

In the following years, Congress and the states added to the Reconstruction Era Civil Rights Amendments, with the 14th Amendment in 1868, providing for equal protection and due process, and the 15th Amendment in 1870, guaranteeing the right to vote regardless of race.

These constitutional amendments were absolutely critical in our pursuit of a more perfect union where all men, and women, are created equal.

In the first four-score-and-9 years of our Republic, slavery was allowed and, indeed, enshrined in our Constitution.

While that changed with the 13th Amendment, over the last 155 years, we have still had to struggle for true equality.

The 13th Amendment may have ended slavery, but it did not stop the Black Codes or Jim Crow.

The 14th Amendment promised equal protection, but it didn't prevent 100 years of segregation.

The 15th Amendment says that the right to vote shall not be denied or abridged, but it hasn't kept tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of people of color from being disenfranchised at the hands of voter suppression tactics.

That is why I think it is so important that we do things like this—come together to talk about our history and the steps we need to take to complete the work.

Despite the progress over the years, we have not yet solved the problem of systemic racism.

We have work yet to do to make sure that a child's future isn't determined by her zip code; to overcome disparities in our health care system that have been exacerbated by a global pandemic; to prevent innocent Black men from being killed in the street.

As we approach another milestone—the 50th Anniversary of the creation of the Congressional Black Caucus—I am proud to join with my colleagues in the CBC to do that hard work, and to finally ratify the 13th Amendment, not just in law, but in truth.

#### RECOGNIZING 2020 TRUMAN SCHOLAR VALERIE DOZE

##### HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2020*

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Valerie Doze, a student at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph on receiving the Truman Scholarship.

The Truman Foundation was established by Congress in 1975 to honor President Harry S. Truman's legacy of extraordinary public service. The Truman Scholarship serves as a living monument to that legacy.

Each year, a diverse group of scholars receive \$30,000 to pursue graduate studies and are granted priority placement at our nation's top universities, as well as internships within the federal government.

Valerie is one of 62 in the 2020 class of Truman Scholars, having distinguished herself in a pool of nearly 800 candidates nominated by 316 colleges and universities across the country. Valerie will serve as the North Dakota Truman Scholar.

Congratulations to Valerie on this incredible honor, and we look forward to seeing all that she accomplishes.

#### RECOGNIZING THE WINNER OF THE 2020 CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, JAMIE O'KEEFE

##### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2020*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize high school junior Jamie O'Keefe as the winner of the 2020 Congressional App Challenge in New Hampshire's First Congressional District.

Using JavaScript and C Sharp, Jamie created "Augmentia," a physics-based augmented reality app where users can test the structural and design viability of a variety of objects: anything from a piece of furniture to a 3-D model of a skull. "Augmentia" was selected for its practicality, creativity, and versatility across all its functions.

Jamie is a student at Exeter High School in Exeter, New Hampshire and has been coding since he was in the fifth grade. Upon graduating high school, he intends to pursue a bachelor's degree in computer science and has expressed particular interest in artificial intelligence and machine learning. My office is proud to support continued investments in STEM education so that all Granite Staters can have the opportunity to explore STEM and computer science.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I congratulate Jamie on his terrific achievement. I am proud to showcase his work as a phenomenal product of STEM education in our district and wish him all my best in his future endeavors.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES RUSSELL CAPPS

##### HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2020*

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to take pause and reflect on the life of James Russell Capps.

Russell Capps was born in Raleigh, North Carolina on February 26, 1931. He attended Murphy Elementary School and Hugh Morson High School in the Oakwood neighborhood of Raleigh. He graduated from the Radio/Television Institute of Chicago and then from Wake Forest University in 1956 with a degree in Sociology.

During the 1970s, Russell worked a position in radio and later television with WRAL News in Raleigh. Capps then went on to the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary for three years and served as a volunteer pastor at a Baptist church.

Madam Speaker, in the 1960s he attended the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, North Carolina for a number of studies in local government administration and fire service. In 1968, he served as the first Wake County Planning Director and later as the first director of Wake County Emergency Management and founded the Wake County Emergency Medical Services.

Russell was then elected to the North Carolina State House of Representatives in 1994 and he served 6 terms in that body.

For 22 years, Russell also served as President of the Tax Payers Association. He was a member of the Christian Action League of North Carolina for 40 years and he spent eighteen years as a department head in Wake County Government. Russell was also Fire Marshall of Wake County for seventeen years. He was a planner in the NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. He served as Wake County's first Planning Director who helped develop and prepare the original Wake County Comprehensive Development Plan.

