

South Carolina state officials have left it to school districts to plan for graduation while taking necessary precautions with social distancing to stop the spread of coronavirus. "We talked of every possible option, but never stepped away from our foundational desire to keep it safe and keep it responsible," Airport High Principal David Damm said.

Groups of graduates and their parents were spaced several feet apart as they approached the stage. The students took their turns, walking across the stage, receiving their diploma case and getting photographs made. These images will be put together in a video along with speeches by Principal David Damm, valedictorian Ashleigh Smith, salutatorian Rose Brandon, Student Body President Katie Kyzer, and Senior Class President Geena Rocanella.

"There's some element to it that we hope is special. . . We are trying to provide the graduates with a memory, a video of their graduation, but do it in a way that keeps people apart and safe," Damm said.

"I'm just glad to have had a ceremony, even if it was small," Julion Brooks said after walking across the stage. His parents, Shaquana and Lamar Brooks, made photographs while wearing T-shirts honoring the class of 2020—"delayed not denied"—printed across the front.

At Lexington District 2's other high school, Brookland-Cayce, students will have a similar opportunity on May 14. Other efforts to help honor the class of 2020 include yard signs, billboards, social media and a countywide porch light salute on May 20, at 8:20 p.m. Virtual graduation ceremonies for the two high schools will air online and on local television June 6, the Lexington 2 school district announced this week.

They will be broadcast together from 5-7 p.m. June 6 on WACH-Fox 57. They will also be available for streaming via STIRR, a free TV app. The presentations will be posted on the school district's YouTube channel after they have aired.

HONORING OUR OFFICERS DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

HON. GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1961 and authorized by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, National Peace Officers Memorial Day was proclaimed on May 15th. The proclamation further established the calendar week of May 15th as National Police Week.

National Police Week honors the heroic and selfless devotion of our peace officers to our country. It is a time to honor those who make sacrifices year-round, missing weekends, holidays, and family events to serve their communities. It is also a sacred time as we honor the fallen men and women in law enforcement who have laid down their lives in the line of duty to protect others.

This week we are humbled by the challenges they face and the profound sacrifices that they make. Despite the daily adversity of officers face, their dedication to protect the rule of law and their communities remains unwavering. Even in times of grave danger and uncertainty, such as the current Covid-19 pandemic, our nations' police officers were some of the first to stand ready to serve and protect the citizens of their communities.

The spirit of National Police Week is exemplified by those whose actions reflect courage, sacrifice, and selflessness. I am honored to rise today and recognize several individuals who bravely serve the residents of California's 39th District. Serving the Cities of Walnut and Diamond Bar I'd like to honor Lieutenant Tomas Giandomenico, a 30-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department and an Army Veteran, Sergeant Paul Parkhurst, who has served since 2006, and Deputy Jesse Acuna who has served since 2010. From the Fullerton Police Department, I would like to recognize, Sergeant Ryan O'Neil, who has served our community since 2008. From the Chino Hill's Sheriffs Station, I would like to honor Deputy Ed Hernandez, Deputy Eileen Negron, and Deputy Tony Ortega for the daily sacrifices that they make to keep our citizens safe.

These deputies have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Not only serving their community while in uniform, but also using their personal time to help those in need. Lieutenant Giandomenico and Deputy Acuna help disadvantaged youth in Kenya at the School of Angels, a school they founded to provide over 100 children a safe place to gain educational opportunities. Sergeant Parkhurst, a Marine combat veteran, helps transitioning veterans who are returning from active duty adjust to civilian life in the Los Angeles Sheriffs Departments, Vets to Vets program.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these heroes: Lieutenant Tomas Giandomenico, Sergeant Paul Parkhurst, Sergeant Ryan O'Neil, Deputy Jesse Acuna, Deputy Ed Hernandez, Deputy Eileen Negron, Deputy Tony Ortega, as well as all law enforcement officers, past, and present that make our country, and my District such a special place.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MS. TAMMY ROGERS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the outstanding career of Ms. Tammy Rogers and congratulate her on her retirement from the Lee County Board of Supervisors. After nearly three decades in this seat, Ms. Rogers has served her county well and set the precedent of hard work and commitment in county government.

