

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. LYNN MARSHALL
FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Dr. Lynn Marshall's journey in public health began when she worked as an education and training coordinator for Healthy Start Coalition. During that time, she joined the Florida Healthy Babies committee and led a subcommittee that consisted of the following community partners: Lakeland Regional Health Hospital, the Florida Department of Health, Healthy Start Coalition, Sunshine Health and Spirit Life Ministries.

In 2019, Dr. Marshall and a handful of community partners hosted the first Melanin Families Matter community event at Lakeland Regional Health Carol Jenkins Barnett Pavilion for Women & Children. In August of 2019, Dr. Marshall took the initiative to incorporate and serve as the president of Melanin Families Matter. She has received proclamations on behalf of Melanin Families Matter from the Polk County Board of County Commissioners, Winter Haven Chain of Lakes Mayor Bradley T. Dantzer, and the City of Lakeland Mayor Bill Mutz. These governmental officers have recognized and publicly declared the month of March to be Melanin Families Matter month.

Dr. Marshall continues to host annual Melanin Families Matter health panels and community events that are open to the public at no cost. In addition to providing education to the Polk County community, Dr. Marshall also spearheads a "Community Distribution Day" each year. It is during this time when care packages, educational materials, clothing, food and play items for babies and children are provided to families in need at no cost. As a community advocate, Dr. Marshall has served as a guest speaker on the following platforms: 100 National Coalition of Black Women, Polk State College Women's History month discussion panel, The Empowered Woman, Our Voices Live radio broadcast and more. Dr. Marshall is the wife of Dr. Jarvis L. Marshall, and together they have two beautiful daughters.

CORA FAITH WALKER

HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Ms. BUSH. Madam Speaker, St. Louis and I rise to offer our deepest and most sincere condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of our dear sister Cora Faith Walker, whose beautiful life was taken from our community far too soon.

As an exemplary public servant, Cora was a champion of transformational policies to lift up St. Louis, as evidenced by her work as a

former Missouri State Representative and top policy official in St. Louis County. And in her work and beyond it, Cora was a wonderful light in this world. She was transformative—touching the souls of everyone who encountered her. She embodied a rare form of altruism that shaped her public service and made her an incredible community leader.

She never took the easy way out. Whether it be in her fierce work to deliver justice or her gravity defying ability to climb the long marble Missouri State Capitol steps in a pair of stillettos—even though there was a perfectly good elevator—she did everything with genuineness, style, and class.

Her accomplishments as a public servant are deserving of our highest recognition. She used her expertise as a clinical mental health professional to deliver groundbreaking legislative work, securing the passage of the legislation that created the TraumaInformed Care for Children and Families Board. She led the charge for Medicaid expansion, especially for services geared towards postpartum moms struggling with substance use disorder. And during my service in Congress, Cora has been a close partner in the work to deliver resources to our communities, especially to prevent violent evictions during this deadly pandemic.

Our community is devastated by Cora's passing, and we all will miss her dearly forevermore.

May she be given the flowers she is due, may her legacy of love and service live on, and may she rest in eternal peace and power.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH F. LONG, JR., RECIPIENT OF THE GREATER PITTSBURGH FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor Joseph F. Long, Jr. who will be awarded the Achievement Award by the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons of St. Patrick at their annual gathering on March 17, 2022.

Joseph attended Bishop Hoban High School and after graduating in 1982, he continued his education at Kings College, earning a bachelor's degree in elementary education. He went on to receive two master's degrees from Wilkes-University, the first in 2004 in classroom technology and the second in 2006 in educational leadership.

In 1997, Joseph began his teaching career as a middle school math and science teacher at St. Mary's Assumption School in Pittston, Pennsylvania. In 2001, he accepted a position teaching technology at Pittston Area Intermediate Center while also completing his educational leadership training. In 2006, Joseph transitioned from the classroom to administra-

tion, working for the Greater Nanticoke Area School District. While at Nanticoke, he was trained and certified in the Student Assistant Program (SAP) and completed the state mandated National Institute of School Leadership Courses. Joseph then took on the role of principal of Montgomery Avenue Intermediate Center for the Wyoming Area School District. In 2014, he received his Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility from Edinboro University, and today he serves as the superintendent of the Northwest Area School District in Shickshinny.

Always invigorated by being around young people and helping them reach their full potential, Joseph was a successful youth sports coach. He began his coaching career in 1985 at Plains Junior High School for the 7th and 8th grade basketball teams. In 1990, he started coaching basketball at E.L. Meyers High School where he helped lead the varsity team to four Wyoming Valley Conference Championships, one PIAA District II second place finish, and four state tournament appearances. In 1997, Joseph accepted the head varsity coach position at Seton Catholic High School. During his ten years with the Eagles, his teams won over 130 games, two Wyoming Valley Conference Championships, and one PIAA District Two Championship and had two PIAA District II second places finishes and four state tournament appearances. While at Seton, he was named Wyoming Valley Conference Coach of the Year twice. Joseph's coaching career came to an end after four years at Luzerne County Community College.

In addition to his work as an educator and coach, Joseph is a dedicated volunteer in his community. He is an active member of the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, serving as the 104th president of the organization in 2018. He has been the treasurer for the board of directors of the Greater Pittston Library and the Jenkins Township Little League. Since 2013, he has also been the assistant district administrator for the PA District 16/31 Little League Board in charge of the major league boy's baseball division. He is an active member of the Knights of Columbus as a member of the board, and in 2013, he was awarded his Fourth Degree Knighthood.

I am honored to join with the Greater Pittston friendly Sons of St. Patrick in recognizing Joseph for his tireless commitment to serving his community and uplifting young people through sport and education. May he continue to find fulfillment and purpose in this work. I wish him the best this St. Patrick's Day.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
BRIAN MAYES

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brian Mayes for his outstanding leadership and service.

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Brian is a 1983 graduate of West Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte, North Carolina. Upon graduation, he proudly served in the United States Air Force for four years. Following his military service, Brian spent twenty years as a very popular and highly regarded national gospel performer.