Sadly, Madam Speaker, Russell Capps passed away this year on October 6, 2020. He was 89 years old. He will be missed by his friends, neighbors, family, and the entire community.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARY COLLINS

##### HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2020*

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mary Collins who, after 22 years is retiring as chair of the Huntington Town Democratic Committee. Over the years, I have been fortunate to know Mary both as a friend and an ally and remember the gracious welcome she gave me when I opened my flagship Congressional office in the Village of Huntington. As a staff person to former members of Congress Gary Ackerman and Steve Israel, Mary spent many years advocating for the constituents of New York's Third Congressional District. She is admired by many and I join with them in wishing her the best as she moves on to the next chapter in her life.

I include in the RECORD the following tribute to Mary that was prepared by the Huntington Town Democratic Committee:

On the Occasion of the Retirement of Mary Collins as the Chairwoman of the Huntington Town Democratic Committee, celebrating her 22nd anniversary as our beloved chair, we honor Mary for her excellence and service to the Huntington Community. We hereby recognize and acknowledge her tenure in office by sharing some of her biography and contributions.

Mary has been a resident of the Town of Huntington since 1950. She moved here from East Hampton as a child at the age of 8 when her Father became the caretaker of the Marshall Field Estate (now Caumsett State Park) where he was in charge of the stable of horses.

Her family ties to East Hampton connected her to Eleanor's Legacy by her relationship with Judith Hope who was the East Hampton Town Supervisor. Judith Started Eleanor's Legacy. Mary brought Eleanor's legacy to Huntington by appointing Sherry Pavone as head of the Woman's Initiative. HTDC has supported Eleanor's Legacy's goal of supporting women candidates throughout NY.

Mary was a teacher by profession. She spent her career wholly within Syosset High School District. Mary's area of expertise in teaching was Global studies. However, she became very interested in local politics on Long Island after observing her mother's long service as a Board of Elections volunteer, registering voters and working through election times as far back as the 1950's.

Huntington at that time was a quasi-rural area with much farmland.

Many Huntingtonians wanted to keep the character and nature of Huntington as it had

been before WWII. Huntington experienced rapid suburbanization with the development of Dix Hills/Melville, community groups such as House Beautiful and the development of the 110 Corridor. However, these changes came and our leaders had to wrestle with the issues surrounding this development.

Early on, Mary was particularly interested in the corruption felt throughout Long Island in the late 1950's. She fondly remembers when Robert Flynn, attorney and longtime Huntington Democratic leader, joined with likeminded Republicans to form The Fusion Economy Party designed to combat such corruption with the goal to defeat institutional corruption. There were Democrats and Republicans that ran on that line.

Mary recalled a time when Committee people were recruited, friend to friend, neighbor to neighbor. Her own mentor into the position as Chair was Eunice Titcomb. Eunice taught Mary the day-to-day workings of the committee.

Mary became more active in Huntington Democrats with her husband, the late Dick Tretler. They met Annie and Matt Berger around 1979 during Frank Grimes' tenure as HTDC Chair and they all campaigned actively for Jane Devine's successful run for County Legislature. In fact, she recalled that the reason she became a Notary Public was when Jane Devine was first running for office in order to carry Jane's petitions. In those days you could not carry a petition outside your district unless you were a Notary Public.

Annie Berger shares what she believes to be key to Mary's success: her listening skills. She listened, she heard people, even if she would not commit to their position. This was echoed by every elected Democratic official and leader past and present.

We Recognize that under Mary Collin's leadership, Huntington Democrats maintain a strong presence in Huntington. She made it a time to be proud to be a Democrat in Huntington and support our neighbors and friends in our community. Under Mary's leadership, Huntington held the majority in the town for 18 years.

Her integrity was always high and she put the Committee first.

Frank Grimes, HTDC long time Chair asked Mary to be Vice Chair and she readily accepted helping to bring HTDC into the 21st century. Mary was the Vice Chair of Huntington Town Democratic Committee for 6 years. In 1998 she became the Chair holding that position until 2020 when she became Vice Chair for Western Suffolk of the Suffolk County Democratic Committee. She has always enjoyed reaching out to people, being available to provide the best advice and assistance to every candidate, every Committee person, every constituent inquiry.

Frank Petrone, our long time Town Supervisor and now Committee Chair always found Mary welcoming, even though he was a Republican at the beginning of his tenure as Town Supervisor. When Frank changed his own party affiliation, Mary continued to provide him with an orientation to our Committee and paved the way for his acceptance to the Committee. "She was, as ever, always gracious."

