

IN MEMORY OF JEAN ANN FOWARD

**HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER**  
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2019*

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to the memory of a dear friend and a remarkable woman from my community in Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. Jean Ann Foward, who passed away on April 11, 2019. Jean was the wife of Dr. Derrick L. Foward, president of the Dayton chapter of the NAACP, the second largest NAACP chapter in the State of Ohio.

Jean was born in Springfield, Ohio on December 2, 1958. She spent most of her life in Dayton and attended Dayton Public Schools. She was highly recognized for her Spelling Bee talent at Jackson Elementary School. Jean graduated from Wilbur Wright High School in 1976 and pursued a degree in Business Management at Ohio University.

Jean married the love of her life, Derrick L. Foward, on July 11, 1998. Together they raised four wonderful children: Jayme, Letoia, Troy Jr., and Donte. Jean was a devoted wife and mother known throughout the community as the “Wind beneath Derrick’s Wings”—as she supported him throughout his community service career. She was sweet, mild mannered, and loved dearly by her family and friends. She catered and hosted several family, community, and political gatherings at their home, where she welcomed everyone with a smile.

Jean and her husband shared a passion for the cause of justice and civil rights for all Americans. She was an equal partner and an inspiration to her husband in the fight for human rights and equality for all people. She was more than just Derrick’s wife, she was a leader in her own right.

Jean was an exemplary community servant and role model. She took pride in her neighborhood and was a member of the Northern Hills Neighborhood Association. Moreover, she participated in the annual Back-To-School, Stay-In-School school supplies event.

Jean loved volunteering for the City of Dayton Feast of Giving, where she served food to hundreds of people on Thanksgiving Day. She also participated in WDAO Radio’s annual Feast of Love to feed the homeless and others during the Christmas holiday season.

Jean served for 13 years as Advisor of the Littlejohn Junior NAACP Youth Council. Because of her sound financial stewardship, the Littlejohn Junior NAACP Youth Council had a budget surplus from 2005 to 2018. Due to her commitment to youth development, the Littlejohn Junior NAACP Youth Council remains the only active NAACP Junior Youth Council in the State of Ohio.

Jean contributed greatly to the lives of many young people throughout the Dayton region. She exemplified phenomenal leadership in mentoring, training, and developing our youth ages 1 through 13. She encouraged them to be humble leaders and faithful community servants. During her tenure as Youth Advisor, she had the distinct honor of richly depositing hope, respect, integrity, discipline, and character into the lives of over 510 youth who joined the organization under her leadership.

Because of her outstanding community leadership, Jean was the recipient of numer-

ous awards that include: the International Apostolic University of Grace and Truth (IAUGT) Appreciation Award (2002); the Dayton Unit NAACP President’s Award (2011); the Youth Empowerment Award (2013) the Stellar Attendance Awards (2010 through 2017); the General Membership Award (2018); and the Christian Women Coalition Senior Citizen Trailblazer Award (2018).

I am deeply saddened by the loss of a long-time personal friend and outstanding public servant whose many contributions to the community she loved will always be remembered. The Dayton region was blessed to have benefited from the good deeds of this exceptional mother, wife, mentor, and civil rights champion. Let us remember Jean by following her example and committing ourselves to spreading love, serving our communities, and working with our neighbors to achieve equal opportunity and justice for all Americans.

Madam Speaker, I offer my heartfelt condolences and prayers to Dr. Derrick Foward upon the loss of his beloved wife Jean Ann Foward, and their children, family members, and their many friends. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring her memory.

**HONORING VICTORIA HINOJOS FOR RECEIVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD**

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2019*

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brownsville, Texas native Victoria Hinojos, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Victoria joins a selective group of scouts, and she should be proud of this recognition. The Girl Scouts of the USA Gold award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award is contingent upon earning four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and completing the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. A scout must also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

For her Gold Project, Victoria assisted families affected by domestic violence in the Rio Grande Valley. I am impressed with her efforts to provide the Friendship of Women Shelter in Brownsville with additional resources. She went above and beyond the expectations, raising awareness in the community and collaborating with partners, local organizations, and fellow Girl Scout Gold Awardee—Hannah Edelstein.

