

Elementary School (Fullerton School District), Blandford Elementary School (Rowland Unified School District), Buena Terra Elementary School (Centralia Elementary School District), George B. Miller Elementary School (Centralia Elementary School District), Golden Elementary School (Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District), Killian Elementary School (Rowland Unified School District), Laguna Road Elementary School (Fullerton School District), Mesa Robles School (Hacienda La Puente Unified School District), Robert C. Fisler School (Fullerton School District), and Wedgeworth Elementary School (Hacienda La Puente Unified School District).

As California Distinguished Schools, these institutions set the standard for an immersive educational climate bound by a student-driven learning philosophy. Exceptional student achievement in each school is a testament to the efforts made by educators to realign pedagogical practices to allow for student empowerment and engagement. This relies on a comprehensive platform that supplements the breadth of academic rigor with collaboration and social support. Through programs ranging from dual immersion to positive behavior intervention, these schools reconcile differences in theory and praxis to close achievement gaps and instill traits vital to academic success. What results is a seamless integration between teacher guidance and student participation. It is this attunement to the holistic well-being of each student that sets Distinguished Schools apart.

As a strong believer in education and its life-changing advantages, there is nothing more pleasing than knowing that the community I serve is paving a brighter road for the academic future of California's youth. I am proud of the tireless efforts made by parents, teachers, administrators, and staff to advance a scholastic agenda that rewards integrated educational experiences. Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my honorable colleagues join me in congratulating these ten California Distinguished Schools for this tremendous achievement in the world of education. I am wholeheartedly assured in their ability to guide and leave a lasting impact on the students of California's 39th District.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL (LTC) RYAN NENANBER

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Ryan Nenamber for his retirement from the United States Army after over 20 years of service.

LTC Nenamber's record of service with the U.S. Army is truly outstanding. He began his career in 2000 when he was stationed in Ft. Wainwright, Alaska and served as an Anti-Tank Platoon Leader, Rifle Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Battalion Assistant Operations Officer. LTC Nenamber then served as a Special Forces Operational Detachment ALPHA Commander and an Advanced Operational Base Executive Officer in Fort Lewis, Washington. He spent time teaching our next generation of servicemembers at

the U.S. Military Academy, and then was assigned to the U.S. Army North as a Strategic Intelligence Officer. LTC Nenamber has been deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, and multiple locations in Asia. Currently, LTC Nenamber is the Chief of the Functional Training Branch at the United States Army Intelligence Center of Excellence.

I want to specifically recognize LTC Nenamber's leadership when he commanded an Operational Detachment ALPHA team that captured the leaders of an Al-Qaeda affiliated cell north of Baghdad, Iraq that used young boys as suicide bombers. Through their brave actions, LTC Nenamber and his team saved countless young boys—many thought to be orphans—from certain death, and prevented the execution of many disastrous suicide bombings.

Originally from Belle Fourche, LTC Nenamber is a native South Dakotan and I am proud to have such an exceptional servicemember call South Dakota home. Our state and country are better because of citizens like him. I thank LTC Nenamber and his family for their tremendous sacrifice, and I extend my deepest congratulations for his retirement.

COMMEMORATING JOE BURROW WINNING THE 2019 HEISMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Louisiana State University's quarterback, Joe Burrow, for winning the Heisman Memorial Trophy. As the most prestigious award in college football, this honor is afforded to the most outstanding player who has exhibited excellence and integrity both on and off the field. Through hard work and dedication, Joe has exemplified these qualities, and there is no other college athlete more deserving of this award.

On December 14, 2019, Joe became the first LSU player since Billy Cannon to win the Heisman, shattering previous voting records and receiving the highest percentage of first place votes. Breaking national and SEC records, Joe passed for 4,715 yards and 48 touchdowns during the regular season, completing a college football record 77.9 percent of his passes. Joe's historic season led LSU to its first SEC Championship since 2011 and a berth in the College Football Playoff.

Originally from Athens, Ohio, Joe Burrow was given the opportunity to play football at LSU by head coach Ed Orgeron. Seizing this opportunity, Joe transformed the LSU offense and overall attitude of the team. His leadership on and off the field has made Louisiana proud, and we are forever grateful for his time at LSU. On behalf of Tiger fans in Louisiana and across the nation, and as a proud LSU alumnus, I again congratulate Joe on winning the Heisman Trophy, and officially recognize him as an adopted Louisianan. Geaux Tigers.

