

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENT
OF NEAL HENDERSON

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 6, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Coach Neal Henderson on his induction into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame. Over the past 40 years, Coach Henderson has led the Fort Dupont Ice Hockey Club, known as the Cannons.

Henderson fell in love with hockey at a young age when his father, a Merchant Marine, was stationed in St. Catharines, Ontario during World War II. After moving back to the U.S., he settled in the District of Columbia in the 1960s with his family. He shared his love of hockey with those willing to learn and soon recognized interest in the game far exceeded the narrow streets of the District where he taught neighborhood kids.

To meet the demand, Henderson started renting ice space at the Fort Dupont Ice Arena and, in 1978, he established the Cannons with his high school classmate, Betty Dean. For the next 40 years, he coached the Cannons at Fort Dupont Ice Arena and continues to be a community icon. Coach Henderson saw hockey as an opportunity to give youth from predominantly low-income communities a chance to play and develop greater connections through the game. Henderson's Fort Dupont Ice Hockey Club is a developmental program that provides local and inner-city youth with the opportunity to participate in an organized ice hockey program. The team colors are black, gold and white, symbolic of African-American history in the District—black soldiers, brass buttons and white officers.

The Cannons is one of the oldest minority hockey club in North America. The team is made up of 50 players between the ages of 8–18 predominantly from Southwest and Northwest D.C. neighborhoods and has been recognized by the Washington Capitals. Henderson and his players had the unique opportunity to touch the Stanley Cup in June 2018 when the Capitals came to Fort Dupont.

Henderson's organization has supported over 1,000 children since its inception in 1978 and encourages students to succeed beyond the rink. Coach Henderson's program has an 85% high school graduation rate, and he incorporates educational activities, such as visits to museums and colleges, when the team travels for tournaments.

Henderson embodies the best values of the District of Columbia and its residents. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Neal Henderson for his achievements and contributions to the District of Columbia and its children, and for his well-deserved induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

LEGENDARY POLITICAL ACTIVIST
DARREN PARKER

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 6, 2019

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, last month California lost an esteemed political colleague

and tireless advocate, Mr. Darren Parker. He championed racial equality and civil rights, especially for African Americans, and his career was one of public service and selfless contributions.

From a very young age, Darren showed a strong interest in political engagement. At just 11 years old, he teamed up with a few family members to found One Hundred Thousand Students for the Freedom of South Africa, gathering peers in his grandmother's Compton home to support the anti-apartheid struggles half a world away.

His passion for politics continued through his college years, then as a union rep with the Communication Workers of America during his 20-year career with Pacific Bell. Early on, he became involved with the Democratic Party, in Los Angeles City, Antelope Valley, L.A. County, and the state of California. After years of involvement, in 2007 he was elected Chair of the California Democratic Party's African American Caucus, aiming to lift up the voices of African Americans and encourage civic engagement. He was particularly proud of significantly increasing voter registration in the Antelope Valley.

His passion for service continued with his positions on many nonprofit boards and appointed offices over the course of his life, including his appointment to the LA County Commission for Children and Families.

Wanting to contribute directly to governing the state, he ran for a seat in the California Senate in 2011 and in the Assembly in 2016. In between, he served in state government as special assistant to California Assembly Speakers John Pérez, Toni Atkins, and Anthony Rendon. As a former Speaker myself, I know how demanding and important that job is, and I know that he contributed to successes in each Speaker's administration. Remarkably, during that time he also served as Executive Director of AFSCME Local 2620 for two years.

I had the privilege of working with Mr. Parker many times over the years. I offer my sincere condolences to his family and friends. He will be remembered for his influential activism, indomitable spirit, and life-long dedication to public service.

IN HONOR OF RAUDE RAYCHEL

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Raude Raychel for her tireless work on behalf of the Indonesian community in New Hampshire.

Raude serves as President of the Indonesian Community Connect (ICC), a non-profit organization based in Somersworth, NH. ICC hosts community events for the Indonesian community, shares Indonesian culture and values with the broader community, and provides support and information for those building lives in the United States.

