

county line ends but, this was not true for Sheriff East. Buddy served two terms as the president of the Mississippi Sheriff's Association from 1989 to 1990 and 1999 to 2000 helping lead the direction of every county in our great state.

Throughout Sheriff East's long career, he was recognized for many awards, titles, and medals. Among these awards, Buddy was most honored by receiving the Silver Star for Bravery from the American Law Enforcement Association. Most recently, in 2015, Buddy was honored by the Lafayette County Law Enforcement and Officers Association with the Medal of Valor and unselfishness in the Face of Danger.

Buddy's love for his community was surpassed by only one thing, his love for his family. Even during his busiest times, Buddy was ever present in the life of his grandchildren attending all their school and sports events. Buddy was especially proud of his time as a little league baseball coach.

Before passing away, Sheriff East expressed his gratitude to the community of Lafayette County for allowing him to serve the people he loved. Sheriff Buddy East's presence will be missed by all.

Sheriff East is survived by his wife, Mary Hall East of Oxford; five children, Melissa Westbrook and her husband, Billy, Joey East and his wife, Kimberly, Shannon Lomax and her husband, Max, Steve Lewis and his wife, Melanie, all of Oxford and Scott Lewis and his wife, Brandi of Dallas, TX; a sister, Nona Tutor of Oxford and thirteen grandchildren.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for roll call votes 394, 395 on September 12, 2018.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 394; yea on Roll Call No. 395; and yea on Roll Call No. 396.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. HURD. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote last night due to illness.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 394; yea on Roll Call No. 395; and yea on Roll Call No. 396.

HONOR FLIGHT OF SOUTHERN OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the eight World War II veterans and sev-

enteen Korean War veterans from Oregon who are visiting their memorials on the National Mall on Saturday, September 15th, 2018, through Honor Flight of Southern Oregon. Every time I have the chance to meet one of these heroes, I am reminded of the poignant words of General Dwight D. Eisenhower. In a message to Allied troops just before D-Day, he said, "The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you."

He was right then, of course, Mr. Speaker. But over seventy years later, liberty-loving people everywhere continue to owe these heroes for their extraordinary service and their incredible stories of sacrifice and bravery on behalf of our country. That's why it is my privilege to include their names in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD today.

The veterans on this Honor Flight from Oregon are as follows: Robert Ashmead, Navy; Al Axtell, Army Air Force; Joseph Bieber, Marine Corps; Dean Bosche, Air Force; Kenneth Brookhart, Navy; Joseph Browell, Navy; Al Carter, Army; Jack Cox, Navy and Army National Guard; Dale Dexter, Air Force and Marine Corps; Ron Duke, Army; William Evans Jr., Marine Corps; John Garbini, Army Air Force; Neil Haga, Army; Dale Heath, Navy; Charles Hewitt, Navy; Leonard Leach, Navy; Edwin McCurry, Army Air Force; Edward Parkes, Navy; Ruth Parks, Navy; Jack Rentz, Navy; William Staunton, Navy; Gerhard Tank, Navy; Dale Templeman, Navy; Fred Warren, Marine Corps; and Whitney Woodburn Jr., Navy.

These twenty-five heroes join over 200,000 veterans who have been honored through the Honor Flight Network of volunteers nationwide since 2005.

I would also like to recognize the twelve guardians traveling on this trip who have also served our country: Michael Boehme, Navy; Melissa Candy, Army National Guard; Mark Collier, Navy and Coast Guard; Robert Fleischman, Navy; David Haines, Navy and Air Force; Terry Haines, Navy; Charles Hanger, Army; Evan Hanson, Air Force; Ron Kohl, Army Air Force; Pete Pringle, Navy; Charles Sharpes, Army; and Tanya Wilson, Navy.

