

Rodney faithfully served his community in multiple capacities throughout his life. He maintained local roadways during his time with the Road Department, protected the community as the County Jailer, and impacted many during his time as Taylor County Circuit Clerk. In his final years of public service, he was an especially strong supporter of the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust for Life which promotes organ donor awareness. When he was not serving his community, Rodney enjoyed spending time farming with his father, brother, and sons.

Those in Taylor County remember Rodney for his servant's heart and kind spirit. His membership in the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels is a testament to these characteristics. He lived his life in faith and was a brilliant light in the community who practiced compassionate conservatism.

I join Rodney's family and friends, as well as all those he impacted, in celebrating his life of devoted service to the 1st District of Kentucky. May God continue to bless the members of his family through whom his legacy lives on.

LIFE AND SERVICE OF GARY TURNER

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Mr. Gary Turner of Sarcoxie, Missouri.

Born and raised in Springfield, Missouri, Gary was in the first graduating class at Glendale High School where he excelled at both academics and sports. After high school, he attended the University of Missouri-Rolla until 1968 when he got drafted into the United States Army. During his time in the military, he served in Vietnam with the 82nd Airborne, the 1st Infantry Division and finally, with the 25th Infantry Division.

After returning home, Gary continued his service to our country by co-founding a veterans' center in Springfield focused on men and women coming back from war and providing them with the resources they need to assimilate back into society. He has always said it's not what he gets, it's what he can give back.

To add to his already long list of accomplishments serving others, in 2011, Gary took over as head of the Community Foundation in Sarcoxie, which he has led ever since. Created in collaboration with a U.S. Department of Agriculture initiative to help with job creation and economic development in rural areas, the foundation is a way for residents to give to their community and see the fruits of their labor in real time, as the benefits all go directly into the community. Gary says that the foundation is a way for everyone to get involved in the community, and he hopes that the foundation will last forever. He has also been involved with Sarcoxie Board of Education and City Council and is chairman of the Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council, providing grant assistance to four area counties.

Madam Speaker, as a Member of Congress it is my great pleasure to stand and recognize the lifetime of service that Gary Turner has

given to his country and local communities. He has truly earned this great honor, and I ask all Americans to join me in thanking him.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING EQUIITY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill, the Federal Government Advertising Equity Accountability Act, to require all federal agencies to include in their annual budget requests to Congress the amount they spend on advertising contracts with small disadvantaged businesses (SDBs) and businesses owned by minorities and women. Federal agencies would be required to provide prior and projected total expenditures for such contracts. Representatives BARBARA LEE and GWEN MOORE are cosponsors of this bill.

In 2007, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) examined spending on advertising contracts with minority-owned businesses by five agencies—the Department of Defense, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of the Interior and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration—and found that only five percent of the \$4.3 billion available for advertising contracts went to minority businesses. In light of these concerning figures, several Members of Congress and I sent a letter to the GAO in April 2016 requesting updated information on the amount of federal advertising dollars spent with SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women. That GAO report, released in July 2018, showed that in fiscal year 2017, only 16 percent of the federal government's advertising contract obligations went to SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women.

The federal government is the largest advertiser in the United States, and it has an obligation to ensure equitable access to its contracts for SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women. The GAO's findings make it clear that there is still much progress to be made.

The regular collection of information on federal advertising contracts with SDBs and businesses owned by women and minorities, along with the provision of this information to legislators and stakeholders, is essential to bridging the divide between what current statistics show and a more inclusive advertising landscape. This bill would achieve these goals while also promoting transparency and encouraging federal agencies to strive to reach minorities, who often receive their daily news from smaller media outlets that serve communities of color. The requirement that agencies

submit prior and projected information regarding the amount of advertising dollars spent with SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women would allow federal agencies to evaluate their progress over time. The regular collection of this information would also demonstrate that the promotion of equity in advertising, and in all areas of government, should be a continuous effort that is important to the mission of every agency.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE CITY OF WATERTOWN ON THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INCORPORATION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Ms. STEFANI. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the residents of Watertown, New York as they celebrate the 150th anniversary of the city's incorporation.

