first and only African American to represent the state of Mississippi in the Olympics, who attended a Historical Black College or University.

After graduating from high school in May, 1967, because of her faith in God, a positive attitude and help from a few people who believed in her, Mildrette entered Alcorn State University in the fall as a freshman on a Work Study Program where she was assigned to work in the gym. Growing up in the Mississippi Delta in the sixties wasn't easy and she was determined to get an education to make a better life for herself, her family and become a productive citizen in society.

Alcorn's men track coach took a chance and gave Mildrette the opportunity to prove herself. She finally earned a track scholarship by training and traveling with the men's track team to other states and competing in individual events only. During the process she qualified for the 1968 Nationals and Olympic trials. That was the beginning of a long and successful collegiate track career. She received numerous accolades, honors and awards to include: three time All-SWAC and All NAIA; AAU International Track Team that competed in Norway and Poland; U.S. Olympic Track and Field team (68,72); Gold medal winner, 4X100 meter relay, Mexico City Summer Olympics (68); U.S. European Track and Field Tour; Held the third best 100-meter time in the world (68) and selected Female of the year, 100% Wrong Club of Atlanta (69).

The experience, education, exposure and extensive travel, (nationally and internationally) received while attending Alcorn, prepared Mildrette to be successful in her careers as an athlete, classroom teacher, track coach and athletic director. After graduating from Alcorn in May, 1972 with honors and a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education, Mildrette began a twenty-eight year teaching and coaching career in the state of Mississippi. Some of the honors and accomplishments achieved were: Delta Valley Conference Coach of the year five times; U.S. Southeast Region High School Coach of the year (79); Six District Titles; two South State Titles; Two Big Eight Eastern Zone Titles; and District Five Coach of the Year (88). During her coaching career, a number of Mildrette athletes were able to earn track scholarships to go to college.

Other educational accomplishments include: Master of Science-Health Physical Education, Athletic Administration/Coaching and Biological Science Alcorn State University (1981), Continuing Education and Secondary Administration/Supervision courses (1997–2000) Delta State University.

During her Athletic, Teaching and Coaching careers, other honors received include: Alcorn State Hall of Honors (1992), SWAC Hall of Fame (1995), Alcorn State Athletic Hall of Fame (1996), Rosedale-West Bolivar High School Hall of Fame (1998), Bob Hayes Track Hall of Fame (2001), Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame (2003), and Clarksdale/Coahoma Sports Hall of Fame (2013).

After retiring from teaching and coaching in 2002, Mildrette served as Athletic Director of