

Barbara grew up in Niagara Falls, New York, the oldest of five children, and has been politically active since high school. Marrying a soldier curtailed her opportunity to run for public office, but after twenty-seven years in the U.S. Army traveling and living overseas and across the United States, they came to the state of Georgia and became active in Republican politics. Barbara and her husband, Jim, moved to Cobb County in 2001 and reside in Mableton. Barbara and Jim have four children and four grandchildren. Among her many accomplishments, Barbara founded The Etiquette School of Atlanta, where she teaches classes and workshops to enhance personal effectiveness for adults and children. She has served as a consultant at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., the United States Department of Agriculture, and as a Master Trainer for the Army Family Team Building Program. Barbara has served her community and state tirelessly as an integral part of many organizations, such as the South Cobb Business Association, Cobb County Chamber of Commerce, the Georgia Federation of Republican Women, Cobb County Republican Women's Club, and the Cobb County Republicans, among others. On behalf of the people of Georgia's 11th Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I commend Barbara Hickey for her many years of outstanding, dedicated and effective service.

CONGRATULATING MAJOR GENERAL AL AYCOCK ON RECEIVING THE 2018 GREATER FAYETTEVILLE CHAMBER CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 23, 2018*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Al Aycock as the recipient of the 2018 Greater Fayetteville Chamber Chairman's Award.

The Chairman's Award is presented to the volunteer who has gone above and beyond in service of the Greater Fayetteville Chamber over the past year. This prestigious award is selected by the Chairman of the Chamber's Board of Directors, and is one of the highest honors a community leader can receive. Everyone who knows Maj. Gen. Aycock can attest that he's as deserving as any recipient we've ever had for this award.

Maj. Gen. Aycock served almost 40 years in the military, with 20 of those years at Fort Bragg. Assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division and Special Forces as Company Commander, Maj. Gen. Aycock excelled in developing the next generation of special warfare operators. He led the Special Forces Qualification Course, including Robin Sage, and commanded the 2nd Battalion of the 1st Special Warfare Training Group, responsible for the training of Special Operations personnel in Military Freefall, Underwater Operations, Close Quarters Combat and Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE). I thank Gen. Aycock for his service to our community and our nation. His sacrifices have not gone unnoticed by his friends and neighbors here in Fayetteville.

Maj. Gen. Aycock is deserving of this award, and I wish him success as he continues to be a wonderful community asset through his role as the Managing Partner of Ramparts Group, LLC and his volunteer service and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Major General Al Aycock on winning the 2018 Greater Fayetteville Chamber Chairman's Award.

CONGRATULATING AND HONORING THE CITY OF CERES

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 23, 2018*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor the City of Ceres, located in the California Central Valley, on a tremendous milestone—the completion of its first centennial.

As the City of Ceres enters into its 100th year, they wish to honor and mark its history of a community working together to bring a cityhood of achievement into existence. The name "Ceres" was selected by Elma J. Carter in 1871 to honor the warehouses and granary of her grandfather; the name meaning health, beauty, fruitfulness, and wholesomeness.

Daniel Whitmore is accredited with building the City's first house in 1870 and served as the first cartographer of the land on February 20, 1875. Ceres emerged as a township in January of 1910, consequent to the formation of the Ceres Judicial District. Simultaneously, the citizens of Ceres worked to assimilate as a city in California. It was not until February 25, 1918 that the inhabitants decided to incorporate as a general law city of the State of California.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating and congratulating the City of Ceres on the completion of its first centennial, and wish them a myriad to come.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH—ATTORNEY CAROLYN HOUSE STEWART

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 23, 2018*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate one of Tampa's finest civic leaders Attorney Carolyn House Stewart. During this Black History Month, we honor her timeless dedication and almost 50 year record of honorable service to our community.

A Tampa native, Attorney Stewart graduated from the University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Social Science Education. She continued along the road to academic success and began her impressive 39-year legal career graduating with a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law. Attorney Stewart became the first African-American partner at Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen, one of Florida's oldest law firms.

