

identified with the promotion of fraternities, and has widely advanced and enlarged the opportunities for growth and leadership among college men through fraternities. Phi Delta Theta asserts that fraternities, and the education of their members therein, are a microcosm of university life. Bob Biggs has been instrumental in collaborating with various college and university presidents during his tenure.

In Bob's own reflections recently when questioned about his impact on the Fraternity, he was emphatic that if not for his role at Phi Delta Theta, he would not have had the opportunity to meet and work with so many top level university and college officials, business executives, entrepreneurs, Nobel laureates, astronauts, and other citizens of great influence.

In addition to his Fraternity related service, he has always been dedicated to his community of Oxford, Ohio where he and his wife Coni raised their three children, Lori, Kyle and Amy. He has been president or chairman of several local organizations, including the Oxford Rotary Club, Oxford Jaycees, Oxford Community Foundation, has volunteered as a troop leader with Boy Scouts of America, and served St. Mary Catholic Church on the Finance Committee.

Throughout his career, Mr. Biggs has been an ambassador and advocate for all Greek organizations. Based on his many achievements and long, distinguished tenure within the Greek movement and Phi Delta Theta, I am honored and proud, as one of his Fraternity brothers and a colleague in the collegiate Greek movement, to acknowledge with gratitude the distinguished career of Robert A. Biggs, on the occasion of the culmination of his career of selfless service to the Phi Delta Theta International Fraternity and the Phi Delta Theta Foundation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JOHN SWING

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the late John Swing, whose life was tragically cut short by COVID-19.

John Swing was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and widely respected community leader in my district. He was recently appointed Executive Director of Search to Involve Filipino Americans (SIPA), a group serving LA's Filipino community. I was honored to join their event last month to discuss the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Filipino community in Los Angeles. In addition, Mr. Swing was active in a variety of other community groups, including the Filipino American Services Group, Inc., the Coalition of Filipino American Chambers of Commerce, and the Festival of Pilipino Arts and Culture.

Mr. Swing also served on the Riverside County Foundation on Aging, where he served as Board Director; as an employee of the Riverside County Probation Department; and in the United States Marine Corps. He was passionate about improving our city and helping those most in need and was particularly involved in the efforts to combat the scourge of homelessness throughout Los Angeles.

Mr. Swing is survived by his wife Ellen Rodriguez-Swing and his children, Zachary, Joshua, Chloe, Mackenzie, Nico, and Sasha. My deepest condolences are with them, and the entire Los Angeles Filipino community who has lost a dedicated and energetic leader to this horrific disease.

John Swing was a true public servant and he will be deeply missed. His work will continue in all the lives he touched. Please join me in honoring his legacy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Monday, June 29. Had I been present I would have voted as follows: YEA on Roll Call No. 123; NAY on Roll Call No. 124; YEA on Roll Call No. 125; NAY on Roll Call No. 126; YEA on Roll Call No. 127; NAY on Roll Call No. 128; and NAY on Roll Call No. 129.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call No. 123 on the motion to recommit for H.R. 1425, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call No. 124 on passage of H.R. 1425, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

On Roll Call No. 125 on the motion to recommit for H.R. 5332, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call No. 126 on passage of H.R. 5332, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

On Roll Call No. 127 on motion to recommit for H.R. 7301, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call No. 128 on passage of H.R. 7301, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

On Roll Call No. 129 on passage of H.J. Res. 90, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, due to a family commitment I unfortunately missed votes yesterday. Had I been

present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 123; NAY on Roll Call No. 124; YEA on Roll Call No. 125; NAY on Roll Call No. 126; YEA on Roll Call No. 127; NAY on Roll Call No. 128; and NAY on Roll Call No. 129.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PATRICK KENNEDY

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Patrick William Kennedy, a friend to many in the Indianapolis community, including me. Pat passed away on April 12, 2020, after a courageous battle with Covid-19. He will be forever missed by his friends, family and colleagues.

Pat Kennedy was born June 27, 1956, in Indianapolis, Indiana. After graduating from Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, Pat went on to Notre Dame University where he graduated in 1978. Upon his graduation from Notre Dame, Pat joined the Kennedy family business and ultimately became the 4th-generation president of the three Kennedy family companies: Kennedy Tank & Manufacturing in Indianapolis; Southern Tank in Owensboro, Kentucky; and STAFCO in Columbia City, Indiana. Pat worked along side family including his three sons to gain national recognition in quality fabrication of steel tanks, pressure vessels, and heat exchangers.

