

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MAJOR GENERAL GARY HARRELL

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Major General Gary Harrell, who is a distinguished veteran that has served our country in numerous combat operations and in both wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. After an accomplished career in service to our country, Gary retired as the Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army Special Operations Command. It is my privilege to recognize him for his service and to honor his sacrifice to our country.

Gary earned his bachelor's degree in industrial technology from East Tennessee State University in 1973. His distinguished career began shortly after when he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 508th Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Anti-Tank (TOW) platoon leader. In 1977, having earned a Green Beret, he was assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group in Panama.

Gary was deployed to Grenada during "Operation Urgent Fury," and then took part in combat operations in Panama with "Operation Just Cause." He was also sent to the Middle East during "Desert Shield" and "Desert Storm," and as commander of the special operation Delta Force, he was wounded by mortar fire during United Nations relief efforts in Somalia, a story chronicled in the book and movie "Black Hawk Down."

In 2001, Gary was Assistant Division Commander for the 10th Mountain Division in Afghanistan, and during Operation Iraqi Freedom, he led the largest special operations force assembled since World War II. He retired in 2008 as the Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army Special Operations Command. Gary's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal (with V-device and 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Purple Heart among many others.

Gary is hailed as an expert in the special operations community, and he is highly respected by his colleagues and friends. He has been described as having "unmatched expertise," and at his retirement ceremony in 2008, Lt. Gen. Robert Wagner stated, "If it was complex, if it was difficult or critical to our nation, Gary was there." When being inducted into the ETSU ROTC Hall of Fame, it was said that "to say General Harrell is a legend would be an absolute understatement."

In retirement, Gary has served in several roles, including as Director General for King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Center (KASOTC) in Amman, Jordan and Senior Vice President of Special Operations and Intelligence Advisory Group for CUBIC Applica-

tions Inc. He and his wife, Jennifer, have been blessed with three children and six grandchildren. I am proud to join the chorus of Gary's family, friends, colleagues, and admirers in thanking him for his dedicated service to our Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF COACH WILFRET ANDERSON, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a remarkable individual, retired football coach Wilfret Lewis Anderson, Sr.

Coach Anderson was born to the late Louise and Lewis Anderson, Jr. on January 5, 1937. He was called to his Heavenly Home on August 3, 2021, with his family by his side. He accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age and was a faithful member of Pratt Memorial United Methodist Church in Jackson, Mississippi.

As a young man at Jim Hill High School, Coach Anderson was a member of the School's choir, the first football team, and the track team. He received his B.S. Degree in Physical Education in 1962 and M.S. Degree in Physical Education in 1978 from Jackson State College. Throughout his childhood and college years, he excelled in sports, which served as a significant foundation for him as a successful coach for many years. Upon graduating from college, Coach Anderson accepted a teaching position at Jim Hill High School, where he was the first graduate to return for a teaching position. He spent over 25 years as a dedicated teacher, coach, mentor, and father figure to many students while teaching and coaching at the old Jim Hill High School (Blackburn Jr. High School), Whitten Jr. High School, Jim Hill High School, and Provine High School.

Coach Anderson was a man with many talents, and he wore many hats. Known as a reasonable disciplinarian, he always maintained a very uplifting, encouraging, and humorous personality. He was by far an extended version of a people-person and always concerned about the well-being of his family, church members, co-workers, and students. He will never be forgotten but missed by many.

Coach Anderson leaves to cherish his memories: a devoted wife of 25 years, Geneva Hunt-Anderson, and children—Cynthia (Travis, Sr.) Ricks of Detroit, MI, Lynette Myles of Chicago, IL, and Derrick Martin of Burbank, CA. Four sons were born to the matrimony of Coach Anderson and Shirley Anderson Spann—Wilfret (Cynthia) Anderson, Jr. of Hollywood, FL, Marcus J. Anderson, Kenneth Anderson, and Dr. Brian Anderson, of Jackson, MS.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of Coach Wilfret Lewis Anderson, Sr.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT NICHOLAS J. JONES, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Jones, United States Marine Corps, for his honorable and devoted service to our great nation. Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Jones will be presented the Navy Cross by Marine Corps Commandant General David H. Berger during an August 26, 2021 ceremony at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