Although Brian still sings, his career focus has since shifted to community service. For 20 years, he served as the Director of Family Life Outreach, an organization that does significant charitable work. In 2014, Brian became the Director of the Boys and Girls Club Jackson Teen Center in Camden where he is known as Mr. BB to many young people. The Center serves as a safe haven for kids after school and is open to all middle and high school students in Kershaw County. From athletics, to academics, to life skills and college preparation, the after-school center not only gives students a place to go, but a place to grow. Brian's wife and life partner, Roberta, also serves at the Jackson Teen Center. Fondly called "Mom" or "Auntie Bertie" by the teens, she leads the Job Readiness Training program.

Under Brian's leadership, the Center has become one of the best attended programs of its kind in the entire country. Ninety percent of members go on to attend college or join the military upon graduation. During his time at the Center, Brian has developed numerous innovative programs. Some of these programs include "Make it a Conversation," which enables young people to interact with community leaders and experts about topics of interest, and "Jobs and Employability Training for Teens," which provides job skills, training, and internship experiences for high school students. Volunteers at the Center describe the incredible work Brian does as "powerful." His colleagues recognize the "hope, belief, and positivity" he gives to his students.

Brian has exceeded expectations in service to our state, highlighted by his receipt of numerous honors and accolades. For example, in 2016, Brian received the Leonard Price Award for Community Service. The following year, Brian was named "Person of the Year" by the Camden Chronicle-Independent and received the "Delta Five Points of Purpose" Award. He and his wife also received the WIS "Community Builder" Award.

On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, it is my most sincere pleasure to recognize Brian for his outstanding leadership and lifelong service to our state. I wish him the best of luck throughout his future endeavors, as I am confident he will to continue to serve and find great success in all that he does.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH RUP SIS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a patriotic American, Mr. Joseph Rupsis. Mr. Rupsis lives in Clark County, Kentucky and celebrated his 100th birthday on March 15, 2022.

Mr. Rupsis was born in Albany, New York. He enlisted in the United States Navy in October of 1942 when he was 20 years of age. Following basic training at Great Lakes, Illi-

nois, he was sent to the Pacific Theatre and assigned to the USS *Victoria*, an oil tanker. At the war's end, he was discharged in December of 1945. Mr. Rupsis resumed his work at a factory but signed up to serve in the reserves. During the Korean Conflict, he was called back into service in October of 1950. He was assigned to the USS *Bataan*, an aircraft carrier. His mother passed away while he was serving. Mr. Rupsis attained the rank of Petty Officer Second Class. He was discharged in December of 1951.

Following his discharge in San Diego, Mr. Rupsis decided to remain there, where he met and married his first wife. Mr. Rupsis worked at an aircraft plant, graduated from San Diego State, and worked for many years in radio broadcasting. He later moved to Florida and worked for the Florida prison system, where he retired. After Hurricane Charlie destroyed his home and possessions, Mr. Rupsis moved to Winchester, Kentucky to be near family members. It was there that he met his wife, Mary.

It is my honor to recognize this amazing patriot celebrate his 100th birthday, and appreciate him for his service and sacrifice to our nation during World War II and the Korean Conflict. As a part of "The Greatest Generation", Mr. Rupsis was an important part of the war effort to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today. I am forever grateful for Americans like Joseph Rupsis.

HONORING DORIS MOORE BAILEY FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Doris Moore Bailey's innovative marketing skills for a national youth organization inspired her to develop middle school and teen mom initiatives in four Florida counties and 27 schools to provide services for 1,000 students yearly. An experienced adjunct professor and YMCA Program Director, she believes that no one achieves a successful life without the influence of positive mentoring.

Twice appointed by Florida's Governor Lawton Chiles to The Peace River Basin Board of The Southwest Florida Water Management District, she participated in flyovers of the basin's 105 miles Peace River, Florida's Manatee River that flows into the Gulf of Mexico to Tampa Bay, and Florida's largest storage facility, with 1,147-acre New Wales gypstack, in Polk County.

She established The African American Chamber of Commerce Polk County, Inc, the African American Historical Museum of Lakeland, re-established the Polk County Democratic Black Caucus, organized Polk County USCT and Buffalo Soldiers reenactors, and is a founder of Friends of Cathay Williams Organization, the only female Buffalo Soldier. She advocates for voters' right to access the ballot box and enhancing community resources.

In 2022, she organized the African American Historical Museum of Lakeland—Equal Justice Initiative Lynching Community Remembrance Project, and Polk County's first commemoration of the 56th Anniversary Selma Bridge crossing Jubilee Unity march. She's a

Polk County trailblazer spanning 30 years in talk radio as executive producer and host of 'Our Voices'. Moore Bailey and husband of 44 years are parents of two adult children and five grandsons. In 1992, she organized Florida's first Juneteenth Observance. She's a member of New Bethel AME Church, a NAACP Gold Life Member, and a chartered member and past president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Chapter, Lakeland. She also authored anthologies: *Voices of Unsung Immortal Mothers and Sons of Immortal Mothers*.

CELEBRATING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF BARLOW RESPIRATORY HOSPITAL

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Barlow Respiratory Hospital on its 120th anniversary.

Barlow Respiratory Hospital was founded in 1902 as the Barlow Sanatorium, a charity hospital for tuberculosis patients. Since then, Barlow Respiratory Hospital has maintained an uninterrupted focus on respiratory care and is among a few of continuously operating respiratory hospitals in the nation. Their award-winning programs include their expertise in ventilator weaning for post-ICU patients who need specialized care.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Barlow Respiratory Hospital physicians have served as clinical leaders. Barlow Respiratory Hospital's tradition of care for patients who are critically ill, often hovering between life and death, now includes care for patients who have survived COVID-19. The clinical care teams work together to help patients begin to recover at Barlow Respiratory Hospital.

As the only not-for-profit long-term acute care hospital and the only not-for-profit respiratory hospital in California, Barlow Respiratory Hospital has established a legacy of service to the Los Angeles community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the 120th anniversary of Barlow Respiratory Hospital.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF RETIRED CHIEF WARREN GENE WOODFORK, SR.

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Warren Gene Woodfork, Sr.

Warren Gene Woodfork, Sr., the first African American Superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, March 9, 2022. Chief Woodfork is the eldest of eight children born in Opelousas, Louisiana. He relocated to New Orleans with his family at a young age. Chief Woodfork is a graduate of Joseph S. Clark High School and attended Xavier University of Louisiana. Chief Woodfork was beyond proud

to have family and friends following in his legacy of law and law enforcement, Ret. United States Postal Inspector, Samuel Huntley, Jr., New Orleans Police Captain, Michelle Woodfork and United States Magistrate, Judge Dana M. Douglas.

