

Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and Navy Pistol Marksmanship Ribbon.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Corpsman Marcus Allen Kennedy's valiant service to his country.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 16, 2019*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on July 15, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 475, Roll Call Vote 476, and Roll Call Vote 477. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 475, Yea on Roll Call Vote 476, and Yea on Roll Call Vote 477.

RECOGNITION OF MADAM C.J. WALKER AND RENAMING OF WEST 136TH STREET BETWEEN LENOX AVENUE AND ADAM CLAYTON POWELL BOULEVARD AS "MADAM CJ WALKER WAY"

**HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 16, 2019*

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, Madam C.J. Walker is the first self-made American female millionaire and the wealthiest African American woman of her time as an inventor and entrepreneur.

Madam C.J. Walker born as Sarah Breedlove on December 23, 1867 in Louisiana to Owen and Minerva Anderson Breedlove was the first of her family born into freedom.

Madam C.J. Walker was orphaned at a young age. She first married during her adolescent years and became a widow only a few years later. After the death of her husband Moses McWilliams, she overcame adversity and moved to St. Louis, Missouri as a single mother to her young daughter A'Lelia Walker working as a laundress—barely earning one dollar a day—she persevered through the hardships of poverty solely focused on supporting herself and her daughter.

Madam C.J. Walker was determined to make a better life for her and her daughter and she was inspired to start her own line of beauty products. Her inspiration stemmed from her own struggle as an African American woman who had difficulty finding hair-care products that were not only aimed for a specific hair type, but were also owned by an African American woman.

Madam C.J. Walker was an activist and philanthropist who worked alongside her daughter A'Lelia Walker, leading the vanguard of women and women of color in the world of business, philanthropy, advocacy with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Negro Business League, and the National Conference on Lynching, and rich history and culture of Harlem during the Harlem Renaissance.

Madam C.J. Walker dedicated her wealth and success to better the lives of young Afri-

can-American men and women through scholarships for the Young Men's Christian Association, the Tuskegee Institute, Bethune-Cookman University, and the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church as a testament to her fervent belief in furthering African Americans as they pursue economic independence and financial security which continues to pave the way for African Americans nationwide.

As the Representative of the Thirteenth Congressional District of New York in the United States House of Representatives, I am proud to recognize Madam C.J. Walker for her inspiration and achievement impact in the African American community and celebrate the renaming of West 136th Street between Lenox Avenue and Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard as "Madam CJ Walker Way".

RECOGNIZING COLLEEN O'HARRA AS THE CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

**HON. MIKE LEVIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 16, 2019*

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mrs. Colleen O'Harra, the co-founder of the Oceanside Women's Resource Center and a former member of the Oceanside City Council, as my Constituent of the Month for July. For 45 years, Colleen and her team have been serving survivors of domestic violence and their children at the Women's Resource Center, working tirelessly to ensure that community members receive the services and support they need to recover.

The Women's Resource Center opened during a time when there was limited to no services available for domestic abuse victims, becoming the only facility of its kind aiding North County San Diego families. Under Colleen's trailblazing leadership, the Women's Resource Center grew from an "underground" network where domestic abuse survivors received short-term assistance in private homes, to a 31-bed shelter providing long-term housing, support, and resources to survivors.

Colleen's work is imperative as we address the epidemic of violence against women that plagues our country. Each year, approximately 12 million adults and over 15 million children are exposed to domestic violence. These alarming figures tell us that we must do more at the local, state, and federal level to empower survivors and raise community awareness, ensuring that domestic violence and sexual assault are neither tolerated nor accepted in our communities. In April, the House of Representatives passed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019 (VAWA) with bipartisan support to prevent domestic violence and ensure survivors have resources to recover and seek justice. Today, I urge my colleagues in the U.S. Senate to help end the cycle of domestic violence and reauthorize the VAWA.

I launched a Constituent of the Month program to recognize residents of the 49th District who have gone above and beyond to support our neighbors and make our community stronger. After 45 years of providing critical support services and shelter to survivors in our community, we owe Colleen a debt of

gratitude, and I am proud to recognize her as the Constituent of the Month.

HONORING GERMAINE CLAIR AND BROOKS JOHNSON FOR THE 2019 HOPE HOUSE COMMUNITY AWARD

**HON. ELAINE G. LURIA**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 16, 2019*

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Germaine Clair and Brooks Johnson for receiving the 2019 Hope House Community Award.

Germaine Clair and Brooks Johnson are honored for supporting the Hope House's fundraiser and opening their lovely home during the fall art show to host the Taste for the Arts Donor Brunch. Their graciousness offered a wonderful tool to strengthen the Hope House and introduce new friends to the Hope House Foundation through the Stockley Gardens Arts Festival.

I commend their dedication to growing inclusion through the arts in our community and strengthening the Hope House's mission.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT REIGEL'S KNIGHT OF THE LEGION OF HONOR MEDAL AWARD

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 16, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Reigel for receiving the Knight of the Legion of Honor Medal from the people of France for his service during WWII.

Robert, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday, enlisted with the U.S. Army in 1943. He served in four battles overseas during WWII, which included deployments to France, England, Italy, and Bavaria. Through his service, he earned the Victory Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Battle Stars, two Overseas Service Bars, and a Good Conduct Medal. He retired from the U.S. Army with a Technician Fifth Grade rank.

