

HONORING LOGAN HERNDON AND WILLIAM JACKSON FOR BEING AWARDED THE VALOR AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Logan Herndon and Lieutenant William Jackson as recipients of the Public Safety Valor Award.

The Valor Award is a prestigious honor presented to first responders of the greater Fayetteville region who perform acts of heroism under extreme risk. Captain Herndon and Lieutenant Jackson proudly serve the Fayetteville Fire Department and went above the normal call of duty in January 2019.

After responding to a motor vehicle accident, Captain Herndon and Lieutenant Jackson began to routinely assist Cumberland County EMS and the Fayetteville Police Department. As they worked, unusual commotion could be heard from an ambulance where one of the motorists was being treated. Calls for help came from the ambulance and as Captain Herndon and Lieutenant Jackson rushed over, they found a police officer in a physical altercation with the motorist. They responded forcefully, quickly securing the scene.

Captain Herndon and Lieutenant Jackson's quick actions may have saved the lives of their colleagues, as a loaded firearm was found in the offender's possession. I know I speak for everyone in our community when I say we are truly grateful for their unwavering service and cannot thank them enough.

Captain Logan Herndon and Lieutenant William Jackson are deserving of this honor and I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish them success as they continue to protect our communities.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Captain Logan Herndon and Lieutenant William Jackson on receiving the Public Safety Valor Award.

IN HONOR OF PAUL SEARS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special man, Paul Sears, of Lexington, Kentucky. Born in 1924, Dr. Sears enlisted in the Army Air Corps on October 25, 1942. He was assigned to the 100th Bomb Group, also known as the "Bloody Hundredth", in the 8th Air Force. Sears was a tailgunner on a B-17. On his very first mission, half of his 6 plane squadron was lost.

On his tenth and final mission, Dr. Sears' aircraft, "Salvo Sal", was hit over Germany on October 8, 1943. Sears bailed out over the Netherlands and was captured by the Germans. He was held in solitary confinement for 17 days in Frankfurt, Germany. After a 3-day ride in a cattle car, he was taken to Stalag 17b where he spent the next 19 months just trying to survive. Conditions were brutal, with prisoners living on small portions of black bread and cabbage soup that included worms. Sears lost 65 pounds, contracted a severe

respiratory infection, and almost died. In April of 1944, Sears and around 4,500 other POWs were forced to march over 200 miles west, away from the Russian Army and towards the American lines. The prisoners were liberated by General Patton's 3rd Army on May 3, 1945.

Dr. Sears returned home and married Juanita Reed Sears. Together they raised 2 girls, Anne and Elizabeth "Lizzy" Sears Brown. Under the G.I. Bill, Paul Sears entered the University of Kentucky where he earned a B.S. in 1950 and a Ph.D. in 1953. He spent most of his professional career at the University of Kentucky as a chemistry professor. He was recognized with two Outstanding Teacher Awards, recognized internationally for his research, and held several leadership positions at the University of Kentucky. He retired in 1990.

Dr. Sears and his fellow veterans are true heroes. As members of the "Greatest Generation", they willingly served to protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy today. I am humbled to honor the service of Dr. Paul Sears before the United States Congress.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF TIMOTHY MILLS JOHNSON

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in loving remembrance of, and in tribute to Mr. Timothy Mills Johnson, a long-time Capitol Hill staffer with our former colleagues Mike Oxley and Spencer Bachus, and the President of the Capitol Hill Tennis Club, who passed away late last year.

Tim, as he was affectionately known on the tennis court and in the halls of Congress, was an outstanding staffer, great tennis player and instructor, but most importantly, a friend to so many staffers across both chambers and across the aisles—and friendship is essential to the soul.

To say that his was a life "well-lived," is the true meaning of understatement. But first, let me tell you a little bit about Tim.

At an early age, Tim started playing tennis under the tutelage of his grandfather Nelson Turnell, a member of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame, and his uncle Daniel Turnell, who played varsity tennis at the University of Mississippi from 1965 to 1968. Tim's competitive tennis career started at Jamestown High School, where he played for Coach Fred Natarelli. Tim had standout seasons in 1977 and 1978 as first doubles on the JHS team. In 1977, Tim was undefeated at first doubles playing in the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Tennis League.