Chief Woodfork was appointed in 1985 by the city's first Black mayor, Ernest "Dutch" Morial and served a second term under the next mayor, Sidney Barthelemy before retiring in 1991. He was previously employed as a postal clerk and also served his country in the United States Air Force before his 28 year career in law enforcement. Chief Woodfork became the first commander of the Felony Action Squad, which operated for 10 years beginning in 1972.

He was also instrumental in making the Police Department's district captains accessible to neighborhood residents and business owners. Chief Woodfork, a product of the Callopie and Lafitte Housing developments, believed in community engagement. He saw the future of community policing by increasing the visibility of top-ranking officers in their district area and facilitating the regular and open exchange of information between the department with the people and businesses. This was a huge shift in tone for the department and was an innovative practice that brought a lot of success.

A trailblazer in his own right, Chief Woodfork appointed the first female Deputy Chief of the New Orleans Police Department, Yvonne Bechet, and the first female district commander, Carol Hewitt, who was assigned to the Seventh District. He later appointed Commander Hewitt as the first female commander of the Narcotics Drug Abuse unit in NOPD history.

Throughout his administration, Chief Woodfork also sought creative programs and concepts to target the juvenile crime problem and the growing level of violence by including programming in education, music and sports, as the three most important ingredients needed to lead young people away from crime.

Chief Woodfork was a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the John F. Kennedy School of Government. He was a member of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCAA), Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), International Association of Chiefs of Police, Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), New Orleans Black Organization of Police (BOP) and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement, (NOBLE).

Chief Woodfork retired in 1991 to spend more time with his family. Prior to his retirement, he obtained funding for 200 new officers, along with the purchase of additional cars and equipment stating, "This is a chance for me to give my successor a better start than I had."

Though he may be gone, I know that Chief Woodfork is still watching over his beloved New Orleans community and beloved family.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ZETA OMICRON CHAPTER OF THE OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize and congratulate the Zeta

Omicron Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on its 75th anniversary.

After being chartered in 1947, at what was then known as Hampton Institute (now Hampton University), Zeta Omicron began a journey to what would be one of Hampton University's finest organizations and a bold representation for positive influence within the community.

Since its beginning, its members have continued to display excellence in their commitment to the chapter's founding principles, which are centered on confronting discrimination in education and the military. As a service and social organization, the Zeta Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Inc. has continued to uplift youth and families through countless acts of service, including raising money for scholarships for high school students every year.

In addition to their scholarship program, members also provide meals to families each holiday season and support other organizations through charitable fundraising efforts to advance equity in education and opportunity. The Zeta Omicron chapter also provides youth mentoring programs, which include a conference dedicated to helping students understand the value of education, while pairing those students to important resources. Over two decades ago, the brothers of Zeta Omicron entered the adopt-a-street program and continues this community cleanup effort on Marcella Road throughout the year.

As a historically black university, Hampton University has a rich history of excellence and integrity, paired with incredible academic achievement. The Zeta Omicron chapter contributes to that success. What began as an idea from five founding members—Dr. Fred Inge, Dr. Don A. Davis, Herman G. Cook, Arthur Burke, and Colonel William H. Moses—has flourished as a robust organization built to successfully engage with some of the most important community priorities needed to build a better future. Members of this prestigious organization go on to succeed in careers in government, higher education, medicine, law, and more. It is no surprise that the chapter's historical mission of removing discrimination from the education system and the military continues today as a distinguished voice in the Hampton Roads community.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize and honor the Zeta Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi on the celebration of its 75th anniversary and commend its members for their service and achievements over the years.

HONORING MEXICAN AMERICAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST MARY ESTHER BERNAL

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Mary Esther Bernal who passed away on March 10, 2022. For decades, Mrs. Bernal was integral to the advancement of Mexican American and Latino rights in Texas. Her work changed the lives of countless Texans, and she will be greatly missed.

Mary Esther Bernal was born on March 21, 1935, in San Antonio, Texas. She earned her

undergraduate and master's degrees from Our Lady of the Lake University. A talented pianist who was passionate about using music to connect with others, Ms. Bernal taught choir in San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) during an era when speaking Spanish in Texas schools was against the law.

Instead of bowing to pressures to suppress the culture of her city and her Mexican-American students, Mrs. Bernal celebrated both. Together with her husband, State Senator Joe Bernal, she pushed Texas schools to provide bilingual instruction to English language learners and end English-only laws. As a community leader, Mrs. Bernal served two terms on the SAISD Board of Trustees. Mrs. Bernal received numerous honors for her work as an educator and civic leader.

Mrs. Bernal was inducted into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame in 1991 and the National Hispanic Heritage Hall of Honor in 2010 for her contributions to education. Mrs. Bernal is survived by her husband Joe Bernal, sons Richard and Patrick Bernal, daughter Rebecca Villarreal, six grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her youngest son, Bernard Bernal, who passed away in 2016.

Madam Speaker, San Antonio mourns the loss of a Hispanic icon. We will miss the music she played and the powerful voice she projected for equality. Her efforts benefited countless Texas families, including mine. Although she has passed, we take comfort remembering her through our heritage. I thank Mrs. Bernal for her fight. She will be missed. (Agredézco a la Señora Bernal, gracias por su lucha. Le vamos extrañar.)

HONORING TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY'S AGRICULTURE AND NATIONAL RESOURCES POLICY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Texas A&M University's (TAMU) Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy (ANRP) Internship Program for the admirable work they do to provide students a front-row seat to experience and understand the policy-making process.

For over 30 years, the ANRP internship program has provided students in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with the chance to immerse themselves in the legislative process at the state, federal, and international levels. This program helps students obtain internships in a variety of settings that match their career goals in Washington, D.C.; Austin, Texas; and Rome, Italy, and provides the opportunity to use their academic knowledge in a professional setting while gaining real-world experience.

