

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

Monday, December 17, 2018

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

Monday, December 17, 2018

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.

RECOGNIZING KINGSTON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kingston Elementary School of Cadet, 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 Kingston Elementary School's hard work in creating an atmosphere for educational attainment that is recognized as a symbol of exemplary teaching and learning.

Built upon the core values of encouraging learning, inspiring pride, dreaming boldly, and supporting others, Kingston Elementary created a community of learners who strive for success and work together to proudly achieve their goals. This school fosters an environment that prioritizes education and safety in the school community, one achieved through collaboration between students, educators, and parents. Led by Principal Jenny Boyster and Assistant Principal Marlene King, Kingston Elementary is an inspiration and a model for schools still striving for excellence.

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

RECOGNIZING THE 136TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE HOTEL ROANOKE
& CONFERENCE CENTER

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2018

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to recognize a National Historic Landmark located in my hometown of Roanoke, Virginia in the Sixth Congressional District. The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center stands at the heart of Roanoke's downtown, on a hill in the Gainsboro neighborhood where it has been located for 136 years.

Roanoke was founded as the confluence of two railroads. The Norfolk and Western Railway established the city as its hub. The N&W—now Norfolk Southern—constructed the Hotel Roanoke and opened it on Christmas Day 1882. Since then, it has welcomed men, women, and children from all walks of life to enjoy the hotel's lodging, its amenities—including its Southern cuisine, like its famous peanut soup—and just the chance to spend time in one of the city's cultural centers.

Regrettably, due to declining interest in maintaining the historic structure, the Hotel Roanoke closed on November 30, 1989. The contents of the hotel were even sold to interested buyers. Fortunately, thanks to an agreement with Virginia Tech and the desire of

community leaders to redevelop the dilapidated structure, more than 2,800 people and businesses pledged the funds needed to help the Renew Roanoke effort, which raised \$8 million to save the hotel from demolition.

In a partnership that included the Virginia Tech Real Estate Foundation and the City of Roanoke, the completely renovated Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center opened in April 1995. The city built a pedestrian bridge to connect the facility to the central business district, a vital connection that has contributed heavily to the rebirth of Roanoke's downtown. It's estimated in the 23 years since its reopening, the hotel and conference center has had a \$558 million economic impact and has led to hundreds of millions of dollars in additional investments by a wide variety of housing interests, businesses, restaurants, and cultural amenities.

Affiliated as a Doubletree hotel from its reopening, the Hotel Roanoke & Conference recently converted to Hilton's Curio Collection. It's the latest update to take the structure known for its Tudor-style construction into a new role in Roanoke's growth. I've been blessed to enjoy countless happy occasions with family members and friends at "the Grand Old Lady on the Hill." The Hotel Roanoke's 136th anniversary is just a week away. It's a fine time to celebrate not only the Christmas holidays but the contributions made by the Hotel Roanoke to the region's history and its very promising future.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO
NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION
ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2018

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 1051 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (P.L. 115-232), I withdraw the appointment of November 13, 2018, and I appoint the following individual to the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence:

Mr. Andrew R. Jassy, Seattle, Washington.

HONORING CLINTON LORENZ

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Clinton Lorenz for being named to the IFCA Class 3A junior All-State team.

Clinton started as a lineman for my alma mater, the Greensburg High School Pirates, as a junior. On defense, he had 37 total tackles and was a consistent force on the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball.

I want to congratulate him on an outstanding season and for representing himself with class throughout the season. I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating Clinton for his dedication, execution, and excellence this season.

PASSAGE OF H.R. 6964, THE JUVENILE
JUSTICE REFORM ACT OF
2018

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2018

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today is a great day for our nation's youth and their communities. I would like to take a moment and reflect on the passage of H.R. 6964 as amended by the Senate, the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018, a comprehensive reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (JJDP), which is now headed to the President's desk for his signature.

Last authorized in 2002, JJDP sets the federal guardrails that protect children in the custody of our state juvenile justice systems. JJDP contains four core protections for youth in state juvenile justice systems:

Jail Removal: Children in the system cannot be housed in the same facility as adult offenders, except under limited circumstances.

Sight and Sound Separation: In the limited circumstances that children are housed in the same facility as adult offenders, they must have sight and sound separation.

Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO): Children who have committed status offenses—infractions based solely on their age (e.g., underage drinking, truancy)—cannot be placed in secure detention, except under limited circumstances.

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC): State systems must determine if their system has disproportionate contact with minority offenders.

These protections were created and refined over time through Congressional reauthorizations that built upon the evidence-based best practices of states. I'm proud to say that H.R. 6964 makes strides to improve each of the four core protections. The bill improves the 'Jail Removal' and 'Sight and Sound Separation' core protections by simplifying the definition of contact and phasing in sight and sound separation for youth under the age of 18 being held pretrial in adult criminal court.

It strengthens the DSO core protection by increasing the oversight required when a state uses one of the limited circumstances available in the law—the valid court order (VCO)—to detain a status offender. And the bill refines the DMC core protection to ensure that states must collect and report data on decision points in the juvenile justice system to identify where disparities occur. This is a contravention of harmful proposals offered by the current Administrator of the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).

While enactment of H.R. 6964 is a good first step, I join my House Republican colleagues who championed this bill in expressing regret that the legislation in its final form does not go far enough to improve the core protections. Specifically, I am disappointed that H.R. 6964 does not eliminate the VCO exception to DSO.

The VCO exception was added to JJDP in the 1980's after a push by juvenile court judges. It is used by judges to detain repeat status offenders and juveniles who fail to appear in court. But the research suggests that the VCO exception has not been effective as a means of reducing juvenile delinquency and