

RECOGNIZING DANIELLE BLACK  
LYONS AS CONSTITUENT OF THE  
MONTH

**HON. MIKE LEVIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Danielle Black Lyons, co-founder of Textured Waves and diversity activist in the surfing industry, as the Constituent of the Month for June.

At a time when our country is undergoing a nationwide uprising to address police brutality and systemic racism in America, Ms. Lyons brought the heart of the Textured Waves community, the love of her culture, and surfing together to help organize a memorial paddle out in which thousands of fellow surfers recognized the life of George Floyd and others who have been killed at the hands of police. This powerful traditional surfing demonstration paid tribute to the Black Lives Matter movement and gave hope to our community as it struggles to address these critically important issues.

A surfer herself, Danielle was tired of seeing only one image of surfers that didn't fit her own experience in the sport. Seeking to bridge the divide and show a more inclusive representation of women of color in the surfing community, Textured Waves was formed.

The platform is an inclusive space for women of color surfers to come together for community, kinship, and camaraderie. It is a space that gives insights into diversifying the surf world with relevant resources, featured stories, imagery of women of color riding waves, and more.

I applaud Danielle's spirit and activism and look forward to seeing what else she will do to make a positive impact on our community, the surfing industry, and this important movement going forward.

I launched a Constituent of the Month program to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond to make our region and our country a stronger place for everyone to live and thrive. As our nation and community works toward long overdue racial change and healing, voices like Danielle's must be lifted and echoed. I am honored to recognize Ms. Lyons as my Constituent of the Month, and I thank her for being a prominent actor in amplifying diversity in our surf culture and shining her light on this historic movement of change for America.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL WILLIAM  
LYON

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an outstanding individual, General William Lyon, who passed away at the age of 97 on May 22, 2020. "The General," as his friends knew him, was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, a decorated military veteran, a dedicated philanthropist, and an esteemed community leader in Southern California. He will be deeply missed.

William Lyon was born March 9, 1923, in Los Angeles, California. Throughout the 1940s Lyon studied business at the University of Southern California and attended the Dallas Aviation School and Air College. While there, he trained military pilots as a civilian instructor before joining the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943. During World War II he served as a pilot in Europe, the Pacific, and North Africa and after the war he joined the Air Force Reserve in 1946. During the early 1950s, he returned to active duty and flew 75 combat missions throughout the Korean War. In 1975, Lyon was appointed Chief of the Air Force Reserve by President Ford, a title he held until he retired from the military in 1979. Throughout his years of service, Lyon received numerous awards and decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three oak clusters, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

In addition to his military accolades, Lyon was best known for his successful career in home building, real estate, and commercial aviation. He began his business as a modest effort to provide homes for military personnel returning from service and others across California. His efforts eventually evolved into William Lyon Homes, Inc. which grew into one of the nation's largest homebuilders responsible for constructing more than 100,000 homes across the western United States. Throughout his life, Lyon remained an active pilot and often flew his own jet and functional World War II-era planes. In 2008, he flew a vintage B-17 Flying Fortress to Washington D.C. to participate in a memorial ceremony.

A proud Trojan, Lyon's undergraduate degree was only the beginning of his involvement with USC. In 1986, he was elected to the university's Board of Trustees and remained a longtime advocate and supporter of USC's research and programs throughout his life. An active philanthropist and community leader, Lyons donated to organizations such as the Orangewood Children's Foundation and the Segerstrom Center for the Arts where he served for 30 years as a director of the board and formerly as chairman. Additionally, he was a chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, the Orange County Council, and served as the board chairman of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society of the United Way. He founded the Lyon Air Museum, located next to John Wayne Airport which exhibits authentic aircraft, vehicles, and memorabilia from the World War II era.

I had the pleasure of knowing the General through his service to Southern California and can personally attest to his numerous achievements and the countless lives he touched. He was a great American, a true patriot, an esteemed leader, and a dedicated husband, father, and friend. I extend my heartfelt condolences to his wife of 48 years, Willa Dean, to their children, Susan, Christine, Marcia, and Bill, their grandchildren, and the rest of his family and friends. Although the General may no longer be with us, he will continue to have a lasting impact on the lives of his family and community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM  
LYON

**HON. HARLEY ROUDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of William Lyon, who passed away on May 22, 2020 at the age of 97. For 50 years, his work as a real estate magnate revolutionized the housing industry in both Orange County and around the country.

