

ORESTUS FLOWERS' 100TH  
BIRTHDAY**HON. JAMES COMER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2020*

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Orestus Flowers of the First District of Kentucky who turned 100 years old on September 7th. Mr. Flowers was born in Bow, Kentucky and continues to reside in the 1st District.

Mr. Flowers served in the Army for 3.5 years and was stationed in the Philippines from 1942 to 1945. I stand with all Americans to congratulate him on years of bravery and sacrifice to preserve our safety and freedoms.

On February 1, 1946, Mr. Flowers married Geraldine and together they have three daughters. A true entrepreneur, he was responsible for bringing Houchens Market to Burkesville in 1952 and served as manager for 32 years. Upon retiring from Houchens, he worked at Norris and New Funeral Home for the next 25 years.

I join with everyone in Burkesville and throughout the Commonwealth who has had the privilege of knowing him to celebrate his fearless spirit. I am honored to represent Mr. Flowers and wish him a happy 100th birthday.

CONGRATULATING FANNIE MAY  
ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2020*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Fannie May on its 100th year anniversary serving the Chicagoland community with handcrafted, premium American chocolates.

H. Teller Archibald opened the first Fannie May shop in 1920 at 11 N. LaSalle St. in the heart of downtown Chicago. By 1935 there were four dozen shops in Illinois and surrounding states and in 1946, the iconic PIXIE was developed. This mouth-watering combination of caramel, chocolate and nuts are one of the companies best sellers and one of my favorites. During World War II, while other companies chose to change their recipes when ingredients were scarce, Fannie May stuck with its exact recipes, making only what they could with the available superior ingredients. Though the company battled many cultural and financial challenges, it never stop creating new treats for the young, old and health conscious. In 1991 Fannie May produced sugar-free chocolate, which quickly became a favorite among dieters and people with diabetes. To this day, Fannie May does not compromise on quality, and their 55 stores including their flagship store on Michigan Avenue in my district, and 500 employees in the Chicago area serve the community with the utmost pride.

Fannie May chocolates are undeniably some of the most popular in the U.S. and often a favorite for Valentines and the holiday

shopper. Again, congratulations to Fannie May, we look forward to another 100 years with you as a vital member of the Chicagoland community.

HONORING CBP OFFICER DOMINGO  
JASSO III**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2020*

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officer Domingo Jasso III, who passed away on November 5, 2020. Officer Jasso's service to his community and country touched the lives of many, and he will be remembered for the good-natured support he provided his colleagues and those he encountered.

Officer Domingo Jasso began his dedicated service as a Customs and Border Protection officer in December of 2011. Officer Jasso was known for his leadership, his exceptional work ethic, and his positive attitude. During his time as a CBP Officer, he served as a devoted trumpet player for the Customs and Border Protection Honor Guard. He was also a member of the Border Patrol's Mobile Field Force and was deployed with Operation Secure Line in 2019.

Officer Jasso is survived by his beloved wife Monica Jasso and their three daughters, Jenny, Faith and Alizae. He also leaves behind many dear relatives and the many work friends he made over his career with CBP. Officer Jasso honored his loving family by setting an example as a brave public servant to his community and country.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the legacy of Officer Jasso as a father, husband, role model, and brave servant to our community.

## IN HONOR OF WILLIAM SUVAK

**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 William Suvak of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Air Force. William 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 William for his service to our nation and our community.

REMEMBERING JOHN JOSEPH  
"JACK" MEEHAN**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2020*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of John Joseph "Jack" Meehan, who passed away recently at the age of 88.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Jack graduated from the University of San Francisco (USF) in 1954. Following service in the United States Army, Jack went to USF for law school; he earned his law degree in 1959.

In 1960, Jack joined the Alameda County District Attorney's (ACDA) Office. While there he created Point of View, a monthly publication, and Points and Authorities, a weekly video series, to help teach California prosecutors. He was recognized for his accomplishments by being presented with the 1978 Prosecutor of the Year award by the California District Attorneys Association (CDA).

In 1981 Jack was appointed Alameda County District Attorney. He won reelected unopposed in 1982, 1986, and 1990. He did not run for reelection in 1994.

Jack was affectionately known as the "Big Guy" at the ACDA Office, beloved by all of his colleagues. His leadership, respect for our system of justice, and concern for victims of crime will be long-remembered.

It also should be noted that as district attorney Jack hired a young KAMALA HARRIS, now a United States senator from California and the Democratic Party's nominee to be vice president of the United States, to be a deputy district attorney. Clearly he could spot talent when he saw it.

Jack was well-recognized for his lifetime of career success and community service. USF awarded him its alumnus of the year award in 1994, and four years later it created the John J. Meehan Alumni Fellowship to honor USF alumni who help develop young lawyers. CDA created the John J. Meehan Career Prosecutor Award, to recognize lawyers for career achievement in criminal prosecution. And, in 2003, the Saint Thomas More Society of San Francisco present him with its Saint Thomas Moore award.

While Jack had many professional successes, it was his family that mattered most. He and his wife, Janet, were married for 59 years, before she died in 2017. They had four children—sons John Matthew ("Matt") James Patrick ("Jim"), and Mark Emmett, and a daughter, Anne Marie (who passed away in 1968).

It was mostly in San Rafael where Jack and Janet raised their family. There they hosted many a family event, at which Jack showed his talents for playing piano and bartending that he honed over the years.

My deepest condolences go out to Jack's many family members and friends. He will be greatly missed.