Mr. Speaker, at the height of the Civil War in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln wrote, "Honor to the Soldier, and Sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause." Each of us in this chamber and in this nation should be humbled by the courage of these brave veterans who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Southern Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT TAYLOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, due to the anticipated impact of Hurricane Florence I will miss the votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 394; YEA on Roll Call No. 395; and YEA on Roll Call No. 396.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DOCTOR JOHN ALEXANDER

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Doctor John Gilbert Alexander. Doctor Alexander, a native of Union, Mississippi, passed away on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at the age of 90.

John Gilbert Alexander graduated from Union High School in 1946. He continued his education at Millsaps College where received his Bachelor of Science Degree. In 1954, he went to Tulane University where he received his Doctor of Medicine. This was the start of Dr. Alexander's great life of service.

Shortly after graduating from Tulane, Dr. Alexander joined the United States Air Force where he was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina as a Captain. After completing his three years of service from 1955–1958, Dr. Alexander returned to Union where he began his long partnership with Laird Hospital/Family Medical Group. Of his 60 years of practicing medicine, one date that stands out in particular is March 1st, 1966, at Laird Hospital in Union where Dr. Alexander was helping my mother, Barbara Kelly, deliver me.

Dr. Alexander not only served his patients but also served as a member of the Mississippi Academy of Family Practice, Mississippi Medical Association, and Southern Medical Association. He was also selected as "Physician of the Year" in 1997 by the Mississippi Chapter of the American Family Practice Association.

In 2006, Dr. Alexander helped establish the J.G. Alexander Nursing Home. The nursing home, located in Union, has 60 beds and accepts Medicare and Medicaid patients. In 2008, Dr. Alexander retired from his clinic duties but, remained active on the Laird Hospital staff as Senior Medical Advisor.

His career as a doctor is not the only factor that defined him. Dr. Alexander loved his community and was extremely active in it. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Union where he served as an Elder and a Clerk. He also served as a member of the Union Lion's Club, Union Chamber of Commerce, and the Union School Board. In 2005, the Union Chamber of Commerce named Dr. Alexander as "Citizen of the Year." The Union Chamber of commerce went on to present him with the "Lifetime Achievement Recipient Award" in 2014.

Dr. Alexander's life was one of service, gratitude, love for his family, and community. He will be dearly missed by all he encountered.

Dr. Alexander is survived by his four children Karen, David, Ross and Mike, his seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO CALVIN WRIGHT

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a constituent and long-time friend, Calvin Wright, who has dedicated his life to our nation through activism, civic endeavors and military service. Mr. Wright is being honored on September 20th for his more than 50 years of public service to Orangeburg County, South Carolina, and the nation.

As a high school student, Mr. Wright was among the hundreds of protestors in the "Orangeburg Movement" who were arrested and jailed for civil disobedience. Mr. Wright continued his activism as Vice President of the State NAACP Youth Conference. His experiences with seasoned leaders of the Movement undergirded his activism and reinforced his commitment to social justice.

Mr. Wright was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1965, just after his graduation from Wilkinson High School. He earned the rank of Sergeant in less than 10 months and was deployed to Vietnam in 1968. Mr. Wright resolutely discharged his duties and was awarded a Certificate of Military Combat by the 18th Military Police Brigade, 93rd Military Police Company for outstanding service in Vietnam.

Once back in Orangeburg, Mr. Wright challenged the lack of opportunity facing his fellow African Americans, veterans, the poor, and disenfranchised. He became a foot soldier in President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty." Mr. Wright served on the Board of Directors for the Orangeburg Area Committee for Economic Progress (Orangeburg-Calhoun-Allendale-Bamberg [OCAB] Community Action Agency, Inc.)—the local Community Action Program. Mr. Wright resigned his seat in 1977 to become Deputy Director of the Agency. He became the agency's Executive Director in 1983.

Along with the block grant programs that are the core of OCAB, the agency has a long-running HIV Prevention Peer Education Project, a Non-Traditional Occupational Training for Women, and an employment opportunity program for mothers receiving public assistance. Mr. Wright created the OCAB Community Development Association which constructed the Ujima Village Apartments for low income elderly and disabled residents. He also directed the construction of new Head Start Centers in Allendale, Bamberg, and Orangeburg.