Following high school, Tim attended Syracuse University. He graduated in May 1982 with a double major in political science and broadcast journalism, was on the Dean's List for five semesters, and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the academic honorary. During the summer of 1980 in Jamestown, he prepared, wrote, announced and produced radio shows on news and sports for a radio reading service for the disabled carried on a sub-channel of WHUG.

This led to Tim covering all five General Conference on United States-Soviet Relations

at Chautauqua Institution from 1985 to 1989, traveling to the Soviet Union, and received numerous broadcasting awards for his efforts.

Following graduation, Tim worked at WKSN radio and was active in the local tennis community until 1994, when he moved to Washington to work in Congress, as a fellow of the American Political Science Association. Tim worked as a legislative assistant to Congressman Mike Oxley of Ohio, who also was manager of the Republican Congressional Baseball team, an annual tradition popular amongst members of Congress, staff, and others. Tim became the coach and one of the principal organizers for the game, a position that continued for nearly 20 years. Tim also happened to be in the dugout during the tragic shooting at Republican baseball practice in 2017.

For his work, Tim was quoted about the Congressional baseball game in a variety of publications, such as the Washington Post and Roll Call. He worked tirelessly, as an unpaid volunteer, to raise money by arranging for sponsors for the Congressional baseball game and was recognized in 2014 by the respective team managers for his years of contribution to the game, ranging from shagging balls at 6:30 a.m. practices to organizing the distribution of charitable giving.

Tim completed his career on the Hill in the office of Congressman Spencer Bachus, serving as Communications Director until retirement.

While Tim was a presence on the Hill during the week, for almost 30 years he served as president of the Capitol Hill Tennis Club, which worked closely with the charity efforts of numerous tennis-related organizations such as the Cystic Fibrosis Celebrity Tennis Gala, the Thanks USA, the Washington Kastles, the Foundation for Prader-Willi Research, Hope Street Kids, and the Washington Tennis and Education Foundation (WTEF). For the WTEF, Tim helped organize an annual celebrity tournament where members of Congress, professional tennis players, Congressional staff, community leaders, and others played to raise money for critical causes around the country.

For many years, as part of his duties with the CHTC, for countless weekends in the hot sun of our nation's capital, through his diagnosis, Tim had one of his toughest duties keeping the peace among spirited Capitol Hill staffers as he fed them tennis ball after ball, rain or shine, and more often than not, helping someone perfect a grip, shot, or foot movement on the tennis court with his trademark patience and equanimity.

Madam Speaker, right now, Tim is in Heaven, serving, and is up 40-Love, but instead of raining down another serve, he gently guides the ball over the net so as to keep the ball in play and enjoy a long rally as he did for so many of us during his sojourn here.

HONORING ALLYAH SMITH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Allyah Smith. Allyah is a very special woman and leader who is being honored with the Future Leader Award as a part of the St. Joseph YWCA's prestigious Women of Excellence.

To say that Allyah Smith is an exceptional young lady is a definition of understatement. Not only is she an award-winning poet, but she is an exceptional cross-country runner. Allyah has been recognized for her hours of volunteer service in the community winning the coveted Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

She has also participated in events to educate students on the dangers of impaired driving.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Allyah Smith for being honored as the Future Leader Award winner by the St. Joseph YWCA through serving St. Joseph, the state of Missouri and the Sixth Congressional District. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

HONORING CYNTHIA PARRISH AND CHARLES COCHRAN FOR BEING AWARDED THE VALOR AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Cynthia Parrish and Sergeant Charles Cochran as recipients of the Public Safety Valor Award.

The Valor Award is a prestigious honor presented to first responders of the greater Fayetteville region who perform acts of heroism under extreme risk. Proudly serving the Fayetteville Police Department, 911 telecommunicator Cynthia Parrish and Sergeant Charles Cochran exhibited great courage and composure on the night of July 3, 2018.

While responding to a domestic disturbance where a man was reportedly holding his pregnant girlfriend hostage with a knife, Ms. Parrish traced the woman's location, obtained vital information for responding officers, and remained on the phone as the victim was repeatedly stabbed. When Sergeant Cochran arrived on the scene, he breached the apartment door with an axe, quickly located the victim and her attacker, and saved the life of the victim and her unborn baby after neutralizing the threat.