The Navy Cross is our nation's second highest military decoration for valor awarded to a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who exhibits extraordinary heroism during combat. Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Jones, of the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion, is an American hero who risked life and limb on March 8, 2020 conducting a counterattack against an ISIS stronghold in the Makhmur Mountains of Iraq. His fearless leadership and daring attitude saved countless lives that day. Our service members and our nation are safer because of his selflessness and decisiveness.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the sacrifice and service given by Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Jones. On behalf of the United States Congress, we thank Staff Sergeant Jones, and his family for his unwavering commitment to our nation. God bless our Marines and God bless the United States of America. Semper Fidelis.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF NAVY FIREMAN FIRST CLASS PAUL E. SAYLOR

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Navy Fireman First Class Paul E. Saylor, who, as a 21-year-old, was assigned to serve on the USS *Oklahoma*. The *Oklahoma* was moored at Ford Island in berth Fox 5 on Battleship Row of Pearl Harbor on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, when it was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The ship sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize and resulted in the death of 429 crewman, including Saylor. His remains were recovered, but not identified and accounted for until Nov. 24, 2020.

Saylor was born in 1920 in the First District of Tennessee in Bluff City to the Reverend

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Samuel and Mary Saylor. Reverend Saylor was a Free Will Baptist minister whose ministry took the family to both Unicoi and Carter Counties in Tennessee as well as Mitchell County, North Carolina before they settled in Johnson City, Tennessee. Paul was the third of four sons born to the Saylor.

Saylor's legacy included not only service to his country but his admirable character, as well. Letters that he wrote to his family during his year in the United States Navy revealed his intelligence, his strong work ethic, and his generous spirit.

Growing up the son of a Free Will Baptist minister during the Great Depression gave Paul a deeply personal understanding of the financial burden his family faced. Lower enlisted men received very little pay during the early 1940s however, Paul's letters indicated that he was sending money home to his parents showing a strong sense of responsibility. He also was driven to succeed as his writings revealed that he figured out early that if he studied hard and passed his exams he could be promoted. His time of service was just over a year, but he was quickly promoted to Fireman First Class.

Paul Saylor's remains were unidentified, like many others, until modern analysis revealed his identity, allowing him to be brought home for a proper burial on August 20, 2021. Although his life was tragically cut short, his memory will continue to live and generations to come will see his name recorded on the Walls of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Navy Fireman First Class Paul E. Saylor's legacy and ultimate sacrifice to our Nation. He represents the spirit and sacrifice that has made the First District of Tennessee as well as these United States, great.

HONORING LULA WINDLESS BOYD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community servant, Lula Windless Boyd.

Lula was born on September 26, 1949, in Marks, MS. She is the fourth child of eleven children (8 girls and 3 boys) born to the late Matthew and Ruth Hodo Windless. She grew up in the Squirrel Lake community in Darling, MS. She has a host of nieces and nephews. This family sticks together like glue. It's never a dull moment during family gatherings. When one hurt, they all hurt. Trending technology has allowed this family to communicate with each other daily, literally all day. Her phone chimes all day because of the messages she receives from her family members.

Lula is the mother of three lovely children, Tywonda Boyd, Lynette Moffett, and Marcus Boyd. She is a grandmother to 5 grandchildren, granny to 5 great-grandchildren, and granny to 7 extended grandchildren, she loves all of them very much. There's no limit to what she would do for her family. She has an endless list of individuals she calls her friend, family member, or church member.

Lula is a faithful member of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Darling, MS, under Gregory Coleman's leadership. She confessed a hope in Christ at an early age and has been a member of this church all her life under different pastors. She has been the Financial Secretary for over thirty-plus years, and she enjoys her position there.

Lula graduated from Quitman County High School in May 1966. She also attended Coahoma Community College and graduated in May 1968 and Mississippi Valley State University from 1968 to 1969. Her first work experience was at Falcon Junior High School in Falcon, MS, as a Teacher Assistant. Her second work experience was at Delta Hills Head Start Central Office in Holly Springs, MS, as a payroll clerk from September 1970 to May 1977. Other jobs included Mississippi Department of Corrections Office Clerk from July 1977 to September 1978, Wilsew Manufacturing in Sledge, MS, as a payroll clerk, and lastly the Mississippi Department of Human Services as an Eligibility Worker, and she later became a Case Manager. She was a faithful employee at the Mississippi Department of Human Services from August 1981 to April 2014. She retired on April 16, 2014 and began living her best life.