Tammy Rogers first applied as the Lee County Board of Supervisors Secretary in 1989, though this was not the first they had heard from her. A coworker recalls her phone calls regarding the dilapidated state of a bridge near her home. Ms. Rogers commitment to excellence was only solidified by her new position in public service. She is known for her work-ethic and transparency among her coworkers, as well as her dedication to forming relationships with each supervisor. It is dedication like this that makes North Mississippi great.

The decision to retire after 30 years of service was a difficult one for Ms. Rogers, however she will continue with her career at a local bank. I respect and admire her commit-

ment to public service for so many years and wish her the best in this new chapter of life.

Her colleague Billy Davis said of Ms. Rogers, "You can get some more good ones, but you won't get anyone better." I think this comment exemplifies Ms. Rogers impact on her community and dedication to service. She will continue to be a pillar in her community.

IN RECOGNITION OF CALEB WAWRZYNIAK ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. LATTI. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Caleb Wawrzyniak of Sylvania, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Caleb's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2024. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Caleb brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2024. While attending St. Francis de Sales in Toledo, Ohio, Caleb was an elected officer of the Latin American Student Support Organization, and member of the campus ministry, while maintaining a 3.679 GPA.

Throughout high school, Caleb was involved with football, baseball, wrestling, and track among other extracurricular activities. I am confident that Caleb will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Caleb Wawrzyniak on his offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Caleb will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ORRIN (BOODY) BROWN, JR.

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the 100th birthday of Orrin (Boody) Brown, Jr.

Mr. Brown was born on Easter Sunday April 4th, 1920, to Orrin and Mary Charles at their home on South 4th Avenue in Opelika, Alabama. During his childhood, Mr. Brown attended Miriam S. Brown Elementary School.

As a teenager, his family moved to North 8th Street just across from Cliff Hare High School where he graduated in 1937. He worked several after-school and summer jobs including working as a soda jerk at a local pharmacy. Always a music lover, Mr. Brown played the alto saxophone with a small group of friends in town.

After high school graduation, he attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute (API), now known as Auburn University. With World War II looming, Mr. Brown joined the Air Cadet program, but failed the initial physical because he didn't meet the weight requirement. After increasing his dietary intake, he passed the physical. He graduated in 1941 with a degree in Aeronautical Supervision and was then commissioned in the Army Air Corps.

Mr. Brown was assigned to Cherry Point, North Carolina where he learned to fly anti-sub patrol as a navigator/bombardier. When the U.S. joined the war, his group was sent to England as part of the 8th Air Force. He flew 30 missions in B-24s dropping supplies and agents to the French, Belgian and Norwegian resistance. He remained in the National Guard after the war and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

After returning to Opelika, Mr. Brown worked assisting veterans with loans. He met his future wife, Barbara Saunders on a blind date. They married in October of 1947 and were blessed with three daughters: Barbara (Bebe) and twin sisters Stephanie and Debbie. Mr. Brown has ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Mr. Brown worked at the Alabama Gas Company and later with Botsford Knight Insurance Agency until his retirement. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir and participated in the Lumpkin Sunday School Class. He has been a member of the Kiwanis Club for over 60 years and was a member of the Saugahatchee Country Club where he enjoyed playing golf and preferred walking to riding in a golf cart. He still enjoys watching Auburn and SEC sports.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Brown and wishing him a very happy 100th birthday.

INHUMANITY IN AFGHANISTAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday May 12th there was an inhuman murderous attack by terrorists of a 100-bed hospital compound in Kabul, Afghanistan, which included a maternity ward run by aid group Doctors Without Borders. Gruesomely, the terrorist attack left 16 murdered, including mothers, infants, and healthcare workers, and 15 others were wounded. Shortly thereafter, a cowardly suicide bomber targeted a funeral ceremony of a local police commander in Nangahar, leaving at least 24 dead and 68 injured. This level of fanaticism underscores that we must secure Afghan families or the terrorists will again eagerly kill Americans as they did on September 11th from a cave in Afghanistan.