Mr. Wright's years of service have touched many lives. All his experiences as an advocate and soldier have enabled him to effectively serve his community. He has been a leader for civil rights, community service and humanitarianism and has received numerous honors and awards for these efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing this barrier-breaking public servant, and to wish him Godspeed and continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR BOB ANDREWS

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mayor Bob Andrews, who has served the City of Newberg, Oregon with distinction and dedication for the past 12 years.

The first time I met Mayor Andrews was shortly before I was elected to Congress. He told me he wanted to build and sustain a positive working relationship; and we did just that. For the past six and a half years, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Mayor Andrews—a steady, forward-thinking, principled pragmatist with an unsurpassed commitment to Newberg and its residents.

When Phase I of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass opened earlier this year, it culminated a decades-long progression of vision and advocacy to make Newberg and Dundee more livable communities for residents who were constantly stuck in gridlock and congestion. The project was painstaking at times with numerous setbacks, but Mayor Andrews and his dogged determination never wavered. For a decade, with steadfast devotion, Bob attended nearly every meeting and hearing—including those in Salem and the occasional trip to Washington, D.C.—to advocate for resources and support. Although a handful of people pushed this project over the finish line, Mayor Andrews is first among equals.

That same level of persistence and commitment also characterized Mayor Andrews' support for Special Olympics Oregon, which held its Summer State Games in Newberg for six years. He worked to make sure that the city rolled out the red carpet, and he was a champion for the athletes and their families. In addition, Mayor Andrews served on a number of nonprofit boards and helped orchestrate a faith-based emergency preparedness plan to help the city prepare for a Cascadia earthquake. For his achievements, the Oregon Mayors Association awarded him with the 2018 Mayors Leadership Award—the highest honor among his peers.

Newberg is a better place because of the selfless service of Mayor Andrews. His commitment to the people of Newberg is unparalleled, and his goals as a public official always transcended himself—qualities all leaders should aspire to. In a time of deep cynicism and political division, Bob embodies the true meaning of 'Civil servant.'

I am honored to have worked alongside Mayor Bob Andrews and consider him both a fantastic mayor and a friend. I wish him the very best in his second retirement, and hope he enjoys some well-deserved time with his wife, children, and grandchildren.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I mistakenly voted yes, when I meant to vote no on roll No. 387, H.R. 6691—Community Safety and Security Act of 2018.

HONORING COOPER LEE SHAW

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cooper Shaw. Cooper 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 1264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cooper has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cooper has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Cooper has become a member of the tribe Mic-O-Say. Cooper has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Cooper planned and led a team of Scouts and Scouters stenciling over 100 storm drains for the City of Lee's Summit to reduce flooding and pollution in their local lakes and streams.

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

RECOGNIZING STEVE MCCLURE

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Steve McClure for his many years of service to Union County. Steve dedicated 28 years of his life to faithfully serving Union County, and he spent two years serving our great nation in the Vietnam War. I'd like to pay tribute to Steve's dedication to Union County and his leadership for eastern Oregon.

Steve was born in Elgin, Oregon, and graduated from Elgin High School in 1964. In 1968, Steve was drafted into the Army and served his country in Vietnam, where he received a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Following his time in Vietnam, Steve was in the service as both an active reserve and an inactive reserve until 1974. Throughout his life, Steve has always shown a willingness to sacrifice for the betterment of other people.

Steve moved to Florida, where he started his family. His daughter Jennifer was born in 1973, and has now decided to follow in her father's footsteps of public service by serving as the Mayor of Weston, Oregon. His son Michael was born in 1976 and is now a computer programmer. The family lived in Florida until 1978 when they moved back to Oregon, and Steve worked on the family farm.

In 1990, Steve was appointed to the Union County Board of Commissioners, and was first elected to the role in November of that same year. He has gone on to serve six four-year terms for a total of 28 years. During that time, Steve's commitment and loyalty to Union County and his friends across eastern Oregon has earned him the deep respect of his colleagues. Many people, including myself, have