

further serve our nation. His first deployment was in support of Operation Desert Storm as the Commander of Eagle Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Colonel McFarlane was later deployed as a reservist to Iraq in 2005.

In addition to his deployments abroad, he served as Brigade Commander of Future Combat Systems at Fort Knox, Kentucky and as Deputy Commander for Mobilization at Fort McCoy. Colonel McFarlane's service earned him the Bronze Star with "V" device, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

In 2006, Colonel McFarlane was named the Door County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO). Prior to being named CVSO, Colonel McFarlane assisted veterans as the Regional Coordinator for the State of Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs and at King Veterans Home. His dedication to country, service, and his fellow veterans consistently shows throughout his career. During his 30-year career in the U.S. Army, Colonel McFarlane served as CVSO for 13 years, serving 6 of those years during multiple deployments.

As we pause to look back on the impact Colonel McFarlane left on the those he served, it is without a doubt that his commitment to those he served, his devotion to his fellow veterans, and his love for his country left a lasting impression. Upon retiring as CVSO, he will enjoy spending more time with his wife Cori, his children, and his grandchildren.

Colonel Scott McFarlane's service to this country and to his fellow veterans is unparalleled. Madam Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to join me in thanking Colonel McFarlane for his service to this great nation and his commitment to supporting countless veterans in Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOAN CARPENTER

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of esteemed public servant and community advocate, Joan Carpenter.

A long-time resident of West Contra Costa, Joan graduated from El Cerrito High School and later earned her bachelor's degree in economics from the University of California, Berkeley. After graduation, Joan worked in Contra Costa County's mediation program and helped residents, businesses, and agencies with conflict resolution.

In 1998, Joan joined the Office of Contra Costa Supervisor John Gioia, where she has continued to serve West County constituents for the past 21 years. She has worked tirelessly to improve and expand services for seniors, the homeless, infants, and individuals with HIV/AIDS. Joan has served on various community boards such as the Contra Costa Home Health Agency Advisory Board, the West Contra Costa Unified School District School Attendance Review Board, and the Rehabilitation Services of Northern California Executive Board.

An advocate in both her professional and personal life, Joan currently serves on the Ex-

ecutive Board of the West Contra Costa League of Women Voters, Contra Costa County Democratic Central Committee, the National Women's Political Caucus of California, and the California Alliance for Retired Americans. Additionally, she was a founding member of both the Richmond Juneteenth Celebration and the West County Democratic Club.

Joan's colleagues and friends admire her passion for and dedication to the West County community. Please join me in congratulating Joan for her dedicated service, and in wishing her well in retirement.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

HON. DAVID J. TRONE

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. TRONE. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to include in the RECORD a statement from Faces and Voices of Recovery in recognition of National Recovery Month.

FACES AND VOICES OF RECOVERY

For 30 years, National Recovery Month has provided an opportunity for communities nationwide to celebrate the fact that recovery from addiction is not only possible, but it is a reality for over 23 million Americans and their families. Faces & Voices of Recovery, representing the organized recovery advocacy movement in the U.S., extends our sincere gratitude to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for sponsoring National Recovery Month and to members of Congress who work tirelessly to listen to the real stories of individuals and families impacted by addiction and those who have found long-term recovery. Together we can find solutions and continue to build on the foundation of Congressional support in recent years to make recovery possible for even more Americans.

CONGRATULATING HENRY S. BARBOSA ON RECEIVING THE ORANGE COUNTY CONSERVATION CORP'S LEGACY AWARD

HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Henry S. Barbosa as the recipient of the Legacy Award, which will be presented during the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC).

Mr. Barbosa has served for seven years on the Board of OCCC, which is a voluntary work and learn program that provides an opportunity for at-risk and disadvantaged youths, age 18 to 25. Corpsmembers have a chance to earn a living while learning valuable employment skills through job training and attending an on-site charter school.

