

93 of Prince Hall Free & Accepted Masons; Life Member of the Tampa Branch of the NAACP; and a Deacon of the New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Tampa, Inc. He also continues to uplift and highlight the history and contributions of the African American community to Hillsborough County.

Madam Speaker, Les Miller, Jr. embodies what it is to be a public servant and citizen. He has shown the way for generations to come, always giving his very best, leading by example and always working to make lives better for those he serves. On behalf of the citizens of Florida and my neighbors across Tampa Bay, I am proud to honor Les Miller, Jr. for his formidable efforts and selfless devotion to the people in our community and congratulate him one more time, on his retirement.

IN HONOR OF CHARLES E.
TROSTLE

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Charles E. Trostle of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Army. Charles is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for his service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

In Pennsylvania and across the country, our veterans have served and sacrificed for Americans' freedom and our values. They answered the call to serve and fight for us—at a great cost. Truly, our veterans are the best of America.

In Congress, it is my privilege—and my responsibility—to stand up for those who have served our country in uniform, as well as to recognize these brave Americans. As a nation, we are indebted to them. On behalf of the 13th Congressional District, I thank Charles for his service to our nation and our community.

RETIREMENT OF WANDA
BLACKWELL

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Wanda Blackwell on her retirement from the Webster County Senior Center, where she has served as Director for the last four years. She is beloved by the seniors she cares for and their families because her devotion to serving others is evident in every effort she undertakes.

Just a year ago, Webster County opened a new senior center that has already enriched the lives of so many and is evidence of the devotion Wanda and her team have for their fellow citizens.

Whether she was serving or delivering meals, decorating and improving the center or raising funds to expand their offerings and programming, she did it all with a smile on her face. Wanda lives by the saying, "grow where God planted you" and has been a shining example of giving back to the local community.

I join with Wanda's family, friends, and all those she has served throughout her time with the center to thank her for her outstanding efforts to better the lives of others, and I wish her many happy years of retirement.

HONORING CITY OF ST. HELENA
EMPLOYEES

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the city employees of my hometown, St. Helena, California, for their bravery and service while protecting our community from the devastating Glass Fire. These first responders, public works employees, and civil servants rose to responsibilities well outside of their roles, exhibiting altruism and versatility in their efforts to protect our community in times of crisis.

St. Helena is fortunate to have dedicated first responders to call upon when disaster strikes. Despite dangerous conditions, the men and women of the St. Helena Fire Department courageously battled the blaze for 23 continuous days. Working 12- and 24-hour shifts, they successfully defended our city from the wildfire. In coordination with the Fire Department's efforts, the St. Helena Police Department went door to door to notify residents of the mandatory evacuation orders. Officers, many of whom were displaced by the Glass Fire, worked night and day to ensure public safety by closing roads and escorting evacuees to collect their belongings.

In addition to the heroes in St. Helena's emergency services, other city employees answered the call to safeguard our community. Six Public Works employees risked their lives to shield vital infrastructure at the Louis Stralla Water Treatment Plant and the Bell Canyon Reservoir from destruction, fighting flames in their street clothes alongside city and CalFire crews. Persevering through power outages and poor air quality, city workers across numerous city departments continued to work to meet critical needs in the face of disaster. These are only a few examples of the tremendous grit and commitment city employees showed during the emergency.

Lastly, the city of St. Helena could not have gotten through this disaster without strong leaders at its helm. In particular, Fire Chief John Sorenson, Police Chief Chris Hartley, and City Manager Mark Prestwich distinguished themselves through their exemplary leadership and expertise in coordinating the city's response.

Madam Speaker, during times of crisis, our citizens often look to their public servants for guidance and assistance. The employees of the City of St. Helena represent the very best in service, dedication, and selfless conviction to community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor them today.

IN HONOR OF EDWARD J. SCRAM

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward J. Scram of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Air Force. Edward is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for his service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

In Pennsylvania and across the country, our veterans have served and sacrificed for Americans' freedom and our values. They answered the call to serve and fight for us—at a great cost. Truly, our veterans are the best of America.