In addition to her personal development within the Girl Scouts, Victoria excels at Saint Joseph Academy in Brownsville, Texas, earning second honors since freshman year. She is an active member of the National Art Honors Society, Rotary Interact Club, and the Varsity Dance team. Additionally, she teaches tap dance classes at the Brownsville Dance Center, highlighting her leadership skills outside of the classroom.

It is a great honor to recognize Victoria. Her work and service make our district a better community, and I am confident that the skills

and life lessons she learns through Girl Scouts will prove to be invaluable in her future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her achievements, work, and service.

**HONORING DALE FREEMAN**

**HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2019*

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Mr. Dale Freeman. Mr. Dale Freeman was simply the best teacher I had at any level of education. More than any other instructor, he taught me how to think independently and creatively. He taught me how to be disciplined in the basic foundations of writing and critical thinking. Having a solid foundation is essential to creativity because it provides a place to return to after exploring new ideas. Mr. Freeman truly loves learning and teaching. He cares deeply about his students and made them better equipped to handle the world around them. In fact, his work with students has given them the tools to shape the world around them. He is a compassionate person and I am so proud to have had him as an instructor.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE, LEGACY, AND SERVICE OF CLINTONVILLE POLICE CHIEF JAMES BEGGS**

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief James Beggs’ 44 years of service in law enforcement.

Chief James Beggs began working for the Clintonville Police Department as a full-time Patrol Officer in September of 1975. Through hard work and dedication, he rose up in the ranks of the department from Patrol Lieutenant to Police Patrol Captain, a position he held for 22 years. In 2016, Beggs was promoted to Police Chief, a position he served in for three years.

Throughout his career, Chief Beggs served his community in capacities that went far beyond his role as Police Chief. During his 44 years of service with the Clintonville Police Department, Chief Beggs served as a firearms instructor for the Clintonville Police Department, served 13 years with the Clintonville Area Ambulance Service, and 14 years on the Waupaca County SWAT Team. Outside of his work with the Clintonville Police Department, Chief Beggs achieved a number of academic successes, including an Associates Degree in Police Science. He also attended the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development School where he was trained in emergency management, crisis negotiations, internal affairs, and first level leadership, as well as Homeland Security-Weapons of Mass Destruction.

During Chief James Beggs’ 44-year career with the Clintonville Police Department, he went above and beyond to serve and protect his community. His dedication to and his leadership in Northeast Wisconsin stands as a

model for all police officers and citizens who strive to make a positive contribution to their community.

Chief Beggs leaves large shoes to fill and the impact that he has had on his community will not soon be forgotten. There is no doubt that Chief Beggs will be missed by the officers he worked with and by the community to which he dedicated his career. As Chief Beggs steps down to pursue other interests, I have no doubt he will continue to serve as a leader for Clintonville and the surrounding area.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending Chief Beggs for his 44 years of service with the Clintonville Police Department.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LABOR-MANAGEMENT COUNCIL OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Labor-Management Council (LMC) of Greater Kansas City's fortieth year serving the Greater Kansas City Area. Since the LMC was founded in 1979, they have grown to include membership from eighty organizations, including corporations, unions, governments, and nonprofits within the local area.

In 1979, members of the Kansas City business community who all cared deeply about the labor and management process came together to form the Labor-Management Council of Greater Kansas City. During the ensuing years, Bob Jacobi Jr. provided steadfast and enthusiastic service as Executive Director of the LMC through his leadership and his passion for public service. It has been my honor and pleasure to partner with the LMC on various occasions as they sought to create an open and equal collaboration between local government and organizations of all sizes in our city.

As a trailblazer in the Greater Kansas City area since their founding, the Labor-Management Council (LMC) has focused on providing the tools for employees to successfully negotiate with their employers for better benefits. The LMC developed the statutory framework of collective bargaining where employees could advocate for things like better healthcare and reduction of employment uncertainty. The LMC supported legislative proposals to provide relief via safety net hospitals for workers and Medicaid coverage for the newly unemployed and the uninsured. They continue to advocate for a system where every citizen can have their voice heard, and inclusion in the workplace becomes a reality. As a friend and collaborator with the LMC, I am inspired by the work they accomplished in the forty years since their genesis. My collaboration with the LMC has been one of the more rewarding aspects of my career, and I am honored to have served alongside this remarkable organization.

