

RECOGNIZING THE BRAVERY OF
DARRYL TRAPPS

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Syracuse firefighter Darryl Trapps, who serves as an emergency responder at the Carrier Dome during Syracuse University basketball games. During the December 4th game against Northeastern University, Mr. Trapps performed CPR on a patron suffering from a medical emergency. The actions of Mr. Trapps and others in attendance saved the man's life.

Since 2004, Mr. Trapps has worked as an emergency responder at the Carrier Dome. Mr. Trapps diligently monitors athletic events for emergencies and, before December 4th, no serious incidents had occurred during his tenure. However, before the December 4th game, a patron went stiff in his seat and began suffering a cardiac event. Mr. Trapps recognized the severity of the situation and jumped into action.

Mr. Trapps arrived to the man's section and, upon discovering the man had no pulse, began performing chest compressions. Mr. Trapps was surrounded by concerned attendees but his emergency response skills and training allowed him to block out any sort of distraction. He administered chest compressions while a doctor performed rescue breathing, both of them trying to keep oxygen flowing to the patient's brain.

Emergency Medical Technicians arrived with a defibrillator shortly after Mr. Trapps began assisting the man. They administered two shocks to the man's chest with Mr. Trapps continuing chest compressions between the shocks. On the third shock, the man's pulse returned and he was taken to Upstate University Hospital for further treatment. Mr. Trapps had successfully saved the man's life but immediately returned to his duty.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring the courageous actions of Darryl Trapps. His composure during this chaotic situation was no easy task and his efforts saved the life of another individual. I applaud Mr. Trapps, as well as first responders around the country, whose daily actions save countless lives.

RECOGNIZING LAKE ROAD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lake Road Elementary School of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for being recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2018, a distinction bestowed upon only 349 public and private schools across the country.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. This award affirms Lake Road Ele-

mentary School's hard work in creating an environment for educational attainment that is recognized as a symbol of exemplary teaching and learning.

Lake Road Elementary provides a model for success to all schools by creating a nurturing environment that promotes student development through problem solving and exploration. Principal Erica Weadon inspires a passionate and purposeful mindset that resonates throughout the entire organization, from the teachers, administrators, students, and parents. This accomplishment will pay dividends for years to come as Lake Road Elementary continues to grow and flourish.

On behalf of the Eighth Congressional District of Missouri, it is my great privilege to congratulate the entire Lake Road Elementary School community for this remarkable achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF WALTER R.
BROOKS, JR.

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Walter R. Brooks, Jr., founder of Cape Cod Today, who passed away at the age of eighty-seven.

Mr. Brooks has been a pillar of the community, serving as a voice for Cape Cod. Born in 1930 to Walter Rollin Brooks, Sr. and Evelyn Mae Brooks, he was raised as an only child in Woodbury, Connecticut. At an early age, he knew he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and pursue a career in journalism. Following his graduation from the University of Connecticut, Mr. Brooks went on to serve as a publisher, managing editor, promotion and marketing director for the Village Voice, the New York Post, the Greenwich CT Times, the Naugatuck Daily News, the Amherst MA Journal-Record, the Enfield CT Press, the Cape Codder, and MPG Communications.

In 1959, Mr. Brooks spent a summer in Provincetown, where he met and married the love of his life, Patricia. Their love of Cape Cod would lead them to settle in Harwich in 1965, where they raised their two sons, Todd and Jay. After moving, Walter and Patricia, who were devoted to improving the accessibility of news outlets, launched a Cape Cod tourism publication entitled Best Read Guides. In 1998, his passion for his community led him to establish, Cape Cod Today. One of the nation's first online-only local news websites, Cape Cod Today has been an integral part of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Brooks has always put the people of Cape Cod first, constantly trying to figure out how to better his home. He has stepped up at every point to improve our schools and our community by using his newspaper to hold institutions and individuals accountable to the people.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Walter R. Brooks, Jr. for his dedication to bettering our community. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his commitment to journalism and the people of Cape Cod.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
TOM TORLAKSON

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2018

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with Congressman MIKE THOMPSON to recognize Tom Torlakson for his dedicated and passionate service to our community.