IOWAN OF THE WEEK—DR. MIKE WELLS

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Dr. Mike Wells, Superintendent for the Hamburg Community School District for his effort to create a unique and engaging learning environment for K–8 students in the Hamburg Makerspace Program.

The Makerspace Program and Farm School serving elementary and middle school students in Hamburg, IA has been a major hit with both students and community members. Students have the opportunity to experience immersive learning environments where they gain hands on experience in a number of areas including: embroidery, wood working, culinary arts, screen printing, video game design with virtual reality, book making and so many other amazing programs each Friday for nine weeks.

I had the opportunity to see these students at work, building a house for a family in their community that was hit by devastating flooding in the Spring of 2019. The plan is for a new home to be built each year moving forward and sold to a local family at a below market rate. Dr. Wells brings an amazing learning opportunity for his students and is using it to lift up our community.

Dr. Wells has created an expectation in Hamburg Community Schools where students lead projects and obtain valuable, hands on experience. This includes The Farm School, started up in 2016, which is an effort to introduce hands on, agricultural education experiences through a functioning small farm on school property. This endeavor includes a garden, green house, poultry, and livestock. The students supply the local food pantry fresh produce and eggs year-round. Dr. Wells has made the school the center of the community and is a source of pride and learning for all residents of Hamburg, IA.

It is an honor to commemorate the outstanding achievement of Dr. Wells and his staff in the Hamburg Community School District. I have great respect and admiration for our educators and am particularly thankful for the strong foundation they are giving our kids. As the mother of two boys, I know that a quality education is crucial to success. I hope the well-rounded training and techniques they found successful in the classroom becomes a model for other districts and the country as a whole.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. IVERY DWIGHT CLIFTON

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Ivery Dwight Clifton of Winterville, Georgia, who passed away on January 1, 2020.

Dr. Clifton was born on April 6, 1943, in Oliver, Georgia, to B.J. Clifton and Rosetta Benjamin Clifton. From the beginning, farming was

in his blood. His parents, once sharecroppers, eventually became landowners and young Ivery passionately loved their South Georgia homestead. This reverence for the land and his parents' hard work inspired Dr. Clifton's dedication to agricultural-based research, teaching and administration.

Dr. Clifton graduated from William James High School in 1961. Although his father relied on him to work the farm, his mother encouraged and supported his pursuit of higher education. He enrolled in Tuskegee Institute (University), receiving a B.S. in Agricultural Education in 1965 and an M.S. in Agricultural Economics in 1967. While at Tuskegee, he was active in the R.O.T.C., the yearbook staff, the military honor society (Scabbard and Blade) and worked as a dorm counselor to support his education. He met the love of his life, Patricia Ann Davis, during college. They wed on May 28, 1967, at the Tuskegee Chapel, a beautiful start to their 52-year marriage.

Ivery and Pat's blissful beginnings were abruptly interrupted when he answered the call to serve his country in the Army as a Lieutenant during the Vietnam War. Leaving his first job as an agricultural economist with the Tennessee Valley Authority, he served as an advisor to the South Vietnamese Army, supervised tactical logistics and served as a Quartermaster. The intensity of his battle experiences forever shaped his commitment to civic duty.

After his service in Vietnam, he was employed by the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. There, he and his wife welcomed their first-born daughter, Kalisa Nicole. Subsequently, the family moved to Champaign, Illinois, where he earned a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics in 1976 from the University of Illinois.

Dr. Clifton returned to Georgia, accepting an appointment as an Assistant Professor of Natural Resource Economics at the University of Georgia in Athens in 1976. He advanced through department, college, and university level positions. Notably, Dr. Clifton was the University of Georgia's first African American Dean. He led the College of Agricultural and Environmental Services and his unique leadership skills resulted in an assignment to the Presidential Office as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. As his career progressed, the Cliftons were blessed with a second daughter, Kelli Rochelle.

An advocate for diversity, Dr. Clifton served as graduate advisor to students from across the globe. He also championed the Young Scholars Program to develop a pipeline of minority students interested in the field of agriculture. Students described Dr. Clifton as a superb teacher. They noted his systematic use of hands-on experiments, along with excellent lectures and handouts to make the learning of difficult topics easy through his caring personality, effective communication skills and willingness to help individual students succeed whenever necessary.

