

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING PROSPER, TEXAS,  
TOWN MANAGER HARLAN JEFFERSON

**HON. VAN TAYLOR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise today to recognize Mr. Harlan Jefferson, the Town Manager for Prosper, Texas, for his over 30 years of dedicated public service to our rapidly growing region.

Mr. Jefferson earned his bachelor of arts in political science and master of administration from the University of North Texas (UNT). For his outstanding efforts, he was recognized as a 2003 Distinguished Alumni for the Department of Public Administration with UNT.

Prior to beginning his career with the Town of Prosper, Harlan was previously employed for 15 years in Flower Mound, serving in the roles of Town Manager, Deputy Town Manager/Chief Financial Officer, and Director of Finance. Mr. Jefferson also previously held the position of Treasurer, Director of Treasury Operations, and Risk Manager for the City of Denton.

Mr. Jefferson has played an integral role in shepherding the Town of Prosper through a period of exponential growth, helping to bring valuable amenities to the area including greater retail, commercial, and healthcare options. Additionally, his initiatives to improve the quality of life for Prosper residents resulted in the addition and expansion of parks and trail systems, a community activity center, and other outdoor recreation options.

In order to meet the needs of this growing community, Mr. Jefferson helped secure needed funds from the Regional Transportation Council to improve and expand roadway and infrastructure. Further, his commitment to public safety has been evident through his guidance in the construction of multiple public safety stations and the creation of Crime Control and Fire Prevention Districts in Prosper.

Harlan's service to the community includes past involvement as the Campaign Chairman of the Denton County United Way, the Texas City Management Association's Board of Directors, Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Directors, the Prosper Chamber of Commerce, and as President-elect of the Prosper Rotary Club.

Now as he begins a new chapter in his life working alongside his wife, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in saluting Mr. Harlan Jefferson for his many efforts to build our region and wish him great success in his future endeavors.

EDWARD TALBOT

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Edward Talbot of the United States Merchant Marine for his service to our country.

Edward Talbot joined the U.S. Merchant Marine as a 20-year-old in 1968 during the Vietnam war. From 1968 to 1972, Edward served onboard various U.S. flagged deep water merchant ships throughout the Pacific, working on tankers, cargo ships, container ships, and passenger liners. During his time as a merchant mariner, he work on ships which included military cargo shipments destined for ports throughout Vietnam.

While serving as seaman on a passenger liner off the coast of New Zealand in 1969, Edward's crew spotted and picked up a Māori fisherman who had been lost at sea for over 24 days. Edward was part of the lifeboat crew which retrieved him. After his crew's heroics made the front pages across New Zealand, Edward and his crewmembers were celebrated by grateful New Zealand citizens.

For his service to the United States, Edward was awarded the Merchant Marine Vietnam Service Medal. After his time in the Merchant Marine, Edward came back to Colorado and served his community as a longtime employee for the City of Arvada. Most recently Edward served as the director of the Arvada Housing Authority and manager for the Housing Preservation and Resources Division, providing affordable housing and community development programs for the community. Edward is now retired and lives in Arvada.

Edward's lifetime of public service to our country and community exemplifies the best of Colorado. I extend my deepest appreciation to Edward for his dedication, integrity, and outstanding service to the Arvada community, the great State of Colorado, and the United States of America.

HONORING BRAD BOLTON OF RED  
BAY, ALABAMA

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and congratulate Mr. Brad Bolton, president, CEO, and senior lender for Community Spirit Bank in Red Bay, Alabama, on his recent election to become the chairman of the Independent Community Bankers of America.

The Independent Community Bankers of America is the only national organization that exclusively represents community banks and their interests, and they create and promote

environments where community banks flourish. Community banks constitute 99 percent of all banks nationwide, employ more than 700,000 Americans, and hold over \$5 trillion in assets.

Mr. Bolton is extremely qualified for his important role as chairman as he serves in multiple vital leadership roles at the Independent Community Bankers of America. He is currently chairman of the ICBA Executive Committee and Board of Directors, a mentor of ICBA's Federal Delegate board and its Policy Development and Nominating committees, a member of ICBA's ThinkTECH selection committee, and serves as the Executive Committee liaison to the Bank Services Committee. He has also previously served on the Board of Directors as chairman of the Bank Education Committee and several other committees.

Mr. Bolton holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of West Alabama in Livingston, Alabama, and he is a graduate of the Barret School of Banking in Memphis, Tennessee.

As a second-generation community banker, Mr. Bolton is ardently active at the local level. His involvement includes, but is not limited to, serving on the Legislative Committee of the Mississippi Bankers Association, serving as an elected member of the Red Bay, Alabama, City Council and a member of the Franklin County Community Development Commission. He also previously served as past chairman of the Alabama Young Bankers, known as Leadership Community Bankers, and on the Atlanta Federal Reserve Board's Community Depository Institution Advisory Council.

Peers have described Mr. Bolton as someone who "works tirelessly for the betterment of our industry on the local, state and national level" and are "confident he will continue to make a difference in community banking as he moves to this next level of leadership with the ICBA."

Mr. Bolton is not just a banker in the Red Bay community, but also a leader in our state and region and, most importantly, a friend. He is married to his wife, Julie and they have three children, Brooklyn Bolton Yancey and her husband Lane Yancey; Bailey Bolton; and Brady Bolton.

He understands the needs of his rural community and works avidly to fulfill them, so today I ask you to join me in congratulating him on his election and already life changing career and wishing him luck on his future endeavors as the chairman of the Independent Community Bankers of America.