Ms. Parrish and Sergeant Cochran's quick actions, bravery and dedication to service are a credit to them, their families, and the Fayetteville Police Department. I know I speak for everyone in our community when I say we are truly grateful for their unwavering service and cannot thank them enough.

Ms. Parrish and Sergeant Cochran are deserving of this honor and I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish them success as they continue to protect our communities.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Ms. Cynthia Parrish and Sergeant Charles Cochran on receiving the Public Safety Valor Award.

IN APPRECIATION OF CHOBANI PAYING SCHOOL LUNCH DEBT IN TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the generous donation by Chobani who paid the school lunch debt for the entire Twin Falls School District for the 2018–2019 school year. This act of kindness is just another example of Chobani's commitment to being a good neighbor in the Magic Valley.

The State of Idaho is fortunate that Chobani chose to build North America's largest yogurt plant in Twin Falls in 2012. Since arriving, Chobani has benefited the local economy including the dairy farmers in Idaho who supply milk to the plant. It is estimated that Chobani's direct and indirect employment is roughly 7,000 jobs in Idaho including roughly 300 refugees from the local center at the College of Southern Idaho. Due to Chobani's economic success, additional food producing businesses have located facilities in Twin Falls, which has resulted in the local unemployment rate dropping as low as 2.2 percent.

I believe any organization or business starts with the tone set by their leader. Chobani exemplifies that through their founder, chairman, and CEO, Hamdi Ulukaya. I consider Hamdi a friend to me and to the State of Idaho. Hamdi grew up on a dairy farm in Turkey and immigrated to the United States in 1994. He took over a yogurt factory in 2005 with a loan from the Small Business Administration. Today, he is the CEO of the number one strained yogurt brand in the United States. He has shared his generosity with local communities like Twin Falls and also announced he would hand over ten percent of the shares of the company to its employees.

To quote the Twin Falls Mayor, "Chobani is the gift that keeps on giving." I thank Hamdi and Chobani and I look forward to their future growth and partnership with the State of Idaho.

HONORING TRISTON STRICKLAND FOR BEING AWARDED THE VALOR AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deputy Tristan Strickland as a recipient of the Public Safety Valor Award.

The Valor Award is a prestigious honor presented to men and women of the greater Fayetteville region who perform acts of heroism under extreme risk. A second-generation law enforcement officer with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Strickland exhibited great courage and composure in the early morning hours of September 4, 2018.

While responding to a domestic disturbance where a man was reportedly trying to force entry into the home of a mother and her four children, Deputy Strickland was fired upon

while arriving on the scene. He exited his vehicle and returned fire, striking the offender from 90 feet away. Deputy Strickland then heroically shielded a fellow officer and engaged the subject so that she could seek cover. After securing the scene, the officers sought medical attention for the offender.

Deputy Strickland's quick actions, excellent marksmanship under extreme pressure, and willingness to stand in front of a fellow officer are a credit to him, his family, and the Cumberland Sheriff's Department. I know I speak for everyone in our community when I say we are truly grateful for his unwavering service and cannot thank him enough.

Deputy Strickland is deserving of this honor and I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him success as he continues to protect our communities.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Deputy Tristan Strickland on receiving the Public Safety Valor Award.

HONORING SHEILA GILBERT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sheila Gilbert. Sheila is a very special woman and leader who is being honored with the Woman in Volunteerism Award as a part of the St. Joseph YWCA's prestigious Women of Excellence.

Sheila has a simple story in which a problem presented itself and rather than sit back, she took action. From that Food for Kids was born. While it may have started as a way to help feed kids in St. Joseph during the summer vacation, it has expanded to provide meals for families as well as providing clothes, shoes and school supplies for those children as well. Sheila and her husband Kenzie have taken their compassion and faith and turned it into a mission to serve their community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Sheila Gilbert for being honored as the Woman in Volunteerism Award winner by the St. Joseph YWCA through serving St. Joseph, the state of Missouri and the Sixth Congressional District. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

APPLAUDING THE TURNSTONE CENTER

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise to applaud the Turnstone Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for hosting the International Blind Sports Federation Goalball & Judo Paralympic Qualifying Competition. Later this summer, thousands from across the country will be in the Summit City as first-class athletes with visual impairments compete for a chance to represent their country on the world stage at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

Since 1943, Turnstone has worked with disabled individuals from all walks of life in helping them excel with athletic programs, as well