

unexpectedly on February 25, 2018. Dr. Li was a father and a husband, a lawyer and scholar, and he was a committed Christian who used his legal skills to defend the poor and oppressed in China. He was a true friend of freedom and a kindred spirit in the fight to protect religious freedom and other human rights in China. Though his work made him a frequent target of harassment and violence, until his death he remained passionately committed to the fight for the rights of Chinese citizens under the law. Dr. Li was truly one of China's best and brightest. He will be missed.

Li Baiguang was born in Hunan province in 1968 and received his doctoral degree in law from Peking University in 1997. Motivated by his Christian faith, Dr. Li defended farmers, migrant workers, and those persecuted by the Chinese government because of their religious belief. In 2006, Dr. Li met with President George W. Bush in the Oval Office. In 2008, he received the Democracy Award from the National Endowment for Democracy (NED).

Dr. Li was in Washington DC, just a few weeks before his death. He expressed concern about the Chinese government's brutal crackdown on human rights lawyers and the possibility that new religious regulations would give the government an excuse to close all Protestant "house churches." I share these concerns and find China's deteriorating human rights situation deeply problematic. President Xi has presided over an extraordinary assault on the rule of law and civil society using repressive policies and new laws that threaten rights defenders in China and challenge both U.S. interests and U.S.-China cooperation and goodwill.

Dr. Li also spoke that day about a savage beating he received in October at the hands of Zhejiang province police. He was taken to a forest and tortured and warned to end his defense of a group of farmers dispossessed of their land by the Chinese government. To his credit, he did not back down from this threat.

He faced such dangers willingly and with a strong Christian faith. He fought daily for what was good and what was right and dreamed of a day when China would be more democratic and free. For his courage, he should be admired as a true champion of liberty and the rule of law.

Dr. Li is survived by his wife, Xu Hanmei, and their eight-year-old son Li Quingxin.

I believe that someday China will be free. Someday, the people of China will be able to enjoy all of their God-given rights. And a nation of free Chinese men and women will honor Li Baiguang as a hero. He will be honored along with all others like him who have sacrificed so much, and so long, for freedom.

HONORING SARAH KIMBROUGH HALL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Evangelist Sarah Kimbrough Hall.

The weekend of September 15, 2017 marked the 30th year ministry celebration for Evangelist Sarah Kimbrough Hall.

In 1987, local Pastor Edward Shields became gravely ill. At the time, he had a weekly

radio broadcast. As he could not perform this duty any longer, he asked Evangelist Hall to take over his radio ministry.

She thought that she would just do the program as he recovered from his illness. However, Pastor Shields did not recover, and Evangelist Hall continued to do the broadcast.

Evangelist Hall said that she had no idea that a door was being opened for her to minister on a national level.

As she assumed her new role of radio broadcaster, Evangelist Hall began to expand her ministry to include: nursing homes, donating to the homeless, visiting and ministering to the sick and elderly, jailhouse ministry, issuing school supplies to children, rendering support and comfort to the bereaved, providing financial support to various charities and non-profits and bringing local gospel musical artists to the area, just to name a few.

Evangelist Hall was born in Indianola, Mississippi, to Pastor Sam and Eula Kimbrough.

At the age of nine, she began singing with a gospel quartet and in her church's choir. It was at her father's church that she began arranging and scheduling church programs.

She moved to Chicago in 1966. After completing high school, she earned certifications in Business and Office Administration and Cosmetology. Although Hall lived in Chicago, she booked and arranged gospel artists to come to Indianola to perform. These programs grew, received much acclaim and have continued until this day.

Over the years, Evangelist Hall has been instrumental in various community efforts, which include raising money for a number of non-profit organizations. One of her crowning achievements for the past 20 years has been her work and fundraising for the Mississippi Region One Burn Center.

Under Evangelist Hall's leadership, an excess of \$30,000 has been raised and donated to help with the treatment and care of burn victims, many of whom have no health insurance.

Over the years, Evangelist Hall has received numerous accolades, to include: the Woman of Influence by the American Gospel Quartet Convention; selected as Nation's Best and Most Blessed by Quartet Jamboree; was the recipient of the Ruby Summerville Dixon Award; was recognized by the Jackson Musical Association Award and the Annual Stellar Gospel Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Evangelist Sarah Kimbrough Hall for her dedication to serving others and giving back to her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, last week, I voted against H.R. 1625, the fiscal year (FY) 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act. Most troubling, the bill shortchanges our nation's young people by failing to adequately address the gun violence epidemic. The bill also dismisses the urgent need to provide greater clarity for Dreamers and takes a cruel and heartless approach to immigration that does not reflect our country's values. It does all of

this while also failing to make tough decisions about our defense priorities. It maintains a \$78 billion increase in defense spending above last year's levels without dealing with wasteful and unnecessary nuclear expenditures that will make our country less secure.