From 2013 to 2021, I had the pleasure of hosting 25 ANRP interns in my Washington, D.C. office, many of whom went on to pursue careers in teaching, law, agriculture, and other commendable fields of work. Thanks to the excellent education they received at TAMU and the unparalleled experience they gained through the ANRP program, two of those students, Mickeala Carter and Hannah Followill,

rose through the ranks to become full-time staff members on my team. Both Mickeala and Hannah are now government professionals in the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce, respectively.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with the students from this program during my tenure in Congress, and I commend the ANRP Internship Program for the great work they do in shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

HONORING CINDY LEWIS FOR
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Cindy Lewis has dedicated her nearly 33-year career at the Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber of Commerce to serving the business community of Osceola County. A native Floridian, Cindy was born in Deland, Florida as the second daughter of Johnny and Annette Wimberly. She has called Central Florida her home for her entire life and is a proud graduate of Osceola High School's Class of 1980.

Cindy began her career with the Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber of Commerce as an Administrative Assistant in 1989, was promoted to Office Manager in 1994, and Executive Vice President in 2008. In her time at the Chamber, Cindy was recognized as Chamber Professional of the Year in 2017 by the Florida Association of Chamber Professionals (FACP), she received her certification as a Florida Certified Chamber Professional (FCCP) and is currently in her fourth year at the Institute for Organization Management (IOM), a professional development program of the U.S. Chamber Foundation from which she will graduate in June 2022 with the IOM certification. During her tenure at the Kissimmee/Osceola Chamber, the Chamber has been recognized by the Florida Association of Chamber Professionals (FACP) as Chamber of the Year in the years 2001, 2017, and 2021. Cindy is a graduate of Leadership Osceola.

Cindy has been married to Troy Lewis, the love of her life, for 32 years. Cindy and Troy own a ranch in Clermont, FL filled with cattle, donkeys, chickens, cats, and two spoiled dogs who are their pride and joy. When she is not working or ranching, she enjoys spending time with her husband boating, enjoying other outdoor activities, learning new recipes, vacationing in the Florida Keys, and spending time with family and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: NAY on Roll Call No. 74; YEA on Roll Call No. 75; YEA on Roll Call No. 76; and YEA on Roll Call No. 77.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BETA CHI CHAPTER OF THE KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Beta Chi Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated at Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia.

The Beta Chi Chapter has been the gateway for over 400 men into the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity which was founded 111 years ago by ten founders who overcame racism and other hardships at Indiana University and created an organization that has played a major role in the advancement of African-Americans and American history. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. is dedicated to achievement and the development of leaders and has over 160,000 members and chapters on five continents.

Since 1947, the men of the Beta Chi Chapter have endeavored and achieved in many occupations including the military, education, health care, business, entrepreneurship, journalism, law enforcement, and the law. The chapter has embraced community service and has had a positive impact on the Hampton and greater Hampton Roads community through volunteering at the Hampton Boys and Girls Club, organizing and leading activities for the elderly, conducting food drives, and donating turkeys and other food during Thanksgiving.

The chapter currently has two philanthropic and scholarship entities, The Ron Young Scholarship and the Kapex Foundation, both of which support and empower students in their college journeys. The chapter members have mentored hundreds of students in their chosen majors and provided valuable advice and connections once students leave Hampton University.

In closing, Madam Speaker, let us celebrate 75 years of Beta Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.'s achievement at Hampton University. As the chapter forges onward, it carries with it a continued commitment to supporting Hampton University and the greater Hampton Roads community, while also upholding the high standards of the fraternity and its members.

CELEBRATING THE TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF LEMON POPPY KITCHEN

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lemon Poppy Kitchen restaurant in the community of Glassell Park on its ten-year anniversary.

Lemon Poppy Kitchen opened for business in March 2012 with hardly any money, a couple of handmade tables, and a counter crafted by a friend on the promise of free ice coffee and biscuits. The three owners Katie Kildow,

Anca Caliman, and Jack Wilson were the cooks, waiters, and cashiers.

From your first interaction with Lemon Poppy Kitchen, you know you are in for a treat. "We make food from scratch with love," says Anca. The team is a compassionate group that is engaged with the Glassell Park community and beyond. During the pandemic, Lemon Poppy Kitchen worked with the Glassell Park Improvement Association to provide 50 cooked meals a day, six days a week, for seniors. They have also helped raise funds for the homeless community of Skid Row in Los Angeles.

Once you make your first order at the restaurant you feel the sense of community. "We wanted to make a spot where everyone wants to be," says Katie. Ten years later the Glassell Park community has shown that Lemon Poppy Kitchen is the go-to spot for good coffee, pastries, and meals. "We are happy we made it [to ten years]. There have been some rough patches, but the people that come here feel like family after a while," says Jack.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Katie, Anca, Jack and Lemon Poppy Kitchen on their ten-year anniversary. I also extend to all of them my best wishes for many more years of success. I invite my colleagues to stop by Lemon Poppy Kitchen the next time they are in Los Angeles.

HONORING SARAH JOHNSTON FOR
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Sarah Johnston serves as the Vice President of Development of the Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida. She began her career in the Development field in 2002 after graduating from the University of Central Florida. Her goal has always been to obtain a leadership position that utilizes and challenges her abilities to maximize results, build strong relationships and honor her commitment to excellence, innovation, and community. She is a mission driven professional with over 20 years of experience, building and sustaining excellent investor relationships with a measurable track record of success. Through her experience she has demonstrated expertise in creating philanthropic cultures by utilizing a strategic, collaborative, data driven, results-oriented mindset.

In her eyes, her team's responsibility is to serve as a connector for individuals in the community and their passion for investing in the future of children of promise. Sarah's favorite part of her role is building bridges with investors and sharing the potential impact they can make through the stories of the Club Members she serves. She believes there is nothing more important than telling a child you believe in them, that regardless of zip code or economic status of their family—they deserve a chance to realize their dreams. In her service to the community, Sarah has raised over \$25 million dollars in hope and opportunity.

Ultimately, she is driven every day by the bravery of the Club members she serves who face and overcome unimaginable obstacles and the success they achieve through mentors and Club programming. For her, being able to

watch a Club member be the first in their family to walk across a stage to receive a high school diploma, and see the pride light up in their eyes, keeps her believing that every day is an opportunity to be great.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF CHIEF ROBINSON

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief C.A. "Andy" Robinson and his outstanding service to our state. Chief Robinson has spent much of his life as a law enforcement officer and is a dedicated and compassionate member of our community.