HONORING CHIEF WILLIAM HART  
OF THE LONDONDERRY POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief William Hart of the Londonderry

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Police Department. He is retiring after three decades of service to the community to become a United States Marshal for New Hampshire. Chief Hart served in the U.S. Marine Corps before joining the Londonderry community in 1992. Throughout his distinguished career, Chief Hart has served as Londonderry's prosecutor, Rockingham County's attorney, a Captain with the Londonderry Police Department, acting town manager, and most recently as the Chief of Police since 2009.

Chief Hart has dedicated his life to his community and guided the Londonderry Police Department through tremendous growth. He led the department through a new station and building transition, and grew the department to 68 sworn police officers. Bill exemplifies the department's way of building trust: to treat people with kindness, dignity, and respect, no matter what.

As Chief of Police Bill has continuously shown dedication to bettering the community and the Granite State. He has always gone above and beyond to ensure the safety of the people in Londonderry, and all Granite Staters. I have no doubt that his commitment and leadership will continue as he joins the oldest law enforcement agency.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate Chief Hart on his accomplished law enforcement career. I thank him and his family for their decades of dedication to our community and wish him all the best as he embarks on his new journey as a U.S. Marshal.

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EAGLE ROCK CONCERTS IN THE PARK

### HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Eagle Rock Concerts in the Park summer music series. The Eagle Rock Concerts in the Park series was founded by Michael Nogueira in 1997 and has grown to become an annual attraction that residents from Eagle Rock and neighboring communities in Northeast Los Angeles look forward to each year.

For the last 25 years, the Eagle Rock Concerts in the Park series has advanced community cohesiveness in Northeast Los Angeles through the artistic musical mediums of performance.

The Eagle Rock Concerts in the Park series was especially critical in promoting a sense of comradery and community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Today, I am proud to recognize Michael Nogueira, the Eagle Rock Chamber of Commerce, and Sir Michael's Events for their tireless efforts in making this annual event an overwhelming success and for making Northeast Los Angeles and the Eagle Rock community a better place to live.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the Eagle Rock Concerts in the Park summer music series on its 25th anniversary.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF JERRY GLADBACH

### HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jerry Gladbach, an accomplished, distinguished, and beloved public servant to the City of Santa Clarita for more than three decades. Countless friends, colleagues, and family members remember Jerry for the way he treated everyone he encountered with kindness and respect. In addition to his affable demeanor and his magnetic personality, Jerry also left a remarkable impact on the world of Southern California water, using his unique set of skills and expertise to ensure Santa Clarita had access to clean water as it expanded from a small town to a booming suburb of Los Angeles.

Jerry received his bachelor's and master's degrees from University of Missouri Columbia before moving to Santa Clarita in 1968. Upon arriving in California during one of the most dynamic periods of growth in the State's history, Jerry went to work establishing his roots, raising a family, and throwing himself into his work to provide clean and accessible water to the citizens of Los Angeles County. During his 35 years of service as an engineer at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Jerry was responsible for creating solutions to provide reliable and clean water to millions of people.

In 1985, Jerry was first elected to the Castaic Lake Water Agency Board in 1985, a whole year before Santa Clarita was even incorporated as a city, serving on the board through its merger to become the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, until his passing. During his tenure, he oversaw the expansion of Santa Clarita from a city of 85,000 to a city of more than 400,000, ensuring access to safe and reliable water to all its residents along the way. Additionally, he took his breadth of knowledge to share with various organizations, including the Local Agency Formation Commission, in which he served as president, chair, and received the "Most Outstanding Commissioner" Award in 2013. His dedication and willingness to encourage others left a significant impact on those that worked for and around him.

His lifetime of service has left an indelible mark on our community, and his work on Santa Clarita's water boards will have a lasting impact for generations of Californians. His passion, kindness, and knowledge will undoubtedly inspire others to follow in his footsteps of dedicated public service. Our community is blessed to have had a man like him serving as a proficient steward of our water resources, and those who knew him are blessed to have counted him as a friend. We will continue to pray for his loving family that he left behind, but they can look back fondly at the legacy of Jerry knowing that he made a difference for the city he loved so much.

## ANTHONY IOZZO

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Anthony Iozzo of the United States Army for his service to our country.

Anthony Iozzo was an officer in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1944 during World War II. Anthony started his service at the United States Army Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning, Georgia, and successfully graduated in October 1942. He was then deployed to Europe on February 11, 1944, with the 119th Infantry. He was part of the second wave of the D-Day Invasion and fought heroically in the hedgerows of northern France.

His only child, Anthony, was born on July 10, 1944. Two days later, he was killed by a German sniper at Pont Hebert in northern France as his unit was approaching St. Lo and the battle there. Anthony was buried in France and his body was sent back to the U.S. He was buried in the U.S. Military Cemetery in Farmingdale Long Island, New York, on February 3, 1948.

Anthony was part of the Greatest Generation who served their country without reservation and gave their lives for our Nation. For his service to our country, Anthony was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 3 bronze service stars, WWII Victory Medal, and Honorable Service WWII Lapel Pin. A VFW Post was also dedicated in his name in Green Island, New York, his hometown.

Anthony's courageous service helped to defend our Nation's democracy and ideals abroad at a crucial moment in world history. His heroism has charted the path for future generations of men and women who serve in the military. We are proud to have the Iozzo family call Colorado home and are forever indebted to Anthony for his bravery and sacrifice on behalf of our country.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Anthony Iozzo for his dedication, integrity, and outstanding service to the United States of America.

