

the Philippines and the Ryukyu Islands. On July 7, 2020, CW4 Taylor would have been 101 years old and we take the time this day to recognize his service and commitment to the United States of America.

CW4 Taylor, of Ashdown and previous resident of the Fourth District of Arkansas, began his service on October 11, 1951. During his career in the Army, he attended the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence School and U.S. Army Advance Management Training School. He specialized in critical areas such as Domestic Intelligence, Intelligence Research and Analysis, Interrogation Techniques, Investigative Legal Principles and Aviation Security Management.

After retirement from the military, he worked as a Civic Aviation Security Manager in Chicago, Illinois, where he served with distinction.

I am honored to recognize Chief Warrant Officer 4 James Oliver Taylor, Jr. for his service and bravery. CW4 Taylor passed away on April 11, 2019.

#### HONORING DON GREER

### HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2020*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in honor of Donald Edward Greer of Blacksburg, Virginia, who passed away on May 28, 2020 at the age of 96. Mr. Greer was a career military pilot and a pioneer in satellite technology.

Mr. Greer was the second of Nellie and Fred Greer's seven children and was born in 1924 in Rock Island, Washington. While studying at the University of the Pacific, he met his wife Loretta Walker. They were married in the college chapel and enjoyed 64 years of marriage together until her death in 2013. He also played football during his time at the university, participating in the Raisin Bowl and playing alongside future NFL quarterback Eddie LaBaron.

As a military pilot, Mr. Greer served his country in two wars and held important responsibilities. In World War II, he flew B-29s from the Mariana Islands. In the Korean War, he completed 33 missions and more than 300 flying hours with his brother Herb in the same crew, the only set of family members that were flying combat missions together. He later flew the latest aircraft for the Strategic Air Command, piloted Air Force One for President Lyndon B. Johnson, and served as the congressional liaison for Secretary of the Air Force Eugene M. Zuckert. He retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel.

In 1964, Mr. Greer became Vice President of Executive Services at Communications Satellite Corporation. In the heated days of the Space Race with the Soviet Union, he and the corporation's president, Dr. Joseph Charyk, devoted their energy to the development of geosynchronous satellites. They traveled the world and built support for the endeavor. Satellite communications would become a building block of the modern world.

Apart from his work responsibilities, Mr. Greer enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a skilled golfer who played in many tournaments alongside Dr. Charyk. In his later years, he retired to Blacksburg and became a fan of Vir-

ginia Tech, the alma mater of his daughter Heather and four of his grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughters Heather and Rhonda and their husbands Wally and Mike, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and his younger siblings Harry and Dallas. I offer my condolences to them upon the close of Don Greer's remarkable life.

#### HONORING MANUEL KILLEBREW

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2020*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a living legend, a vessel of honor Mr. Manuel Killebrew.

Manuel Killebrew was born on November 11, 1950. He is the sixth child born to the Late Paul and Naomi B. Killebrew. He spent his early years in Marks and Lambert MS.

Manuel Killebrew attended and graduated from Quitman County High School in 1970. After earning his high school diploma, he received a B.A. in Industrial Arts from Jackson State University in 1974. Manuel still lives in the home that his father had built for \$4,500.00. He has been married to the love of his life (Jewel Phipps Killebrew) for 47 years. They are proud parents of Latonia (Marvin) Thigpen and Manuel Killebrew Jr. They have been blessed with four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He and his lovely wife have been blessed to travel in their retirement both in the United States and abroad, most recently to Japan, Hong Kong and Beijing. The highlight of their trip to Asia was to stand on the Great Wall of China.

While still in high school, he participated in a walk out in protest to the unfair treatment of people of color. Mr. Killebrew was a participant in the March on Washington. He also participated in the historic Mule Train. He was honored as a Man of the Year for the Mule Train Historical Society.

Down thru the years, Mr. Killebrew has worked as a grocery stock clerk, janitor, bus driver, teacher, and a special education trainer for new teachers. He currently serves as a deacon and treasurer for Valley Queen M.B. Church, and president of Delta Burial. He serves on North Delta Planning Development, Quitman County Gala, and the Northwest Community Foundation. The job he has most enjoyed has been serving as President for the Board of Supervisors for Quitman County for more than 30 years. Mr. Manuel Killebrew is still a country boy at heart, his fall "green patch" is welcomed by Quitman County residents and others.