Mary worked for a long time as a Legislative Assistant to Congressman Gary Ackerman whose district stretched from Queens to Smithtown, dealing with constituent issues, becoming well versed in local issues affecting Huntington.

Former Congressman Steve Israel recalls that he met Mary when he moved to Huntington in the 1990's. He recalls learning about her from his friend, Congressman Bob Mrazek. Her knowledge of Huntington politics, as Congressman Israel remembers, was a reason that he asked Mary to join him

when he was first elected to Congress. Israel remembers that he was always amazed by her dedication to her neighbors, her insistence that we were in politics not for power but to help those without it and her passion for improving communities. Congressman Israel is reminded, upon returning from Washington, walking into his local office feeling uplifted seeing Mary at the front desk helping constituents with their everyday problems.

As Chair, Mary not only kept up the day-to-day operations, she nurtured us all with her amazing Home baked goodies. If you haven't tried her famous Irish Soda Bread, you are really missing out. Anyone coming to the office for GOTV work has enjoyed the extra benefit of sharing in a good cup of coffee or tea and a delicious homebaked treat made with love.

Ever the quintessential politico, Mary has always been able to straddle being essentially apolitical in a very political position. The interaction with people, trying to improve things for all Huntingtonians has always been her goal. And in her own words:

"Politics is the most fun people can have legally."

#### HONORING VICE MAYOR JAKE MACKENZIE

##### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2020*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Vice Mayor Jake Mackenzie, and to celebrate his retirement from the Rohnert Park City Council after 24 years of storied service.

Vice Mayor Mackenzie is an outstanding public servant, a committed environmentalist, and a tireless advocate for the Rohnert Park community. After earning his PhD in pesticide research in 1970, he spent three decades working as a pesticide regulator for both the State of California and the Environmental Protection Agency. He was first elected to the Rohnert Park City Council in 1996, running on a platform of natural land preservation in the city. He has served 24 years on the council, including 5 terms as Mayor.

Throughout his time on the City Council, Vice Mayor Mackenzie has been a regional leader on environmental preservation and transportation issues. His environmental expertise has been instrumental in creating long-term sustainable growth in Sonoma County. While leading the North Coast Resource Partnership, Vice Mayor Mackenzie secured over \$65 million in funding to protect Northern California open spaces for future generations. He has been a fierce advocate of affordable housing and public transportation, serving on the board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority for 12 years, and the Sonoma County Transportation Authority for 20 years. He played a vital role in the development of the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit passenger train, an extremely important service that will benefit the entire region for years to come.

Madam Speaker, Vice Mayor Jake Mackenzie is an exceptional public servant with a deep dedication to his community. He exemplifies the integrity we should expect from our leaders, and he has undoubtedly had a significant and lasting impact on the City of Rohnert Park. I am proud to call him a friend. It is

therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2020*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I was unfortunately prevented from traveling and unable to make votes on December 7, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H. Res. 512 and S. 461.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR. TOM CARROLL

##### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2020*

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and offer gratitude to Mr. Tom Carroll. The Architect of the Capitol (AOC) is losing a valuable member of the Capitol Hill community with his forthcoming resignation on December 11, 2020. Tom has accepted an amazing opportunity to lead facility operations at Columbia University in New York City, and we wish him the best in his new endeavor.

An engineer by trade and a respected U.S. Air Force veteran, Tom has been an indispensable member of the Architect of the Capitol's team since joining in 2009. He came on board first as Deputy Superintendent for House Office Buildings and quickly moved up to become the Chief Financial Officer responsible for ensuring sound financial stewardship and providing value-added analysis to give insight into the financial implications of program decisions. Tom was again promoted to Assistant to the Architect for Operations and Services in 2018, and he had the honor of serving as the Acting Architect of the Capitol from August 2019 to January 2020. Tom's due diligence and leadership ensured hundreds of projects across the Capitol campus were delivered on-time, on-budget and with high quality.

Tom's hard work and contributions to Capitol Hill will be greatly missed. Congress' loss is Columbia's gain.

#### HONORING CATHY HUGHES

##### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2020*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Cathy Hughes on her 40 years as the leader of Urban One, now America's largest Black broadcast network.

Cathy Hughes, the founder and chairperson of Urban One, has dedicated her career to amplifying the voices of Black people and their perspectives through the airwaves. Born in Omaha, Nebraska, and known to have hosted "radio shows" in her bathroom as a child, Hughes had her sights on success from day