

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

and Army Veteran, Private First Class William Robert Rickenbach of Audubon Park in New Jersey's First Congressional District.

PFC Rickenbach was born in 1932 to Olga Keller and Warren Rickenbach. He has seven siblings, Rick, Ed, Butch, Jane, Linda, Flossie, and Rea. He is known as "Bumpsy" to his family members and friends.

From 1951 to 1954, PFC Rickenbach served his country in the National Guard and later went on to further serve as a member of the United States Army from March 9, 1954 to February 20, 1956 in the 39th Infantry in Germany during the Korean War.

For his noble service and dedication to our great nation, PFC Rickenbach earned the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the Army Occupation Medal in recognition of the service he performed in Germany.

From 1956 to 1958, PFC Rickenbach worked as a meat cutter at William Bryant, then went to work at the New York Shipyard as a shipfitter from 1958 to 1967. Afterwards, he went to work at Big W and A&P, which led him to working at Acme Markets from 1972 to 1995.

On November 12, 1960, PFC Rickenbach married Joanne Carr. He went on to have 4 daughters, 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Over the past six decades, PFC Rickenbach raised his family and has been a resident of Audubon Park, New Jersey.

In Private First Class William Robert Rickenbach's spare time, he enjoys hunting, which led to his dedication to become an avid deer hunter for 61 years along with Uncle Lew, Brother Ed & nephew Lewis and good friend Steve Snyder.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating Private First Class William Robert Rickenbach's valiant service to his country.

**HONORING MARGIE CARLSON ON
HER 100TH BIRTHDAY**

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Margie Carlson on her 100th Birthday. Ms. Carlson was born August 7, 1919 in rural Prophetstown, Illinois to the late Letha and August Carlson.

Ms. Carlson grew up in Prophetstown and went on to get her degree at Northern College in DeKalb, now known as Northern Illinois University. Ms. Carlson went on to start her teaching career at a country school called Highland, and then taught in the Tampico school system for 40 years before she retired. She is a lifelong member of the First Lutheran Church in Prophetstown, where a birthday reception was held in her honor. Ms. Carlson enjoys working with her quilting group every Monday morning at church, and weather permitting, taking walks every day. I am touched to have such an example of heart in our community.

Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Ms. Carlson on her 100th Birthday. It is because of community leaders such as Ms. Margie Carlson that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District.

IN HONOR OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CALEF'S COUNTRY STORE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of Calef's Country Store. For a century and a half, Calef's Country Store has served both locals and visitors with quality New Hampshire products and kept alive traditions integral to the Granite State's rural character.

Opened in 1869, Calef's Country Store has remained a pillar of the Barrington community over all these years. Five generations of the Calef family operated the beloved store, and while the family no longer owns the store, it remains deeply rooted in its traditions. It still makes many of its products, such as "Snappy Old Cheddar" cheese and wooden barrel pickles, and is a strong supporter of fellow New Hampshire small businesses.

Calef's employees are proud of the store's tradition and serve as ambassadors for our state's traditions and welcoming spirit. Joel Sherburne, an employee for nearly 62 years, shares stories and relays history to customers at his deli counter, forging a strong sense of community in the store. It is this focus on community that makes Calef's so special. From its local products to its longtime employees, Calef's is more than a store: it is a community center that keeps New Hampshire's rural traditions and customs alive.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate Calef's Country Store on 150 years of service to its community and the State of New Hampshire. Its commitment to quality Granite State products and to New Hampshire's long held traditions have solidified its status as a landmark in our state. Let us celebrate this anniversary by thanking Calef's Country Store and its current and former employees for making New Hampshire such a wonderful place to live, shop, and eat.

IN RECOGNITION OF NIOBRARA STRONG DAY 2019

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 4th annual Niobrara Strong Day and the hard work of the local community to put this event together.

Niobrara Strong Day began in 2016—exactly one year after catastrophic flooding devastated much of the county—as a way to revitalize the community. It is an event where the community can come together and grow stronger through car washes, food stands, and rides for children of all ages. It is a day that the community is reminded of their strength and can celebrate how far they have come since the devastating floods.

Again, Madam Speaker, I commemorate the 4th annual Niobrara Strong Day and admire the resilience displayed by the people of Niobrara County.

IN HONOR OF HECTOR FORESTIER

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and honor Hector Forestier for his outstanding service in the United States Air Force and his dedication to the State of Texas.

Before his commission to the United States Air Force, Hector earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Puerto Rico and a Master's degree in Personnel Management from Webster University. As a well-rounded graduate, Hector chose to serve his country as a Second Lieutenant to the United States Air Force, launching a lifetime of public service to our nation and state.

A leader from the start, Hector began his distinguished 17 year career in the military by earning the position of Cost and Management Analysis Officer at Laughlin Air Force Base in 1979 in Del Rio, Texas. Soon after, he was promoted to Wing Budget Officer. Hector continued his service both overseas and domestically as a Comptroller, Deputy Commander for Resource Management, and the Chief Financial Advisor to the Wing Commander.

In recognition of his outstanding work ethic and dedication, Hector was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He was also awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, and his multitude of honors and awards serves as a testament to his commitment and success in the Air Force.

After retiring from the military in 1995, Hector found a new way to serve, and he held the position of City Manager for multiple cities in Texas. In 2009, our community was lucky to have Hector appointed as the City Manager of Willis, Texas. In this role, he emphasized need for growth by encouraging economic development while simultaneously preserving the historic culture and values of Willis. Under his leadership, Willis successfully welcomed a Kroger and an Entergy power plant, and expanded their sewer plant. All of these accomplishments have increased both overall growth and economic opportunity for the proud residents of our community.

It's no surprise that Hector's involvement continues far beyond his role as City Manager. Hector is a proud member of the Conroe Rotary Club, the Greater Conroe Economic Development Board, the City of Conroe Tourist Council, the Texas City Managers Association and was the Treasurer on the Montgomery County United Way Board. Additionally, Hector is the former Chairman of the Conroe/Lake Conroe Chamber of Commerce, and a graduate of Leadership Montgomery County.

Today, it is my honor to celebrate the decades of impactful service of a decorated veteran and admirable civic leader. His vision, leadership, and commitment have made our region a better place. I am proud to join Hector's wife Sarah, their three daughters, and his many colleagues to thank Hector for his years of service and wish him well as he begins his well-earned retirement.