Currently, Lula is enjoying her retirement by giving back to the community. Before the pandemic, she often volunteered at the Quitman County nursing home. She is the type that seldom says no when asked to complete a task either in the community or at church. She enjoys helping individuals in the community, spending time with her family, cooking, gardening, traveling, and doing things she could not do while working an 8 to 5 job.

She lived to see two significant milestones: her 50th year graduating from high school, May 2016, and her 50th year graduating from Coahoma Community College, May 2018. Our family is proud to call her mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, and cousin.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Lula Windless Boyd for her dedication in serving her community.

IN RECOGNITION OF ONEIDA NATION'S CONSERVATION EFFORTS

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the Oneida Nation for receiving the Lake Michigan Champions of Conservation Award.

The Lake Michigan Champions of Conservation Award honors people, programs, community groups, and businesses for outstanding achievements in the restoration, protection, or promotion of Lake Michigan. The Oneida Nation continuously provides critical services and programs to preserve, restore, and enhance our environment, and are extremely deserving of this recognition.

The Oneida Nation has a long history of caring for our environment and understands that preserving and protecting the environment is a responsibility given to us all by our creator. The Oneida Nation has made environmental conservation a priority, administering

conservation programs, like the Tribal Environmental Response Program, a program intended to address the release of hazardous and regulated materials into the environment. Additionally, the Oneida Nation has played a crucial role in the restoration of our watershed by returning wildlife habitat land back into natural areas, wetlands, forests, and grasslands. They also frequently partner with local governments, agencies, and private landowners to continue improving water quality standards locally.

The Oneida Nation offers unique community education programs consistent with the culture, vision, and priorities of the Oneida Nation. The Nation works to weave Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) practices into each of their projects by incorporating cultural information and practices. To further raise awareness, they opened their restoration projects to field tours and educational experiences by other resource professionals and interest groups.

The Oneida Nation's service to the conservation of Northeastern Wisconsin has been incredibly valuable and is deeply appreciated by the members of our community. The Oneida Nation's sincere efforts do not go unnoticed. I commend the Nation for all its efforts to be champions of conservation in Northeast Wisconsin.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in congratulating the Oneida Nation for receiving the Lake Michigan Champions of Conservation Award.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF LT. COLONEL GERALD W. BOSTON, USMC RET.

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Lt. Colonel Gerald W. Boston Retired of Baneberry, Tennessee. Jerry was born in Oklahoma of Cherokee Heritage. The family moved to Tennessee where he spent his younger years growing up in the Mill Springs community of Jefferson County, Tennessee and he celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday on August 23, 2021. He attended Jefferson High School and then Carson Newman College. He graduated from the University of Tennessee Knoxville and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corp in 1959.

His career in the Marine Corps led him to the war in Vietnam where he was commander of ground reaction forces involved in heavy fighting at the DMZ and the TET combat mission. He also served in Rota, Spain and later attended and graduated the "Command and Staff" College in Quantico, Virginia. Due to his experience and his training, he was sent back to Vietnam to serve as an Advisor to the Vietnamese Marines who were engaged in severe combat with the North Vietnamese Army. Later he was assigned to Hawaii and was Battalion Commander of the 2nd BN, 4th Marines. In 1982, he retired after serving his country for twenty-three years in the United States Marines Corp.

After his career in the United States Marine Corps, Colonel Boston transitioned to civilian

life and worked in California's Silicon Valley's high-tech industry working for AT&T and then Sun Microsystems, where he would go on to build high tech campuses across the United States. Upon retirement, he came home to Jefferson County, Tennessee where he volunteered and contributed greatly to the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and Baneberry City government.

Jerry's legacy of love includes his marriage to his wonderful wife, Marilynn, whom he has been married to since Valentine's Day in 1959, and their two children, Andy and Karen, who have given him and Marilynn four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Lt. Colonel Jerry Boston has served our country faithfully, along with his community and family and I proudly honor him.

HONORING MAPLE L. CAMPBELL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community servant, Ms. Maple L. Campbell.

Ms. Campbell was born in June 1963, in Daddsboro, Mississippi, located in Sunflower County. She is currently a resident of Indianola, Mississippi. There she graduated from Gentry High School in 1981. Afterwards, she matriculated to Mississippi Valley State University, where she graduated, as a two-time honor scholar, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 2008.