Throughout her career she made significant contributions to the issues of social justice and human rights, health, global poverty, economic

security, education, and environmental stewardship. She served as a member of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners for five years and practiced before the US District Courts for the Middle and Southern District of Florida, as well as the US Court of Appeals for the 11th and 5th Circuits. Attorney Stewart currently serves as the CEO of Stewart Consulting Group, Inc. and is licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

Attorney Stewart is a renowned member of the prestigious Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., (AKAs), where she served as an example of their motto, "By Culture and By Merit". The AKAs are well-known for their life-long personal and professional development of each of its members and Attorney Stewart ascended to various leadership positions, including the 28th International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Chapter President, Cluster Coordinator of the South Atlantic Region, Chairman of the International Program Committee, International Secretary, and International First Vice President. Under her leadership, AKAs have volunteered over 6 million hours of service and impacted the lives of 26 million people in communities all over the globe. She was instrumental with the AKAs Emerging Young Leaders (EYL) Program that worked with over 15 thousand middle school-aged girls to develop the "skills and talents necessary to become leaders at their respective school, within their local communities, and other venues." For her dedication to the AKAs, she has received commendations, including the Carey B. Preston International Leadership Award, Margaret Davis Bowen Award, and Soror of the Year.

Attorney Stewart has been recognized for her exceptional commitment to service through various other awards including the 2006 Florida Commission on the Status of Women "Achievement Award," the National Bar Association Presidential Award, and one of the National Bar Association's highest honors, the Gertrude E. Rush Award. In 2013, she was presented the Sadie T.M. Alexander Award from the National Association of Black Law Students. Attorney Stewart was recognized by the Trumpet Awards Foundation with the High Heels Award, and in March 2014, she was presented the Phenomenal Woman's Award from the Black Women's Expo and also received the United Negro College Fund National Alumni Legacy Award for her support on education.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Tampa Bay community, I would like to take this opportunity to once again honor Attorney Carolyn House Stewart during this Black History Month for her many years of unselfish service and leadership, and for consistently being at the forefront of effective advocacy and social change throughout the Tampa Bay community.

HONORING AIR FORCE RESEARCH LABORATORY OF NEW MEXICO

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 23, 2018*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Air Force Research Laboratory of New Mexico—

an organization committed to engaging our community, especially youth, in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The Air Force Research Laboratory's STEM Outreach Program in New Mexico organizes several programs that encourage students, from elementary through graduate school, to pursue careers in STEM fields. In 2017, the Laboratory's outreach efforts were aimed at expanding the number of student's served—a goal they've undoubtedly achieved. Their programs, such as Mission to Mars, DoD STARBASE, and the Robotics Challenge, reached over 2,700 students last year. Seventy three percent of the participants were minority or underrepresented students, and half were female.

While incredibly dedicated to their own work, the Air Force Research Laboratory recognizes the value of collaborating with the community. Through marketing, financial, and organizational support, the Laboratory strengthened the Discovery Festival which introduced fun, interactive STEM exhibits to over 1,400 students in New Mexico.

Additionally, by creating a formal STEM matching program with school districts and their foundations across New Mexico, the Laboratory increased staff volunteer hours to provide quality classroom instruction and projects in ways that are tailored to teachers' curriculum and individual classroom needs.

The Air Force Research Laboratory of New Mexico's participation in my district office's Congressional App Challenge, a competition that encourages children to code, enriched the overall experience for local students. Laboratory staff took part in judging the submissions and provided live demonstrations for the students and their families during the awards reception.

Last but certainly not least, in order to promote the importance of STEM learning, Air Force Research Laboratory is hosting New Mexico's premiere Excellence in STEM Awards. The "STEMys" will celebrate the accomplishments of students, teachers, schools, organizations, businesses, and volunteers devoted to STEM learning in New Mexico.

I am incredibly proud of the work the Air Force Research Laboratory of New Mexico has done for the state's students. Their agency has inspired young minds to dream big, seize their future, and make the world a better place. I look forward to see the Laboratory's influence grow as they continue to educate and inspire New Mexicans.

**CONGRATULATING FIVE STAR ENTERTAINMENT ON RECEIVING THE 2018 GREATER FAYETTEVILLE CHAMBER MAYOR'S SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD**

### **HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 23, 2018*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mark Pezzalla and Five Star Entertainment as the recipient of the 2018 Greater Fayetteville Chamber Mayor's Small Business of the Year Award.