Throughout his career, Dr. Clifton made significant contributions to the profession of agricultural economics, especially farm production and natural resource economics. Published extensively, his innovative expertise in economic modeling has benefited research literature and the scientific community around the world. His major contributions have advanced state-of-the-art knowledge in understanding the policy implications of controlling

non-point pollution and pricing of farm real estate. His work in developing hedonic pricing functions for farmland has been used to enhance understanding of the operation of real estate markets in the United States, Australia, and Ireland.

Dr. Clifton retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Army Reserves after 27 years of service. After nearly 30 years at the University of Georgia, Dr. Clifton retired in 2003, as Professor Emeritus from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Dr. Clifton was also a dedicated community servant leader. As a 43-year member of the First A.M.E. Church, he served on the Board of Trustees, taught bible study and led the Men's Fellowship. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated and was a Charter Member of the Delta Psi Chapter of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (The Boule). He was inducted into Leadership Georgia and Gridiron. His service with organizations such as Rotary, The Trust for Public Land, and countless local civic roles cemented friendships that he cherished. Recently, he "unretired," sat for an exam and was appointed as a tax assessor by the Mayor and Commission of Athens-Clarke County Government. In 2016, The University of Illinois presented Dr. Clifton with the Alumni Award of Merit, given annually to graduates who have made significant contributions to their chosen profession.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Clifton's life was defined by his service to his family, to our country, and to our community. He will be forever remembered as a husband, a father, a grandfather, a veteran, an educator, an administrator, a selfless servant, and a great friend.

My wife, Alfredia, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Clifton family. We also lift up the family and friends of Ivery Clifton in our prayers.

LUCINDA AVRAM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lucinda (Cindy) Avram, who recently passed away. She was a great Coloradan, wife, mother and grandmother.

Cindy was born in Honolulu, Hawaii and attended the University of Colorado, Boulder where she received a Bachelor of Science in 1969. She was a proud resident of Colorado and Adams County where she dedicated more than 30 years serving her community as a medical technician. As a lifelong Democrat she had a passion for politics and was very active in her party. Cindy loved her family dearly, she often spoke of them fondly to everyone she met.

I got to know Cindy through politics over the years. We spent countless hours working together for our shared values. It was because of her hard work and dedication she was awarded the 2010 Volunteer Democrat of the Year Award from the Colorado Democratic Party.

Cindy's vibrance and good work in our community will never be forgotten. Her passion, good nature and sense of humor was a true delight. On behalf of the people of the 7th

Congressional District, I honor Lucinda (Cindy) Avram for a life well-lived and extend my deepest appreciation for her contribution to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast roll call votes on November 20, 2019 and on November 21, 2019. Had I been present, I would have cast the following votes: on roll call 632, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 633, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 634, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 635, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 636, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 637, I would have voted No; on roll call 638, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 639, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 640, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 641, I would have voted Aye; and on roll call 642, I would have voted Aye.

HONORING HODARI P.T. BROWN

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the fine example of Hodari P.T. Brown, a resident of Redford Township, Michigan.

Mr. Brown is an active and engaged member of the community. Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, he graduated from Detroit Public Schools before going on to earn his Bachelor of Science, Master of Business Administration, and Doctorate of Management degrees. Further, Mr. Brown is a proud military veteran.

He currently serves as Public Affairs Specialist for the U.S. Small Business Administration Michigan District Office, where he helps entrepreneurs grow their businesses with valuable resources and exposure. His dynamic career spans more than 15 years of excellence in leadership, customer service, project management, program management, public affairs and talent acquisition. Throughout his career, he has managed projects throughout key milestones for critical strategic initiatives and has helped bridge lines of communication between diverse groups and organizations.

Mr. Brown has earned numerous accolades for his hard work and leadership. He currently sits and holds offices with various advisory boards, committees and organizations such as the United State Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP), First Independence Bank Millennial Advisory Board, President of Detroit Tennessee State University Alumni Association Foundation, Co-Campaign Chair of the National Business League Inc. Detroit Chapter, Board Member of BUF Connect of Michigan, and the co-founder/creator of the Young Millennium Power Hour, which is a forum for Young Entrepreneurs to get information about how to start, grow and expand a small business.

Please join me in celebrating Mr. Hodari P.T. Brown's fine example.