## RECOGNIZING ASSYRIAN MEMORIAL DAY

### HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Assyrian Memorial Day, which is observed annually on August 7th, to honor the memory of all Assyrians who fell victim to genocide, mass atrocities, and persecution because of their ethnic and religious identity. This day commemorates the victims of the Assyrian Genocide of 1914-1923 and the Simele Massacre of 1933. August 7th marks the start of the Simele Massacre, during which the armed forces of the Kingdom of Iraq systematically targeted and killed thousands of Assyrians. Assyrian Memorial Day is an opportunity to pay tribute to the perseverance of the Assyrian people and revive efforts

to bring accountability and justice for these almost century-old crimes.

While I rise to recognize the atrocities of the past, I also applaud the strength of the Assyrian-American community. Today, over 600,000 Assyrian Americans live in the United States, and I am proud to say that the 8th Congressional District of Illinois is home to a large and thriving Assyrian-American community. This community has enriched our neighborhood with its strength and determination. As a proud cosponsor of H. Res. 550, a resolution commemorating the Assyrian Genocide and urging Turkey to officially recognize the atrocity, I stand in solidarity with the vibrant Assyrian-American community I represent.

On August 7th, we remember the tragedies that the Assyrian people have faced but also recognize their resilience in the face of extreme injustice. Madam Speaker, I call on my fellow Members to stand alongside me in observing August 7th as Assyrian Memorial Day.

HONORING BRENDA HORN OF  
CULLMAN, AL

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT  
OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor a distinguished citizen of Alabama's Fourth Congressional District, Ms. Brenda Nelson Horn. Through her community contributions, and love for the people of Alabama, her legacy will surely outlast us all. I hope that you will join me in honoring her memory.

In 1960, Brenda was married to Darell Mullaney and they started their family immediately. She was the proud mother of Mike, Scott and Matt Mullaney. Throughout their marriage, they lived in Jacksonville, Florida, St. Petersburg, Florida, Birmingham, Alabama and eventually back to Cullman, Alabama in 1972.

Brenda raised her sons in Cullman until 1982 when she moved with her second husband, Fred Horn to Orem, Utah. After two years in Utah, they moved briefly to Kentucky and then to Shelbyville, TN, where they started a self-storage business.

She returned to Cullman in 1996 and, the following year, she began her work with Cullman Industrial Development (ID) Board. She became indispensable in the office dealing with the record keeper for many functions including financing, contracts, legal documents, budgets, and invoicing. Brenda loved working for the Cullman Industrial Development ID Board and developed close friendships during her 25 years there. She considered those she worked with as her extended family.

Brenda also made significant contributions in politics at both the local and state level. Her guidance and counsel were sought by many candidates for various offices. She managed the successful campaigns for candidates for the Alabama Legislature and Congress and provided consult counsel to many candidates for local offices. She served as Treasurer for both the Alabama Federation of Republican Women and the Cullman County Republican Party, as well as President of the Cullman County Republican Women.

Her legacy is left to be cherished by her three sons Mike Mullaney and wife, Lisa; Matt Mullaney and wife, Melody, and Scott Mullaney; her sister Diane Brown and her husband, Ken; brothers Maxie Nelson and wife, Cindy; and Bruce Nelson and wife, Mary Ellen; and grandchildren Christopher, Emily, Mitch, Kate, Dylan, Hunter, Brianna, McKenzie, Sean, and Haylee, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Ms. Horn's dedication, patriotic spirit, and lifelong commitment to our state act as an example for us all to look up to as we pursue public service. I ask that you join me as we commemorate the life of Brenda Nelson Horn, and honor her legacy in Cullman County, and the state of Alabama.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, on 6/23/22, I missed one vote on an amendment to H.R. 4176. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 294.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF SAMUEL "LOYD" NEAL

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, today, I wish to honor the life and legacy of Samuel "Lloyd" Neal.

Lloyd Neal was a leader committed to serving his neighbors in Corpus Christi and Nueces County.

Born in Paris, Texas, Lloyd went on to join the United States Army and attend Texas A&M University.

After graduating from Texas A&M in 1959, he married his high school sweetheart, Thetis, and they moved to Fort Benning, Georgia, where Lloyd would report for Army Ranger School.

In 1963, Lloyd and Thetis moved to Corpus Christi and made it their permanent home.

Corpus Christi gave Lloyd his start in the insurance industry.

His career in the industry lasted 40 years, alongside a 30-year career in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve.

Lloyd left the military in 1989 having attained the rank of colonel.

In 1998, the City of Corpus Christi elected him to become mayor.

He was re-elected three more times, and his 8-year tenure was successful in facilitating the construction of the American Bank Center Arena, Whataburger Field, and updating the Harbor Bridge.

His passion for his community made it difficult for Corpus Christi to let him go as their leader.

Two years after he stepped down as mayor of Corpus Christi, he was elected to serve as Nueces County judge.

He served in this role for 12 years, and people leaned on him to help rebuild following Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

Lloyd's service to the city and county went beyond that of official office.

He volunteered his spare time to other organizations and groups dedicated to serving the Corpus Christi region.

As a veteran, he was committed to helping members of our military and veterans.

It was only natural that he would be appointed by Governors Bush and Perry to serve on both the Texas Strategic Military Planning Commission and the Texas Military Preparedness Commission.

He also championed local military bases and veterans on the South Texas Military Task Force.

In addition to membership in these military organizations, Lloyd served as president of the Texas Municipal League, chairman of the Corpus Christi Economic Development Corporation, chairman of the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the I-69 Alliance, and the list goes on.

From the Harbor Bridge to Whataburger Field, Lloyd Neal's impact on the community will live on for years to come.

Corpus Christi was made better as a result of Lloyd Neal.

His family and loved ones are in my prayers during this time of loss.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF KEY  
WEST'S DESIGNATION AS A  
"COAST GUARD CITY"

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the City of Key West's designation as a Coast Guard City. This designation, made official on August 4, 2022, at Truman Waterfront Park, pays tribute to the city's longstanding, fruitful, and supportive relationship with the United States Coast Guard (USCG).