That said, I credit our negotiators for funding key Democratic priorities and eliminating many Republican "poison pill" policy provisions. The omnibus included several key provisions that I support. The legislation includes additional funding to address our nation's crumbling infrastructure, including transit grant programs that I have long championed, and maintains critical funding for our public broadcasters. The bill also fully funds the Trade Enforcement Trust Fund, includes a \$4.6 billion increase for our nation's affordable housing programs, and maintains full support for program to ensure the U.S. continues increasing access to water, sanitation, and hygiene for the world's poorest people.

This is a tough job, and I commend the negotiators for their hard work.

OPPOSITION TO H.R. 4296

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4296, a bill that restricts how federal financial regulators determine the amount of operational risk capital large banks are required to hold. Operational risk standards were put in place after the financial crisis of 2008 and currently apply to the largest financial firms in the country. These capital requirements are designed to ensure that large financial institutions have enough money on-hand to protect consumers and taxpayers, avoiding another taxpayer funded bank bailout. At the time H.R. 4296 was brought to the floor, I voted in favor of passage. However, this was a mistake and I would like to reflect that I do not support this legislation.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act was passed to ensure that the American taxpayers will not have to pay for another Wall Street bailout. I am a proud co-author and supporter of the Dodd-Frank Act and continue to believe that it is critical to protect our nation's financial stability. Dodd-Frank put in place financial regulations that protect the broader economy by mitigating risk of large financial firms. Further, it enacted much needed consumer protections to make financial products offered to consumers safer and easier to understand. Significant changes to Dodd-Frank could undermine the stability of the economy and our financial services sector and increase the likelihood that predatory lenders will return to prey on vulnerable consumers.

HONORING PFC MILTON LEE OLIVE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a legendary hero, PFC Milton Lee Olive, III.

PFC Milton Lee Olive, III was born on November 7, 1946 in Chicago, IL. His mother died during the childbirth and his dad had no way to work and raise him. But his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Olive, from the Lexington, MS area stepped in. They went to Chicago immediately and brought him home with them and raised him in Lexington.

Upon graduation from High school in Holmes County, Lexington in 1965, young Milton went back to Chicago to live with his father and step-mother and during that summer he volunteered for the Army. He was then shipped out to participate in the hottest part of the Vietnam War.

On October 22, 1965 while on patrol near Phu Cuong, Vietnam, PFC Milton Lee Olive, III and other soldiers of the Bravo Company 2nd/503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade were given the mission of securing a 60-square-mile area known as War Zone D, or the "Iron Triangle." As the soldiers moved through the thick jungle brush trying to locate Viet Cong enemies, they came under fire but were able to push the enemy back.

As PFC Milton Lee Olive and four other soldiers, two of them black and two of them white, were in pursuit of the Viet Cong enemies, one of the enemy turned and threw a hand grenade into the middle of the platoon. Immediately, PFC Olive dashed forward yelling "I've got it," smothering a live grenade into his middle and moved away from the others, sacrificed his life to save others by falling on the grenade and absorbing the full blast.

PFC Milton Lee Olive, III's selfless act of bravery saved the lives of four soldiers but ended his own life. He was just 18 years old.

PFC Milton Lee Olive, III was awarded a memorial plaque in his memory of his bravery. He was the first African-American soldier and recipient of the Vietnam War to be honored America's highest military decoration—the Medal of Honor—from the United States Army as a soldier for his actions of bravery in the Vietnam War.

PFC Milton Lee Olive, III's monument was erected and can be visited in Holmes County at Miles Hill, south of Lexington, MS. There is also a park in Chicago bearing the young hero's name.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing PFC Milton Lee Olive, III for his bravery and dedication to the United States Military.

HONORING REAR ADMIRAL LAWRENCE CLEVELAND "LARRY" CHAMBERS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Rear Admiral Lawrence Cleveland "Larry" Chambers, USNA '52, USN (Ret.), who the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation honored at an event for its 2018 Distinguished Graduate Award recipients.

RADM Chambers and I share a common alma mater, Dunbar High School, where he graduated as valedictorian of the Class of 1948 and as commander of the JROTC corps

of cadets. In 1952, RADM Chambers became the second African American to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy.

