

leadership positions throughout the years. His love for ministry led him to start the Faith Temple Apostolic Ministries International church in Eagle Lake, Florida in March 2014, and was ordained as the Pastor. He is supported by his wife Marlene and four children.

The church in Eagle Lake is a multi-cultural ministry serving the whole individual regardless of challenges or limitations. He believes there is nothing too difficult for God and believes that a voice in the community is a voice for hope and identity. Through the platform of his ministry, he has opened opportunities to work and help in the community by addressing the needs of the people. Over the years, the ministry has been able to provide food, clothing and funds to the general public through the Feed the People Program.

For the last 6 years, the ministry has hosted a free public annual event known as Jamaica Day, bringing Caribbean culture, food and music to the community of Polk County which draws in hundreds of people annually.

With his passion for giving back, Pastor Hyde also founded Hyde's Academy in Eagle Lake to provide Computer and CPR training to the general community with the American Heart Association's support. He believes that there is nothing impossible that the human mind cannot accomplish if we work and unite together.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JEFFREY L. CURTIS AS HE RECEIVES THE JOHN B. BARNWELL AWARD

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2020*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Jeffrey L. Curtis as he receives the 2019 John B. Barnwell Award. Dr. Curtis's commitment to advancing the healthcare of our nation's veterans is worthy of commendation.

After receiving his medical degree from the Georgetown University School of Medicine, Dr. Curtis completed his clinical residency at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center and spent two years as a Clinical Immunology Fellow at the National Institute on Aging, NIH. Following residency, Dr. Curtis trained in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine (PCCM) at the University of California San Francisco, where he joined the faculty at the San Francisco VA. Dr. Curtis continued his work with veterans at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, where he served as Chief in the PCCM Section and as scientific director of a Research Enhancement Award Program center in tobacco-induced lung diseases. Dr. Curtis has held leadership roles in several COPD trials and continues to lead groundbreaking research efforts, including the ongoing SPIROMICS and COPDGene studies. Furthermore, Dr. Curtis is the Associate Editor of the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, is the past-Chair of the American Thoracic Scientific Assembly on Allergy, Immunology, and Inflammation, and is a current professor at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Receiving the prestigious John B. Barnwell Award exemplifies Dr. Curtis's continued commitment to scientific discovery and improving

health outcomes for our nation's veterans. The award, which represents the Clinical Science Research and Development Service's highest honor within the Department of Veterans Affairs, recognizes senior VHA investigators who have achieved international acclaim for their clinical research accomplishments and have led clinical research endeavors that have advanced the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and disorders in the veteran population. Undoubtedly, Dr. Curtis is a deserving recipient of this award. He is internationally recognized as a leading researcher in the field of pulmonary disease and has led a number of major clinical trials and programs that have advanced the study of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and other lung disorders. Dr. Curtis has dedicated his career to clinical research and continues to transform the quality of care for veterans nationwide.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Jeffrey Curtis as he receives the John B. Barnwell Award. We thank him for his meaningful work and wish him continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ELIZABETH "BETSY" GILBERTSON

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2020*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with the heaviest of hearts that I rise today to pay tribute to Elizabeth "Betsy" Gilbertson, a dear friend who we lost much too soon. Though she waged a fierce battle, Betsy recently lost her fight with ovarian cancer.

Betsy dedicated her professional life and much of her personal time to ensuring that everyone has access to affordable, quality health care. From the earliest days of her career, Betsy combined her passion for advocacy with that of her belief that quality, affordable healthcare was a right, not a privilege. As a member of the Connecticut Nurses Association and District 1199, New England SEIU, Betsy represented her fellow nurses in collective bargaining. She also led a non-profit women's health center before joining UNITE HERE HEALTH, a Taft-Hartley labor management trust fund that provides health benefits that offer high quality, affordable health care to their participants, where she held a number of leadership roles prior to her last position as Chief of Strategy.

Betsy's dedication to quality, affordable healthcare extended far beyond her professional career. She served on National Quality Forum Task Forces on patient safety and ambulatory care measures; was founder as well as Chair/Co-Chair of the Health Services Coalition, a labor management organization that contracts with hospitals and advocates for public policies that improve quality health care, affordability, and access in Nevada; and was a Board member of the National Committee for Quality Assurance for five years. In more recent years, she continued her good work serving on the Lown Institute Advisory Council and the federal Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee.

