under the protection of the Constitution, Mayor and Attorney Errick D. Simmons is the co-founder of a personal injury and criminal defense law firm that has gained notable successes and a stellar reputation of achieving results in and outside the courtroom.

Simmons, his twin brother, and their law firm cheerfully give to the community. Among several other things, the Simmons family sponsors an annual Christmas Toy Give-away, providing toys to nearly 600 needy children and families annually. To date, Simmons family has held their toy giveaway for ten consecutive years serving more than 5,000 children. Additionally, Mayor Simmons financially contributes to both Jackson State University, Howard University, and faithbased, charitable, civic, and social organizations. He is a mason and member of the Greater Springfield Baptist Church in Greenville, Mississippi where Mark S. Buckner is pastor. He is the son of the late J.C. Simmons, Jr. and Alzena Bruce Simmons. He and his wife, Dr. Temika M. Simmons, have three children, Errick, Eriel, and Elin.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Errick D. Simmons for his dedication to serving others and giving back to his community.

RECOGNIZING THE EAST PARKER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the East Parker County Chamber of Commerce on earning a 5-Star Accreditation from the United States Chamber of Commerce.

The East Parker County Chamber of Commerce became the smallest ever chamber to be honored with 5-star accreditation from the United States Chamber of Commerce. They received the award for their sound policies, effective organizational procedures, and positive impact on the community.

The organization, which serves part of Parker County, including Willow Park, Hudson Oaks and Aledo, is also one of just four such accredited chambers in Texas and one of only 128 across the United States.

The East Parker County Chamber came from small and humble beginnings. In 1996, it held its first meeting at the function room of an RV park located near Aledo, Texas. The chamber had only 50 members at the time and held potluck lunch-time meetings. Because the meetings were informal, friendly, and comfortable, they attracted more business owners.

From day one, the chamber grew at a steady pace. Now it is 520 plus members-strong, a dynamic force for promoting commerce in the eastern portion of Parker county. It enriches, promotes, and advocates for business growth that enhances its members and our community. As Parker county continues to grow, I know the chamber will remain true to its purpose and maintain the personal touch that it has had since the beginning.

I am proud of the work the chamber does for my constituents in Parker County, and this accreditation validates all they do for our local economy and our community.

On behalf of Texas' 12th Congressional District, I offer my congratulations to the East Parker County Chamber of Commerce on this tremendous achievement.

HONORING COMMUNITY STATE BANK IN BRADLEY FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE DURING COVID–19

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and hard work of the Bradley, Arkansas branch of Community State Bank. During unprecedented times, these individuals have risen to the challenge of serving the economic needs of Fourth District citizens.

Individuals and businesses across the nation have faced the financial consequences of a weakened economy during COVID–19. The Community State Bank team has worked tirelessly throughout this year to ensure the success of Arkansas small businesses with Paycheck Protection Program loans and assistance. Without their hard work, many Arkansans would be facing a much more difficult future.

Essential workers, like those in Community State Bank, exemplify what it means to be a frontline hero. It is a joy to hear of their efforts to secure a brighter future for Arkansas families.

I take this time to thank them for their commitment to excellent service and to honor them as true heroes in Arkansas' Fourth District.

HONORING DR. BAHATI S. HARDEN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable individual, Dr. Bahati S. Harden.

Bahati S. Harden, MD, MSPH, MS is a native of Natchez, MS, and she serves as a Staff Physician with the Greenwood Leflore Hospital in Greenwood, MS. Dr. Harden has an unyielding passion for health equity and has spent over 15 years building expertise in community medicine and public health.

After graduating from Natchez High School, Dr. Harden pursued and completed a Bachelor of Science in biology from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA. In furthering her passion, Dr. Harden obtained a Master of Science in Public Health in Environmental Toxicology from Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine prior to completing a distinguished fellowship with the CDC's Public Health Practice Program Office's Laboratory Training Branch. With years of applied research experience and a sustained commitment to eliminating health disparities, Dr. Harden pursued a Medical Doctorate at UMMC. After completion, Dr. Harden accepted a Rural Family Medicine Residency at LSUHSC-Shreveport.

Since 2013, Dr. Harden continues to serve patients and communities of the Mississippi Delta, in addition she volunteers as a health advocate and educator across her home state of Mississippi.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Bahati S. Harden for her dedication to medicine and commitment to serving the underserved.