Mr. Killebrew has been recognized throughout the Delta as a man of impeccable integrity, service, compassion and outstanding spirit. Mr. Killebrew's *raison d'être* (known for) will always be the small acts of kindness done well, and without expectation of reward or recognition. These are the acts of kindness that will find a special place in people's hearts.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Manuel Killebrew for his legacy of service and dedication to the great citizens of Mississippi's Delta.

HONORING THE FAITHFUL SERVICE OF MR. ED CARTER OF TENNESSEE

### HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2020*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Mr. Ed Carter, an upstanding American and Tennessean.

A native of Hawkins County in East Tennessee, Ed Carter graduated from the University of Tennessee and began his career with the Tennessee Game and Fish Commission (later renamed the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency) in 1972. Over the next four decades, he served in a number of law enforcement and public information positions with the Commission. He also served as the Chief of the TWRA Boating Division until March of 2009, when the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission appointed him as Executive Director of the TWRA.

As Executive Director, Ed oversees all operations of the TWRA and its over seven hundred employees. The agency manages the State of Tennessee's wildlife and fisheries programs and governs all boating safety programs within the state. He has served as President of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and he also serves on the Federal/State Joint Task Force for federal aid.

Ed has received many well-deserved honors for his faithful service and unparalleled efforts to conserve the natural beauty and abundant wildlife of Tennessee. The Tennessee General Assembly recognized Ed with a joint resolution for his meritorious service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee. In addition, the National Safe Boating Council inducted him into the National Boating Safety Hall of Fame, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service honored him with the Conservation Partner Award.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Ed Carter on his retirement after five decades of public service. All who have had the opportunity to enjoy the scenic beauty of Tennessee's rolling hills and refreshing waters can thank Ed for his faithful stewardship over the years.

HONORING DOROTHY MORRIS FOR HER INDUCTION INTO THE ARKANSAS WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

### HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2020*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dorothy Morris of Hot Springs on her induction in the Arkansas Women's Hall of Fame. Nominated by the public and selected by a panel of state leaders, Morris received this honor during a lifetime of philanthropic giving to her community and peers.

Having grown up modestly in Hot Spring County, Arkansas, she and her husband, Walter, focused much of their earnings over the

last thirty years toward philanthropic work. In addition to her work with over 50 nonprofits such as Garvan Woodland Gardens, The Arkansas Rice Depot, and the Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival, she spends much her time on children and teenagers with organizations like Youth Ranches, THEA Foundation, and multiple other educational programs.

Morris also co-founded the Hot Springs Giving Circle with Don Munro, a fellow Hot Springs citizen, with the effort of dispersing funds to numerous local organizations. She additionally started the Morris Foundation with her late husband, Walter.

Her induction into the Arkansas Women's Hall of Fame speaks to her incredible influence on the people of our state. I take this time to congratulate her on this high honor and thank her for her lifetime of service to the place we both call home.

REMEMBERING DR. THOMAS F. FREEMAN: EDUCATOR, SCHOLAR, AND LEGENDARY COACH AND TEACHER OF THE ART OF DEBATE

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Thomas F. Freeman, who for more than 60 years has been a professor of philosophy at Texas Southern University, which is located in my congressional district.

Dr. Freeman died last week, on Saturday, June 6, 2020, in Houston, Texas at the age of 100 years old but forever young.

In addition to being an educator and scholar of the first rank, Dr. Freeman was world renowned as the legendary coach and teacher of the art of forensic debate and who helped shape the lives of countless young people who were his students, including the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the late Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, who once held the seat I now hold.

Dr. Freeman's tools were the spoken word. His canvas was the minds of the brilliant and talented young African Americans seeking a higher education.

A prodigy himself, Dr. Freeman graduated from Virginia Union University at the age of 18 and went on to become a professor at Virginia Union University before his 30th birthday.

He would later receive degrees from Andover Newton Theological School; Harvard University; Chicago Divinity School; the University of Vienna in Austria, and the University of Liberia in Africa.

In 1949, Dr. Freeman was among a group of accomplished academics of color hired by Texas Southern University (TSU).

That same year he held a debate in his TSU logic class using his own undergraduate experience as a guide.

Debate is defined as a contention by words or arguments; or as a formal discussion of a motion before a deliberative body according to the rules of parliamentary procedure; or a regulated discussion of a proposition between two matched sides.

