

great hope for the future knowing that institutions like KCPS are devoted to a holistic support system for its scholars. I can say with confidence that the KCPS legacy will continue to shape the minds of students for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the students and staff, both past and present, who made it possible for Kansas City Public Schools to achieve this monumental milestone.

**HONORING COMRADE WILLIE L.
LINDSEY, JR.**

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Comrade Willie Lee Lindsey, Jr. who was born on February 23, 1936.

He enlisted into the United States Air Force on February 3, 1954 and was trained to be a Fire Fighter in the United States Air Force.

He obtained the rank of Airman 3rd Class (A/3C) during his 3 years and 10 months of service.

Comrade Willie L. Lindsey, Jr. served 1 year and 10 months under imminent danger and hazardous duty conditions on the Korean Peninsula of South Korea.

Comrade Willie L. Lindsey, Jr. was awarded the National Defense Medal along with the Korean Service Medal during his time of service in the Air Force.

Airman 3rd Class Willie L. Lindsey, Jr. was Honorably Discharged from the United States Air Force on January 7, 1958.

After serving his country as a Fire Fighter in the military, Comrade Willie L. Lindsey, Jr. transitioned into civilian life and worked and retired after 30 years of employment at Vickers Inc. in Jackson, Mississippi.

In December of 1985, Willie Lindsey joined the Brooks, William, Stewart, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9832, in Jackson, MS. He was elected VFW Post 9832 Commander in 1988 and served in that position from 1988 to 2008. He also served as VFW 5th District Commander during his time as VFW Post 9832 Commander.

In 2006 through 2007, Willie Lindsey became the first African American in the State of Mississippi to be elected and serve as State Commander of the Department of Mississippi's Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Comrade Willie L. Lindsey, Jr. was a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi. He is survived by his son Roderick Odems.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Comrade Willie L. Lindsey, Jr. for his dedication to serving his country.

**IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF
LEILAS G. "LES" PAIR**

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to remem-

ber and celebrate the life of Les Pair who passed away on June 27, 2018.

Mr. Pair was born on March 23, 1923, and grew up in Albertville, Alabama. He received his B.S. degree in Agriculture Education in 1948 and Master's Degree in Agriculture Science in 1965 both from Auburn University. He worked for Auburn University in the Alabama Extension Service System for over 30 years.

He was married to Marjorie at Jasper First Methodist Church and later moved to Anniston, Alabama where his family joined Anniston First Methodist Church in 1957. Les served on almost every board, committee and long-range planning committee. He was part of the Carre Sunday School Class and served as President several times. He was also a Charter Board Member for Camp Lee.

He served in World War II in the Field Artillery 1st Infantry Division, landed in Normandy and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

Les was a life member of the National Association of County Agriculture Agents, Auburn Agriculture Alumni Association, Epsilon Sigma Phi Fraternity, and Auburn University Alumni Association's Golden Eagles Club.

Les served in many organizations in Anniston including various boards and committees at American Red Cross, United Way of Alabama and Regional Medical Center volunteer organization. Les served as president of the Jasper and Anniston Kiwanis Clubs as well as secretary and treasurer for over 16 years. Les was awarded the Legion of Honor for his 70 years of service with the Kiwanis Club of Anniston as well as the George C. Hixson Award for his significant contribution to the club.

Les was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in remembering Les Pair and celebrating a life well-lived.

**BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY,
IN HONOR OF AMERICA'S 242ND
BIRTHDAY**

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of America's 242nd birthday this Fourth of July, with a poetic tribute penned by Albert Carey Caswell to be included in the RECORD.

BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

Born on The Fourth of July
As out towards Freedom and Independence a
future Nation would cry

With its Founding Fathers casting their dye
With a Decoration of Independence, they all
signed

Knowing full well it could mean death they
would find

Declaring a Decoration of Independence was
but their battle cry

As Thomas Jefferson created a work of art
which now stands the test of time

And a Constitution so sublime
Sent out into a future for a world to remind
Of what hearts of courage full in search for
Independence and Freedom can find

As a template,
to build the very bedrock upon which will
stand the sands of time

And on this day with all of our families cele-
brating we must find

The cost of Freedom for all of us to remind
As we should stand with tear in eye

In our Nation's Pride
For all of our brave men and women,
who throughout the generations have fought
and died,

Of such selfless sacrifice so fine
With hearts of courage full in our Lord's
eyes so divine

Who one day a place in heaven would find
As now comes to mind

Are all of those families who are no longer
together in time

Who together no longer can celebrate this
Fourth of July

As its for them and their lost loved ones we
cry

Who we should be worshiped on high,
So as we watch the rockets' red glare,
And all those fireworks exploding in air,
Holding our families close there,

Remember all of those who throughout the
generations who've cared.

Those brave women and men like our Found-
ing Forefathers who've dared

To stand tall and fight for our Freedoms and
Independence we declared

And how the cost of Freedoms leaves these
families hearts of the lost loved ones so
bare

Who live with the kind of pain only Heaven
can repair.

So, on this day give thanks and give prayer
For all the magnificent and their families
who took up the battle who dared

And fight for our Freedom and Independence
declare

As it all started 242 years ago
When the blossoms of Freedom were planted
to bloom and grow

All planted by our Founding Fathers there
so

Declaring a Declare ration of Independence
for all the world to know

And nourished throughout the years,
by all of our braves sons and daughters here

Who have shed their blood and tears
And died here

In this Home of The Brave and Land of The
Free that we endear

So, as you gaze into Old Glory,
that Red, White, and Blue

Let's remember our Forefathers Declaration
of Independence and all those Patriots,
who are America's real Who's Who

And what was Born on The Fourth of July so
true.

**MCCARTER-CAISSE-VICE-HALE
MEMORIAL OVERPASS**

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the McCarter-Caisse-Vice-Hale Memorial Overpass in Paxton, Illinois.

On April 7, 1979, Illinois State trooper Michael McCarter was attempting to stop four speeding vehicles on I-57 and Paxton patrolman William Caisse was dispatched to provide assistance. One of the suspects fled to the overpass and opened fire on the two officers, subsequently killing State Trooper McCarter and Donald Vice, McCarter's brother-in-law who was riding along with him on his shift.

Paxton patrolman Larry Hale arrived to the scene as gunfire continued. A second suspect drew a rifle from the back of his pickup truck and fatally shot Officer Caisse. Hale was then shot in the leg and chest, but despite his

wounds was able to subdue the second suspect and eventually recovered.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to send my gratitude to these men for their bravery and service to their community. Their heroism and sacrifice

will never be forgotten. God bless them and their families.