Chief Robinson has spent 25 years serving his community and as a law enforcement officer for various municipal and county agencies. Throughout the last eleven years, he has served as Chief for the York Police Department. Under Chief Robinson's leadership, the York Police Department has implemented a community policing philosophy to foster and bridge connections with businesses, local civics organizations, churches, schools, and citizens across York. Some of these initiatives include York's National Night Out, hosting summer youth camps, fundraisers, blood drives, and holiday outreach programs.

In addition to his outstanding work in law enforcement, Chief Robinson also serves on numerous boards and committees. For example, Chief Robinson is a past President of the South Carolina Police Chiefs Association (SCPCA). He has also served as Chairman of the York County Law Enforcement Governing Board since 2011 and is an active member of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the FBI National Academy Associations. Additionally, Chief Robinson has spoken to several South Carolina House and Senate subcommittees on various topics.

Chief Robinson is dependable, compassionate, and has earned the respect of law enforcement and citizens all over South Carolina. He has exceeded expectations in service to our state, highlighted by his receipt of numerous honors and accolades. For example, Chief Robinson is the only York Police Chief to receive the Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement, which is the highest law enforcement honor in the state. He also received an award for Outstanding Service to the Community of York by the York Men's Club.

On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, it is my most sincere pleasure to recognize Chief Robinson for his outstanding leadership and service to our state. I wish him the best of luck throughout his future endeavors, as I am confident he will continue to serve and find great success in all that he does.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST BAT MITZVAH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the centennial anniversary of the first Bat Mitzvah of an American girl, which took place on March 18, 1922, at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism (SAJ) in New York City.

At 12 years of age, Judith Kaplan became the first girl on American soil to formally step into the Jewish community by becoming a Bat Mitzvah (daughter of the commandments). Her father, Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, founded SAJ just three months prior, in January of 1922. He believed strongly that girls should have equal religious opportunities, so he arranged for his daughter to read from the Torah soon after the synagogue was created.

This momentous occasion helped begin the meaningful inclusion of women and girls in Jewish religious life. Bat Mitzvahs became common place, Jewish women started to serve in leadership roles in synagogues and organizations, and exactly 50 years later, the first female rabbi in American history was ordained by a rabbinical seminary.

Judith Kaplan's Bat Mitzvah was also the first in a long line of countless innovative and groundbreaking advancements in Jewish thought and practice by SAJ and their leadership.

Rabbi Kaplan established SAJ as the first synagogue based on the principles of Reconstruction, which views Judaism as a constantly evolving civilization. He believed that Jewish life was rooted in tradition but also able to adapt alongside the ever-changing circumstances of wider society under that guiding principle.

Since Rabbi Kaplan's pioneering tenure, SAJ has continued to live up to his powerful legacy of American Jewish innovation. The synagogue is considered a cornerstone of Jewish life in New York's Upper West Side. SAJ, led by an all-female clergy and staff, is an intellectual stalwart in the community that is dedicated to practicing a modern, American, egalitarian form of Judaism. They advance Jewish education, arts, music, and cultural self-expression as vital to the religious practice.

SAJ upholds the Jewish tenet of tikkun olam, a Hebrew phrase that means to repair the world. The synagogue embodies this teaching by working for economic, immigrant, and reproductive justice; affirming LGBTQ+ members and interfaith families; and actively supporting and partnering with New York City's Westside Campaign Against Hunger to fight against food insecurity.

I honor Judith Kaplan's courage and celebrate the 100th anniversary of her groundbreaking Bat Mitzvah.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Society for the Advancement of Judaism's remarkable contributions to the Jewish community in New York City and all over the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM J. THORNTON, RECIPIENT OF THE GREATER PITTSBURGH FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK SWINGLE AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor William J. Thornton who will be awarded the W. Francis Swingle Award by the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick at their annual gathering on March 17, 2022.

Bill, son of Bill Thornton and Kathie Bender Elechko, was raised in West Pittston, Pennsylvania, along with his four siblings. He graduated from Wyoming Area High School with the Class of 1994, and he attended Penn State University where he earned a degree in management science and information systems. He later went on to receive an MBA in finance from Pepperdine University in Malibu, California.

Bill began his career as a technology consultant working in the Philadelphia area with life sciences companies including Pfizer, Roche, Johnson & Johnson, and Eli Lilly. He then transitioned to working as a computer programmer for Amgen, a biotech company that specializes in products for treatment of blood disorders, osteoporosis, and other inflammatory conditions. Continuing his work on the technical side of health care, Bill joined the team at Allergan, a global leader in medical aesthetics, eye care, and neurological disorders. He spent 11 years at Allergan as an IT executive working across business units in research and development, manufacturing, sales, and marketing, and he was the IT leader for the emerging markets of Latin America and Asia, supporting 17 countries and \$1 billion in revenue. Bill currently serves as the Chief Information Officer for Sarepta Therapeutics in Cambridge, Massachusetts. His role at Sarepta supports their mission to engineer solutions for rare diseases with science that is on the forefront of precision genetic medicine. Bill is also a partner and member of Cybersecurity at MIT Sloan School of Management.

Bill is a sustaining member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. His maternal grandfather, Ted Bender, proudly served as the 60th president of the organization in 1973. Bill was awarded the Friendly Sons Annual Student Scholarship in 1994, and his wife, Susan, was a scholarship recipient in 1995.

Bill is a dedicated volunteer and is actively involved in his local community to support youth sports and school events. He and his wife have three daughters, Erin, Emily, and Allie.

I am honored to join with the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in recognizing Bill as the 2022 Swingle Award Winner. He has dedicated his career to supporting cutting edge medical research in the life sciences industry while also volunteering his time to support his community. May he continue to find fulfillment in his work and giving back to his fellow citizens.

HONORING ASMA PATEL FOR
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Asma Patel is a board-certified attorney who has diligently served and continues to serve the Osceola County community. Ms. Patel holds dual degrees with honors in Psychology and Legal Studies as well as a Juris Doctor degree. During her law school career, Ms. Patel was a student ambassador, mentor, and the President of the Muslim Law School Association at her alma mater. She honed her dispute resolution skills by competing in and ultimately winning first place in an International Law School Mediation Tournament. During this time, she continued to demonstrate her dedication to serving her community as a guardian ad item fellow. In this role, she played a crucial role as a representative for abused, abandoned, and/or neglected children.