In 1954, Lyon began working in construction with a 66-home project in Anaheim, California. Lyon foresaw the region's growth, and capitalized on the post-World War II economic boom. Less than a decade after his first construction project, he became one of the biggest names in the homebuilding industry. His company, William Lyon Homes, was based in Newport Beach. Lyon and his combined companies were responsible for creating by then 72,000 residential living spaces by the end of his career.

Lyon's aptitude for reading the housing market and maximizing development opportunities in Orange County are what truly set him apart from his peers and justified his title as a real estate titan. Known as "the General" by friends and family, his leadership and accomplishments sparked great change in our community.

I ask that all Members join me in honoring the accomplished life of William Lyon.

RETIREMENT OF DR. BENNY LILE

**HON. JAMES COMER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career of Dr. Benny Lile who recently retired from 35 years of service as an educator in the public-school system.

Throughout the last thirty-five years he has served as a substitute teacher, taught in the classroom, worked in central office, the Technology Service Center in Bowling Green, and finished a stellar career serving as the superintendent of Metcalfe County Schools for the last seven years. The span of roles shows how widely his passion for education runs in the public-school system.

Through Dr. Lile's dedication he incorporated many activities that allowed his students to excel in the classroom. In 1988, he secured a grant that allowed the school to go from having two computers to a fifteen-computer lab—quite an accomplishment for a rural school during that time. Dr. Lile made the computer program Oregon Trail go from the computer screen to a real-life event, where the students dressed up in pioneer clothes and he even secured a horse to bring to school.

I join with Dr. Lile's family and friends, as well as all those he has impacted during his years in the school system, in honoring his incredible career and devotion to education. I wish him the best as he begins the next phase of life and express my gratitude for his service to the 1st District of Kentucky.

## GEORGIA ADVANCES DEMOCRACY

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, this week was extraordinary for the advancement of democracy in the Republic of Georgia with the first step of adoption of important electoral reforms by the Parliament, led by Prime Minister Giorgi Gakharia. The constitutional amendment approved by Georgian lawmakers this week will lead to a mixed electoral system in Georgia, a compromise brokered between the country's political rivals pursuant to the March 8th agreement. The Parliament's approval of this crucial reform signals Georgia's serious commitment to democratic consolidation and Euro-Atlantic integration.

The people of America appreciate the courageous Georgian lawmakers supporting the March 8th agreement. This includes this week's important electoral reforms but also efforts addressing political interference in the judicial system. In doing so, Georgia will safeguard the progress it has made and prove itself once again as an undeniably successful regional model of democratic transition.

Georgia is well represented in Washington with Ambassador David Bakradze. South Carolina has a special warm relationship developed by Honorary Consul of Georgia, Admiral David Shimp, of Charleston.

## HONORING THE TX03 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

**HON. VAN TAYLOR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2020*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2019–2020 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC). Over the past year, students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9th through 12th across Texas' Third Congressional District participated in my inaugural youth program.

From student governments, athletics, fine arts, honor societies, and a multitude of community and civic organizations, these servant leaders proved to be engaged members of our community as they learned more about our democracy.

During the past school year, students assembled on multiple occasions to discuss issues of importance to their generation and our country as a whole. In addition to attending various interactive information sessions, students shared their feedback by completing multiple assignments on current events and topics associated with our meetings. These young leaders truly capitalized on their experience by engaging in policy discussions while offering innovative solutions on issues of the day.

Despite the hardships posed from the COVID–19 pandemic, members of my CYAC continued to participate virtually in discussion regarding Congressional efforts to provide relief for those impacted by coronavirus while

sharing multi-faceted concerns on effects of the virus.

