

not know the name Kneeland Youngblood, and until recently, he would have been satisfied with that fact. However, Youngblood recently decided to expose himself and his story to the greater Dallas community in order to inspire a new generation of leaders and entrepreneurs.

Kneeland Youngblood has found his success in founding Pharos Capital Group LLC. However, his career and life took many steps and progressions before he settled on this career. Youngblood was born in the segregated neighborhood of Galena Park in Houston. His father and mother struggled to make ends meet supporting Youngblood and his six siblings.

From these humble beginnings, Youngblood made his way to Princeton University, and then to UT-Southwestern Medical School. He began his career in Dallas in emergency medicine, and planned to climb his way up in the medical field, until his tastes changed.

Youngblood was integral in organizing a diverse group of young professionals who were fundraising for Anne Richard's initial gubernatorial campaign. During this successful period, Youngblood was exposed to the business community in a way that wetted his appetite. In the impressive and forward way he now operates his business, he approached powerful people in the business community and asked them for help in a career transition. He was forty.

Now, only twenty years later, he has founded Pharos Capital Group LLC, which operated a \$525 million institutional fund in 2014. He serves on several local boards, and recently became the first black member of the Dallas Country Club, where his father waited tables decades ago.

Mr. Speaker, more important to Youngblood than all of these successes, is the success of his family. He has six kids who between them went to Stanford, Harvard, Yale, or Princeton. Today, I want to honor the incredible path Kneeland Youngblood has travelled, and recognize him formally to allow him to serve as the example to young leaders and entrepreneurs he knows he is.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN DOWNS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose commitment to the Corona, California community is truly exceptional. Next week, on January 21, 2016, John Downs will be honored as a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Corona Chamber of Commerce. John has dedicated himself to the Corona community.

John is the second generation owner of local business icon Downs Energy. The business was started in 1962 by John's father, Elvin Downs. In 1976, Downs Energy made the decision to launch a key lock operation to sell fuel around the clock to trucking companies. John works closely on the day-to-day operations with his wife Catherine.

John is also a devoted father and husband. He and his wife Catherine have two children, Sherry Downs Messner and Mike Downs.

John describes having his children follow in his footsteps as something that makes him smile.

John's tireless passion for his family and the community has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. I am proud to call John a friend, fellow community member and great American. Today, I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating John on achieving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

TRIBUTE TO GARY McCLANAHAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Gary McClanahan upon his retirement from Central Campus in the Des Moines School System, where he served for 25 years.

Gary served as the director of the Central Campus for 18 years and spent 7 years as the school's supervisor of technology. Central campus is a career and technical education program that provides a diverse educational opportunity for students, from auto body repair to marine biology. Gary's commitment to excellence will be missed by all at Central Campus.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Gary on his retirement from the Des Moines Central Campus. It is because of dedicated Iowans like Gary that I'm proud to represent our great state. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Gary on this incredible milestone and wishing him nothing but the best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on roll call no. 43, "yea."

TRIBUTE TO MARY LELIA ECKHART

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a valued constituent of mine in the second district of Ohio. Mary Lelia Eckhart, known by her friends as Lelia, will soon celebrate her 100th birthday on March 22, 2016.

Lelia Eckhart was born into a large farming family in 1916 with six siblings, in Lewis County, Kentucky. Beginning to learn the skills of a homemaker from the age of eight, she quickly became an integral member of her large and loving family.

As her family began moving away, Lelia decided to join her sister in Portsmouth, Ohio during the Great Depression in the 1930s. As southern Ohio struggled along with the rest of the nation during the Depression, Lelia was soon in high demand by many families for her skills. Soon, Lelia was employed by the Bannon family of Portsmouth where she worked for nearly 60 years.

Lelia's significant talents include needlework of all types, from designing to tailoring her wardrobe, and her cooking abilities are legendary. When asked to reveal her secret to creating such great food, she faithfully replies "It tastes so good because I stirred it with my finger!"

Lelia developed many lasting friendships which remain to this day. Central to her life is her devotion to her faith. She worships to this day at Cornerstone Methodist Church, from which follows the guiding principles of her long and story-filled life.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th birthday of Lelia Eckhart.

TRIBUTE TO RITA SCHROEDER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Rita Schroeder for being chosen for induction into the Southwestern Community College Athletic Hall of Fame as a coach. She will be inducted on January 23, 2016 in Creston, Iowa.

Rita was a 1982 graduate of Southwestern Community College and provided leadership to the Spartan volleyball program from 1984–2009. Under her guidance, the Spartans had a record of 704–382. They competed in national championships five times. Under Rita's leadership, each student-athlete was required to put school first, and during her tenure her teams received ten NJCAA team academic awards.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Rita for her well-deserved induction into the Southwestern Community College Athletic Hall of Fame. It is because of Iowans like Rita that I am proud to represent our great state in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Rita for this achievement and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

HONORING JACQUELINE ANN BERRIEN

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Jacqueline Ann Berrien, chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) from 2010 to 2014, who passed away on November 9, 2015, at the age of 53. I was privileged to know Jacqueline Berrien and to work with her here in the Congress.

A native Washingtonian, Jacqueline graduated from Oberlin College and Harvard Law

School prior to beginning her career as a distinguished civil rights lawyer. Jacqueline cut her teeth while working with the Voting Rights Project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in the District of Columbia and with the National Legal Department and Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union in New York. After several successful years, Jacqueline became an assistant counsel to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Legal Defense and Education Fund, where she focused on voting rights and school desegregation. She left the NAACP to become a program officer for the Ford Foundation's Peace and Social Justice Program, before returning as associate director-counsel of the NAACP's Legal Defense and Education Fund.

