

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Always concerned about her professional development, she was a member of the National Teachers Organization; Georgia Association of Educators; Brooks County Association of Educators; Brooks County Retired Educators Association (serving as president for many years); the Georgia Retired Educators Association; Georgia School Counselors Association and Georgia Association of School Counselors.

Mrs. Shackelford loved her family and her community, but most of all she loved her God. At an early age, she joined the Beulah Missionary Baptist Church in Quitman, Georgia where she was a member of the trustee board, church clerk, secretary, choir member and served as a chairperson of several committees and programs, working closely with many of Beulah's pastors over the years. The Scripture tells us that "She was full of good works and acts of charity." Mrs. Shackelford used her love of God to magnify His kingdom through her good works.

Mrs. Shackelford accomplished much in her life but none of it would have been possible without the grace of God and the love and support of her late husband, Herbert Duane Shackelford I, her late son, Herbert Duane Shackelford II, and her grandchildren, Herbert Duane Shackelford III, and Brianna Shackelford, along with a host of other loved ones and special friends.

On a personal note, Mrs. Shackelford was my longtime friend and supporter. Many of her closest friends, and I, endearingly referred to her as "Miz Shack". Over the years she blessed me with wise counsel and sage advice. She never told me just what I wanted to hear; she always told me just what I needed to hear. I will be forever grateful for the fidelity of her friendship over more than three decades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District, the State of Georgia and beyond in celebrating the life and legacy of Mrs. Lenore DeVaughn Golden Shackelford. Moreover, we extend our deepest condolences to her family, friends and all who mourn her loss. May we all be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

RECOGNIZING NIKOLAS ANTHONY MANZO

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 29, 2024

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nikolas Anthony Manzo. Nikolas is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1288, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Nikolas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities.

Over the many years Nikolas has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most no-

tably, Nikolas has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nikolas Anthony Manzo for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING NICK WALTON

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 29, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions made in our community by one of my constituents, Nicholas Walton. Nick's unwavering dedication and tireless efforts have significantly impacted the lives of children in the East Pasco area, making him a true hero among us. Nick has gone above and beyond in his role at the Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Foundation, demonstrating an exceptional commitment to the betterment of the community. Through his leadership, the foundation has played a vital role in enhancing the lives of children in the East Pasco area, particularly through the promotion of tennis as a means to foster physical health, teamwork, and personal development. His vision and passion for creating positive change have resulted in numerous initiatives that directly benefit the youth in our community. Nick's ability to inspire and mobilize others has led to the successful implementation of programs that provide access to tennis facilities, coaching, and educational opportunities for children who may not have otherwise had such access. Nick's impact extends beyond the tennis court, as he consistently strives to instill values of leadership, discipline, and community engagement in the young minds he mentors. His commitment to fostering a supportive environment for children to thrive in is truly commendable. Part of what makes our country so great is the willingness of ordinary Americans to go above and beyond to selflessly give back to others. Volunteerism is one of the cornerstones of our society and part of the fabric that unites us.

It is clear that Mr. Nicholas Walton has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service.

HONORING MS. JULIA PARSONS, WWII CODEBREAKER

HON. CHRISTOPHER R. DELUZIO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 29, 2024

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, today I want to honor my Forest Hills constituent, Ms. Julia Parsons.

She stepped up to serve in 1942 as war raged across the world.

Joining the Navy program, Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), she was tasked with destroying German U-boats by breaking Nazi code.

She worked tirelessly, using logic puzzles and clunky computers as weapons. In the battle for the Atlantic, the war felt extremely close by. Her co-worker's husband's convoy fre-

quently went through enemy infested waters. Every code the women unwound helped keep him and his shipmates alive. Yet, that very code contained personal details of German soldiers. She learned of a new father's son the same day he did, but had to use that information to spell his demise.

Ms. Parsons couldn't breathe a word of her work. She knew, better than anyone, that loose lips sink ships. When people asked what she did, she described codebreaking as "office work" and was often dismissed as a low-level secretary. The war ended her work, but not her silence. She was not able to share the truth until the information was declassified beginning in the 1970s.

As a fellow Navy veteran, I'm especially proud to tell Julia Parson's story and celebrate her service this Women's History Month.

OPPOSITION TO H. RES. 1121, H.R. 6009, H. CON. RES. 86, H.R. 7023, H. RES. 987, AND H.R. 1023

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 29, 2024

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1121—Protecting American Energy Production Act; H.R. 6009—Restoring American Energy Dominance Act; H. Con. Res. 86—Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy; H.R. 7023—Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act; H. Res. 987—Denouncing the harmful anti-American energy policies of the Biden administration and for other purposes; and H.R. 1023—To repeal section 134 of the Clean Air Act, relating to the greenhouse gas reduction fund.

Republicans have dubbed this their Energy Week. And the American people would be better off if Congress really was undertaking a broadly focused energy week where we came together to discuss innovative strategies to diversify our energy supply and ensure our energy sources and grid are resilient for decades to come. Instead of having those meaningful policy debates, however, the House is wasting this week considering bills that undermine bedrock environmental laws, jeopardize our clean energy future, and prioritize big oil and gas corporate profits.

Republicans are once again putting polluters over people. Let's be clear about what these bills do:

H.R. 1121 would prohibit any president from banning hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas—or fracking. Neither President Biden nor the Secretary of the Interior have proposed a ban on fracking, but Congress should not take away any of the tools that the executive branch has at their disposal to combat the climate crisis, including fracking bans if necessary.

H.R. 6009 would reverse long overdue fiscal reforms passed in the Inflation Reduction Act to ensure taxpayers don't pick up the bill for big oil and gas production on public lands. This is a Republican gift to big oil and gas corporations, who could walk away from public lands that need to be cleaned up and reclaimed after drilling and leave taxpayers on the hook.