Ms. Campbell has dedicated her life to serving others. A fulfilling life according to Ms. Campbell, "is not focused on financial wealth (although it helps) but rather on helping others who are in need. We all need help in life, and we are all servants in some capacity. My public service journey started as a teacher in the school system and then I moved over to health care. I have a sister that is disabled from birth, and finding the right facility and care for her has always been a challenge for my parents. My entire family help my parents take care of her."

Ms. Campbell's life as an Educator began in 1998 as the Family Support Technical Specialist and Advocate Volunteer for Project Empower (Greenville, MS). In that position she worked with mental health officials and the Mississippi State Department of Education to improve services for students with special needs within the Indianola and Greenville Public School District. In 2005, Ms. Campbell was employed as the Tutor within Spencer's Learning Center. She provided on-site tutoring for students in grades Pre-K to First Grade in subject matter areas of reading, language arts, math, science, and social studies. From 2006 to 2008 and 2009 to 2011, she worked for the Indianola School District in different roles. First as the Career Center Manager for the Vocational Center, then in 2009 as the Family and Consumer Science Teacher for the Vocational Center. In 2010, Ms. Campbell taught Family and Consumer Science for the Tunica County School District in Tunica, MS.

Ms. Campbell's life in Health Care began in 2016, when she and her sister, Minnie Pearl Campbell started the Platinum Plus Care As-

sisted Living Facility at 617 Highway 82 West, Indianola, MS. Ms. Maple Campbell is the CEO and Administrator. The Campbell sisters made history, becoming the first Black/Black female Women owned business of its kind and operates a full-time assisted living facility in Indianola. Platinum Plus Care Assisted Living Facility is a twenty-seven-bed facility that offers 24-hours and 365 days a year of care to disabled, mentally ill, veterans and elderly adults. They provide care in the areas of administering and monitoring of medication, personal care (bathing and dressing), transportation and personal assistance to medical appointments, care coordination with medical providers, social and recreational activities, housekeeping and laundry, exercise, nutritious and healthy meals, a social and engaging environment, and more.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Maple Campbell for her dedication to being a public servant.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BAYARD RUSTIN STAMP ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Bayard Rustin Stamp Act. This bill would direct the United States Postmaster General to issue a forever stamp to commemorate the life and work of Bayard Rustin. I introduce this bill with Representatives MONDAIRE JONES and RITCHIE TORRES. We introduce the bill now to coincide with the anniversary of the March on Washington, which occurred on August 28, 1963, and the anniversary of Rustin's death, which occurred on August 24, 1987.

Born March 17, 1912, Bayard Rustin became one of the most important leaders in the 20th century civil rights movement. At a young age, Rustin learned the values of nonviolence and peacekeeping from his grandparents' Quaker faith, and he would continue to build these values into his life as a civil rights movement leader.

Rustin attended City College of New York, where he joined a progressive club that aimed to remedy racial issues during turbulent times. His time with the club was short-lived, but it inspired him to join the Fellowship of Reconciliation, an organization that became a champion for labor rights, equity and world peace.

Rustin's time with the Fellowship of Reconciliation led him to become a leader in the 1947 "Journey to Reconciliation," where white and black people across the South rode buses together to challenge segregation laws, a precursor to the Freedom Rides.

Rustin was an advisor in Martin Luther King Jr.'s inner circle as King advocated pacifism and nonviolence for achieving equal treatment for African Americans. Rustin applied his brilliant strategic mind to execute aggressive, peaceful action in the civil rights movement and throughout his life as an activist.

His most important role was as the chief organizer of the historic 1963 March on Washington, the largest demonstration ever organized at the time, in which a quarter of a million people turned out to demand civil rights for African Americans.

In the years after the civil rights movement, Rustin, a gay man, inspired others to advocate for and to achieve LGBTQ rights. He remained a strategist and public speaker for workers' rights movements, including co-founding the A. Philip Randolph Institute for black trade union members. Rustin remained committed to promoting social good, and advocating for the disenfranchised, until his death.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MR. ROLAND DYKES, III

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Roland Dykes, III, a beloved pillar of Newport in Cocke County, Tennessee. Mr. Dykes is currently the Mayor of the City of Newport, having followed in the footsteps of his father. He is a graduate of Jacksonville University where he earned his MBA; the University of Tennessee-Knoxville where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1974; and Cocke County High School in 1969 where he graduated with honors. He retired from Quaker Oats/PepsiCo in 2012 and then worked briefly as an independent marketing consultant in the beverage industry before retiring for good in 2013 to pursue volunteer and political opportunities. His illustrious career includes stints working for such notable companies as Xerox, DuPont, AT&T, and Quaker Oats in positions of leadership ranging from District Manager, Regional Manager and Area Manager.