Since 1998, this legal designation has recognized communities that welcome Coast Guard servicemembers and their families with open arms. These cities support their local USCG families in a variety of ways—by building monuments, hosting picnics and parades, sponsoring patriotic events and awards, establishing partnerships with the local business community, and much more. To achieve this designation, a municipality submits a request explaining its history of supporting the Coast Guard. Only after a rigorous examination by Coast Guard Headquarters, the Commandant, and the appropriate congressional committees is a city finally proclaimed a Coast Guard City.

The history of the Coast Guard in Key West traces back to 1823, when the U.S. Navy Antipirate Squadron settled on the island. Congress established a depot for naval supplies in 1852. Nine years later, Key West became the headquarters of the East Gulf Blockade Squadron. Even before the Coast Guard was established in the early 20th century, Key West Headquarters performed the vital functions of collecting import tariffs, capturing pirates, interdicting smugglers, and rescuing those lost at sea.

Today, the Coast Guard continues to serve the greater Key West community by patrolling the surrounding 55,000 square miles of water. In return, the City of Key West supports

USCG personnel in many ways. Quality-of-life initiatives, discounts, and sponsorships enrich the lives of Coast Guard servicemembers and families. The city integrates both Active-Duty and retired personnel into the fabric of all aspects of the community—business, education, and leisure. Parades, battle reenactments, and festivals celebrating the Coast Guard's presence are a Key West staple.

I am honored to celebrate this distinction for the City of Key West, and I also thank USCG Commandant Admiral Linda Fagan for her service to the Key West community. This designation reflects the deep, enduring relationship between the city and the U.S. Coast Guard. May that relationship continue to flourish for many decades to come.

#### HONORING UNITED WAY OF SUMNER COUNTY

#### HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the tremendous work done by the volunteers, employees, donors, and other advocates of the United Way of Sumner County.

For 45 years, the United Way of Sumner County has worked to improve the lives of others by mobilizing the caring power of communities to advance the common good. They serve as the hub of a network that connects givers, advocates, and volunteers with local businesses, schools, government, and human service programs to make lives better and our community stronger. It takes a connected community to thrive, and that is exactly what the United Way of Sumner County strives to achieve.

Their focus on education, financial stability, health, and rebuilding lives empowers every individual to achieve their full potential where it matters most—right here in Sumner County. This mindset leads them to invest in initiatives like the United for ALICE program, which aims to serve as a driver of innovation, research, and action to improve the lives of those across the county for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed individuals, or ALICE individuals, as they are known. Through the development of the ALICE metrics for measuring financial hardship, a comprehensive, unbiased picture emerges to help match the proper assistance with the proper recipients.

On August 11, 2022, the United Way of Sumner County will host a Community Impact Breakfast to celebrate and honor their partner agencies, donors, volunteers, and advocates who help improve the lives of people in Sumner County through their involvement and work at United Way of Sumner County.

This event, along with many others throughout the year, is just one example of the work they do to better our community and the people living within it. I encourage all my fellow Tennesseans to find a way to get involved with their local chapter of United Way, and there is no better chapter to engage with than the United Way of Sumner County.

The United Way of Sumner County embodies the spirit of the Volunteer State. I could not be prouder of these individuals who dedicate their efforts to improving the community in Sumner County, Tennessee, and I am ex-

tremely thankful for the opportunity to recognize them today.

I thank Sumner County for all it does and may God continue to bless its incredible work.

#### HONORING VIRGINIA LODMELL

#### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of a patriotic American, Mrs. Virginia Mae Hudson Lodmell, on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Lodmell lives in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Mrs. Lodmell was born in southern West Virginia on August 17, 1922. She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley and attended Beckley College. Wanting to support America's war effort when World War II started, she went to work in an ammunition plant in Maryland. On December 18, 1943, she enlisted in the WAVES. Following basic training in New York, Mrs. Lodmell was assigned to Norman, Oklahoma, as an Aviation Mechanist Mate where she worked as an airplane mechanic. She also taught classes on radar. She was discharged on November 2, 1945, as a 3rd Class Petty Officer.

Following the war, she married Russell Carl Lodmell. They lived on a farm in Minnesota for several years then returned to West Virginia. She worked at a Montgomery Ward's store until her retirement. Mrs. Lodmell has three sons, John, Joe, and Jim; nine grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren. She is a member of the United Methodist Church in Versailles.

It is my honor to recognize Mrs. Lodmell, celebrate her 100th birthday and thank her for her service and sacrifice to our Nation during World War II. As a part of the Greatest Generation, Mrs. Lodmell and her fellow soldiers were a part of the war effort to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today, and we can never thank them enough. I am forever grateful for Americans like Virginia Lodmell.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLEN FAIRVIEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the Allen Fairview Chamber of Commerce as they celebrate their 40th Anniversary of excellence, while applauding their mission to advocate, educate and build business relationships that enable our communities and its members to prosper.

Formed in the early 1960s from the roots of the original Downtown Business Association, Don Rodenbaugh served as the organization's first president. The Chamber would not be incorporated until 1982 for the purpose of advancing the general welfare and prosperity of the city of Allen and the Collin County area through economic, civic, commercial, cultural, industrial, and educational interests of the area and its citizens.

In an effort to further their reach and grow new enterprises, in 2010 the Chamber ex-

panded to include businesses in the Town of Fairview, legally becoming the modern-day Allen Fairview Chamber of Commerce.