Ms. Patel has spearheaded community initiatives aimed at ending domestic violence. As a certified domestic abuse victim advocate, she has assisted survivors in crisis by providing essential resources and support. In an effort to create awareness, she has hosted family empowerment seminars and tabled at events aimed at tackling domestic abuse.

Through mentorship, extensive networking, and volunteerism, Ms. Patel has worked with marginalized and vulnerable communities, striving to bring light and change to the social injustices that plague them. Most recently, she has begun to help address the issue of inaccessibility to feminine hygiene products by providing these products to local Title I schools. Ms. Patel's bridge the gap initiatives in Osceola County are inspired by her desire to take action that empowers women to be courageous in the pursuit of their dreams.

HONORING LILLIAN TAMAYO

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lillian Tamayo, a distinguished local health care advocate, on her recent retirement. For more than 20 years, Lillian has been a champion for women, teens, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community across South Florida. She worked tirelessly to increase their access to and awareness of quality affordable health care services.

As President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of South, East and North Florida, Lillian expanded the organization's reach to eight of the state's most diverse counties and broadened its services to historically overlooked groups. One of the most successful initiatives that she led, La Promesa, engaged Latina women who were previously underserved in South Florida.

During the most difficult times in the abortion movement, Lillian stood strong and fearlessly led in the fight for reproductive freedom. She advocated in federal court to block past

Florida laws designed to limit abortions. Lillian also fought to extend health services and counseling options to South Florida teens and members of the LGBTQIA+ community. As a result of her advocacy, Planned Parenthood is now a judgement-free zone where young people can go to receive HIV and STI screenings, hormone therapy, discuss birth control options, and receive mental health counseling.

Lillian's dedication to health care access and education is truly admirable. Her work has created a space in which women and men across Florida can feel safe for years to come. I am proud to celebrate her today and wish her the very best on her retirement.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAMPTON UNIVERSITY CHOIR

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Hampton University Choir on its 150th anniversary.

The Hampton University Choir was established in 1870 as the Hampton Singers just a few years after Hampton University was founded in 1868 as the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute. Since then, Hampton University has continued to break new ground in academic achievement as one of Virginia's top Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The university's motto is "The Standard of Excellence, an Education for Life", and that is exactly what the Hampton University Choir has exemplified over the last 150 years. As the primary touring ensemble for the university, the Choir has distinguished itself by performing in numerous notable venues across the United States and abroad, including Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center. The Hampton University Choir even performed at the second Inauguration of President William Jefferson Clinton in 1997.

I want to congratulate the President of Hampton University, Dr. William R. Harvey, the Director of University Choirs, Omar Dickenson, and the Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs, Dr. Joan Wickham for their years of service and dedication to the Hampton University community. The Hampton University Choir has and continues to be an essential piece of what makes Hampton University so special.

Congratulations to the Hampton University Choir on their 150th anniversary. I wish them many more years of success.

HONORING CALEB OGILVIE

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, the Commonwealth of Virginia mourns the loss of Officer Caleb Daniel Ogilvie of the Covington Police Department.

Officer Ogilvie was killed in the line of duty on March 14, 2022, at the age of 35. Though he was taken too soon, his life was evidence

of his noble commitment to protecting the safety and freedom of others above himself.

He was born in Wisconsin to Daniel Raymond Ogilvie and Delora Anne Chambers Ogilvie.

Before serving the City of Covington in law enforcement, Officer Ogilvie served his country for four years in the United States Marine Corps. Two of his tours were spent in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was also a volunteer firefighter and an emergency medical technician for Roanoke County.

Officer Ogilvie was a loving father, husband, son, brother, and friend. Along with his parents, he is survived by his wife, Natasha Erin Ogilvie; and four daughters, Emersyn and Wrenley Ogilvie, and Kileigh and Rilyn Ogilvie and their mother, Malarie Ogilvie. He is also survived by his sister, Abigail Chave, and two brothers, Rian and Benjamin Ogilvie; along with many other beloved close family and friends.

Officer Ogilvie lived a life of self-sacrifice. He was a distinguished public servant who put his life on the line every day as he courageously defended those around him. The death of Officer Ogilvie is a grievous loss to the Commonwealth of Virginia and the City of Covington. I mourn his loss, yet I am grateful that he and the other men and women of law enforcement step forward to protect us knowing full well the risks they face. His bravery and selfless service will not be forgotten.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BARBARA ROWELL

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Barbara Rowell of Quincy, Illinois, who passed away in November 2021 at the age of 85.

A native of Quincy, Illinois, Barbara Rowell attended Culver Stockton College where she majored in Speech and Drama and graduated Cum Laude in 1958. During her time at Culver Stockton College, Barbara was active in student theater, Greek life, and was the host of the Culver Stockton Callboard television show. During which, she had the opportunity to interview then President of the Screen Actors Guild, and future President of the United States, Ronald Reagan.

Barbara's passion for the theater and her community led her back to her hometown, Quincy, where she taught Speech and Drama courses at Quincy High School and Central High School. In addition, she was an active leader in the Quincy Live Theater where she held the title of actress, managing and artistic director, and board member. During her tenure at the Quincy Live Theater, she was a part of an estimated 136 productions.

Barbara was not only an iconic figure in the Quincy community but provided critical leadership in improving the Quincy Community Theater. Her accolades demonstrate how her determination and vision did not go unnoticed. Barbara was a 25-year member of the American Association of Community Theaters and recipient of the YWCA Woman of Achievement Award and the City of Quincy Arts Award. The Quincy community has been fortunate to benefit under the leadership of Barbara Rowell.

I want to offer my condolences to the Rowell family and the people of Quincy on the loss of a great woman. Barbara left a lasting impact on those who had the pleasure of knowing her. May her memory be eternal.

HONORING ASHLEE MAREE
WRIGHT FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Ashlee Maree Wright is a mother, dynamic visionary, and results-oriented leader. She founded Wright on Time Educational Services (WOT) in 2006, which provides customized educational solutions to communities that desire to open a school, solve an educational problem, or require management services. WOT focuses on developing innovative learning environments that cultivate the entire student in a way that empowers them to be impactful leaders of tomorrow.

As Founder of New Beginnings High School (NBHS), in 2011, Ashlee successfully implemented a unique educational model that provides an innovative and nurturing educational experience, which is available to ALL students in Central Florida. Thousands of students who were once unsuccessful in the traditional public-school model are now thriving, graduating from high school, and pursuing post-graduate opportunities due to Ashlee's unparalleled work.