In Congress, it is my privilege—and my responsibility—to stand up for those who have served our country in uniform, as well as to recognize these brave Americans. As a nation, we are indebted to them. On behalf of the 13th Congressional District, I thank Edward for his service to our nation and our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HEE SOOK
LEE

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Hee Sook Lee, the founder of Buk Chang Dong (BCD) Tofu House, a chain of Korean soondubu jjigae (tofu soup) restaurants that have since become a cultural touchstone to so many Korean Americans and have helped bring Korean cuisine to the global stage.

Lee's life story reflects the passion and commitment to which she built the legacy of BCD. When Lee was younger, her father suffered a debilitating stroke. Lee decided to skip college to support her mother who had been washing dishes in restaurants and selling dishware at flea markets to support Lee and her three siblings.

In 1989, Lee immigrated to the U.S. and settled in Los Angeles so her children could learn English and seize the opportunities life in the U.S. offered. Her husband became an established restaurateur and Lee became busy raising their three sons. However, Lee was itching to start something of her own. Seeing how so many Koreans found success in opening restaurants, Lee decided to open one of her own. In 1996, on Vermont Avenue in LA's Koreatown, Lee opened BCD, naming the restaurant after the district in Korea where Lee gained some experience and training in the food industry.

Lee eventually achieved her dream of opening a restaurant where she could share her love and passion for Korean cuisine. However, she never imagined what she had started would soon become an empire of Korean restaurants, with 13 locations across the U.S., and that she would have Asian supermarkets stocked full of her soup starter kits.

Over the years, BCD has become the go-to place for those seeking good and authentic Korean food. To others it quickly became

more than a restaurant to go to eat soondubu, bulgogi, or bibimbap. It was the place to go when one was longing for the comforts of home or looking for a refuge after a long shift at work or after a late-night out with friends. At the beginning, BCD drew in a predominantly Korean and Asian crowd, but as word got around of the restaurant's delicious food, non-Asians and a diverse body of people became BCD's main patrons. After trying BCD, those who were initially unfamiliar with Korean food and culture would want to try other Korean foods, watch Korean TV shows and listen to Korean music, gaining a greater interest in and respect for Korea. Lee and BCD soon became a diplomat of sorts for Korean food and culture.

While Lee was busy feeding the hungry customers who frequented BCD, she was also helping feed thousands of starving children around the world. She was the President of Global Children Foundation, a nonprofit launched by Korean American mothers who wanted to provide relief to children and families throughout the world.

Lee's commitments to those in need didn't stop there. In the midst of the global COVID-19 pandemic and her own battle with ovarian cancer, Lee partnered with a local organization, Koreatown Youth and Community Center, to provide and distribute hot meals to low-income and vulnerable seniors. Her generosity of spirit didn't just end with the food that was served at BCD but continued in all the things that Lee did for the Koreatown community and beyond. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering and celebrating the life of Hee Sook Lee.

MARKING WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and Congressman RICHARD HUDSON, Co-Chairs of the International Road Safety Caucus, I rise today to mark the 25th World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. This day of remembrance is a day to commemorate the millions of people who have lost their lives or been injured on the world's roads. It is also a day to thank emergency responders for their role in responding to emergencies and saving lives on roads and highways across the globe; a day to reflect on the impact of road traffic deaths and injuries on families and communities; and a day to draw attention to the need for improved legislation, awareness, infrastructure, technology, and international cooperation to save more families from the tragedy of losing a loved one.

More than one million people die from road crashes every year, and tens of millions are seriously injured. Road traffic crashes are the number one killer of young people aged 15 to 29 and the eighth leading cause of death among all people worldwide. Rochelle Sobel, President of the Association for Safe International Road Travel, highlighted the gravity of this issue and the imperative to fix it: Every 27 seconds, somewhere in the world, a person dies in a road crash.

On this 25th anniversary of World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, it is important to remember the history and recommit to the goals of this day. It was initiated in 1995 as the European Day of Remembrance and quickly spread around the globe to countries in Africa, South America, and Asia. In 2005 the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 60/2, recognizing November 15th as the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. Since that time, the observance of this day has continued to spread to a growing number of countries on every continent.