These students consistently impressed me with their knowledge and willingness to engage in thoughtful and constructive dialogue, even when their opinions differed from one another. It is a reminder, when we come to the table with the desire to improve America, there is nothing we can't achieve.

Now as I conclude my inaugural Congressional Youth Advisory Council, I am filled with conviction knowing this next generation of leaders will continue to propel our country forward through their commitment to finding productive solutions.

I thank every member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council for their unwavering commitment to this program even amidst great adversity. Each of them has the potential to shape our nation in bold new ways while serving their community. It has been an honor to know and serve them in Congress.

Anna Aasen, Gabriella Abraham, Benjamin Ai, Luis Barajas, James Barta, Calame Brady, George Colandrea, Mason Daugherty, Tristan Espinoza, Zachary Evans, Ainsley Ford.

Tatiana Gong, Alayla Gurram, Tristan Hassell, Austin Hoang, Allie Johnson, Jonah Johnson, Caroline Joyce, Daniel Jungerman, Ameya Khanapurkar, Elizabeth Klayork.

Itzel Martin-Huesca, Cale Morrow, Aaron Myers, Sneha Nadella, Katherine Nelson-Ortiz, Katherine Novakovich, Rohan Raghav, Graham Robinson, Sierra Rodriguez, Inaki Romero-Garza.

Pierce Sandlin, Eli Scott, Tajvir Singh, Chase Stevens, Jennifer Su, Macy Su, Thomas Topping, CJ Ward, Samuel White, Reese Woertink.

## SCOTLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2020*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Scotland County Hospital. Scotland County Hospital is an important Critical Access Hospital in my district that is celebrating their 50th anniversary and I stand today to celebrate with them and recognize their unwavering commitment to keeping rural Missourians healthy.

Established in 1970, Scotland County Hospital has met the healthcare needs of thousands of individuals over the past five decades. The only hospital in a five-county region, Scotland County Hospital has gone above and beyond in serving the area, continuing to expand their services to provide accessible healthcare. Located in Memphis, Missouri, Scotland County Hospital has continued to grow, transforming into a state-of-the-art facility with nearly 200 employees. In addition to their main facility, Scotland County Hospital has also opened several rural health clinics in surrounding counties. I firmly believe that Scotland County Hospital goes above and beyond in successfully fulfilling their mission "to improve the healthcare of our communities with services close to home".

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Scotland County Hospital for their tremendous service to the City of Memphis and Northeast Missouri over the past 50 years. I am honored to represent Scotland

County Hospital in the United States Congress.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN R. CURTIS**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2020*

Mr. CURTIS. Madam Speaker, had I been present on June 25, 2020, I would have voted nay on H.R. 7120, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. I missed this vote due to a scheduled surgery I needed to attend in Utah.

Our country needs police reforms to improve relationships between law enforcement and communities while also ensuring the police can enforce the law. To this end, I am a proud original cosponsor of the JUSTICE Act, which simultaneously promotes both needed change while still supporting law enforcement officers who act in good faith to protect and serve. Unfortunately, the bill before the House today falls short. Mandating locally-run police departments to make one-size-fits-all changes without providing adequate resources will inevitably make it more difficult to follow good community based policing practices and recruit highly qualified officers. I am hopeful that the Senate will soon hold a vote on the JUSTICE Act and that both chambers can work together to develop a solution we can all support.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2020*

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, from Monday, March 9 through Wednesday, March 11, I missed votes due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Nos. 91, 92, 93, 94, 97, 98, and 100 and "nay" on Nos. 95, 96, 99, and 101.

## RECOGNIZING LIECHTENSTEIN'S SUCCESS

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as the world faces the Wuhan Virus Pandemic, a success has been the leadership of the Principality of Liechtenstein with America's shared resolve to eradicate the virus.

The Liechtenstein Government, through the leadership of His Serene Highness Prince Alois, worked together to make Liechtenstein one of the great international success stories by keeping Covid–19 infection rates at unseen lows. These effective policies also enabled Liechtenstein to suffer the death of only one of its citizens.

The United States recognizes His Serene Highness and his government for their success and embrace of our shared values of freedom and democracy in fighting this gruesome pandemic.