The Knight of the Legion of Honor Medal was established in 1802 and pays tribute to soldiers who helped liberate France and Western Europe during WWII. It is the highest military distinction given to those who have accomplished exceptional deeds for France.

The Hon. Guillaume Lacroix, Consul General of France in Chicago, presented the prestigious award to Robert during a ceremony at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. Surrounded by his family and fellow veterans, Robert was honored as a hero to both America and France.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in thanking Mr. Robert Reigel for his service to our country. His dedication to our country and his valor in service are truly an inspiration to us all.

HONORING SENATOR ROBERT "BOB" DOLE FOR HIS LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION ON "SENATOR BOB DOLE DAY"

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today with the 10th Mountain Division, the Thousand Island Park Foundation, and the rest of New York's 21st District to recognize the life and service of Senator Robert "Bob" Dole.

In 1942, during the height of World War II, Senator Dole was stationed with the 10th Mountain Division. During his deployment to Italy, he was wounded by machinegun fire and received a Purple Heart for his courageous actions.

Senator Dole's introduction to public office began in 1950 with the Kansas State House of Representatives. After serving one term, he went on to spend the next eight years as the Russell County State Attorney. In 1960, he ran successfully for the U.S. House of Representatives where he served for nearly a decade before running for the U.S. Senate. Senator Dole served in this capacity for three decades, holding numerous leadership positions including Chair of the Republican National Committee, Ranking Member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, and Senate Minority Leader.

Senator Dole was immensely respected by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. He always negotiated in good faith for the good of his constituents and served his country honorably his entire career. He continues to inspire young Americans to serve their country and pursue public office. I applaud the Jefferson County Legislature for passing a resolution declaring July 20th "Senator Bob Dole Day". Senator Dole is certainly a deserving recipient of this recognition and I know that I speak for all of New York's 21st District in thanking Senator Dole for his selfless service to our country and contribution to our national polity.

SHIRLEY HARTMANN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. FRANCIS ROONEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish a happy birthday on September 1st to Shirley Hartmann on turning 90. Shirley, a native of New Jersey, now a resident of Bentley Village with her dog Brando, is enjoying her retirement. Shirley is a fixture on the golf course and has even served as the President of the Ladies 9-Hole Association. When she isn't spending her time golfing, she enjoys playing bocce ball, volunteering at a local community thrift shop, and catching up with friends over dinner.

It is my hope that Shirley continues to enjoy her retirement and putting a smile on everyone's face she meets for a long time to come.

Happy Birthday Shirley.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LAQUITA BROWN

**HON. ELAINE G. LURIA**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late LaQuita Brown, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost LaQuita far too soon.

LaQuita was a faithful employee and served the Department of Public Works for the City of Virginia Beach for nearly five years. Friends described LaQuita as lighting up a room with her presence. LaQuita spent time traveling to New York City, Europe, and West Africa. LaQuita's life of hard work and service to the community, as well as her bright spirit, will forever be remembered.

LaQuita will be missed by all her loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from her presence; she made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor her life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 477.

WISHING MR. TOM WILEY A HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Altoona native Tom Wiley on his 75th Birthday. Tom has spent more than 15 years in public service protecting America's most influential leaders working for the United States Secret Service.

During his time in the Secret Service, Mr. Wiley protected Presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and George H.W. Bush. He also was Supervisor of Detail for Vice President Dan Quayle. Wiley was in charge of hospital security after the assassination attempt on President Reagan in 1981.

During his time in Altoona at Bishop Guilfoyle, Wiley was an outstanding student athlete, playing both football and basketball. He also met his wife, Kathy Urban, while they were both high school students and they have been together since. After college at Purdue University, Wiley returned home to Bishop Guilfoyle from 1968 to 1971 to teach and coach.

Wiley has dedicated his life of service to his country. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Tom Wiley a happy 75th birthday and thank him for his incredible service to our country.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALBEMARLE PLANT IN MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS

**HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the operations at the Albemarle Corporation's plant in Magnolia, Arkansas.

Albemarle's Magnolia manufacturing plant is one the world's largest suppliers of bromine and bromine chemicals with forty percent of the world's bromine produced at this site. The chemical ingredients produced at the plant are used as additives for a wide range of products manufactured by pharmaceutical companies, cleaning product manufacturers, water treatment companies, agricultural companies, electronics goods manufacturers, refineries, and paper companies.

The plant not only provides good paying jobs to hundreds of Arkansans throughout the Fourth District of Arkansas, but it is also a regional steward that sets an example of how a corporation should be a leader in the community.

I take this time to thank Albemarle Corporation for fifty great years of operating safely, responsibly, and efficiently, and look forward to fifty more.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HERBERT "BERT" SNELLING

**HON. ELAINE G. LURIA**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Herbert Snelling, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Herbert far too soon.

Bert, known as Bert, was a Virginia Beach native and served as a contractor. Bert was admired by many of his neighbors and church family. People praised Bert for his faith and his dedication to helping others. Bert's life of hard work and his sweet spirit will forever be remembered.

Bert will be missed by all his loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from his presence; he made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor his life.

IN RECOGNITION OF 125 YEARS OF SUCCESS FOR THE BRILLION NEWS

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of The Brillion News.

This award winning Northeast Wisconsin news outlet began in 1894 when William Stoddard opened the paper on Main Street. The very first edition called for advertisers, writers,