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## CONGRESSMAN AL GREEN HOSTS CONGRESSIONAL HOUSING AND BANKING PUBLIC FORUM FEATURING CONGRESSMAN EMANUEL CLEAVER

(Houston, TX)—On June 27, 2015, Congressman Al Green (TX-9), Ranking Member of the House Committee on Financial Services Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee; and Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II (MO-5), Ranking Member of the House Committee on Financial Services Housing and Insurance Subcommittee, held a “Congressional Housing and Banking” Public Forum.

“It is my pleasure to join my good friend and colleague, Congressman Al Green, for a public forum on housing and banking issues,” Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II said. “As a native Texan, it was my honor to accept this in-

vitation back to my state of birth, and my privilege to participate in this valuable and productive

community and, including but not limited to, representatives from affordable housing developers, banks, credit

professional associations, and realtors.

“I am honored by the response of the local community to the public forum. As a Member of Congress, I want to ensure that the diverse voices in the community I represent are heard in Washington, DC. This public forum allowed me and my distinguished colleague, Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, to hear the concerns and priorities of entities and individuals,” Congressman Al Green said. “I know going forward that the comments by those present will help me better serve my constituents on the Financial Services Committee as well as the House of Representatives.



**Congressman Al Green with (left to right) Missouri City Mayor Allen Owen and Congressman Emanuel Cleaver.**

listening session.”

More specifically, the public forum served as a listening session with the members of the

unions, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), housing authorities,

## HOUSTON IFTAR

(Houston, TX)—On June 28, 2015, Congressman Al Green spoke at the Houston Iftar Ramadan Dinner. He joined Mayor Annise Parker and Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee in addressing the crowd.

“Houston has such an active and vibrant Muslim community,” Congressman Al Green said. “I was honored to join local leaders and members of the Muslim community at a dinner to promote peace, unity, and understanding.”



**Congressman Al Green speaking at the Houston Iftar Ramadan Dinner.**

## CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

(Houston, TX)—On May 16, 2015, Congressman Al Green (TX-09) recognized Jonas Harris, the winner of the 2015 Ninth Congressional District Art Competition. Jonas currently attends Ross Shaw Sterling Aviation High School.

His work of art, entitled “Grow Slow,” was chosen from numerous others. The competition was open to all public high school students, currently attending school or residing in the Ninth Congressional District. The first place winner’s art will be displayed on the wall in the Cannon House Office Building walkway that leads to the U.S. Capitol building to be viewed by visitors for an entire year.

“It was such an honor to have both Jonas and his father attend the Congressional Arts Competition Ceremony in Washington, DC,” Congressman Al Green said. “He is an exceptionally talented artist with great promise, and I am honored that he is able to represent the Ninth District.”



**Congressman Al Green with 2015 Ninth Congressional District Art Competition winner Jonas Harris.**

## **CONGRESSMAN AL GREEN GETS THE JOB DONE: The House of Representatives Overwhelmingly Approves Congressman Al Green's Resolution to Support Body-Worn-Camera Use by Local Law Enforcement Agencies**

(Washington, DC)--On June 10, 2015, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved, in a 421 to 6 vote, Congressman Al Green's (TX-9) resolution, H.Res 295, to support local law enforcement agencies' use of body-worn cameras across our nation.

Congressman Al Green, working with his chief co-sponsor, Congressman Emanuel Cleaver (MO-5), brought together a bipartisan coalition of co-sponsors to pass the resolution. Efforts included meetings with leadership on both sides of the aisle. Additional co-sponsors of the resolution are Reps. Yvette Clarke (NY-9), William Lacy Clay (MO-1), Tulsi Gabbard (HI-2), Blaine Luetkemeyer (MO-3), Ted Poe (TX-2), and Kevin Yoder (KS-3).

"In the wake of current controversial events, the need for law enforcement to utilize body-worn cameras during the discharge of their duties has become ever-more apparent," Congressman Al Green said. "It was important that Congress took this vote to go on the record regarding this serious issue. Body-worn cameras are likely to cause citizens and police to positively adjust their behavior."

Congressmen Al Green and Emanuel Cleaver have also introduced the Camera Authorization and Maintenance-Transparency in Policing Act (CAM-TIP) of 2015. The CAM-TIP Act of 2015 would, among other things, establish a grant program to help fund body-worn camera use by local law enforcement agencies.

"Although issues of privacy, training, and storage must be addressed, growing public use of phone cameras has provided the catalyst for transparency in light of videos of the shooting of Tamir Rice in Cleveland, Ohio; Walter Scott in Charleston, South Carolina; as well as most recently, the excessive use of force against Dajerria Becton in McKinney, Texas. I salute the local law enforcement agencies which have taken the necessary steps to combat the serious issue

of transparency in police-community interactions by equipping their officers with body-worn cameras. While this resolution we passed is not a panacea, I believe it is positive movement in the right direction to bring about sensible policing reform," concluded Congressman Al Green.



**Congressman Al Green speaking at a Congressional Black Caucus Press Conference on the Department of Justice's Report on Ferguson on March 3, 2015.**

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## YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

(Houston, TX)—On May 31, 2015, Congressman Al Green addressed the graduating class at the Youth Leadership Development Program. The program focuses on the development of leadership skills in young Indo-Americans.

“The Houston Board of the Youth Leadership Program through this program promotes positive growth in our community,” Congressman Al Green said.