CELEBRATING THE UNIVERSITY  
OF ST. FRANCIS' 100TH ANNIVER-  
SARY

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2020*

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the University of St. Francis located in Joliet, Illinois, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Since 1920, the University of St. Francis has distinguished itself as a valuable institution for its students and a major contributor to Joliet and the greater Illinois area.

Founded in 1920, the Congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate established the Sisters' Normal Institute of Higher Learning, now known as the University of St. Francis, to educate its own members. By 1930, the institution reorganized its education to provide a full college curriculum and grant bachelor's degrees. As the college expanded its educational opportunities, it was eventually renamed the University of St. Francis in 1998.

The University of St. Francis has been an institution committed to providing opportunity for its students and educating a community of learners who are engaged in the continuous pursuit of knowledge, faith, wisdom, and justice. Their academic excellence makes the institution a valuable part of the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the University of St. Francis' 100 years of excellence and congratulating the institution on achieving this milestone.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF  
JUSTICE JOHN F. O'DONNELL

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2020*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of the Honorable John F. O'Donnell, J.S.C. Justice O'Donnell is stepping down from his position as the New York State Supreme Court Justice of the Eighth Judicial District after a remarkable legal career.

In doing so, I recognize the efforts Justice O'Donnell has made on behalf of Western New York families; especially those affected by child abuse and domestic violence. Justice O'Donnell has been an outspoken advocate for women and children within the court system.

Justice O'Donnell began his career in the private sector in 1971, and later ventured into public service as a confidential law clerk. Justice O'Donnell soon became a pillar of the Erie County Family Court. In November 1985, he was appointed as a hearing examiner, and in January 1988, he became an Erie County Family Court Judge. In January 1992, he was named the Supervising Judge of the Family Courts, and the Domestic Violence Education Coordinator for New York's Eighth Judicial District.

Justice O'Donnell has served on the State Supreme Court since 1995. In November 2003, Justice O'Donnell became the first judge to preside over the Erie County branch of the

Integrated Domestic Violence Court. This monumental court reform initiative allowed New York State to streamline the legal processes involved in domestic violence cases, thereby better serving individuals and families.

Justice O'Donnell has been honored with numerous accolades throughout his rich career, including the 1999 Judges and Police Executives Conference Jurist of the Year, the 1997 Western New York Matrimonial Trial Lawyers Association Judge of the Year, the 1998 Bar Association of Erie County Family and Matrimonial Law Committee Special Achievement Award, the 1993 William B. Hoyt Award from the Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence, and the 2001 Ted Hengerer Award from the Theatre of Youth. In 1997, Justice O'Donnell was inducted into the Signum Fidei Society of his alma mater, St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute.

Madam Speaker, thank you for allowing me to recognize the retirement of Justice John O'Donnell here today. He has dedicated his career to finding justice for the people of Western New York and we greatly appreciate his service.

IN HONOR OF LESTER J. STOUTD

**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 Lester J. Stoutd of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Army. Lester 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 Lester for his service to our nation and our community.

HONORING RICHARD BRUMFIELD,  
JR. AND GUILLERMO AVINA'S  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
HEALTHCARE

**HON. JIMMY GOMEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2020*

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard Brumfield, Jr. and Guillermo Avina, Co-Founders of Full Spectrum Omega, Inc. (FSO), a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) and phytocannabinoids life science company in Los Angeles. FSO's mission is providing access to FDA-approved marijuana-derived products that address unmet medical conditions and improve people's lives and wellbeing.

Richard and Guillermo have a long history of developing cannabis-derived products, operating under California state laws and focused on putting "patients before profits."

With FSO headquartered in California's 34th District, Messrs. Brumfield and Avina play an important role in our community. They also recently held an event in the district to "kick off" a major new initiative. Richard and Guillermo have tirelessly worked to serve our community, and I want to recognize and thank them for their innovative contributions.

HONORING LYNDELL "DALE"  
WOODS

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2020*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I submit these remarks in honor of Lyndell "Dale" Woods of Salem, Virginia, who died on November 8, 2020. He was a longtime volunteer at the Fort Lewis Fire Department, and the heart disease that took his life developed as a result of his service.

Mr. Woods was born in Stuttgart, Germany, on March 8, 1960 to Rodney Leroy and Maria Liebelt Woods. He graduated from Salem High School in 1978 as part of the school's first graduating class. Volunteer firefighting in the Fort Lewis Fire Department was a calling he pursued for 35 years, from March 1981 until his diagnosis with heart disease in 2016. During that time, he attained the ranks of Lieutenant, Captain, and Membership Office and acquired certifications including Firefighter 1–2, Fire Instructor, and Emergency Vehicle Operator—Class 4.

Mr. Woods worked at PMI Lubricants for 22 years. His community involvement in addition to his volunteer firefighting service included the Boy Scouts of America and coaching Glenvar Recreation League soccer.

Mr. Woods' survivors include his wife Jewel, his son Daniel, four stepdaughters, and eight grandchildren. I wish to offer them and the Fort Lewis Fire Department my condolences on their loss. Many communities across the Ninth District rely on volunteer firefighters such as Mr. Woods for their safety, and his death as a result of the performance of his duties reminds us of their great dedication and sacrifice.

RECOGNIZING THE INSTITUTE FOR  
INCLUSION IN THE LEGAL PRO-  
FESSIONAL

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2020*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I stand tonight to recognize the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession on its 10th Anniversary. The legal profession remains one of the least diverse professions in the United States. This adversely impacts the pipeline of women, racial/ethnic minorities, openly LGBTQ+ individuals, individuals with disabilities, and religious minorities, who will serve as future legislators, judges, public policy advocates, civic and community leaders,