Roland's legacy of community service is notable as well. He is a graduate of both the East Tennessee Regional Leadership program and Cocke County's Leadership program. Mr. Dykes has served as the President of the Tanner Preservation Alliance, an organization to preserve the first school for African Americans in Cocke County. He is a former President of the Tennessee Picnic Association, served on the Board of Directors for Newport Utilities and served as Chairman. He is the immediate Past Chair of the East Tennessee Development District and currently chairs the Policy Council of the East Tennessee Human Resource Agency. His civic and community service also includes being active with the Newport Kiwanis Club and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

His legacy of love includes being married to his wife, Rhonda, and they will celebrate 45 years of marriage on November 26, 2021. They have one son, Roland IV.

Mr. Dykes will be honored by the Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service with the Cocke County Citizenship Award in September of 2021.

Madam Speaker, Roland Dykes, III has been a source of leadership, compassion, and support for the citizens of Newport and Cocke County as well as a strong community advocate for racial equality and positive change. I proudly honor him.

HONORING BARBARA BROWN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Ms. Barbara Brown.

Ms. Brown was influenced by her history and government teacher to return to her hometown of Canton, Mississippi, to teach because he saw a spark of passion in her for educating youth. She retired from education after serving 47 years as a teacher at Canton High School.

Ms. Brown attended Jackson State University and received a degree in Social Science. Three years later she returned back and received her master's degree in Social Science.

Ms. Brown currently resides in Canton, Mississippi. She has two sons and one grandson. She attends Middleton Groves A.M.E. Zion Church in Canton, Mississippi. She enjoys working with students because she feels that she can make a difference in their lives.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Barbara Brown for her dedication to serve her community.

FLORIDA'S 16TH CONGRESSIONAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage and a dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

Eleven years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, I will present congressional law enforcement awards to the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community:

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award: Sergeant Aaron Bowling, and Detectives Tyler Ackerman and John Jones, Jr., of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Associate Service Award: Director Matoaya Wimbley of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Dedication and Professionalism Award: Corporal Christopher P. Slowick of the Florida Highway Patrol; Sergeant Dino Murgas, Detectives Derek Pollock and Raymond Richter of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office; Assistant State Attorneys Dawn Buff and Courtney Hollen of the 12th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office; Lieutenants Adam Kaskey and

Jamesa Tose, Sergeants Don Bennett, Sam Lutz and Ray White, Deputies John Albee, Mark Eve, Wida Law, Phil Lucia, Grace Luh, Dean Pappas, Teodoro Perez, Luis Reyes, Neftali Santos, Daniel Schenck, Rod Stewart, Deb Stookey, Mark Truskowski, Ray Vleck and John Wenzel, Civilian Lou Wolf, Detectives Hayden Gallof and Brendan Keats, Chief Pilot Brent Wineka, Pilots David Bouffard, Chirs Laster and Stephen Shull (posthumous), Mechanics Arthur Grassia and Douglas Wenz, and Radio Technician Steve Duzs of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.

Gary Tibbetts Career Service Award: Detective Eddie Howell of the Sarasota Police Department; Manager Valerie Knight of the Bradenton Police Department; Major Daniel Kaufman of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office; Joseph (Chris) Panichello of the Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority.

Preservation of Life Award: Officers Paul Gagnon, Jared Lawhead, David Roberts and Cody Stanaland of the Sarasota Police Department; Sergeant Keith Noordzy, Deputies Keith English, Tyler Lewis, Donald Mays, Jacob Merrill, Deborah Perry, Jonathan Rubi, Todd Seillitto and Patti Smith of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Unit Citation Award: Sergeant Daniel Weinsberg, Officers Sean Carter and Matthew Hughes, and Administrative Specialist Tina Shumway of the Sarasota Police Department.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MS. JEWELL BELL**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Jewell Bell, a beloved pillar of King University and Bristol, Tennessee. Ms. Bell has dedicated over 70 years of service to this excellent academic institution and the well-being of its students. Her tenure spans nearly half of King's 152-year history. She began as a maid in the women's dormitory. In 1961, while Bristol's public schools were still segregated, she was promoted to switchboard Operator and Supervisor and given a staff of 10 assistants. She was the first African American in the region to manage a switchboard, for which she became affectionately known as "Ma Bell." In 1966, her son, Lawrence, Jr. became the first African American student to attend King. As the Executive Administrative Assistant for Communications, she remains the voice of King, answering calls and serving the President's office.