**Congressman Al Green at the Youth Leadership Development Program.**

## MEMORIAL DAY

(Houston, TX)—On Memorial Day, May 25, 2015, Congressman Al Green spoke at the Houston National Cemetery to honor the fallen veterans and the families of those who served. He joined other elected officials and keynote speaker Chief Master Sgt. Marion K. Nation of the Texas Air National Guard.

“As we honor the fallen, we must not only speak to their accomplishments, but actively reaffirm our appreciation and commitment to the veterans

among us,” Congressman Al Green said.

“Throughout our nation’s history, veterans have contributed to the strength and resiliency of our great democracy. We must express our gratitude

by ensuring that they, as well as their families, receive the benefits they need, deserve, and have earned. The assistance and medical treatment the Department of Veterans' Affairs provides to our veterans and their families must always be accessible and of the highest standard.”



**Congressman Al Green speaking at the Houston National Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 25, 2015.**

## JROTC MILITARY BALL



**Congressman Al Green with Colonel Edwin Hernandez, Senior Army JROTC Instructor, at the military ball.**

(Houston, TX)—On May 16, 2015, Congressman Al Green (TX-09) addressed the Hightower High School’s JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps) program at their annual military ball.

“I am proud I was able to join these special young people as well as their exceedingly capable instructors and administrators in celebrating their accomplishments throughout the school year,” Congressman Al Green said. “These young men and women truly represent the many exemplary young people we have in the Ninth Congressional District of Texas.”

## SISTERS NETWORK

### STOP THE SILENCE® WALK/RUN

(Houston, TX)—On April 25, 2015, Congressman Al Green (TX-09) donned pink and joined thousands in downtown Houston. He marched to raise awareness about breast cancer in the African American community at the 2015 Sisters Network® Inc. Stop the Silence Walk/Run.

“What impacts others directly, impacts all indirectly,” Congressman Al Green said. “We must do more to stop the silence regarding breast cancer in the African-American community.”



**Congressman Al Green exits the pink limousine at the 2015 Sisters Network® Inc. Stop the Silence Walk/Run.**

## **DECISION TO GRANT TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS TO NEPAL CONGRESSMAN AL GREEN: "MY PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED."**

(Washington, DC)—On June 24, 2015, Congressman Al Green (TX-09) applauded the Obama Administration after the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced its decision to grant Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Nepalese nationals who were in the United States as of June 24, 2015. This will allow eligible Nepalese nationals to continue living and working in the United States for the next 18 months.

Congressman Al Green, who led the effort by sponsoring H.R. 2033, the Nepal Temporary Protected Status Act of 2015 to designate Nepalese nationals eligible for Temporary Protected Status, said: "I literally prayed for Temporary Protected Status for Nepalese nationals on the floor of the House of Representatives on May 15, 2015. On June 24, 2015, our prayers were answered. We thank President Obama as well as his administration for granting Temporary Protected Status to Nepalese nationals so that they can continue living and working in this country during this difficult time. The people of Nepal have suffered greatly and I think providing TPS will assist some of them in attaining a sense of stability in the U.S. while their country recovers. I am also proud to have signed on to a letter, circulated by Reps. Joseph



**Congressman Al Green at a Nepalese Association of Houston (NAH) community meeting with (from left to right) former NAH President Madhukar Amatya, USAID representative Marty McVey, and NAH President Jyoti K. Ghmirey.**

Crowley (NY-14) and Grace Meng (NY-6), to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and Secretary of State John Kerry requesting the designation of Temporary Protected Status for Nepal."

The two earthquakes that struck Nepal and surrounding areas on April 25 and May 12, 2015 were the most destructive Nepal has suffered in its history. According to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), as of June 12, 2015: 2.8 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance, 8,786 people have died as a result of the earthquakes, and over 500,000 homes have been destroyed. As of June 17, 2015, the U.S. has provided \$62,046,289 to assist the Nepal Earthquake Response and Recovery efforts. The Department of Defense's Joint Task Force 505 has delivered 114 tons of emergency relief supplies, transported 534 humanitarian personnel, and conducted 63 casualty evacuations. Joint Task Force 505 has also contributed three Marine Corps UH-1Y Huey helicopters and four Marine Corps MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft to the relief effort throughout Nepal.

"We must all work together to put Nepal on the road to full recovery," Congressman Al Green said. "A great nation does not force people to return to conditions that are unsafe and detrimental to their well-being. A great nation extends the hand of friendship to all those around the globe during times of challenge and crisis."

## **INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY**

(Houston, TX)—On June 21, 2015, Congressman Al Green attended Houston's first International Day of Yoga Celebration at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Congressman Al Green joined the Consul General (CG) of India Harish Parvathaneni in addressing the crowd.

"International Yoga Day is about human wellness," Congressman Al Green said. "An event such as this is so important to the promotion of health in our community."



**Congressman Al Green at the International Yoga Day Celebration at the George R. Brown Convention Center.**

## **END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS**

(Houston, TX)—On June 1, 2015, Congressman Al Green spoke at Minute Maid Park to applaud the City of Houston's efforts to address veteran homelessness. He joined Houston Mayor Annise Parker; Julian Castro, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Bob McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Thomas Perez, Secretary of Labor; Matthew Doherty, Director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness; as well as Reps. Gene Green and Sheila Jackson Lee.

"As the City of Houston, under the leadership of Mayor Annise Parker, has shown homelessness among our veterans is a preventable condition," Congressman Al Green said. "I am so proud of the efforts by local and federal agencies, as well as nonprofit groups in the Houston region, to assist our brave veterans and their families."