But to Dr. Freeman, it was much more than a contest; it was a way of life.

Dr. Freeman understood, as did Socrates when he said to Glaucon in Book X of the Re-

public that "the contest is great my dear Glaucon, greater than it seems—this contest that concerns becoming good or bad."

Dr. Freeman's success was informed by his passionate belief that strong debate skills translated into a range of life skills that would serve students well in their personal lives and professional careers.

Dr. Freeman's academic roots in moral philosophy and theology came through in his instruction of his debate team students.

Through the art of debate, Dr. Freeman taught what the ancient Greeks called *areté*, which is defined as an "activity of the soul in accord with virtue in a complete life."

As Aristotle explains in the Nicomachean Ethics, happiness comes from exercising the full range of one's vital powers directed toward excellence.

Virtue and excellence and happiness is what Dr. Freeman taught his students and that is why he and they were special.

In 1949, the Texas Southern University students who participated in Dr. Freeman's debate class were so impressed with their experience that they requested that Dr. Freeman form and coach a team.

Dr. Freeman agreed and founded the Texas Southern University debate program which today is world renowned for its skill and for the number of championships won.

Dr. Freeman was internationally known for his debate coaching prowess and for the prominent Americans who studied under his tutelage.

As noted, among them were the late Congresswoman Barbara Jordan and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The debating skills that young Barbara Jordan developed under Dr. Freeman's tutelage were so formidable that she became the first female to travel with the TSU debate team.

She and her debate partner Otis King participated in and won many awards, including the championship at Baylor University, the first integrated debate match held in the South.

Barbara Jordan went on to become a Texas State Senator and the first Texas African American woman elected to the House of Representatives from my state.

She characterized her experience of learning under his tutelage as having shaped her view of the importance of mastering the skills of debate.

Congresswoman Jordan and Dr. Freeman remained close and upon her death he gave the eulogy at her funeral.

Dr. Freeman's skill as a debate coach came to the attention of Denzel Washington when he sought a model for the role of a debate coach for his role in the critically acclaimed film "The Great Debaters," based on life of Melvin B. Tolson, who formed the Wiley College debate team. The Wiley College debate team defeated the University of Southern California (USC) debate team for the 1935 national championship.

One of the students in Dr. Freeman's class during his tenure as a visiting lecturer at Morehouse University was a young Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Freeman had such an influential effect on him that years later while he and a group of students happened to be in the same restaurant he was surprised when Dr. King approached his table to say hello and reminded him that he had been a student in his Morehouse class and shared with the students how much that experience shaped his life.

Dr. Freeman's contributions to the Texas Southern University Community included serving as Founding Dean of both the Weekend College and the Honors College.

Dr. Freeman worked with then TSU President Granville M. Sawyer to develop the program and serve as its dean.

The Honors College, renamed in his honor as the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College, was developed for academically gifted and motivated students to provide them with the most rigorous and challenging academic regimen.

In 1972, Dr. Freeman was asked by Rice University to join its faculty after it had desegregated.

Dr. Freeman began a 23-year career association with Rice University. As near as anyone recalls, he was the first African American professor to teach at this prestigious university before returning to TSU where he resumed teaching and leading the TSU debate team to countless victories.

The life of Dr. Thomas F. Freeman reminds us all of the impact a great teacher can have in changing the world for the better through his or her students.

Too often a teaching career is viewed by too many as an option taken by those who cannot excel elsewhere.

But those of us who know better know that it is the great teacher that makes it possible for us to succeed anywhere and in any pursuit.

Dr. Freeman was such a teacher.

But as he lived a full and complete life rooted in excellence, virtue, and service, he also was a minister of the gospel, community leader, husband, father, mentor, and a friend to thousands.

It can truly be said of Dr. Freeman that his has been a consequential life.

That is why Dr. Freeman is legendary and why in memory of this great man that I ask the House to observe a moment of silence as a tribute to Dr. Freeman's service to Texas Southern University, to America, and to humanity.

### RECOGNIZING MS. BAILEY DOWLING

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Bailey Dowling of St. Joseph-Ogden High School, who was named the 2019–20 Gatorade Illinois Softball Player of the Year.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Bailey as Illinois's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Bailey joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports.

Ms. Dowling, who won the prestigious award in 2018–19, was one of only two high-school athletes on the 2019 USA Softball Junior Women's National Team that won the U19 World Championships last August. In addition