Today, the Chamber has increased their membership to nearly 600, including a full-time staff of four, a board of directors made up of fifteen individuals from their general membership, and six ex-officio members including the city manager, school superintendent, county commissioner, economic development director, executive director of the small business development center, and their attorney of record.

The membership of the Allen Fairview Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of longtime Chief Executive Officer, Sharon Mayer, have invested their time and resources to ensure our community truly remains the best place to live, work and raise a family. Through it all, this organization has played a pivotal role in shaping the landscape of our Collin County business community and bolstering the entrepreneurial spirit that served as the backbone of our region.

Now as we recognize the Allen Fairview Chamber of Commerce on this milestone occasion, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring their forty years of exemplary service and wish them great success as they continue their important work.

#### THRIFTY FOOD PLAN

#### HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter from the Government Accountability Office.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—APPLICABILITY OF THE CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT TO THE 2021 UPDATES TO THE THRIFTY FOOD PLAN

#### DECISION

Matter of: United States Department of Agriculture—Applicability of the Congressional Review Act to the 2021 Updates to the Thrifty Food Plan.

File: B-333732.

Date: July 28, 2022.

#### DIGEST

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a document entitled Thrifty Food Plan, 2021 (2021 TFP). The 2021 TFP updates the market baskets used to determine the value of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to purchase food from retail stores.

The Congressional Review Act (CRA) requires that before a rule can take effect, an agency must submit the rule to both the House of Representatives and the Senate as well as the Comptroller General, and provides procedures for congressional review where Congress may disapprove of rules. We conclude the 2021 TFP meets the definition of a rule under the CRA and no CRA exception applies. Therefore, the 2021 TFP is subject to the requirement that it be submitted to Congress.

#### DECISION

On August 16, 2021, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a document entitled Thrifty Food Plan, 2021 (2021 TFP). USDA, Thrifty Food Plan, 2021

(August 2021), available at <https://FNS.usda.gov/TFP> (last visited Jul. 12, 2022). We received a request for a decision as to whether the 2021 TFP is a rule for purposes of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). Letter from Senator Tillis to the Comptroller General (Oct. 27, 2021). For the reasons discussed below, we conclude that the 2021 TFP is a rule and thus subject to the submission requirement of CRA.

Our practice when rendering decisions is to contact the relevant agencies to obtain their legal views on the subject of the request. GAO, *Procedures and Practices for Legal Decisions and Opinions*, GAO-06-1064SP (Washington, D.C.: Sept. 2006), available at <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-06-1064sp>. Accordingly, we reached out to USDA to obtain the agency's legal views. Letter from Managing Associate General Counsel, GAO, to General Counsel, USDA (Dec. 15, 2021). We received USDA's response on February 11, 2022. Letter from Associate General Counsel, USDA, to Managing Associate General Counsel, GAO (Feb. 11, 2022) (Response Letter).

#### BACKGROUND

##### *Thrifty Food Plan*

The Thrifty Food Plan is defined by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 as a diet required to feed a family of four persons. See 7 U.S.C. § 2012(u). The Act uses the cost of this diet as the basis for allotments to households regardless of their actual size. *Id.* These allotments take the form of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to purchase food from retail stores. See 7 U.S.C. § 2013. In order for a household to qualify for SNAP benefits its gross income cannot exceed the poverty line. See 7 U.S.C. § 2014(c).

The 2018 Farm Bill amended the Thrifty Food Plan to require USDA to "re-evaluate and publish the market baskets of the thrifty food plan based on current food prices, food composition data, consumption patterns, and dietary guidance" by 2022 and at 5-year intervals thereafter. Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill), Pub. L. No. 115-334, title IV, § 4002, 132 Stat. 4490, 4624 (Dec. 20, 2018). On August 16, 2021, USDA published the 2021 TFP. USDA, *Thrifty Food Plan, 2021* (August 2021), available at <https://FNS.usda.gov/TFP> (last visited Jul. 12, 2022). The 2021 TFP is the USDA update to the TFP market baskets required by the 2018 Farm Bill.

The 2021 TFP describes the approach and methods used in reevaluating the Thrifty Food Plan. Prior to the 2021 reevaluation, the market basket prices were last updated in 2006. 2021 TFP at 30. The result of the 2021 reevaluation is that the monthly cost of a market basket for the reference family of four is \$835.57. 2021 TFP at 34. This represents an increase of \$145.19 (in 2021 dollars) from the previous market basket price. See *id.* at 34-35. The changes to the maximum SNAP benefit allotments based on the 2021 TFP were effective beginning October 1, 2021. 2021 TFP at 51.

##### *The Congressional Review Act*

CRA, enacted in 1996 to strengthen congressional oversight of agency rulemaking, requires federal agencies to submit a report on each new rule to both houses of Congress and to the Comptroller General for review before a rule can take effect. 5 U.S.C. § 801(a)(1)(A). The report must contain a copy of the rule, "a concise general statement relating to the rule," and the rule's proposed effective date. *Id.* An agency can find for good cause that notice and public procedure are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest and the rule will then take effect at a time the agency determines. 5 U.S.C. § 808(2). Each house of Congress is to

provide the report on the rule to the chairman and ranking member of each standing committee with jurisdiction. 5 U.S.C. § 801(a)(1)(C). CRA allows Congress to review and disapprove rules issued by federal agencies for a period of 60 days using special procedures. See 5 U.S.C. § 802. If a resolution of disapproval is enacted, then the new rule has no force or effect. 5 U.S.C. 801(b)(1).