A recipient of the Merchant Marine Service Medal, Tom began his life-long commitment to service as a fireman in assignments such as Guam, Vietnam, and Thailand. After his service, Tom attended the University of California Berkeley, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in History, a Life Secondary Teaching Credential, and a Master of Arts in Education.

Tom has served as a teacher for the Mount Diablo Unified School District, a councilman for the City of Antioch, a county supervisor for Contra Costa County, and as a legislator in both the California State Senate and State Assembly. During his tenure in the California State Legislature, Tom fought to increase funding for education, implement school nutrition programs and physical education, and improve school safety. He also led the charge for making the California public school system more inclusive by eliminating the achievement gap, reducing the dropout rate, and funding afterschool programs.

As the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom brought his experience and drive to the California Department of Education where he continued his vow to improve our state's public education system. During his two terms, Tom set new standards for testing student achievement, expanded programs that meet the needs of children outside of the regular school day, and oversaw a record high school graduation rate. Tom is also the chair and founder of the California Task Force on Youth and Workplace Wellness, where he has continued to promote healthier meals and physical activity for students.

Tom Torlakson has left a positive impact on the California public school system and its students, and the community at large. While his leadership and enthusiasm will be dearly missed in his official capacity, he will surely continue to contribute to California. I join with Congressman MIKE THOMPSON in thanking Tom for his service to our County, our state, and our students, and wish him the best in his retirement.

HONORING ROBERT E. MOORE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Robert E. Moore, a pillar in the Mississippi Delta.

In the year of 1945, Robert was born on the 21st day of April. Raised in Greenwood, Mississippi, Robert received his undergraduate degree from Jackson State University and a graduate degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Moore was a United States Marine Corps Veteran. He served in Vietnam and was a Purple Heart Recipient.

Robert was best known for his persistent leadership while fighting for the underprivileged citizens of Leflore County. Robert served as President of the Leflore County Board of Supervisors for more than fifteen years. He recently retired from Mississippi Valley State University after 27½ years serving as the Director of the University Center for Economic Development.

Mr. Moore has served as Director of the Mid-Delta One Stop Capital Shop, the National Center for Excellence, Director of Historical Black Colleges and Universities, Urban Development Home Ownership Rehabilitation Program, and Department Head of the Social Work Program. He also participated in the Lower Mississippi Delta Commission, the Empowerment Zone, along with the Delta Individual Investment Corporation, Mississippi Blues Commission, and the Delta Regional Authority.

His years of hard work and dedication are worthy of many celebratory remarks. As a profound advocate for economic development, Moore is highly remembered for his leadership and guidance in the construction of the Three Rivers Community Development Corporation, Leflore County Micro Loan Program, Leflore County Business Manufacturing Center, Leflore County Home Ownership Program, and the Mid-Delta Individual Investment Corporation.

Robert was a lifelong resident of the Brown- ing Community. He was indeed a great inspiration and took great pride in the betterment of the quality of his district. He had a vision for a community-owned business which provided opportunities for its people. He saw an expansion of the Browning Well as a Community Heritage Project.

Moore transitioned on Friday, November 11, 2018. He is survived by his three children: Latanya Moore Wallace, Reginald Moore, and Robert Andre Moore.

Mr. Speaker, I honor the life of Mr. Robert E. Moore for his many years of service and efforts he has put forth in the Mississippi Delta as well as the United States of America.

HONORING BLAKE KINNETT

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Blake James Dale Kinnett of Alvin, Illinois. Blake is the son of John and Becky and brother to Kaitlyn and Garett. He is passionate about sports, especially baseball and basketball. By the age of 12, Blake was a two-time baseball state champion, and even played in a national tournament in Cooperstown, New York with the Illiana Chiefs.

Blake also enjoyed playing basketball in Alvin, where a court has been renamed in his honor. When Blake wasn't playing sports, he enjoyed spending time with his friends and family as well as fishing and turkey hunting.

In 2017, Blake was diagnosed with Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), a disease that destroys the protective myelin sheath surrounding the brain's neurons. ALD affects 1 in 18,000 people, and to date there is no known cure.