Before her role as Founder of NBHS, Ashlee established herself as an education professional by being an exceptional teacher and ultimately climbing the career ladder to become a principal at the age of 25. As a result of her *modus operandi*, she is widely acclaimed as the business leader who genuinely cares about the growth of each child. Her ability to effectively raise students' academic prowess and self-esteem helps bolster their performance amidst any present challenges they may have. Today, she builds and operates schools utilizing her education ethos to replicate her success.

Ms. Wright graduated from Florida State University in 2003, gave birth to the beautiful and precocious Victoria Maree in 2007, and started her own charter system in 2010. Her passion, upbringing and love for empowering others through education, laid the framework for her unique education and management methodology. Building on her parents' legacy, award-winning educators Dr. Clint & Debra Wright, Ashlee continues to shift the education paradigm and change lives for the better, one community at a time.

IN MEMORY OF MARLOWE
STOUDAMIRE

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I want to honor the legacy of Marlowe Stoudamire, a beloved community leader in Michigan's 13th

District we lost too soon to COVID-19 in 2020.

Marlowe Stoudamire was an entrepreneur who worked hard to uplift the people of Detroit and to advocate for a better quality of life. He gave his time to many community-based organizations, generating countless ideas and projects to raise Detroit's profile while honoring its legacy and keeping an eye towards its future. Beyond his incredible work, Marlowe Stoudamire was a loving spouse and father. He had an infectious smile and enthusiastic approach to the work he undertook.

Marlowe Stoudamire's pride in his Detroit roots shined through in everything he did. He had an especially close relationship with Eastside Community Network, a community empowerment organization in Detroit. I am incredibly proud to uplift Marlowe's work on the 2nd year anniversary of his passing and in celebration of the opening of the Stoudamire Wellness HUB on Detroit's eastside in honor of his legacy.

Please join me in recognizing the outstanding legacy of Marlowe Stoudamire as we honor his memory.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT J.
JOYCE, THE GREATER PITTSBURGH
FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK
MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor Robert J. Joyce who will be named the Man of the Year by the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons of St. Patrick at their annual gathering on March 17, 2022.

Bob, a lifelong resident of Avoca, Pennsylvania, is the son of the late Robert and Eleanor Burns Joyce. He graduated from Pittston Area High School before attending the Pennsylvania State University's Smeal College of Business where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree. He then studied finance at the graduate level at the University of Scranton's Kania School of Management. He is a graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at the University of Delaware and Leadership Wilkes-Barre.

Bob has had a successful career in the finance and insurance industries. He served as the Vice President of Finance at the Eastern Bank, N.A. in Wilkes-Barre, and he is currently a Vice President of the Plateau Group, Inc., an insurance holding company. He is responsible for managing, marketing, and distribution of specialty insurance lines for lenders throughout New England and the Mid Atlantic. He held similar roles at AIG American General and USLIFE Corporation. Bob shares his expertise in the industry by serving on the board of directors for the Pennsylvania Financial Services Association and as a member of the Independent Community Bankers Association of America and the Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers.

In addition to his professional pursuits, Bob is an active community volunteer. He is a member of Queen of the Apostles Parish where he serves on the Finance Council. He is a Trustee and Third-Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Cardinal John J. O'Con-

nor Council 12967 in Avoca. He has volunteered as a youth sports coach for the Avoca-Dupont Little League and managed the Avoca-Dupont-Pittston Teener League Team. He was a co-founder of the Our Lady of Peace-Holy Cross Junior High School Baseball Team. He is a longtime member of and former basketball coach for the Avoca Jolly Boys Association. Bob is also a proud member of the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and served as Toastmaster for the 90th annual gathering in 2004.

Bob is married to Noreen Nixon Joyce, and they have two children, Bobby, a Philadelphia-based accountant, and Bridgeen, a graduate student at Georgetown University.

I am honored to join the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in recognizing Bob as the 2022 Man of the Year. He has built a successful career in finance while continuing to honor his Avoca roots by tirelessly giving back to and supporting his community. May he continue to find professional success and satisfaction in community-based endeavors. I wish him the best this St. Patrick's Day.

HONORING DEPUTY CHIEF BETTY
HOLLAND FOR WOMEN'S HIS-
TORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Deputy Chief Betty Holland is a 34-year veteran of the Law Enforcement Profession. She currently works for the Kissimmee Police Department as Deputy Chief of the Operations Bureau. Before coming to the Kissimmee Police Department in March of 2018, she worked for the Polk County Sheriff's Office for 30 years where she retired as a Captain. Deputy Chief Holland has held several prominent supervisory positions in the law enforcement community, including her time as the Criminal and Strategic Investigation's Lieutenant and overseeing the Criminal Justice Academy as a Captain.

Deputy Chief Holland received her Bachelor of Science in Business and Professional Leadership from Southeastern University, and her Master of Public Administration from Troy University. In addition, she is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officers Course from the University of Louisville, and a graduate of the Certified Public Manager Program from Florida State University.

Deputy Chief Holland's first thoughts of a law enforcement career surfaced at 15. Her best friend's dad was a retired Deputy Sheriff, which sparked her interest in Law Enforcement. This interest quickly developed into a passion, and when she graduated from High School, she immediately accepted a position at the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Chief Betty Holland's career goals include becoming Chief of Police with the Kissimmee Police Department and continuing to build relationships with the community. She is passionate about lowering crime rates with innovative new deterrent measures, holding public servants to higher standards and expectations, and creating more open lines of communication between officers and civilians. Her actions regarding these objectives remain a consistent measure of her interests in the betterment of the field of law enforcement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, I was unable to vote on Roll Call vote No. 72: Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5001, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to continue to implement endangered fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, and for the other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

FEBRUARY CONSTITUENTS OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Cynthia and W.B. May, two veterans and owners of Cynthia's Artistic Expressions in Oceanside, California, as my Constituents of the Month for their invaluable contributions to our community.