CRA adopts the definition of rule under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 5 U.S.C. § 551(4), which states that a rule is "the whole or a part of an agency statement of general or particular applicability and future effect designed to implement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy or describing the organization, procedure, or practice requirements of an agency." 5 U.S.C. § 804(3). CRA excludes three categories of rules from coverage: (1) rules of particular applicability; (2) rules relating to agency management or personnel; and (3) rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice that do not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties. *Id.*

USDA did not submit a CRA report to Congress or the Comptroller General on the 2021 TFP. In its response to us, USDA stated the 2021 TFP was not subject to CRA because it was not a rule within the meaning of the APA or CRA. Response Letter, at 3-4. USDA also stated that it met the good cause exception under the CRA, and, thus, was not subject to the CRA's submission requirements. See *id.* at 7-8. For the reasons explained below, we conclude that the 2021 TFP is a rule under the CRA, does not meet any of the exceptions that would exclude the rule from coverage, and is, therefore, subject to the submission requirement of CRA.

#### ANALYSIS

To determine whether the 2021 TFP is a rule subject to review under CRA, we first address whether the 2021 TFP meets the APA definition of a rule. As explained below, we conclude that it does. The next step, then, is to determine whether any of the CRA exceptions apply. We conclude that they do not.

The 2021 TFP meets the APA definition of a rule upon which the CRA relies. First, the 2021 TFP is an agency statement as it was issued by USDA to update market basket prices that were last revised in 2006. See 2021 TFP at I. Second, the 2021 TFP is of future effect, as it provides guidance for new market basket prices on which SNAP benefits will be based going forward, effective October 1, 2021. *Id.* at 51. See B-316048, Apr. 17, 2008 (finding that an agency action was of future effect because the action was prospective in nature since it was concerned with policy considerations for the future rather than the evaluation of past or present conduct). Finally, the 2021 TFP is designed to implement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy as it implements the new market baskets as required by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 and the 2018 Farm Bill. 2021 TFP at 4-6.

In its Response Letter, USDA asserts the 2021 TFP is exempt from the APA's rule making provisions because it relates to agency management and benefits, and, consequently, it is not a rule. Response Letter at 4. We disagree with this rationale. Specifically, USDA notes that the APA requires notice and comment for all rules "except to the extent that there is involved . . . a matter relating to agency management or personnel or to public property, loans, grants, benefits, or contracts." [Emphasis removed.] Response Letter, at 4 (quoting 5 U.S.C. § 553(a)(2)). USDA argues that "evaluating market baskets based on current food prices is a matter relating to 'agency management' of [] SNAP and relates to SNAP 'benefits.'" Response Letter, at 4. However, the language USDA cites in 5 U.S.C. § 553(a)(2) pertains to an ex-

ception to the APA's rule making process, not to the definition of a rule. Even assuming the 2021 TFP is exempt from the APA's notice and comment requirement, that does not mean it is not a rule as defined by 5 U.S.C. § 551(4). See B-323772, Sept. 4, 2012 (noting the CRA is intended to include within its purview, almost all rules that an agency issues, not only those that must be promulgated according to the APA's notice and comment requirements). It should also be noted that 7 U.S.C. § 2013(c) specifically directs USDA to promulgate regulations related to SNAP "in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 553 of title 5." As discussed, the 2021 TFP is an agency statement of future effect designed to implement policy, and, therefore, meets the definition of a rule.

USDA contends that Congress did not require the 2021 TFP to be issued as a rule because Congress did not specifically require the 2021 TFP to be subject to CRA. Response Letter, at 5. We disagree with this interpretation of CRA. We conduct our analysis under CRA which requires all rules to follow the procedures outlined in 5 U.S.C. § 801. All rules are subject to the procedures required by CRA, whether or not Congress specifically requires it, before they can take effect. 5 U.S.C. § 801.

USDA also argues that Congress had constructive notice that the 2021 TFP would increase SNAP benefits and, as a result, USDA was not required to provide formal CRA notice to Congress. Response Letter, at 5-7. However, constructive notice is not an exception to CRA notice procedures. As discussed above, CRA is a method of congressional oversight of agency rulemaking. CRA requires agencies to submit a report to Congress about the rule. 5 U.S.C. § 801(a)(1)(A). The submission of this report initiates the congressional review process which can lead to Congress disapproving a rule. 5 U.S.C. § 801(b)(1). It is the report that triggers the CRA review process. As a result, constructive notice of a rule is not the same as submitting a formal report as required by CRA. While there are exceptions for waiving a delay in the effective date of a rule, 5 U.S.C. § 808, there are no exceptions for submitting a report.

Having concluded that the 2021 TFP meets the APA definition of a rule, we now turn to whether any of the three CRA exceptions apply. We also address USDA's argument that the good cause exception provides an exemption from the CRA's submission requirement. As explained below, we conclude they do not.

First, the 2021 TFP is not a rule of particular applicability. Rules of particular applicability are addressed to specific, identified entities. See Administrative Conference of the United States, *Miscellaneous Statements*, 39 Fed. Reg. 4846, 4849 (Feb. 7, 1974) (explaining that a rule of general applicability is one with an open class but a rule of particular applicability is limited to those named). The 2021 TFP applies to all families whose income falls below the poverty line and is not addressed to specific, identified entities. Therefore, it is a rule of general applicability and not a rule of particular applicability.

Second, this is not a rule relating to agency management or personnel. A rule relates to agency management or personnel if it applies to agency employees and not to outside parties. See e.g. B-331324, Oct. 22, 2019 (determining that 5 U.S.C. § 804(3)(b) does not apply when the rule deals with actions a bank should take and not agency management or personnel). The 2021 TFP deals with the amount of SNAP benefits for qualifying families and, the market basket costs in the 2021 TFP apply broadly to the contiguous 48 states and the District of Columbia.

Finally, the 2021 TFP substantially impacts the rights of non-agency parties because it has an effect on qualifying families by granting increased benefit allotments designed for them to obtain a more nutritious diet.