In 1796, surveyor Benjamin Wright arrived in the Black River area and plotted out the boundaries of what would later become Watertown. 73 years later, on May 8, 1869, the City of Watertown was incorporated. Those pioneering settlers had the foresight to see that the area was ideal for industry and commerce. Located centrally in Jefferson County, the Black River runs through the heart of the city. This enabled the rapid expansion of manufacturing and trading and created the perfect environment for inventors and entrepreneurs.

To this day, Watertown remains a vibrant and beautiful community that exemplifies the best qualities of The North Country and the Nation as a whole. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate the residents of Watertown on this momentous occasion. It has been an honor to represent this community, and I know that the future looks bright for Watertown.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on May 8, 2019 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on May 8 answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to acknowledge these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude:

DeWayne C. Adams; Ronald Allan; Dale A. Allen; Ralph R. Anderson; Robert A. Anderson; Albert A. Armellino; George T. Athanasiou; Warren N. Barr, Jr.; Marvin E. Becker; Robert W. Bennett.

Arthur Berg; William F. Bike; Joseph Booko; Patrick J. Boyle; Matthias A. Burger, Jr.; Jose Cervantes; Vincent P. Connor; Bernard T. Constantine; Frank M. Craven; Paul E. Crowe; Reginald C. Darley; Herbert E. Davidson; Theodore De Graff; John J. Debnar; Jerome A. Denault; Irwin Lloyd Dickstein; George E. Dirkes; Clarence R. Downey, Jr.; Frank E. Faibian; Harve A. Ferrill.

Robert V. Fitzgibbon; James F. Frey; Chester Gola; Ronald Goldenstern; Seymour Gottlieb; William H. Grady; Reuben T. Grissette; Gerald Handler; Walter C. Hartmann; Forrest E. Hazard.

James Holdridge; Peter N. Holt; Michael E. Hopkins; Walter D. Huseman Jr.; Lawrence J. Huttel; Will Intoe; Donald D. Jones; Arthur B. Justice; George J. Laciene; John W. Lee.

Eugene F. Lewaniak Sr.; Herbert S. Lorman; Robert R. Machon; John S. Matecki; Mark W. McConville; Donald P. McCormick; James McEldowney; Richard McNulty; Kenneth R. Meisinger; Jack J. Micek.

Wayne C. Morganegg; Paul R. Napholz; Reynaldo Navarro; Edwin H. Nelson; John Edward Olson; Raymond F. Panek; Frank M. Pecoraro; Joseph A. Pecoraro; Harry N. Percianoff; Chester A. Perczynski.

Jerome R. Radecky; Robert Earl Reed; John L. Retterer; Frank P. Ring; Joseph F. Ring; Donald W. Rooks; Anthony C. Sabatino; George H. Sallman Jr.; Alex Saputa; Edward Schmitt.

Jerome H. Schuman; Robert V. Sharp; Kenneth Shelby; Kenneth L. Shoberg; Robert John Shouse; Ronald J. Singer; Donald E. Smith; Howard Willis Stalbaum; Howard Stark; Frederick T. Staron.

Ronald G. Steinke; Clarence B. Stone; Thomas E. Sucher; Eugene Szykowny; Robert M. Terzich; Henry Wabi; James Wagner; Cyrus T. Wax; and Thomas England Woods.

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS SMALL BUSINESS ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Northern Mariana Islands Small Business Act, which would ensure small businesses in my district have access to the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Lead Center grant program, the Federal and State Technology (FAST) partnership grant program and the Microloan program. The Marianas are the only U.S. jurisdiction not included in these programs, which help small businesses access the knowledge and capital necessary to succeed and compete for federal contracting opportunities.

Last fall, our islands were struck by two catastrophic natural disasters. Typhoon Mangkhut and Super Typhoon Yutu, the second most powerful storm ever in United States history, caused widespread destruction of homes, businesses, schools and infrastructure. Under presidential disaster declarations, the SBA set up temporary disaster recovery centers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to assist small businesses to apply for loans and other funds to cover damages resulting from the storms.