Jewell's legacy of community service is notable as well. She has earned the Algenon Sydney Sullivan Award, the YWCA's Tribute to Women Award, the first ever King University Lifetime Achievement Award, her own lane on the campus named after her, and being declared an Aide-de-Camp by former Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam, an honor that carries with it the title of Tennessee Colonel. In addition, King University offers a scholarship named the Jewell H. Bell Scholarship, which goes to help students who, as she describes, "have fallen through the cracks and need a little extra help to stay in school." She has devoted many years of service to the YWCA of Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia,

the American Red Cross, Slater Community Center, Healing Hands Health Center, and Lee Street Baptist Church. While her children were in school, she served on the PTA and was the first African American PTA Council President in the Bristol, Tennessee, city school system.

Her legacy of love includes being married to her late husband, Lawrence, for 50 years, three grown children, seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. In her words, she says "my children are grown now, but King is still my home, the students are my family and I love them. Some of my family call me Gran, some call me GG, JB, Miss Jewell, plain Jewell, Mrs. Bell, or Ma Bell. I feel like God has enabled me to be here so long because of them, and I believe I've made an impact."

Madam Speaker, Jewell Bell has been a source of wisdom, compassion and support for students and alumni, as well as a strong community advocate for racial equality and positive change and I proudly honor her.

HONORING CUBDEERIX "DEEDEE"
ROBINSON**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and ambitious young lady, Ms. Cubdeerix "DeeDee" Robinson. DeeDee has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve.

DeeDee, a Yazoo native, was awarded the Doctor of Optometry Degree from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee. She graduated Summa Cum Laude and was named to the Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Scholastic Fraternity. She also earned the William Dickerson, Jr. O.D. Scholarship, which honors a student's commitment to pursuing private practice optometry and comes with a \$1,000 monetary award.

DeeDee is the daughter of Cubie Robinson and Dianne Willis. She is a graduate of Yazoo City High School and the University of Mississippi.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Cubdeerix "DeeDee" Robinson for her passion and desire to make a difference in the field of healthcare.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MR. GEORGE LAWSON**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and service of Mr. George Lawson of Sevierville, Tennessee. George was born on August 6, 1949 and passed away on Thursday, August 5, 2021.

He was bonded as a deputy in 1972 and was elected in 1976 to serve as a Constable for Sevier County. His years of service made him one of the longest serving elected officials in the State of Tennessee, and he loved serving his community and his church family.

Along the way, he mentored and inspired many young adults to serve in law enforcement including one, Matt Grooms; who went on to become a United States Border Patrol Agent and eventually an agent with the Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Lawson was a self-employed business owner and his flexible schedule enabled him to serve his fellow citizens as their Constable.

For decades he served the citizens of Sevier County as a Constable with the familiar slogan, "my services as your Constable are always as close as your telephone" and as the times changed, he offered his personal cell phone to his fellow citizens to be available to them. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and at one point served as a deputy Sheriff in Sevier County. He helped lives including his own Sheriff in one dangerous setting and pulled a woman to safety and saved her from drowning in the Little Pigeon River. He was a true public servant.

George's legacy of love includes his marriage to his wonderful wife, Charlotte, and his children, Cindy, Tammy and son, Little George Stephen, who have given he and Charlotte seven grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, George Lawson has faithfully served his community and family, and I proudly honor him.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JEFFREY MITCHELL

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the life of Jeffrey Mitchell. Elected officials, business leaders, community advocates, and New Mexicans from all walks of life looked to Jeff's leadership and broad expertise to build a better New Mexico.

Jeff was an economist and the Director of the Bureau of Business & Economic Research (BBER) at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. As head of BBER, Dr. Mitchell oversaw the economic forecasting for the entire state. He directed economic analysis and projections that assisted private businesses, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and cities, and towns. His regular presentations were followed closely by CEOs, political leaders, and community advocates. Jeff brought sharp insights, expert research, keen wit, and deep compassion to his leadership and policy roles. He believed firmly that economic analysis and community development should benefit the greater society and foster a broadly shared prosperity.