USDA contends the 2021 TFP meets the good cause exception under the CRA, and, therefore, USDA was not required to follow the CRA's submission requirements. Response Letter, at 7-8. In its response USDA stated that good cause existed to issue the 2021 TFP with an effective date in August 2021. Id. at 8. USDA further stated that this exception from carrying out formal CRA notice before the effective date. Id. While CRA does not provide an emergency exception from its procedural requirements to submit rules for congressional review, CRA and APA address an agency's need to take emergency action without delay. Agencies can waive the required delay in effective date requirement when an agency for "good cause" finds (and incorporates the finding and a brief statement of reasons in the rule issued) that notice and public procedure are "impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest." 5 U.S.C. §§ 553(b), 808(2). Therefore, an agency can provide for a rule to take effect immediately while still complying with the agency's statutory obligation to submit the rule to Congress for review. Asserting a good cause exception does not serve to waive the CRA's submission requirements all together. Notably, the 2021 TFP did not incorporate a finding or statement of the reasons why there is good cause for an exception to the CRA's procedural rules to submit the 2021 TFP for congressional review, nor did the 2021 TFP include an immediate effective date. Therefore, USDA did not properly apply the good cause exception.

Thus, we conclude that none of the three exceptions that would exclude the rule from CRA coverage, or the good cause exception apply, and the 2021 TFP is subject to the submission requirement of CRA.

#### CONCLUSION

The 2021 TFP is a rule for purposes of CRA because it meets the APA definition of a rule and no CRA exception applies. Therefore, even if exempt from the APA notice-and-comment requirements, the 2021 TFP is subject to the CRA requirement that it be submitted to Congress before it can take effect.

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#### COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ILLINOIS CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

#### HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the Illinois Corn Growers Association (ICGA) on their 50th Anniversary. The Illinois Corn Growers Association is a vital organization in our state that works to support the agricultural economy and advocate public policies that help promote success and sustainability for farmers across Illinois.

Illinois farmers are leaders in the production of corn. The ICGA has united farm families since 1972 to increase market opportunities for corn domestically and around the world. The ICGA provides a voice for farmers in Illinois to help promote best practices in the industry and foster stewardship of the land. The

association also educates the public and coordinates policies that advance the biofuels industry and drives innovation in how we produce and use corn throughout the world.

I extend my sincere congratulations to ICGA members for their achievements over the years. Agriculture is the number one industry in Illinois. Advocacy groups like ICGA have helped shape the industry into what it is today and will help lead the industry into the future. I wish the organization many more years of success.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ANDREW "ANDY" TENORIO LAGUAÑA

#### HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Andrew "Andy" Tenorio Lagaña. Andy was an esteemed architect, preservationist, and advocate who uniquely elevated the stories of our people while physically raising and transforming countless spaces in our community. We will fondly remember him as a talented visionary whose ideas, work, and art have meaningfully shaped the face and future of our island.

Andy was a pioneering force of CHamoru architecture, engineering, design, construction, conception, site planning, and historic preservation. After graduating from Father Duenas Memorial School in 1968, he went on to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in architecture from Iowa State University and the University of California Berkeley respectively, later emerging as part of the first generation of island-born architects from Guam. Establishing a respected career and professional record over the years, Andy registered as an architect in both California and Guam, obtained certification from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, and navigated many professional opportunities at the culmination of his formal education. From 1975 to 1989, Andy assumed roles as Senior Project Designer and Vice President of Hellmuth, Obata, Kassabaum Architects in San Francisco. He then returned home to serve as Principal and Partner of Martin, Cristobal, Lagaña Architects then Architects Lagaña & Cristobal, LLC, and finally, as Principal and Owner of Architects Lagaña from 2009 until the date of his passing on July 14, 2022.

With over 45 years of experience, Andy's creativity and contributions reached far and wide—spanning the entirety of our island and region, and impacting populations across the Pacific. Over the decades, his demonstrated focus on large-scale government, office, and commercial building projects catalyzed the realization of remarkable architectural achievements including the new construction, renovation, and revitalization of John F. Kennedy High School, the Southern Regional Community Health Center, Saint Fidelis Friary, the GWA Compliance Laboratory, Farmers' Cooperative Facility and relocation of the Flea Market, our capital city of Hagåtña, Cathedral, University of Guam, and the prominent Guam Museum. His leadership informed and defines our island's building environment through

years of hands-on guidance to other professionals in his field, advocacy to update Guam's Building Code and adopt the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) International Code, and tireless commitment to honoring unique aspects of our indigenous culture. More specifically, Andy played a key role in both the preservation of endangered sites and promotion of ethnography and oral history projects.

A longstanding pillar in our community, Andy further served in numerous organizational capacities as chairman of the Guam Preservation Trust and Guam Historic Preservation Review Board, member and chairman of the Professional Engineers, Architects, and Land Surveyors (PEALS) Board, member of the University of Guam Board of Regents, representative of the National Architectural Accrediting Board Accreditation Team, and board member of the Young Men's League (YML) of Guam. His invaluable personal and professional accomplishments have also earned him several prestigious awards and recognitions ranging from being the first recipient of the AIA Guam and Micronesia Chapter's Scholarship to attend the UC Berkeley College of Environmental Design to obtaining the Most Outstanding Cultural Tourism Project Award from the Guam Visitors Bureau, Winning Finn of Design Competition for the Guam Museum, YML 2008 Member of the Year Award, 2010 PEALS Board Golden Jubilee Achievement, 2010 Guam Chamber of Commerce Na' La' Bonita Guam Award, a Western Conference of Architectural Registration Boards laudatory resolution, and the Governor's Award.