For me, Betsy was not only been an invaluable resource on healthcare issues, but a

cherished friend. It is a friendship that dates back to a time before our lives took us to Washington, D.C. Betsy and her husband, John, lived in my childhood neighborhood of Wooster Square in New Haven, Connecticut for many years—John and my husband, Stan, teaching together at Yale University long before we met. Betsy and I were kindred spirits and I will be forever grateful to have had her friendship all these years.

I am heartbroken at Betsy's loss and extend my deepest sympathies to her husband, John Wilhelm, as well as their children Tom and Vinnie; and their three grandchildren. I, like so many of those who had the opportunity to know her, consider myself fortunate to have called her my friend and will continue to be inspired by her memory. Betsy was an extraordinary woman who passion and dedication touched countless lives—this world is just a bit dimmer without her in it.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARY H. MCCOMBS

### HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2020*

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor World War II veteran and Rialto community leader Mary H. McCombs.

A graduate of University of Redlands, Mary began her decades of community service as a social worker with the Riverside County Welfare Department. Shortly after President Roosevelt's signing of the Navy Women's Reserve Act into law in 1942, she answered the call to serve her country and enlisted in the U.S. Navy WAVES program.

Mary's tenure in the WAVES program resulted in travel to New York, Norco, California, and the San Francisco Bay where she trained to serve the Navy in a medical capacity. Until the end of World War II, she was stationed at the Naval Hospital on Treasure Island where her primary duties involved tracking all the admissions and discharges for the hospital.

Upon discharge from the Navy, Mary married Ray McCombs and moved to Rialto, California, where she served as First Lady of Rialto from 1952 to 1954. A loving mother of five children, she always sought opportunities to improve the lives of others. In 1962 she returned to work for the San Bernardino County Adoption Service, where she placed hundreds of children into loving homes throughout the county. Mary's beloved husband sadly passed in 1983.

Mary continued to remain active in the community and with her local church. She was a member of the American Association of University Women, the Rialto Symphony Guild and other civic organizations. In June 1995, she served on the task force to build the Rialto Senior Center and subsequently served on their board. Within education, Mary contributed to the establishment of the Morrow-McCombs Memorial Lecture Series at Cal State University, San Bernardino, which had a focus on fostering better understanding among Christian, Jewish, and Muslim people.

An avid traveler, Mary visited sites around the world and accomplished many feats in her travels, such as climbing the Great Pyramid of

Giza in her late seventies. She enjoyed exercise, as demonstrated by her frequent 3-mile walks to Trapp Elementary School. Mary remained active throughout her retired life, until she peacefully passed away on June 6, 2020.

For her decades of commitment to our community and country in so many ways, we honor Mary H. McCombs on this day and thank her for the legacy she left in the City of Rialto and the greater Inland Empire. May she rest in peace.

IN HONOR OF MR. ANDRE MOSES  
WHITE

**HON. DAVID SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2020*

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Andre Moses White of Atlanta, Georgia, who passed away on June 9, 2020.

Mr. White was the third of seven children born to Moses and Lucille White. He was raised in Tampa before relocating to Tallahassee and graduating from Lincoln High School. He then enrolled at Florida A&M University and earned a BS in Physical Education with a minor in Health Education. After graduating from FAMU, White was drafted by the Denver Broncos as a Tight End. He also played for the San Diego Chargers and was one of the first African Americans to sign with the Cincinnati Bengals.

After a knee injury brought his football career to a close, White returned to Tampa to serve as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Officer for Hillsborough County. While there, he most notably launched the fight to remove the confederate flag from the County Seal. This was eventually accomplished in 2016. Mr. White's career also included following in his father's footsteps and operating Moses White's Cozy Corner BBQ restaurant, serving as the road manager for Marvin Gaye, and starting The Georgia Sentinel, a progressive news outlet for Atlanta's African American community.

Mr. White was a member of numerous organizations, served on the board of Wayfield Food Stores, and was the President of the Moses White Foundation. Mr. White will be forever remembered as a dedicated servant from whom many in the community sought council. His wife of 55 years, Joyce White, died on April 2, 2020. He is survived by his siblings, 4 children, and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in offering our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the White family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

May God continue to bless the family of Mr. Andre Moses White.

RECOGNIZING TROY  
CHARBONNEAU

**HON. GREG GIANFORTE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2020*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Detective Troy Charbonneau of

Billings for always being prepared and willing to answer the call of duty whether he is in uniform or off duty.

It was the first weekend of June, and Troy wanted to take advantage of the nice weather. He packed his kayak and headed to Lake Elmo with his new puppy which was also eager to get outside. With his kayak in the water and his pup enjoying the view, Troy was able to relax.

