

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.

CONGRATULATING WHITEHAVEN  
HIGH SCHOOL MATH TEACHER  
NATHAN KIRSCH

### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 9, 2020*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Whitehaven High School math teacher Nathan Kirsch for winning the Milken Educator Award and its \$25,000 honorarium.

Mr. Kirsch was surprised with the award at a school assembly Wednesday morning where the entire student body applauded him for being the only teacher in Tennessee to receive the national distinction which some have called "the Oscar Award for teaching." In accepting the award, Mr. Kirsch called it one "for all of my students," past, current and future. The Whitehaven High School community is rightly proud of this accomplishment.

It is very encouraging that a program known as a powerhouse in athletics is also being recognized for its excellence in academics. Mr. Kirsch embodies both traditions as the coach of the school's cross-country and track teams and for being credited for raising the school's AP Calculus scores.

I also commend Whitehaven High School Principal Vincent Hunter for recognizing the importance of providing excellent educational opportunities across the board. The Milken Award is given to 40 early- and mid-career teachers across the country, often jump-starting careers while inspiring educators and their communities.

I congratulate Mr. Kirsch and all the Whitehaven Tigers on this exceptional achievement.

### HONORING MR. ALEX RICHARDSON

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 9, 2020*

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Alex Richardson who recently graduated from college with a degree in Criminal Justice. Immediately following graduation, Alex was hired by the City of Sunrise Police Department and sent to the police academy. On December 9, 2019, he was pinned in a ceremony at the Sunrise police headquarters and is currently undergoing police training in his community.

Alex is known for beating the odds. He grew up without a father and lost his mother to cancer at age four. One of five children, he and his siblings were adopted by Mr. Patrick Hosler, Jr., who mentored him throughout his childhood. Alex played YFL football for his city, and he now coaches other young men and women in four sports. I am delighted that this fine young man lives in my Congressional district. I am confident that he will succeed beyond all expectations at whatever endeavor he chooses to pursue. I wish him all the very best and thank him for his service to our community.

RECOGNIZING JULIUS ("JULIE") P.  
KNAPP

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 9, 2020*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, as we consider this critical 5G security and supply chain legislation before us, on behalf of Ranking Member WALDEN, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology Chairman DOYLE, and Subcommittee Ranking Member LATTA, I would like to commend Julius ("Julie") P. Knapp for the wonderful contributions to civil service he has made over his 45 year career.

Mr. Knapp recently retired from his position as the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Chief of the Office of Engineering and Technology. He is well known in our Committee because he has testified before us so many times over the years. We could always rely on his technically precise and straight-forward testimony. Mr. Knapp is an internationally-recognized expert who is known for his pragmatic and fair approach, and his ability to explain, in plain language, engineering issues to policymakers on all sides of an issue.

Julie Knapp's career ran in tandem with the growth of the American communications industry. In many ways, it was a symbiotic relationship. He graduated from high school in New Hyde, New York, in 1969, and received his engineering degree from the City College of New York in 1974. Less than a month later, he joined the FCC. At 22 years old, he started out certifying radio frequency devices. He then rose through the ranks to become Chief of the FCC laboratory, then Chief of the Policy and Rules Division for the Office of Engineering and Technology (OET), and finally Chief of OET, where he has served with extraordinary distinction since 2006.

It goes without saying that Julie Knapp could have taken the extraordinary skills he perfected at the FCC to Silicon Valley or to one of the trade associations where his work is so well regarded and appreciated. Instead, he chose to serve the United States through multiple administrations as a public servant, and his longtime contributions will make a positive difference for generations to come.

It's not surprising that Mr. Knapp's outstanding work has brought him numerous awards and accolades within the government and in the engineering community. In 2012, he received one of the highest honors for a civil servant, the Presidential Distinguished Rank Award. He also received the FCC's Gold and Silver awards and the Eugene C. Bowler award for exceptional professionalism and dedication to public service.

Here in Congress, we have been the fortunate beneficiaries of that dedication to public service. He has briefed generations of Members and congressional staffers on the intricacies of how spectrum works and why we need to harness it with careful consideration. He has provided significant and substantial input on all of the spectrum legislation passed by Congress in recent memory.

Mr. Knapp helped usher in the modern age of communications. He played an instrumental role in helping us make spectrum available to fuel our nation's economic and innovative growth. If you are accessing a mobile device right now, using WiFi or buying the latest wire-

less gadget, you are likely benefiting from Julie Knapp's work.

Julie Knapp epitomizes the non-partisan ideal of a public servant. As the leaders of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, we are grateful for his invaluable longtime service to our nation, and extend our sincerest thanks to him for dedicating his life to building America's communications systems.

### 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 December 12, 2019 and on December 17, 2019. Had I been present, I would have cast the following votes: on roll call 689, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 688, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 682, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 680, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 679, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 678, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 677, I would have voted Aye; and on roll call 676, I would have voted Nay.

### RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND CAREER OF JIM WEILL

### HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 9, 2020*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Weill, a dedicated advocate who has spent his 50-year career standing up for what's right, and fighting to end poverty and promote social justice in this country.

As President of the Food Research & Action Center, also known as FRAC, Jim spent the last 22 years as a vital partner in the fight to eliminate hunger—my long-time priority here in Congress.

During this time, he has worked hard to expand programs that are essential to reducing hunger for so many, including SNAP, school lunch and breakfast, after school and summer food programs, child care food, and WIC. He's also been a champion of poverty reduction measures like the refundable Child Tax Credit.

Madam Speaker, Jim's commitment to ending the epidemic of hunger in this country cannot be understated, and is exemplified by his tireless efforts to strengthen the coalition to end it. He not only helped bolster FRAC's network of state and local partners, but he's also launched and nurtured strong new anti-hunger advocacy groups, including in Maryland and the District of Columbia—bringing more allies into this important fight.

His lifetime of advocacy has led him to other prominent roles as well. Early in his career, Jim served as counsel at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago as the Director of Federal Litigation and Social Impact Projects, where he worked on over 100 federal class action and impact cases. This important work helped protect people on Social Security, Medicaid, AFDC, Food Stamps, and other public benefits. He also worked to improve our immigration system and combat discrimination against racial minorities and women.