After both serving in the Navy during the Gulf War, W.B. was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, and Cynthia was diagnosed with anxiety. Once they separated from the military, they realized they needed a way to express themselves and manage their post-traumatic stress and anxiety. They opened Cynthia's Artistic Expressions in order to help veterans and others deal with mental or emotional health challenges, while also making art more accessible, and their establishment has become an integral piece of our Oceanside community. Since they opened their doors, they have seen countless veterans, servicemembers, and civilians benefit from therapeutic art healing. At a time when our nation is grappling with tragic rates of veteran suicide, I am very grateful that they provide this healing opportunity for our local military community.

Cynthia and W.B. strengthen our community far beyond the doors of their art studio, too. They are known for doing extensive outreach to the community of veterans and military families around Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, hosting food drives through their church, Shiloh Church of God in Christ in Oceanside, on the last Thursday of every month for servicemembers and their families who struggle with food insecurity. According to the San Diego Food Bank, nearly 39,000 veterans and active-duty military personnel and their dependents use their services every month, so the work that Cynthia and W.B. do to help feed military families is critically important. They have also worked with vet centers and retirement homes to lighten the facilities with fine art, and they have also donated their time to organizations like the Boys and Girls Club, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the North County African American Women's Association (NCAAWA).

I created a Constituent of the Month program to recognize local individuals who give back to our community in extraordinary ways,

but who often don't receive the recognition they deserve. Cynthia and W.B. certainly meet that criteria, and I cannot thank them enough for everything they have contributed to make Oceanside a brighter, healthier place. It's also my honor to recognize them during Black History Month, when we celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of Black Americans throughout our Nation's history. On behalf of a proud and grateful community, it's my pleasure to recognize them as our Constituents of the Month.

HONORING YULONDA BELL FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Yulonda Bell serves as Associate Dean for Student Services at Polk State College, where she listens to, learns from, and encourages people from all walks of life to achieve their dreams. Bell is a strong leader who does not seek the spotlight and prefers to work in the background providing guidance and support that fosters student success.

Born and raised in Bartow, Bell was a teen parent who overcame obstacles to achieve her diploma and provide for her family. Her perseverance resulted in her achievement of an associate degree from Polk Community College, a bachelor's degree from Warner University, and a master's degree from Webster University—all while raising two sons.

She first served Polk County Public Schools, followed by positions with the Florida Department of Children and Families, and finally Polk State College. She was the first in her family to achieve a college diploma, providing her with an understanding of the challenges that students of color and first-generation-in-college students face as they navigate higher education.

She is a leader on campus, serving as an advisor to the Black Student Union, a founder of S.I.S.T.E.R.S. (Strong, Independent Sisters, That Encourage, Respect, and Survive), and a mentor for Polk State Basketball and STEM Club students.

She also invests time as a member of the organizing committee for the City of Winter Haven Juneteenth Celebration, serving on the City of Winter Haven's Martin Luther King Committee, volunteering at the Neighborhood Service Center, and participating in Lift Lakeland to improve race relations and expand economic, education, and civic involvement.

Bell lives Maya Angelou's quote, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel," as she plays an important role in supporting students and celebrating their achievements.

RECOGNIZING THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF BAKERSFIELD

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Women's Club of Bakersfield on their 126th birthday.

Founded in 1896, the Women's Club of Bakersfield is the oldest cultural club in Kern County. They erected their first building in 1900 and after outgrowing it, moved into their current home in November 1921.

The Women's Club not only provides a dedicated space for women to organize, but they also have a rich history of philanthropic work within the community. Some of the Club's achievements include their advocacy for Women's Suffrage, help to create the first public library in Bakersfield, and preservation efforts for the Beale Clock Tower and California Redwoods. They also provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships to local students and do important work to support local troops and veterans.

Their dedication to service and giving back has been felt by thousands of people throughout Kern County. These women of all ages and backgrounds are a true testament to the passion and selflessness that epitomizes our Central Valley community.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Women's Club of Bakersfield for 126 years of service to the Bakersfield community.

COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH CARELINK

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today commemorating the 25th anniversary of the University Health CareLink. For more than two decades, CareLink has provided invaluable healthcare services to Bexar County's most vulnerable residents. I am honored to recognize their efforts this day.

Bexar County has long struggled to make sure that every resident can access consistent, high-quality health care. Many county residents live below the poverty line, are uninsured, and struggle to get by. Since 1997, CareLink under University Health System has stepped up to meet the needs facing our less fortunate. University Health has transformed the lives of the uninsured by offering its members comprehensive and flexible care based on each member's unique circumstance.

For 25 years CareLink has provided 461,472 low-income, uninsured residents access to a full range of medical services. CareLink now averages 27,850 members each month and connects 100 percent of its members with a health care provider. CareLink has become a model for the nation in providing access to essential and affordable health care services.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing 25 years of invaluable service by University Health CareLink. I am confident that

they will continue to provide vital services to our community for years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAKE D. MOORE

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 75.

HONORING LAUDI CAMPO FOR
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Laudi Campo was born and raised in Morovis, Puerto Rico.

Through a twenty-five-year professional trajectory in Communications, Government, and Nonprofits, she continues to build organizations, create partnerships, and implement innovative outreach and services for the community.

Her career started at the Puerto Rico Senate as a Communications Specialist. She then became an English teacher and later gained valuable experience in federal grant management in the private sector. As Public Relations Director for the Vega Alta city, her most notable contribution became a radio program to connect the community with the local government.

In 2011, she moved with her family to Orlando, where she has been a noteworthy player in Hispanic relations in Central Florida. As a Spanish-language teacher, she acquired valuable insight into the education system. But her passion for community work reignited at the Orange County Property Appraiser and the City of Orlando's District 2 office, a sector rich in diversity and community pride, where she helped people of different nationalities. One of

the most significant achievements became her work on the Trust Act Policy, which was approved unanimously by the Orlando City Council and helps non-citizens who are crime victims.

In 2019 Laudi was named Deputy Director for Hispanic Federation—Florida, the nation's premier Latino nonprofit. She directed the Census, Voter Registration, and COVID-19 media campaigns during the pandemic. In 2021 she became HF Florida State Director. She expanded services and spearheaded a massive effort to vaccinate 13,000 individuals and educate more than 1 million Floridians on vaccines. She foresaw a pandemic aftershock and provided \$1 million in financial aid to local nonprofits. Laudi continues to forge partnerships and advocate for affordable housing, immigration, environmental justice, and fair redistricting. Most recently, she was recognized by the 2021 Tech Innovadores for her work in digital inclusion.