Tuesday's gut-wrenching attacks are unfortunately not an aberration in Afghanistan, as

terrorists who would like to stifle freedom and liberty continue to destabilize the country and threaten the democratic trajectory of the Afghan government. Although the Afghan Taliban have formally denied their participation in these attacks, President Ashraf Ghani pointed an accusatory finger at the terrorist group and called on them to cease and desist. "I once again call on them to embrace peace," President Ghani said in an official statement, noting that it is "not only a demand of the government, but the nation and the international community." America is grateful for President Ghani's courageous leadership. As Co-Chairman of the Afghan Caucus, I especially have appreciated meeting with the President in Kabul where I found firsthand his devotion to the people.

If the Taliban truly did not participate in these heinous attacks, the group should work with the Afghan government to bring the murderous perpetrators to justice.

It is especially tragic that these attacks occurred during the Muslim holy Month of Ramadan, a time meant for solemn prayer and peace. The people of Afghanistan deserve a peaceful future, free from terrorism and death that they have been plagued with for far too long.

Americans pray that peace, stability, and security return to Afghanistan and we stand ready to support Afghanistan's government and security services in their efforts to realize this dream for prosperity of Afghan families.

TRIBUTE TO MR. LESLIE HERBERT WEXNER

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. STIVERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of myself and my colleagues, Representatives TROY BALDERSON and JOYCE BEATTY, as well as the people of Central Ohio to celebrate the career of one of Ohio's most distinguished citizens, a man who devoted his life to building a historic company and to the improvement of his community, Mr. Leslie Herbert Wexner.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, Mr. Wexner has lived the American Dream. The child of a Russian-Jewish immigrant and a first generation American, he attended The Ohio State University and served in the Ohio Air National Guard. He then got his start in the retail industry working at his family's store, Leslie's. He used that first-hand experience to found The Limited, taking the company public on the New York Stock Exchange just six years later.

Since then, he grew L Brands to, at one point, include household names such as Victoria's Secret, Bath & Body Works, Abercrombie and Henri Bendel. He has consistently been ranked among the Top 100 Best Performing Chief Executive Officers and was named the longest-serving CEO of a Fortune 500 company in 2012.

His success as an entrepreneur is matched only by his extraordinary impact as a philanthropist who has made incredible contributions to Central Ohio. The Wexner Foundation began in order to fill a void in the North American Jewish Community, and has since expanded its mission, with programs including

the Wexner Service Corps, the Wexner Field Fellowship, Wexner Senior Leaders, and Wexner Alumni Summits.

Beyond that, he and his wife, Abigail, have empowered individuals throughout Central Ohio with their charitable works, including support for the Columbus Foundation, The Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center, the Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, and the Wexner Center for the Arts.

To attempt to quantify Mr. Wexner's impact is impossible. As Mr. Doug Kridler, president and chief executive officer of the Columbus Foundation once said, "Les blew the ceiling off our sense of the possible in Columbus."

Mr. Wexner tackled projects large and small. From growing his business and providing thousands of jobs, to supporting developing leaders and encouraging medical breakthroughs, he has undeniably helped make Central Ohio a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

We all have come to know Mr. Wexner for his tireless work ethic, and his commitment to improving the lives of his neighbors. He has done a phenomenal job of building consensus and demonstrating the importance of civility in the process. His impact will be far-reaching for years and years to come, and as he begins this next chapter in his life, we are confident that our communities will continue to benefit from his exemplary leadership.

It is an honor to recognize his retirement, and we ask all of our colleagues to join us in congratulating Mr. Les Wexner on an extraordinary career and wishing him and Abigail all the best.

HONORING RICHARD L. JACOBS ON THE CELEBRATION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to join the New Haven community in extending my heartfelt congratulations and very best wishes to Richard L. Jacobs, Esq., as he celebrates his 90th birthday. A New Haven native who has dedicated a lifetime to the pursuit of advocacy and justice, this is a remarkable milestone for this pillar of our community.

The Jacobs family's law practice has been an institution in the City of New Haven since its founding by Dick's father, Israel, more than a century ago. Following his graduation from Yale University and Yale Law School, Dick joined the family firm where he has been practicing for more than six decades. He is well known for both his staunch advocacy on behalf of as well as his sincere affection for his clients. Dick's commitment and determination to ensure justice for all led to his early and unfailing support of the New Haven Legal Assistance Association and ensuring that those most in need had access to quality, affordable legal services.

Throughout his professional career, Dick has demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to the justice system. He has been a member of the New Haven County Bar Association and the American Association for Justice since his bar admittance in 1957 and has