After a while, Troy noticed a small dot on the lake's horizon. He looked closer and realized it was a person about 250 yards from the bank. At the shore, people were yelling. The swimmer was struggling, his head disappearing underwater. Realizing the severity of the situation, Troy immediately steered his kayak toward the boy. Troy was able to get the boy alongside his kayak and secure him with a life jacket. Using a rope, he towed the boy safely to shore as sounds of ambulance and police sirens echoed across the lake.

A detective with the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office, Troy says being a police officer is a 24/7 job. If you're off duty, he says, you still have a responsibility to do what you can to keep everyone safe. An investigator of crimes against children and a forensic interviewer, Troy is dedicated to the Billings community, and that drive keeps him ready at a moment's notice. Troy saved a boy from drowning, because he's always observant of everything around him. He's committed his life to public service and law enforcement.

On behalf of a grateful Montana and nation, I thank Troy and all our law enforcement officials who serve our communities selflessly, honorably, and with full hearts.

Madam Speaker, for his swift, heroic actions to save a boy's life and for being a great example of service for all Montanans, I recognize Detective Troy Charbonneau of Billings for his Spirit of Montana.

UPON THE RETIREMENT OF  
DEBRAH MARRIOTT AS EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF THE LOWER  
COLUMBIA ESTUARY PARTNER-  
SHIP

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2020*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, it is with mixed emotions that I congratulate Deb Marriott, the founding and long-time Executive Director of the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, on her well-deserved retirement. For twenty-five years, Deb has very capably led the Estuary Partnership to educate youth, restore Columbia River ecosystems, and advocate for culturally appropriate, science-based management. She has proven to be a committed and collaborative partner for Tribes, schools, shippers, and fishing communities, as well as municipalities along the Columbia. And she has left the River, and its communities, all the better through her work.

Deb was instrumental in designing—and ultimately helping to pass into law in 2016—the Columbia River Basin Restoration Act, legislation that I and fellow Oregon colleagues created to reduce toxics in the Columbia. She worked to bring people together around a common theme—cleaning up the river—and

kept true to the science. This is just one example of her work; throughout the years she has developed a reputation for honesty, hard work, and exceptional quality, and that standing has been passed on to the Estuary Partnership. The resiliency of so many on-the-ground projects, the result of many long hours and much collaboration with partners, and of the National Estuary Program itself, show Deb's meaningful mark on the River and its communities for generations to come.

Issues of salmon recovery and watershed protection are not always the easiest in the Pacific Northwest, yet I have known Deb to be not just a tireless advocate, but also a skilled listener. Whether it has been through work with Tribes, politicians and agency officials, volunteers, students, or any number of other stakeholders, Deb has always kept her eyes on the bigger picture.

Her work has played a tremendous role in connecting people to this special part of our amazing planet. I thank Deb from the bottom of my heart, for her decades of service. I wish her the best in a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING DEBRAH MARRIOTT ON  
HER RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF THE LOWER  
COLUMBIA ESTUARY PARTNER-  
SHIP

**HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2020*

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Debrah Marriott on her retirement as Executive Director of the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership at the end of this month.

Throughout her career, Debrah has been a steadfast champion for protecting and advocating for the Lower Columbia River. Debrah has led the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership since its inception, and there is no doubt that the river's habitats and water quality are improved today because of Debrah's leadership, particularly her work on the Columbia River Basin Restoration Act.

As Co-Chair of the Congressional Estuary Caucus, I have relied on Debrah's expertise for years. Her thoughtful perspective and extensive network through the National Estuary Program have been invaluable. Most recently, she and her staff helped inform my work on the bipartisan Blue Carbon for Our Planet Act. Last year, I had the pleasure of joining Debrah at the groundbreaking of the Steigerwald Reconnection Project, a 960-acre habitat restoration project on the mainstem of the Columbia River that will help salmon, wildlife, and the larger ecosystem flourish. Projects like Steigerwald and countless others along the Columbia River would not exist without Debrah's commitment to collaboration with regional partners. I appreciate her dedication to the ecological benefits of a project, and also her commitment to supporting the region's economic, social, and cultural needs. Even during the coronavirus pandemic, Debrah joined me for a virtual panel discussion earlier this month on how to revitalize our coastal communities.

Debrah's tenacity and dedication to protecting our lands and waters has created an incredible legacy of conservation for our region. I thank Debrah for her more than 25