Jeff was also a community builder. He actively worked with nonprofits to promote renewable energy and sustainable development and was a policy advisor to 1000 Friends of New Mexico. He co-founded SHARE New Mexico, a comprehensive, web-based resource directory that ensures everyone similarly dedicated to improving our communities has the information they need. As an econo-

mist, he used numbers and math to perform his work, but most importantly he relied on his love for our beloved communities to guide it.

Jeff's passion for life and discovery cannot be distinguished from his professional accomplishments. As a young adult, Jeff hitchhiked across the United States and Central America with a book of philosophy in his backpack, curious to learn about these great lands and their peoples. He was a humanitarian from an early age, and he started his career working on housing and energy projects for low-income communities. He was a Fulbright scholar in Venezuela and traveled through every corner of New Mexico and the world, working and learning. It was that never-ending sense of curiosity that helped make Jeff's career—and life—so full.

Jeff especially loved the arts and cultures of New Mexico and was the lead author of a groundbreaking report that found that they contributed \$5.6 billion to the state's economy and nearly 10 percent of its jobs. His work on this issue even helped inform legislation I introduced—the Creative Economy Revitalization Act—to create jobs and support our creative workers through the pandemic.

Jeff will be deeply missed by his friends, loved ones, and family. He left us too soon, and we will always remember him. Jeff's work, wisdom, and curious spirit will echo throughout New Mexico and across our country for generations to come. It is my honor to enshrine his contributions to our state, culture, and economy in history.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF HONORABLE TOM WRIGHT

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

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Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Honorable Tom Wright of Greeneville, Tennessee. Mr. Wright currently serves as Circuit Court Judge for the State of Tennessee's Third Judicial District. He was elected to the position in 2006 and reelected in 2014. Prior to his election as Circuit Judge, he served for eight years as the General Sessions and Juvenile Judge for Greene County, Tennessee, having been elected to that position in 1998. Judge Wright will be retiring September 1 to spend more time with his family, including two children, their spouses, and grandchildren at two separate Army bases, with the third grandchild coming soon.

Tom graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Law with high honors in 1983 and was selected for membership in the Order of the Coif. Following his graduation from law school, he worked briefly for Campus Crusade for Christ before accepting a position as a Judicial Law Clerk for United States District Judge Thomas G. Hull.

Tom was in the private practice of law for several years following the judicial clerkship then accepted the position of Assistant Federal Community Defender for upper East Tennessee. He served as Federal Defender for six years before his election as Judge in 1998.

Judge Wright has been active with the Greeneville High School football team as their chaplain, Young Life, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He says, "I thank God for the opportunity to mentor, teach, and encourage these folks in their faith. Serving the State of Tennessee and the people of the Third Judicial District has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I am so incredibly grateful to God and the people of Greene, Hawkins, Hamblen, and Hancock counties for giving me the opportunity."

Madam Speaker, Judge Tom Wright has been an outstanding judge and valuable contributor to the Greeneville community. I proudly honor him.

BIDEN ENDANGERS AMERICAN FAMILIES

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, during my service in Congress, I have concluded over 500 one-minute speeches with "God Bless our Troops and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism."

This reaffirmed my appreciation of our military for keeping Americans safe for 20 years. The 2,312 U.S. military personnel killed and 20,666 wounded in Afghanistan did not serve in vain. I know firsthand of the achievements of former S.C. Adjutant General Bob Livingston with the 218th Brigade across Afghanistan. I am a grateful dad of an Afghanistan Veteran with First Lieutenant Hunter Wilson. But my hopes for remembering September 11th were misplaced. The conquest by the Taliban and Al Qaeda this past week confirms that the shocking lesson of September 11th has been forgotten: it is possible to conduct a terrorist attack on American families at home from a cave in Afghanistan abroad resulting in the mass murder of 2,977 innocent souls.

General David Petraeus is sadly correct, the war is not over. It has moved. Now it is closer, putting American families at the greatest risk of a terrorist attack ever, with chants of "Death to America, Death to Israel."

President Joe Biden undercut our Afghan allies on April 14th, removing air cover and intelligence reports against the advice of military leaders. Over 60,000 Afghan military and police have been killed fighting Taliban terrorists. Former Ambassador Ryan Crocker, a valued resource of experience in the Global War on Terrorism, correctly asserted that the situation is "catastrophic." President Biden must change course immediately and accept military counsel or he will be further diminished as a personification of catastrophic failure in the horrific tradition of appeasement like Neville Chamberlain.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops and we should never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.