This year, the stated goals of World Day of Remembrance 2020 include remembering all people killed and seriously injured on the roads; acknowledging the crucial work of the emergency services; advocating for better support to road traffic victims and their families; and promote evidence-based actions to prevent and eventually stop further road traffic deaths and injuries.

Indeed, the day has become an important call to attention and an advocacy tool in global efforts to reduce road casualties. As a result of the growing awareness and global call to action that World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims has generated, in September 2020, the United Nations passed a resolution declaring the years 2021 to 2030 a new Decade of Action for Road Safety. The declaration affirms the UN's commitment to work vigorously to implement a new, ambitious agenda to halve road crash deaths by 2030.

Additionally, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3.6 calls on governments and their stakeholders, including NGOs and private citizens, to address the personal, medical, and financial burdens associated with road traffic deaths and injuries.

In every Congressional district across America, families lose loved ones to road traffic crashes at home and abroad. It is an issue that affects every demographic and almost every mode of mobility, leaving behind profound trauma and economic impacts.

In Florida's 20th Congressional district and North Carolina's 8th Congressional district, road traffic crashes claimed 1,947 and 669 lives respectively between 2014 and 2018, costing an estimated combined \$27 billion in medical expenses, lost wages, vehicle damages, administrative costs, and uninsured costs. Not to mention pain, anguish, and devastation of losing a child, parent, sibling, partner, friend, caregiver, or caretaker; the struggle of having to care for a permanently disabled loved one—these are incalculable. Those of us who have lost loved ones in a crash know all too well the ongoing pain that this tragedy causes families and communities.

Road traffic crashes are preventable. We owe it to our communities to work together so that the hopes and dreams of our loved ones are not shattered on the roads of the United States and the world. Today, we call on our colleagues in the United States Congress, Executive Branch agencies, and every community in America to remember, support, and act to prevent these avoidable tragedies and save lives.

HONORING CHRIS GLADDEN

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in honor of Thomas Christopher Gladden of Salem, Virginia, who died on October 22, 2020. Chris Gladden was a journalist and antiquarian whose work was enjoyed by many in the Roanoke Valley.

Chris was born on December 25, 1948 in Roanoke to Hobart Augustus Gladden and Phyllis Ann Denit. He graduated from Andrew Lewis High School in Salem. In his youth, his carefree lifestyle, which included hitchhiking to Nashville to see Bob Dylan and turning down a chance to attend Woodstock to instead go to the Atlantic City Pop Festival, earned him a place in the Roanoke World-News as a subject of columnist Mike Ives. Eventually Chris joined the paper as an employee. He started as a copy boy in 1974 and found one of his strengths was writing movie reviews. Readers of the Roanoke World-News and then the Roanoke Times, following the merger of the papers in 1977, enjoyed his astute and entertaining film commentary until 1993.

Chris then opted to leave the Roanoke Times and open a bookstore. He specialized in rare books, antiques, and really interesting stuff. As one of his customers, I enjoyed browsing his collection and learning of his finds. During this time, he also earned a degree in history from Roanoke College. His love of history extended beyond his studies and his rare book collection; he served on the board of the Salem Historical Society and was involved in the Historical Society of Western Virginia. He also served as president of the Salem Friends of the Library Board.

Chris had two sons that he loved, and shortly before his death lost his son Sean. He is survived by his son William. I offer my condolences on his loss.

TULSA COMMUNITY COLLEGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, Tulsa Community College celebrated 50 years in the Tulsa community this September.

In 1970, Tulsa Junior College opened, helping educate workers to fill the expanding Tulsa aerospace industry.

Their first class consisted of 2,796 students, 50 classrooms, and over 150 instructors. Today, Tulsa Community College enrolls about 17,000 students per semester and has over 800 full and part-time faculty members.

TCC has served nearly 450,000 students and awarded more than 70,000 degrees and certificates over the last 50 years.

No matter your background, goals, or schedule, students at TCC have found an accessible and affordable education.

Congratulations to TCC on an incredible 50 years in our community. I'm looking forward to 50 more.