

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Alabama Historical Commission and the National Historic Preservation Act.

On October 15, 1966, the National Historic Preservation Act was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson. The legislation established the nation's legal framework for the protection and preservation of historic buildings, landscapes, and archaeological discoveries.

My home state of Alabama played a key role in the creation of the National Historic Preservation Act. In fact, the book "With Heritage So Rich," written by Alabama Congressman Albert Rains, drew attention to the importance of preserving historical sites throughout the nation and led to the creation of the Alabama Historical Commission.

Over the last 50 years, the National Historic Preservation Act and the creation of the Alabama Historical Commission has had a profound impact on communities throughout Alabama and all across the United States. In the past year alone, the Alabama Historical Commission welcomed over 250,000 visitors to its historic sites and engaged more than 1,000 volunteers in 8,958 hours of service.

The Federal Preservation Tax Incentives Program, created by the National Historic Preservation Act and implemented by the Alabama Historical Commission in my home state, is the largest federal program supporting historic preservation. The program has helped spur job creation, saved thousands of historic structures, and attracted billions of dollars in investment.

The National Register of Historic Places, also created by the National Historic Preservation Act, contains more than 80,000 historic properties, with at least one place listed in almost every county in the United States.

In Alabama, we are home to over 1,200 historic places including the Bottle Creek Site, the First Confederate Capitol, Fort Morgan, Fort Toulouse-Fort Jackson Park, Gaineswood, and the Freedom Rides Museum.

This year, thousands of public, private, and nonprofit sector partners are commemorating the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act throughout 2016 under the banner of "Preservation50."

Mr. Speaker, in order to remain an optimistic and hopeful nation, it is critical we understand our history and how we got to this point. So on their 50th Anniversary, I am proud to highlight the important impact of the Alabama Historical Commission and the National Historic Preservation Act.

ABIGAIL MOORE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Abigail Moore for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Abigail Moore is an 11th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Abigail Moore is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Abigail Moore for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING NATHANIEL CAMPBELL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nathaniel Campbell. Nathaniel is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 271, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nathaniel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Nathaniel has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Nathaniel has led his troop as the Senior Patrol Leader, earned the rank of Tom-Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Nathaniel has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Nathaniel designed and constructed "The Bear", a laser-cut steel and powder-coated artwork depicting the school mascot for Briarcliff Elementary School in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nathaniel Campbell for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING THE 2016 KING KAMEHAMEHA LEI DRAPING CEREMONY

HON. MARK TAKAI

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TAKAI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce that the annual lei draping ceremony for King Kamehameha the Great will be held in the Emancipation Hall on May 22, 2016.

King Kamehameha's statue stands in the Capitol building as a representation of Hawaii's rich history and the legacy of the Native Hawaiian people. Each year, we drape lei or garlands on his statue to celebrate his accomplishment of uniting the Hawaiian Islands into one Kingdom, which secured a future for the Native Hawaiian people and protected the islands' resources in a quickly westernizing world. Kamehameha's foresight shows us the importance of uniting to face dramatic changes to our world, which today includes climate change.

This year, the celebration draws upon an ancient prophecy and saying—"e hea aku ana i ka iwa kilou mokula; the frigate bird which interweaves the islands is calling"—that characterizes King Kamehameha as the war bird destined to hook the islands into a single nation. The theme is meant not only to honor King Kamehameha's success in uniting the Native Hawaiian people, but also to recognize this year's special guests, sailors of the Polynesian Voyaging Society. On the Malama Honua Worldwide Voyage, they are currently sailing the voyaging canoe, Hokulea around the world on a mission to hook countries, nations and peoples of island Earth together for a sustainable future that preserves our Earth's cultural and natural resources—a vital lesson for stabilizing our climate.

I am grateful to have assisted the Hawaii State Society, whose members work tirelessly each year to bring us the King Kamehameha Lei Draping Ceremony. I look forward to honoring the legacy of King Kamehameha and Hokulea, which hopefully will inspire us to unite to protect our Earth.

HONORING HUNTER CLOUSE ON BEING ACCEPTED AS A DELEGATE TO THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGY LEADERS BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Springfield Catholic High School student Hunter Clouse, of Springfield, Missouri, on his

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