Andrew "Andy" Tenorio Lagaña is an icon of service and ingenuity who continues to inspire generations of rising architects, local community leaders, and global citizens altogether. He did not simply make history as the first CHamoru to be elevated to the status of Fellow by the American Institute of Architects and first Guam architect to chair Region 6 of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, he left a lasting mark on it by quite literally cementing identity and culture into the projects he pursued. My family and I wish to extend our hearts and prayers for Andy; his wife, Joanne; their daughters, Jerusa and Drew Ann; and the rest of their family and friends, and I join the people of Guam in remembering and celebrating his life and legacy of directing one's knowledge, skills, and passions toward uplifting and responding to the needs of their community. Andy will be dearly missed, and his love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of the people of Guam.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLANO COURTYARD THEATRE

#### HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the Plano Arts Coalition as they celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Plano Courtyard Theatre. One of the oldest public buildings in Plano, the Courtyard Theatre serves as a center of cultural enrichment and exemplifies the social heritage of our community.

Located in downtown Plano, the Courtyard Theatre was originally constructed in 1938 as the gymnasium for Plano Independent School District's Cox High School as a Works Progress Administration Project. After years of vacancy, in 1999 the structure was restored and transformed into a state-of-the-art performance hall as part of then-Assistant City Manager Frank Turner's vision to revitalize the city's downtown area. During this same period, members of the community expressed a desire for a theatre to hold community and regional events, ultimately contributing to the selection of the multi-functional Cox Gymnasium.

Upon completion, the newly renovated Courtyard Theatre was capable of housing musical performances, theater productions, choirs, dance troupes, and other community events. As a historic and architectural landmark, the Theatre provides its patrons with a unique perspective that lends itself to a more intimate connection with audience members. Community engagement and continued investment from the city resulted in the project's ultimate success and in the City of Plano earning the prestigious "Downtown Arts Designation" by the State of Texas Cultural Arts Commission.

As we reflect on the rich history of this treasured institution, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Plano Courtyard Theatre and its team on their milestone anniversary and wish them continued success as they continue to ensure the city remains one of the best places to live, work, and raise a family.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOX VALLEY UNITED WAY

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Fox Valley United Way. Since 1922, United Way's numerous grants and programs have provided invaluable resources to our community, acting as the backbone of many different social services programs.

Throughout their 100 years, Fox Valley United Way has been inspiring hope for a brighter future, first in Aurora, and today in 23 communities throughout Kane and Kendall counties. They have continually invested in the

health, education, and financial stability of the families in these communities, laying the foundation for each community to grow and thrive into the future.

United Way's programs provide assistance and support at many different stages of a family's development. For example, the SPARK early childhood program gives students entering kindergarten the tools they need to succeed. Kane County 211 has filled a crucial gap in social services resources by providing referrals to services for those with nowhere else to turn. Through these, and many other valuable programs, United Way has proved their commitment to aiding the communities they serve in whatever way possible.

Fox Valley United Way is a vital resource to this community. Not only have they created an incredible wealth of resources of their own, they have supported and continue to support other local social services and programs to maximize the good they put out into their community. Their investments in the health, education, and financial stability of local families are commendable, and I am grateful to join in the celebration of this organization and its prolific contributions to the community. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing United Way all the best for another 100 years of service.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY MIKE FLYNN'S RETIREMENT

**HON. TIM BURCHETT**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, for over 30 years, Mike Flynn has served as the District Attorney General for Tennessee's Fifth Judicial District. Today, it's my honor to recognize his distinguished career and congratulate him on his retirement.

Mike grew up in Maryville, Tennessee, and attended the University of Tennessee for his undergraduate and law degrees. He has a love for East Tennessee and, in 1990, chose to run for the District Attorney General position in his home county where he has served ever since.

Mike has a real heart for crime victims, and he fights to make the justice system work for them. Once, when he was asked why he ran for the position, he said, "I ran for District Attorney General because I felt that the voices of my victims were often overlooked. Throughout my career, I have attempted to listen to victims and make them a part of the criminal

justice system." That kind of mentality greatly benefits our American system of justice.

Mike also played an active role in starting a Recovery Court program in Blount County. These recovery courts put individuals with mental health and substance abuse disorders in treatment programs so they can recover and make better lives for themselves instead of relapsing once they finish serving their time.

I'm pleased to congratulate Mike on his retirement after 32 years of service to the Blount County community. I wish him all the best as he enters the next chapter of his life.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF AGNES LOUISE WINDSOR

**HON. BARRY MOORE**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 5, 2022*

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize the life of Agnes Louise Windsor, who sadly passed away on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at the age of 89.

Agnes Louise Windsor impacted thousands of young lives through her time as an educator and local historian of Slocomb, Alabama. She was a tireless volunteer who served on local, county, state, and national boards for service projects during her career, which spanned sixty-eight years.

Mrs. Windsor's drive to make a difference in her community led her to dedicating her life to volunteerism and serving others. She has received recognition for her outstanding leadership and tireless efforts in addressing and raising awareness about issues to include hunger, literacy, GED classes, senior concerns and welfare, children's educational issues, political concerns and voter education and registration.

Because of her efforts, Mrs. Windsor earned numerous awards and has the gratitude of those she served, her church family, community, and her peers. Her achievements include numerous teacher of the year and volunteerism awards, notably the Volunteer Action Award presented by President George H.W. Bush in 1990, as well as the NAACP Image Award in 2016.

Agnes Louise Windsor was an upstanding and respected citizen of Alabama's 2nd District who left lifelong impressions on many students and community members. She will be sorely missed by many friends, family members, and all those she taught.