

Springs, Temecula, and Riverside areas. In July of 2011, Captain Martinez was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned to the Rancho Cucamonga area. He spent seven years at the rank of Lieutenant before being promoted to the rank of Captain. Captain Martinez received his promotion to Captain in May of 2018 and was assigned to his current Command, the Barstow Area Office. Captain Martinez will be retiring with 30 years of service devoted to the State of California.

I would like to thank Captain Aaron Martinez for his many years of service to the people of the Great State of California, and on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I wish him the best in his retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECTING INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS FROM DISCRIMINATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Protecting Independent Contractors from Discrimination Act, which would extend to independent contractors the same federal antidiscrimination protections enjoyed by employees. My bill would extend the following antidiscrimination statutes, which apply to employees, to independent contractors: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 505 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008.

In a Bureau of Labor Statistics 2005 analysis of the American workforce, approximately seven percent were considered independent contractors. That number has surely only grown in the 13 years since that analysis with the growth of the so-called “gig economy.” Independent contractors, who often do the same work as employees, have almost none of the same protections, including health insurance, collective bargaining, retirement security and even antidiscrimination. My bill focuses only on discrimination, such as discrimination based on race, age and gender, from which every worker is entitled to be free.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF LINDA BARTON'S DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE WYOMING AFTER SCHOOL ALLIANCE

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Linda Barton on her retirement from the Wyoming After School Alliance.

Under her stewardship, the Wyoming After School Alliance has grown into a state-wide program that gives schools across Wyoming the resources they need to provide quality after school care to students. Linda has made

helping Wyoming schools and students her life's work, and she has made a lasting impact on countless children across the state.

Again, Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to Linda Barton on her retirement, and offer a sincere thank you for all of her hard work and dedication.

CONGRATULATING BRADLEY COUNTY 4-H

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my deepest congratulations to the Bradley County, Arkansas 4-H Forestry Team and to Braden Harrod on their exceptional representation of the Natural State on a national level.

Braden Harrod, Gregory Hilliard, David McGhee, and Madison McGhee, of Hermitage, Arkansas were named National Champions at the 40th Annual National 4-H Forestry Invitational. Braden Harrod also won the high point individual award during the competition. The team was led by Coach Joe Don Greenwood. This is the third Bradley County 4-H national championship title since 2016.

The national event featured skills testing in various areas such as tree identification, tree measurement, compass and pacing, insect and disease identification, topographic map use, forest evaluation, the forestry bowl, and a written forestry exam.

Mr. Greenwood and these students exhibit exemplary work ethic and superior skill in preparation for this competition each year. As a fellow forester, it is a supreme encouragement to see young Fourth District Arkansans nurture a knowledge of good resource management and stewardship. I look forward to witnessing the further success of these students as they continue to represent our district and our state on a national level.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM DAVID (BILL) SMITH, III

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of William David (Bill) Smith, III, who passed away on Friday, August 9th at the age of 94.

Bill was born on January 16, 1925, in Houston, Mississippi. He was a lifelong resident of Houston and served his city as Mayor from 1993 to 2001. Bill graduated from Ole Miss where he met his wife, Mary Liddell Smith. They were blessed with 3 children and were happily married for 71 years.

Bill lived a life of service to his community and country. Bill was a World War II veteran, serving with the Navy in the South Pacific. In addition to his time as the Mayor of Houston, he was a founding member of the Houston Exchange Club, and the Houston Country Club. Additionally, he was the Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, the Chairman of the Chickasaw County Board of Development,

a member of Houston Proud, the VFW, and the Houston Touchdown Club.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Mary Liddell Smith; his son, David Smith; his daughter, Debby Freeman; as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bill's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

GENERATIONS OF PASTORAL LEADERSHIP: REV. E.V. HILL II

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, I mourn with the family, friends and congregation of Rev. Edward V. Hill II, who passed away suddenly on August 12 at the age of 52.

He pastored at both Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and Spirit of Zion Church in Los Angeles, California, and thousands are expected to honor him at homegoing services to be held at West Angeles Church of God in Christ.

Rev. Hill was the son of famed preacher and evangelist E.V. Hill, who Time Magazine once honored as one of the seven most outstanding preachers in the United States, and who Ebony Magazine listed as one of the 15 greatest Black preachers. Proud of his heritage, Rev. Hill had built his own considerable reputation and spoke frequently at churches across the country. His colleagues in ministry have noted how he took his father's mantle and wore it with grace. Bishop Charles Blake noted that “My world is diminished since he is no longer in it.”

From a very young age, Rev. Hill showed a strong interest in Bible study and prayer, and a commitment to church service and revivals. He grew up in Los Angeles and attended the University of Southern California, earning a degree in Communications with a minor in Spanish. Following his father's counsel he enrolled in Pepperdine School of Law, but soon realized his true passion for the ministry which would become his life-long pursuit.

That passion led him to devote his energy to learning every aspect of the Mt. Zion Ministry, then to the senior pastorate of Calvary Temple Pentecostal Holiness Church and finally, on his father's passing, to take the reins at Mt. Zion himself in 2005. He sought new ways to engage people, and was known for his active music ministries and revivals. He brought creativity and dynamic preaching to his work to help change people's lives for the better.

I offer my sincere condolences to his family, friends and congregants. He will be remembered for his compassion, his creativity, his powerful oratory, and his life-long dedication to preaching the gospel.

WILLIAM ROBERT RICKENBACH

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States National Guard