The daughter of immigrants, Raude's parents always instilled in her a drive to always make her community stronger. Throughout her life, Raude has been more than just a model citizen—she is truly a pillar of our community.

In her role as President of ICC, Raude has not only upheld and carried on the traditions of

the Indonesian community but also shared these with the entire Seacoast region. The contributions of the Indonesian community have made Somersworth and all of New Hampshire a better place to live. I am particularly proud of her efforts to bring local municipal officials and the Indonesian Consulate and Embassy together to discuss creating the country's first 'Little Indonesia' in Somersworth.

Like so many other Granite Staters, I have been lucky enough to learn about Indonesian culture through ICC's events and festivals. On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Raude for her decades of dedication to our community. I thank her for her tireless work for our community, and for helping to make our state such a wonderful place to learn, live, and grow.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNUAL
CODY STAMPEDE

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 6, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th Annual Cody Stampede held in Cody, WY.

This year marks the 100th Stampede. Each year over 800 of the best rodeo contestants compete for a total prize purse of over \$400,000. This Wyoming tradition is a major event in Cody and is closely linked to July 4th celebrations in the surrounding area. I want to extend my congratulations to the town of Cody on 100 years of this great Wyoming tradition.

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to commemorate the 100th Stampede Rodeo being held in Cody, WY and I hope it continues for many years to come.

HONORING DOROTHY STONE 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 Dorothy Stone around her 100th Birthday. Ms. Stone was born August 6, 1919 in Erie, Illinois.

Ms. Stone grew up in Erie, Illinois and graduated from Erie High School in 1937. She went on to get her teaching degree at Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois and Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa. Ms. Stone then had a long and successful teaching career spanning 35 years in the Erie area until she retired in the 1970's. In that time, she left a long lasting, positive impact on her community.

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

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF COM-
MAND SERGEANT MAJOR JOHN-
NY NEAL MARLOW

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 and military service of Command Sergeant Major Johnny Neal Marlow, who passed away on August 20th at the age of 68.

Mr. Marlow was born in Eupora, Mississippi on May 28, 1951. He answered the call to serve our great nation as Command Sergeant Major for the United States Army. He previously served with the Mississippi Army National Guard and was a retired Master Sgt. with the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. Command Sergeant Major Marlow set an example for his community by his extensive military and public service. Before he passed, he was currently serving as a Command Sergeant Major with the Mississippi State Guard, as a Carroll County Sheriffs Deputy, as the Carroll County Veterans Service Officer, and was the president of Veterans Helping Veterans in Carroll County.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Christy Costlow Marlow of Carrollton, Mississippi; his sons, Chris Marlow of Long Beach, Mississippi and Jeff Marlow of Ocean Springs, Mississippi; his sisters, Sheila Newsom, Carolyn Hodges, Peggy Brister, and Billie Garner; his brother Gayle Marlow; as well as eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

Command Sergeant Major Johnny Neal Marlow's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE SAINT REST BAP-
TIST CHURCH

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Saint Rest Baptist Church in Fresno, California on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. The church is a valuable part of the community and strives to make West Fresno a better place for all residents.

The church began in 1944 when West Fresno was growing. Reverend A.W. White organized and raised money to build the church. The first services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Rogers. Reverend White did not know it at the time, but he would be the first of a long line of pastors of the Saint Rest Baptist Church.

Over the years, Saint Rest continued to grow. In its early days, congregants met in a borrowed army surplus metal building. In 1948, the congregation moved into a former retail storefront, before building its first church in 1950.

Saint Rest was without a pastor for some time, but finally Reverend Hudson Spencer Moore was named the seventh pastor of the congregation. Over the next two decades, the

church only continued to grow. As the church expanded its programs and outreach, it was clear it was also outgrowing its space. In 1978, church members constructed a new worship facility.