Throughout the years, the Labor-Management Council of Greater Kansas City has operated upon the pillars of their values and their dedication to a larger social responsibility. Refining the concept of collective bargaining,

they used this tool of broad consensus to fight for equity and inclusivity in the larger economic and social issues present within our community. Together with their numerous partner organizations, the LMC provides a forum for community leaders and employees to work together on civic and economic issues. Examples of their noteworthy contributions to the community include their active support for accessible healthcare coverage, better public infrastructure, and broader citywide public transportation.

Madam Speaker, please join with Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring the Labor-Management Council of Greater Kansas City for their achievement of forty years of service in the community and their indelible mark on our society. I urge all my colleagues and fellow citizens across the country to join me in showing our appreciation to Labor-Management of Greater Kansas City for their undeterred commitment to civic service and worker advocacy in our region.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LABOR-MANAGEMENT COUNCIL OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor my dear friend, Maude Ford Lee. Maude was a long-time civil rights activist and truly one of a kind. A native of Tallahassee, Maude spent her life advocating for equality. She participated in a bus boycott in her hometown in the 1950s. That action led Tallahassee to desegregate its public transit. She moved to West Palm Beach in the 1960s and spent decades working as a manager of county social programs. Among her many accomplishments, she was the first black candidate elected to the Palm Beach County Commission, where she served for ten years. Her husband, the late Percy Lee, ran the Urban League of Palm Beach County.

Maude lobbied for the creation of commission districts as the only way for a black candidate to win a seat in a mostly white county. Through her efforts, single-member districts were created, expanding opportunities for African Americans to run and win in those districts.

After stepping away from politics, Maude became president of the West Palm Beach chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). In that role, she continued her advocacy for the needs of the African American community, working to address inequities locally and nationwide. She reveled in another first, the 2008 election of Barack Obama as president. "This is our greatest accomplishment," she told the Palm Beach Post at the time.

Madam Speaker, if there was such a thing as a community servant, than Maude Ford Lee was it. She will always be remembered for her tireless efforts to bring resources to Florida and the African American community. Her legacy of public service speaks for itself, and she will be dearly missed by all who knew her. I offer my deepest condolences to Maude's family, during this extremely difficult time.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. CHEN LING KOU

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Chen Ling Kou, a devoted wife, mother, and dedicated community member who passed away after battling cancer on April 6, 2019, at the age of 55.

Chen Ling was born to En Kai Chang and Shu Chuan Yang Chang on November 5, 1963 in Cheongju-si, South Korea, the fifth of six children. Chen Ling was a brilliant student and a member of an elite study group in Seoul, South Korea, before immigrating to Los Angeles, California, with her family in 1982.

She would go on to attend California State University, Fullerton and would later marry Mr. Ming Shin Kou on February 8, 1987 in Anaheim, California. Approximately 1,200 people attended the wedding.

Chen Ling was an active member of the community of Palos Verdes Estates in my congressional district, devoting her time to various charitable causes but she was most proud of her three children and all their accomplishments. Dow Li was the first student in the history of Marymount High School to win the state of California Mock Trial competition and went on to graduate from the University of California, Berkeley.

Dow Yi obtained degrees from the University of California, Berkeley and the National Taiwan University, and went on to work for Fox Entertainment. Dow Ken recently graduated from the Brentwood School, and has been accepted to the University of Southern California. A fighter throughout her life, Chen Ling bravely fought her battle with cancer for four years, accepting experimental cancer treatment in the hopes that it would help others suffering from cancer.

Chen Ling is survived by her husband and their three children. She was truly a beautiful person inside and out. She will forever be remembered for her selflessness, incredible bravery, and meaningful impact on her community.

**JOHN HIATT**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud John Hiatt for earning the Technical Achievement Award for his development of a creative and unique mobile application (app) in the 2019 Congressional App Challenge. As a returning participant in the competition, John built an app titled "Assembly Plus" to assist with programming language that adds readability to raw assembly.

A senior at Northglenn High School, John spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding, further advancing his STEM education. He built this app in less than three months which shows his perseverance and dedication to this challenge and exemplifies the character and determination the