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# TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER HOLMES

## HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jennifer Holmes, a member of the professional staff of the House Appropriations Committee, who is retiring after 28 years of service to the Legislative Branch.

Jenny began her Federal career in 1986 working for the U.S. Government Accounting Office. Soon after, in 1989, she started her long tenure working for the House Appropriations Committee, first as staff of the Treasury-Postal Service and Defense Appropriations Subcommittees.

After leaving the Hill briefly to work in the private sector, Jenny returned to the House Appropriations Committee in 2005. In 2007, Jenny became professional staff for the Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee where she was instrumental to the operations of Congress. In response to two tragic events that affected our colleagues in the House of Representatives, the shooting of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and the shooting at the Congressional baseball game practice, Jenny worked tirelessly to ensure that resources were focused beyond just the few square blocks that make up the Capitol grounds.

Jenny advocated for infrastructure projects that will make the Nation's Capital, specifically the U.S. Capitol grounds, accessible for years to come. Jenny was involved in many important projects, such as the restoration of the Capitol dome, improvements to the Capitol power plant, billion-dollar renovations of the Cannon House Office Building, the Library of Congress's Visitor Experience initiative and so many more. Jenny and her colleagues on the committee staff oversaw many of these projects from start to finish, and she should be very proud of her accomplishments.

Jenny was known to cheerfully volunteer to coordinate retirement ceremonies, portrait dedications, and other social events for the Appropriations Committee. Jenny also demonstrated her leadership and compassion by pulling together Appropriations Committee staff, Members, and external stakeholders for a very meaningful celebration of life event in honor of Chuck Turner, a long-time Committee staff member who was a dear friend and mentor to many.

A hallmark of Jenny's reputation was being a problem solver. She dedicated so much of her life to public service and never forgot why she was here. I know Jenny is looking forward to spending time with her husband Paul, her sons Kevin and Caiden, her daughter Karley, and her horses. We wish her the very best in her next journey and thank her for everything she has done for the United States Congress.

PAUL MARTIN

## HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Paul Martin for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Paul Martin is a student at Moore Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Paul Martin is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Paul Martin for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

# REMEMBERING JOHN PRINE

## HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great singer-songwriter and friend, John Prine, who passed away last week in Nashville from complications of the coronavirus. John was an exceptional lyricist, described by his friend and producer Jerry Phillips as "thinking like nobody else thought" and writing lines that were "brilliant in the strangest way." John produced three of his 18 albums in Memphis, including his debut, the eponymous "John Prine," in 1971. The album was cut at Chips Moman's American Sound Studio, and included his classics "Angel from Montgomery" and "Paradise." His fourth album, "Common Sense," was made in 1975 at Ardent Studios in Memphis and was produced by the legendary Steve Cropper. His sixth album, "Pink Cadillac," was made at the Sam Phillips Recording Service in 1979 by Sam's sons, Knox and Jerry. John's last album, "The Tree of Forgiveness," was recorded in Nashville and produced by his friend Matt Ross-Spang of Memphis. Songs from that album—"You Got Gold," "When I Get to Heaven" and "No Ordinary Blue"—were part of his last performance in Memphis, at The Orpheum, on September 25, 2018. John's songwriting career took off when, working as a postal worker in Chicago, he was discovered by singer-songwriter Kris Kristofferson. Bob Dylan said of his work: "Prine's stuff is pure Proustian existentialism. Midwestern mind trips to the Nth degree. And he writes beautiful songs." Always gracious and friendly, he seemed to his friends to be delighted with life. As Ross-Spang told The Commercial Appeal: "If you can imagine a kid eating an ice cream cone for the first time, that's how John looked at life. He had a love of Archie comics, hot dogs, meatloaf, fried chicken and Cadillacs. He always had a twinkle in his eye." And as

his friend Memphis singer-songwriter Keith Sykes said in tribute: "I don't think there's many songwriters who can make you laugh and cry in a single line—and make it rhyme." John Prine's was a life well-lived and he's been taken too soon. He leaves the treasure of song for future generations to enjoy and learn about life. He will be missed.

# HONORING CAPTAIN CLARENCE MCGEE

## HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a generous and brave man Captain Clarence McGee. Captain McGee has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Captain McGee, a Yazoo City Firefighter, is known for his generous spirit and for making a positive impact in the lives of local children.

Captain Clarence McGee, a native of Holly Bluff, has been a member of the Yazoo City Fire Department for over six years. He is the son of Eddie Ma McGee of Holly Bluff and is the loving husband of Cheris McGee. He is the father of six children: Codarius, Terryanna, Demarrius, Dontarius, D'Rihya, and Cla'Zarreria.

McGee graduated from Yazoo County High School in 2001. He attended Holmes Junior College for almost two years before accepting a job at the Nissan Plant, where he worked in stamping as a dye setter.

McGee started at the Fire Academy in 2011. He failed the academy twice and refused to give up. Third time's a charm, he passed the academy. In 2013 he started working full-time for the Yazoo City Fire Department, where he fell in love with the interacting with various children attending local schools.