The congregation of St. Rest have been greatly involved in their community. Church pastors and members have instituted a number of programs to benefit the community. This includes a food and clothing ministry, house-to-house revival program, and marriage workshops. The church also supports local nonprofits, such as the Poverello House and the Fresno Rescue Mission. After being approved for 501(c)(3) status, Saint Rest established the Saint Rest Economic Development Corporation to increase economic opportunities for the neighborhood and create a stronger quality of life.

This church has had many leaders in its 75-year history, including Reverend M.F. Clay who took leadership after Reverend White. Reverend C.D. Davis started in 1946, then two years later, Reverend J.L. Hall during the metal building being dismantled. The first printed Sunday bulletin started in 1951 during Reverend Carter's leadership. Reverend E.C. Johnson became pastor and under his leadership, the church's mortgage was paid off. Reverend Hudson soon became head pastor and then Reverend Riggins.

In 2006, Reverend Shane B. Scott became senior pastor and had the church address renamed to 1550 E Rev. Chester Riggins. It was one of the many successes that happened in his tenure for Saint Rest Baptist Church. In 2013, Pastor DJ Criner became Senior Pastor and has traveled throughout the United States to preach. His dedication to the community continues to make a difference.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Saint Rest Baptist Church as it celebrates their 75th anniversary. I wish all of the members of the congregation continued health, happiness and prosperity.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DENA
GROSS LEAVENGOOD

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Dena Gross Leavengood, a tireless advocate for Florida, our Tampa Bay community and indeed our planet. Her determined advocacy has left a profound impact on our community and almost impossible shoes to fill.

A Florida native, Dena graduated with a bachelor's degree in Zoology from the University of Florida and received her master's degree right here at the University of South Florida. Dena was a driving force behind The Florida Aquarium because, even then, she realized its key role in fighting climate change and saving our planet. Dena served the Aquarium in key positions, including director of educational outreach and community liaison.

There are so many areas where Dena was indispensable. I remember her perhaps most fondly when in my time as a County Commissioner, she worked with me to fight for health care for working families in her role as the founder of the Hillsborough Health Care Coali-

tion. Dena was legendary in leadership roles for women with the League of Women Voters and Athena, to name a few. Tomorrow Matters and the Sierra Club were among so many other places where Dena left her inimitable and indelible stamp. As a Hillsborough County Commissioner, Member of Congress and as her friend, I witnessed Dena's tenacity and steadfast commitment on behalf of her neighbors, friends, Tampa Bay families and people she would never know, except in her heart.

Dena's decades of activism and professional accomplishments earned her the love of our community and numerous accolades, including the 2010 Education Award from the Health Council of Pinellas County, the 2003 Human Rights Award from the Tampa Human Rights Council. She also received national recognition as community liaison with The Florida Aquarium.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful and saddened Tampa Bay community, we promise to reflect on Dena's life of service to improve the lives of our neighbors, our community and our country, and have it serve as a beacon and inspiration as we undertake the hard work of going forward without her—as Dena would certainly insist on us doing. Dena earned a special place in my heart and of the entire Tampa Bay community. Dena would be sorely missed in all times but especially in these challenging times—we will strive to remember our indefatigable, Happy Warrior, Dena, if ever we get discouraged.

IN RECOGNITION OF GERRY
MEYER WINNING FOUR GOLD
MEDALS AT THE 2019 NATIONAL
SENIOR GAMES

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate E.G. "Gerry" Meyer on competing and winning four gold medals at the 2019 National Senior Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

I am incredibly proud to call Gerry a constituent, and his gold medals in track and field are a point of pride for the entire state. His achievements, at the young age of 100, are nothing short of incredible. Gerry is a true Wyomingite and embodies the grit and determination that makes our state great.

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate Gerry Meyer on winning four gold medals, and representing the best that Wyoming has to offer.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
DEPUTY CHIEF RICHARD H.
BRADBURY, SR.

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who served our community with distinction for over four decades. At the time of his retirement, he was