Located in Fayetteville, Five Star Entertainment is one of North Carolina's most sought-

after entertainment venues. From providing a bride her perfect wedding celebration to hosting elegant military balls, Five Star Entertainment has the equipment and professionals to ensure every event is spectacular. With a focus on serving our region, Five Star Entertainment also donates their services free-of-charge for many community events that require entertainment and sound services.

Army veteran and owner Mark Pezzalla has provided a brilliant venue to Fayetteville over the more than three decades he's served as Five Star Entertainment's President. Through his hard work and dedication, this venue has been able to host events that bring together Fayetteville, Fort Bragg and the entire region. Mark currently sits on the Boards of several non-profit organizations in the area, and has made his company a staple of service in the community.

Mark and Five Star Entertainment are deserving of this award and I wish them success as they continue to provide excellent service to our community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Mark Pezzalla and Five Star Entertainment on winning the 2018 Greater Fayetteville Chamber Mayor's Small Business of the Year Award.

### **CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAPLE LEAF FARMS**

### **HON. JACKIE WALORSKI**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 23, 2018*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Maple Leaf Farms on celebrating 60 wonderful years. This family-owned operation has been a staple in northern Indiana and the U.S. duck industry since 1958.

Donald Wentzel set out not only to be a successful business owner in northern Indiana, but also to be a trailblazer in duck farming across the country. He believed in local, sustainable, and cost-efficient farming that would produce the highest-quality products for his customers. Four generations later, the family's values and vision live on as the business continues to expand.

While 60 years of successful operation is a tremendous accomplishment, Maple Leaf Farms' expansion, production capabilities, and newest global ventures speak volumes to the dedication and ingenuity of the Tucker family. I am proud to learn of the strong business model and outstanding leadership of the Tuckers that has led Maple Leaf Farms to handle 10 million ducks a year and supply products worldwide.

It is truly an honor to represent such passionate and committed Hoosier farmers as the Tuckers, and I am grateful for the positive contributions they've made to our community. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I want to thank Maple Leaf Farms for strengthening Indiana's farming community and wish them all the best in their next 60 years.

HONORING OF BARBARA MARSHMAN ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

### **HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 23, 2018*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Barbara Marshman on her extraordinary thirty year career at the San Jose Mercury News. After working at small community papers in the Philadelphia area, and serving as a Knight Fellow at Stanford in 1987, she joined the staff of the Mercury News and rose to become its Editorial Page Editor, a post she excelled in for the past ten years. Her departure has been called a great loss, and she has been praised as compassionate, and one of the most respected journalists in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Barbara Marshman advocated for Net Neutrality and urged understanding of the global economy. She reported with wisdom, wit and a sure eye for hyperbole on many issues, including housing, political campaigns, open space, historic preservation, and extending BART to San Jose. She wrote about the "Year of the Woman" and advocated for the "Era of Women." She lauded the #MeToo movement and noted social media's part in making this movement so powerful. She wrote poignantly that "When women have a fail" share of the power, and the support to stand up to it, the world will be better for everyone. Our sons as well as our daughters."

Barbara Marshman will not go quietly into retirement. She will continue to live in San Jose and will lend her voice in different ways to the causes and concerns in our community. Whatever pulpit she chooses, we can be sure that hers will be a strong, effective and eloquent voice for what is right and sensible.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Barbara Marshman and her extraordinary career that enlightened so many. Her unique voice has bettered our community and strengthened our country.

### **CONGRATULATING MAC HEALY ON RECEIVING THE 2018 GREATER FAYETTEVILLE CHAMBER REALTOR CUP AWARD**

### **HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 23, 2018*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mac Healy as the recipient of the 2018 Greater Fayetteville Chamber Realtor Cup Award.

The Realtor Cup Award is given to the person who has contributed to the civic, economic and cultural growth of Fayetteville and Cumberland County. During his career, my good friend Mac has exhibited the qualities which define excellence in both business and community service. Mac is the President of Healy Wholesale Company, Incorporated and has lived in Fayetteville since he graduated from Wake Forest University.

Over the years, Mac has contributed to many local Fayetteville organizations. Currently, he serves as President of the N.C. Civil