In 2010, President Barack Obama appointed Jacqueline Berrien as Chair of the EEOC, where she continued the work of combating discrimination, excelling as a public official in combating workplace discrimination. During her tenure, Jacqueline took on the new frontiers in employment discrimination, and despite budget shortfalls and a surge in cases, she helped the EEOC to significantly reduce its case backlog. As a civil rights lawyer and former chair of the EEOC myself, I worked with Jacqueline Berrien here in the Congress and greatly admired her many contributions to the work of the EEOC.

Jacqueline Berrien, in a life cut short by cancer, nevertheless managed to leave a rich civil rights legacy, consummated by a presidential appointment to do that work for the entire nation. Our country is fortunate that this champion for civil rights, rich in talent, short in time, managed to accomplish so much.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in honoring Jacqueline Ann Berrien for her exceptional civil rights career, for her service to the United States of America, and for a life well lived.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I missed the January 12 vote on Roll Call Number 43, regarding the question of passage of H.R. 757, the North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act of 2015. Had I voted, I would have voted "yes."

TRIBUTE TO LYNN UBBEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Lynn Ubben, Superintendent of Perry Community School District. Ms. Ubben has been named 2016 Iowa High School Athletic Association Outstanding School Administrator.

Ms. Ubben has been superintendent of the Perry Community School District for seven years. She is a member of the Iowa High School Athletic Association Representative

Council for Central Iowa and a previous Representative Council member of the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union. The Perry Community School District superintendent also serves on the IHSAA Classification Committee. Ms. Ubben has also been an active participant for students in her own school district, as you will often see her at games and activities, showing her support whenever she can.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Lynn for receiving this award and thank her for her service to the students and families of Perry Community School District. It is because of Iowans like Lynn that I'm proud to represent our great state. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Ms. Ubben and wishing her nothing but continued success in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call 42 on final passage of H.R. 1644, the Supporting Transparent Regulatory and Environmental Actions in Mining Act or the STREAM Act, I would have voted Aye, which is consistent with my position on this legislation.

H.R. 3662 AND S.J. RES. 22

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to make today's votes due to important business in my district. Had I been here, I would have voted against both H.R. 3662 and S.J. Res. 22.

S.J. Res. 22, the bill to kill the Waters of the United States rule, is a cynical attempt to endanger the public health to score points with anti-environmental interests.

At this very moment, parents in Flint, Michigan are worried about their children's future after toxic lead exposure in their water. The blame for their concerns belongs here and in Lansing where anti-environmental interests have co-opted elected leaders. Today, Republicans spoke about the governors who have not challenged the Waters of the United States rule, saying they were too afraid to stand up for corporate interests. Bills like S.J. Res. 22 leave me wondering when my colleagues across the aisle will have the courage to stand up to corporate interests and for their constituents.

H.R. 3662 is a similarly wrong-headed bill, which requires the President to certify things he cannot know or prove, and would have the effect of blocking the Iran Deal from going into place. Bills that serve no purpose other than inflaming tensions between the United States and Iran have no place in this body, and I strongly condemn this attempt to derail the Iran Deal.

IN MEMORY OF TAMON ARENCE WILLIS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, "loving", "witty", "thoughtful", "prankster", "mama's boy".

These are a few words that came to mind instantly by those who knew and loved Tamon Arence Willis.

Eighteen years old, Tamon had just completed his first semester at the University of Houston. He was working two part time jobs to help ease the financial burden from his parents. Born in The Woodlands, Texas, Tamon graduated from New Caney High School at the top of the Class of 2015. He was proud of his Texas roots, and he held on to them. He lived in a small town, New Caney, just outside of Houston.

As a big brother, Tamon loved his four younger siblings. He was their protector. He was also a self-described prankster whose pranks were usually targeted at his younger brothers and sisters.

With the love and support of his family, at the start of his college career, Tamon had a bright future ahead of him. The world was his oyster. It was until this past Saturday morning, just five days before his 19th birthday. Tamon had woken up early to go to work when sadly and tragically, his life was cut short in a hit and run motorcycle crash.

Like a cold hearted coward, the driver who hit Tamon fled the scene. He had no remorse or compassion for what he did. He just left Tamon in the middle of the road. Another vehicle then came and hit Tamon again, causing the driver to lose control, where he crashed and ended up in the ditch. Tamon died at the scene.

Word spread fast in the small community; tragic events and loss have a way of bringing people together. The Willis family soon found themselves surrounded by friends and family members, while authorities released a surveillance video from the convenience store of the vehicle in question. The search for the cowardly driver was on.

The photo and video of the suspect's vehicle was quickly circulated to news media and shared via social media. By Sunday night, Texas DPS troopers arrested Eric Brian Ellison, an ex-con from nearby Crosby, Texas, and charged him with Accident Involving Death. May justice be swift for this heinous crime.

On Thursday, January 14, Tamon will be laid to rest on what would have been his 19th birthday. Tamon's parents have made the decision to have his funeral on his birthday as a way to celebrate his life. Although they mourn the loss of their son, they wish to celebrate his brilliant life and cherish their loving son.

On behalf of the constituents of the Second Congressional District, I extend my deepest sympathies to the Willis family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them during this most difficult time.

And that's just the way it is.