Captain McGee is actively involved in his church, New Foundation M.B. Church in Holly Bluff, where he was raised.

Aside from his work as a fireman, McGee also operates a side business renting outdoor recreation equipment, and is known throughout the community as the "Space Jump Man". In the past he has been known to rent out his space jumps to local community events or fundraisers free of charge so that local children can have a place to play and enjoy themselves.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain Clarence McGee for his passion and dedication to serving Yazoo County and desire to make a difference in the community.

# NEVAEH GROSSMAN

## HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nevaeh Grossman for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Nevaeh Grossman is a student at Wayne Carle Middle School and received this award

because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nevaeh Grossman is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nevaeh Grossman for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

#### COSPONSORSHIP ERROR

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to inform the House that I plan to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 6494. The cosponsorship was made in error. The House is in a pro forma session due to the COVID-19 national emergency, so this request cannot currently be made in person. Since a Unanimous Consent request requires my presence, I will make said request when the House returns to session.

#### RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE IRANIAN AMERICAN WOMEN FOUNDATION

#### HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the Iranian American Women Foundation. Founded in 2011 as an educational nonprofit organization in Irvine, California, IAWF has worked tirelessly to provide women of Iranian heritage with connections and mentorships to enhance and reinforce their potential.

IAWF strives to promote the economic, academic, entrepreneurial, philanthropic, and scientific contributions of Iranian American women. In the nine years since they have been established, IAWF has hosted 19 Women's Leadership conferences and provided countless scholarships to young women in need. In recognition of their extraordinary work, Mayor Eric Garcetti declared April 27 as the Iranian American Women Day in the City of Los Angeles.

I ask all members to join me in recognizing the extraordinary work of the Iranian American Women Foundation and to celebrate the exemplary work that has culminated in Iranian American Women Day.

#### PEARCE BOWDEN

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Pearce Bow-

den for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Pearce Bowden is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Pearce Bowden is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Pearce Bowden for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

#### HONORING HUSKY HALL

#### HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Robert "Husky" Hall, a giant in the world of Virginia high school basketball who set several coaching records with the Martinsville Bulldogs. Coach Hall died on April 5, 2020, at the age of 91.

Husky Hall was a native of Fieldale in Henry County, Virginia. He played basketball, baseball, and golf at Elon College, now Elon University, in North Carolina and earned a master's degree in education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He also served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. After coaching boys and girls varsity basketball in Pleasant Grove, North Carolina, he became an assistant basketball coach at Martinsville in the 1950s.

The head coach at the time, Mel Cartwright, Sr., was another major figure in Martinsville sports. During the early years, Husky Hall was the assistant, then began sharing duties with Coach Cartwright. In this period, Martinsville earned state championships in 1958, 1961, and 1964.

Husky Hall became Martinsville's head coach in 1965 and held the position until he retired in 1995. Over those years, his teams won 605 victories, a Virginia High School League (VHSL) record at the time. He still holds the VHSL record for the seven state championships his teams achieved, in 1966, 1976, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1985, and 1986, and for playing in seven consecutive state championship games from 1980 to 1986.

Coach Hall's leadership focused on the fundamentals of basketball. He insisted on leadership and discipline. As a result, he brought out the best in his players and his assistant coaches, some of whom went on to great coaching careers of their own, and college coaches sought the secrets of his success.

On top of his basketball duties, Husky Hall coached golf at Martinsville as well. In that role, the school won its only state championship at the Group AAA level in any sport in 1974.

In 1994, Coach Hall told the Roanoke Times about his approach: "If it's going to work, someone has to be in charge, and you hope the players look up to the coach because he's

earned their respect." He succeeded in earning the respect not only of his players and assistant coaches but the whole Martinsville community and the world of Virginia high school basketball. The Virginia High School Hall of Fame inducted Coach Hall in 91, the second year of its existence.

Coach Hall is survived by his daughters Robin Morgan and Terry Jamerson and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Verona. I offer my condolences to his family on their loss. Husky Hall's name will live long in Virginia high school sports.

#### NICHOLAS LEWIS

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nicholas Lewis for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Nicholas Lewis is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nicholas Lewis is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nicholas Lewis for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

#### HONORING PATRICIA RANSOM

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Ms. Patricia Ransom, who is a lifelong resident of Jackson.

Ms. Patricia Ransom grew up in the Georgetown area and graduated from Lanier High School. She holds an Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration from Hinds Community College. Her first position after graduating was in Human Resources at Jackson Public Schools, where she was responsible for assigning substitute teachers. Eight years later, she moved to the Property Accounting Department, where she has served as a data clerk for the last 20 years. Ms. Ransom has three children that attended JPS schools. She believes you cannot educate a child's mind without also educating the heart and that everybody in the District plays a role in this, from the cafeteria worker to the custodian, to the bus driver, to the teachers and administrators.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Patricia Ransom.