After Blake's diagnosis, his community rallied around him and his family to sponsor

fundraisers and help spread awareness about ALD. Blake, his family, and his community's efforts to spread awareness of this disease helped affect change in Illinois state law and led to the designation of December 1st as "Blake Kinnett Day".

Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend Blake for his resilience in facing his ALD diagnosis. Blake is an inspiration to everyone who hears his story. May God bless him and his family.

CELEBRATING NEW YORK FARMERS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO "HARVEST FOR ALL"

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the farmers in my district, alongside the New York Farm Bureau, for their participation in the "Harvest For All" program. "Harvest For All" is a nationwide program that seeks to distribute food to needy families and individuals. Run by farm bureaus and food banks across the country, the program has been assisting underserved communities for nearly two decades.

"Harvest For All" was started in 2002 by members of the Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers program but now includes volunteers of all ages. The program operates year round and has donated nearly 223 million pounds of food, as well as amassed over 121,000 volunteer hours since it began. Between monetary and food contributions, "Harvest For All" donates an amount equivalent to 31 million meals.

In New York State, "Harvest For All" has a strong presence and reaches many New Yorkers in need. In 2016, the New York Farm Bureau donated 13.2 million pounds of food, the second largest total among state Farm Bureaus. They have donated 11 million pounds of food so far in 2018, an amount that translates to 9,000,000 meals for underprivileged New Yorkers. In addition to food donations, the New York Farm Bureau is teaching New Yorkers the culinary knowledge necessary to prepare healthier foods.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing the local farmers, New York Farm Bureau, and Farm Bureaus around the country, for their participation in "Harvest For All." During this time of year in particular, it is incredibly important we count our blessings and help those who are less fortunate. "Harvest For All" is a program that embodies this standard as farmers nationwide strive to improve the quality of life for millions in our great country. I thank the Central New York farmers who contribute to this program year after year and recognize their role in building a better New York.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF JAMES LEWIS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Eastern

Kentucky's longest serving county clerks, Mr. James Lewis who was sworn into office as the Leslie County Clerk in January 1986. He is retiring after dedicating 33 years of public service to the people of Leslie County, including his oversight of nearly 60 elections.

James has garnered the utmost respect of his peers and leaders across the Commonwealth of Kentucky for his astute knowledge, experience, and steadfast integrity in election operations. He has instructed election training for county clerks in Kentucky for more than 20 years, served as President of the Kentucky County Clerk's Association from 1999 to 2000, and has been Chairman of the Kentucky County Clerk's Association Election Committee from 1994 until his retirement this year. James has served as a guardian for common-sense election reform since 1986 and a staunch advocate for programs and policies that best serve Kentuckians.

During his tenure as county clerk, James has sought out opportunities to offer compassion and additional support to those most in need. In fact, he co-founded the Help A Veteran Everyday (HAVE) Program to provide funding for Veterans programs across the state. The HAVE program repurposes license plates for bird houses that can be purchased at participating County Clerk's offices, offering 100 percent of proceeds to the Hope for Veterans charity.

Aside from going above and beyond the call of duty in his role as Leslie County Clerk, James has been a loyal friend of the Republican Party who proudly works to uphold the conservative principles that he holds dear. James has participated in every election since turning 18 years old, has dedicated his career to administering six dozen elections, and been a valiant pioneer for election reform. He has served as a tireless member of the Republican Parties of Leslie County and Kentucky for many years and was inducted into the Kentucky Fifth District Lincoln Club Hall of Fame in 2010.

James' leadership has been highly respected, reliable and resourceful for one of Kentucky's most rural and impoverished counties. He is a beloved friend to the people of Leslie County who has made a lasting impact through his devoted kindness and fortitude for a brighter future. I wish James and his wife, Betty, a retirement filled with joy and peace with their daughters, Danika and Wendy, and their grandchildren, Kelsey and R.J. May their gardening and fishing days together be fruitful.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2018

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to the inclement weather in North Carolina and missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 426, and YEA on Roll Call No. 427.