In 1954, RADM Chambers became a Naval Aviator and in 1959, Stanford University awarded him a Bachelor's degree in Aero Engineering. During his time in the U.S. Navy, RADM Chambers became the first African American to achieve:

Officer in Charge of a Fighter Detachment—VA-22 Det R, the "Fighting Redcocks," USS *Princeton* (CVS-37);

Commanding Officer of an Attack Squadron, VA-15, the "Valions," USS *Roosevelt* CV-42; Air Officer, "Air Boss," USS *Oriskany* (CV-34);

Commanding Officer of a Combat Stores Ship, USS *White Plains* (AFS-4), "The Orient Express;"

Commanding Officer of an Aircraft Carrier, USS *Midway* (CV-41), "Midway Magic;"

Commander of a Carrier Battle Group (CarGru3);

Commander of a second Carrier Battle Group (Interim Commander CarGru4);

Vice Commander Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR); and

Flag rank as a U.S. Naval Academy graduate.

In 1975, a month into his command of the USS *Midway* and during "Operation Frequent Wind," the final helicopter evacuation of Saigon, then-Captain Chambers performed a notable act of valor. During the mission's 18 hours of "controlled chaos," the USS *Midway* received 3,073 of the nearly 7,000 evacuees while helicopters covered her flight deck. Major Buang-Ly of the South Vietnamese Air Force crammed his wife and five children into the two-person cabin of a Cessna O-1 "Bird Dog." Maj. Buang-Ly took off and followed the helicopters out to sea. He found the USS *Midway*, and after three attempts, dropped this note on the deck, "Can you move the helicopters to the other side? I can land on your runway. I can fly one hour more. Please rescue me.—Maj. Buang-Ly, wife, and children."

The admiral commanding the *Midway's* Carrier Battle Group ordered CAPT Chambers to tell the pilot to ditch the airplane. However, CAPT Chambers saw through his binoculars that a woman and children were on the aircraft. As a naval aviator, he knew when the Cessna's fixed landing gear hit the sea, the light land plane would flip and sink with its passengers on board.

CAPT Chambers called all personnel not on watch to report to the flight deck. More than 3,000 of the 4,300 compliments came topside to carry out CAPT Chambers' order, "clear the deck!" The sailors heaved the helicopters blocking the USS *Midway's* landing area overboard into the South China Sea. He then ordered 25 knots and pointed the USS *Midway* into wind. Maj. Buang-Ly managed to strike a perfect deck landing in the over-loaded Cessna with no arresting hook. CAPT Chambers quickly met Maj. Buang-Ly and resumed landing more inbound choppers.

In 1984, after 32 years of service, RADM Chambers retired from the Navy with more than 5,000 flight hours and 1,000 carrier landings. He then went on to work in private industry. In his civilian retirement, he continues to embody the U.S. Naval Academy's mission and values.

Therefore, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing and honoring

RADM Chambers for his service to our country and in commending him on being selected as a 2018 Distinguished Graduate Award recipient.

HONORING EXCLUSIVE KUTZ BARBER SHOP

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Exclusive Kutz Barber Shop, a Yazoo City business making an impact not only on hairstyles, but also on the needy of the community.

Oliver Sampson, owner of Exclusive Kutz, along with Steve Beckford and Lonnie Conley, create lasting impressions on customers by providing them with popular or custom hairstyles.

Exclusive Kutz is proud to service men, women, and children of all cultures, providing the best experiences possible for their customers.

Barber shops are known for their conversations, and Sampson reflected on the variety of talks that have occurred in his shop, ranging from politics and religion, to economics and finances.

Exclusive Kutz was recently featured in an issue of The Yazoo Herald giving free haircuts and facials to the needy of Yazoo City at the Manna House.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Exclusive Kutz Barber Shop and its owners for their desire to make a difference in the lives of children and the community.

MARKING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Maryland's Fifth District. On April 1, 1943, the Navy formally commissioned the installation, marking the start of Pax River's long and storied contribution to the defense of our nation in times of both war and peace.

Over the past three quarters of a century, history has been made at Pax River again and again. The XP59-A, America's first all-jet aircraft, was first tested at Pax River in 1944. The flight test program launched in the late 1940's and expanded in the 1950's trained many of our nation's top military flight test pilots, including the members of NASA's Mercury 7 program. In the 1960's, several key developments in helicopter technology, surface-to-air missile systems, navigational equipment, and ordinance came out of Pax River and its innovative workforce specialized in development and testing. In 1983, Lt. Colleen Nevius became the first woman to graduate from the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, making history at Pax River once again. The Naval Air Systems Command moved to Pax River in 1998,