We are grateful for the SBA's assistance during these disasters. However, all SBA disaster outreach centers in the Marianas are now closed and our economy is projected to take years to fully recover. The SBA estimates there are over 1,700 small businesses in the Marianas which employ over 18,000 people. These businesses and employees do not have access to the full range of SBA programs to help them fully recover. My bill would correct that by ensuring access on the same basis as their counterparts across the nation, many of whom are also recovering from natural disasters.

Under my bill, the Marianas can apply to establish a Lead SBDC, which would make available around \$600,000 in renewable funding to expand the reach and capacity of the existing SBDC service center on Saipan. With additional funding, small businesses on Saipan, Tinian and Rota will have better access to free or low-cost services such as incubator workspaces for entrepreneurs, assistance with loan applications, business planning, operations, personnel administration, marketing, export assistance, sales and other areas required for small business growth and success.

The bill would benefit aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners in the Marianas who are not able to access conventional loans at commercial banks. This legislation would provide them access to the SBA's Microloan program which provides loans up to \$50,000 typically not offered by banks for working capital or the acquisition of materials, supplies, or equipment. In addition, the SBA microloan program, which is designed to assist women, low-income, veteran, and minority entrepreneurs, provides marketing, management, and technical assistance to borrowers.

The Northern Mariana Islands Small Business Act would also help our small businesses participate in federal research and development opportunities. The bill includes the Marianas in the SBA's FAST partnership program which funds outreach and technical assistance to small businesses interested in competing for the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. The SBIR and STTR programs have funded the development of new sources of renewable energy and low-cost technology to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and help give the aspiring entrepreneurs and small businesses from the Marianas access to the full range of federal resources needed to help our economy recover from disaster and make their dreams of small business ownership a reality.

TRIBUTE HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE JAMES DINGLE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Judge James Dingle. Judge Dingle's life exemplified Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s admonition that "everybody can be great, because everybody can serve." Judge Dingle was great because he spent

most of his life serving the people of South Carolina.

Born November 14, 1929 in Alcolu, South Carolina, Judge Dingle often described himself as a "down home country boy who went off and made good and came back home to work in my community."

Before returning to his hometown, Dingle attended Midlands Technical College in Columbia, South Carolina and continued his education at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg. He spent 30 years as a high school teacher at C.E. Murray High School in Greeleyville, South Carolina. During his tenure at the high school, Dingle strived to positively impact the lives of as many students as he could by working in various capacities—an industrial arts teacher, head football coach, athletic director, and an administrative assistant.

Dingle was appointed as a magistrate judge in Clarendon County in 1983. He was one of the first black magistrates in the state of South Carolina. Dingle loved his job and the people of Clarendon County, where he served for 12 years. Following his retirement as a magistrate judge, he became a city judge in Manning.

As a community leader, Dingle was a constant voice of encouragement for the youth in his community realizing that many of them were not surrounded by the best environments. He motivated them to receive an education and to be productive citizens. Dingle became widely known as always putting "service before self."

Judge Dingle passed away on April 29, 2019. He will be greatly missed by family, friends, and the many people he has influenced during his lifetime.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of this servant leader and teacher and recognizing the positive impact Judge James Dingle made in Clarendon County, South Carolina and surrounding areas.

IN MEMORY OF RILEY CARL HOWELL

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Mr. MEADOWS. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to recognize Riley Carl Howell, a hero from Waynesville, North Carolina. Riley gave the ultimate sacrifice when he saved the lives of his fellow classmates at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on April 30, 2019.

I am honored and humbled to have represented a young man so full of life, courage, and selfless character. Riley Howell was fatally shot when a gunman entered his classroom at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and opened fire. Rather than fleeing, twenty-one-year-old Riley Howell bravely charged the gunman—knocking him off his feet, which enabled his classmates to find cover and allowed the authorities more time to apprehend the gunman. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police hailed Riley as a hero and stated that his bravery prevented further violence and saved his classmates' lives. Riley's selfless actions on April 30th clearly demonstrate his courage in the face of adversity—confronting danger to protect those around him—even at the risk of his own life.