Mr. Barbosa's long and distinguished record of service to his community stretches well beyond his time with OCCC. His legal career began as a Deputy District Attorney for Los Angeles County and continued over 27 years

in private practice, primarily representing cities and other public agencies throughout California. Mr. Barbosa also acted as Assistant General Counsel to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

In recognition of his community leadership, Mr. Barbosa was designated as a member of the Los Angeles Board of Police Commission's Blue Ribbon Panel to analyze the causes of and response to the Rampart area police corruption scandal. He was an elected public official for 10 years, serving as the President and a Director of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District representing Rowland Heights and as a member of the Board for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Mr. Barbosa was appointed to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee that developed statewide regulations for landfills management.

Mr. Barbosa continues to advocate for inclusion in our communities. He has served for 10 years as Vice-Chair of the National Hispanic Media Coalition, a nation-wide advocacy group for greater access by minorities in film and broadcast media.

I thank Mr. Barbosa for his leadership and commitment to service and congratulate him on this well-deserved award.

HONORING AUGUSTUS BURNS ELKINS II

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Augustus Burns Elkins II, an Administrative Law judge in my district, who on September 30, 2019 retired after 35 years of public service.

Judge Elkins' service is one of dedication to his home state of North Carolina and the nation. He worked as Staff Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force Reserves at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, North Carolina, achieving the rank of Lt. Colonel. He also served as the Deputy Director of the North Carolina Department of Administration Motor Fleet Management and as Senior Managing Attorney for North Carolina's Governor's Council for Persons with Disabilities. His retirement from the Office of Administrative Hearings marks the conclusion of 19 years of service to that office.

Judge Elkins' tenure was distinguished by a commitment to ensuring accessibility to services and support for people with disabilities. He is regarded as a leading expert in North Carolina on both the Americans with Disabilities Act and Individuals with Disability Act. Recently, he was honored with the 2018 Distinguished Service Award by the Exceptional Children Division of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Judge Elkins is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association and was certified as a Judge Advocate by the Air Force Management and Leadership School. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was inducted as a member of Phi Beta Kappa before earning his Juris Doctor from Wake Forest University School of Law.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Judge Augustus Burns

Elkins II on his retirement and exemplary service to North Carolina.

RECOGNIZING THE RETURN TO OUR EL PASO ROOTS REUNION

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Return to Our El Paso Roots Reunion. This reunion, which originally started as a decennial reunion of the Douglass Grammar and High School alumni, will honor the contributions and heritage of the African American community in El Paso, Texas.

There is special importance in passing down the rich history and culture that we experience throughout our lives and this event seeks to do exactly that. The reunion serves as an opportunity for participants to share stories, explore the growth of El Paso's African American community, and support the University of Texas at El Paso's Black Alumni Network (UBAN) and the McCall Neighborhood Center; both fundamental to El Paso's history and our enduring commitment to upholding civil rights in our community and across the United States.

As a native El Pasoan, it is an honor to recognize the Return to our El Paso Roots Reunion in the House of Representatives. I commend their work and contributions to our community and wish them a successful series of events.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF ABHEY KAPPAMAMMOOTIL VARUGHESE

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable life of Abhey Kappamammootil Varughese.

Abhey was born on July 29, 1962 to K.T. and Chinnamma Varughese in Kerala, India. He was the youngest of four siblings and was greatly loved by his immediate and extended family. Abhey loved to learn and excelled throughout his grade school years. He went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Kerala. After immigrating to America, he proudly worked as a research and development chemist for much of his career.

Abhey and his wife Lishba were married on July 29, 1987. He and Lishba resided in Waterford, Michigan and celebrated over 30 years of marriage together.

Abhey passed away on June 30, 2019 surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife Lishba, his son and daughter-in-law Jeremiah and Jincy Varughese, his daughter and son-in-law Hannah and Nathan Gyani, and his newest granddaughter, Ranni Varughese.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the life of Abhey Kappamammootil Varughese and his many contributions to his community in Southeast Michigan.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE JUDGE HOWARD F. SACHS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Honorable Judge Howard F. Sachs' service and commitment to justice throughout his forty years on the bench. Judge Sachs has spent his entire career advancing the cause of justice in his hometown of Kansas City, Missouri and throughout Missouri's Fifth Congressional District.

A lifelong Kansas Citian, Judge Sachs was born in 1925 to Alex and Rose Sachs. Judge Sachs attended Southwest High School in Kansas City's Brookside neighborhood before serving the country in the Pacific Theatre as a Naval Electrical Technician's Mate aboard the U.S.S. *South Dakota*. While he was anchored in Tokyo Bay on Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz's Flag Ship, the Japanese signed the terms of surrender, ending World War II. Judge Sachs was there, serving his country, during this significant moment in history. Upon discharge from the military, Judge Sachs attended Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts, where he received his bachelor's degree and graduated valedictorian of his class in 1947. In 1950, Judge Sachs received his Juris Doctor with honors from Harvard Law School.

After completing law school, Judge Sachs returned to his hometown of Kansas City and was a law clerk for the Honorable Albert A. Ridge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri from 1950 to 1951. While clerking for Judge Ridge, Judge Sachs was assigned the well-known Swope Park Swimming Pool case, which challenged the constitutionality of segregated municipal pools in Kansas City. He contributed to the opinion siding with the argument made by the NAACP's chief attorney at the time, Thurgood Marshall, that segregated public swimming pools violated the constitution of the United States. Though this case was profoundly significant, the work of Judge Sachs was only beginning. During his private practice in the 1950s, a tumultuous time for race relations in America, Judge Sachs served as Chairman of the Board of the Urban League of Greater Kansas City and helped orchestrate the admission of women and African American lawyers into the Kansas City Bar Association. In 1962, Judge Sachs drafted the ordinance that finally ended segregated public accommodations in Kansas City, Missouri. Judge Sachs also was a force for change via the significant leadership positions he held within the community, serving as a member of the Kansas City Commission on Human Relations and as President of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau.

After thirty years in private practice, Judge Sachs was nominated for his position on the recommendation of Senator Thomas F. Eagleton, appointed by President Jimmy Carter, and took office in October 1979, making him the first native-born Kansas Citian to serve in the Western District of Missouri. When Judge Sachs was confirmed, he was the first Jewish district judge to sit within the Eighth Circuit in nearly one hundred years. In 1990, Judge Sachs served as chief judge of the court and

took senior status in 1992. While on the bench, Judge Sachs has overseen numerous noteworthy cases, from ruling that inmates had a right to marriage in 1984—a case which eventually reached the Supreme Court—to the writing of a lower court ruling in *Mistretta* that challenged the constitutionality of the Sentencing Commission and produced federal sentencing guidelines. Even in his fortieth year on the bench, Judge Howard F. Sachs continues to maintain a significant docket.

Throughout his career, Judge Sachs has received noteworthy public recognition including numerous awards from the Lawyers Association of Kansas City, the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, the Truman Award for Public Service, the Difference-Maker Award from the Urban League of Greater Kansas City, and the designation of "Judge Howard F. Sachs Day" on September 26, 2019 by the city of Kansas City, Missouri, in recognition of forty years of distinguished service on the Federal Judiciary.

Judge Howard F. Sachs' reputation equals impressive his legal career. He is widely-known for his unparalleled devotion to the legal profession and his well-analyzed, clearly expressed opinions rooted in the bedrock of justice. Distinguished by his intellectual interest, faithfulness to precedent, and reserved demeanor, Judge Sachs has established an inspirational legacy steeped in justice, fairness, and due process. To this day, at ninety-four years old, he remains as veracious and committed to his duties as his first day on the bench.

Madam Speaker, please join me and all of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in celebrating Judge Howard F. Sachs' forty years serving as a U.S. District Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. Let us honor his unrelenting commitment to the American people, and the rule of law.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF GUY SWANGER

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of long-time law enforcement officer and community advocate, Guy Swanger.

In January 2011, Chief Swanger was sworn in as the Concord Police Chief, taking command of a 154-member department in a city of 127,000 residents. An advocate for families and children, Chief Swanger played a crucial part in bringing the Central County Family Justice Center to Concord to provide support to domestic violence victims.

Prior to joining the Concord Police Department, Chief Swanger spent 26-years with the San Diego Police Department. In that role, he served as Executive Director of the San Diego Family Justice Center under the Office of the Mayor. He also co-authored *Managing Innovation in Policing: The Untapped Potential of the Middle Manager*, which has been utilized and taught at many command colleges and universities.

In addition to his position with the Concord Police Department, he currently serves as a