In addition to Pat's success in the business world, he was heavily involved in bettering the Indianapolis community. He had a deep passion for auto racing that led to him attending fifty-seven consecutive Indianapolis 500 races, but spectating was not all that he did. Pat served on the board of the 500 Mile Oldtimers Organization, sponsored race car drivers, and wrote two books on race trivia, collaborating with Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) historian and friend Donald Davidson as a technical advisor. Pat was a former director of the 500 Festival Board and was a director of the 500 Festival Foundation Board at the time of his death. Pat was very involved in bettering the experience for Hoosiers and fans all around the world when it came to his beloved Indy 500.

The 500 was not the only way Pat served our community. He supported numerous organizations including Wheeler Mission, CYO, United Way, Friends of Holliday Park, Little Sisters of the Poor, Indianapolis Motor Speedway Foundation, and many schools and parishes in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Pat was a passionate sports fan, rarely missing a game played by those in his family, but his interest extended to any great competitive event. Pat was a devoted supporter and long-time season ticket holder of the Indiana Pacers and the Indianapolis Colts.

Pat was preceded in death by his beloved parents, William and Frances Kennedy. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Cheryl Kennedy; children Maura (Chris Page), Bill (Ellen), Jimmy (Anna Grace Sterry), Patrick, and Joey Gaines; grandchildren Kate, Grace, Luke, and Bo; sisters Peggy Shorter (Mark), Kathy Fairchild (Thom), and Ann Bolin (Paul); and nieces and nephews Kelly Schneider (Matt), Mickey Shorter (Ashley); Kimmie Rumer (Justin) and Kyle Fairchild; and Courtney, Kevin, and Brian Bolin.

On behalf of the Fifth District of Indiana I offer my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Pat Kennedy. The Hoosier community will greatly miss him and his extensive contributions.

REMEMBERING ARIKA SAMANTHA TRIM

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor and remember the life of Arika Samantha Trim, my former committee press secretary. Arika tragically passed away at the age of 29 on June 23, 2020, just a week after giving birth to her son Djai.

I first had the honor of meeting Arika shortly after I became ranking member on what was then the Committee on Education and the Workforce. Arika joined my committee staff in April 2015 as our press secretary and was later promoted to deputy communications director.

Arika brought significant experience to the Committee's press team. A native of Tobago, Arika was a 2008 graduate of Oxon Hill High School in Maryland. After graduating Lee University in Tennessee in 2012 with a degree in public relations, she interned with the Office of First Lady Michelle Obama. She then went on to join the communications staff at the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a press assistant. She was critical to communicating and amplifying the important work of Democrats on the Education and the Workforce Committee to the media and the American people. Arika played a key role in many of our key legislative successes during my first three years as the top Democrat on the Committee, including defending the Affordable Care Act, promoting the importance of school meals and child nutrition, and original introduction of the Raise the Wage Act. I will forever be grateful for her work and dedication to America's students, workers, and families.

Arika left the committee in early 2018 to join the communications staff of the American Hospital Association. I know Arika played an outsized role there communicating the needs of hospitals, most recently the impact on our hospitals of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Losing someone at such a young age with so much more to give to the world is tragic, and I cannot fathom the loss that Arika's mother Donna, family, and many friends are going through at this time.

The untimely death of Arika challenges us as policy makers to reckon with the disturbing reality that plagues far too many women, especially Black women in this country. That is, regardless of income or educational achievement, Black mothers are three to four times more likely to die of pregnancy related illnesses than White mothers.

The COVID-19 pandemic has only worsened the systemic health and social racial inequities in our nation. The Black maternal health crisis is only getting worse and has gone unaddressed for far too long. Congress must take bold action and immediately pass comprehensive legislation to address this issue, including the Black Maternal Health

Momnibus Act and the Mothers and Offspring Mortality and Morbidity Awareness Act or MOMMA's Act. These bills would make critical investments to support Black mothers, including 12-month postpartum Medicaid coverage, investing in rural maternal health, promoting a more diverse perinatal workforce, and addressing implicit bias in our health care system.

Madam Speaker, I hope that we can honor the life and legacy of Black mothers like Arika and finally end the Black maternal health crisis. I hope that Arika's family knows that her legacy of public service will continue to endure and motivate our important work.

Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD a statement from the American Hospital Association in honor of Arika Trim.

STATEMENT FROM THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION ON THE PASSING OF ARIKA TRIM
(By Rick Pollack, AHA President and CEO, June 30, 2020)

Starting in January 2018 until her passing, Arika Trim served as Associate Director of Media Relations at the American Hospital Association. We convey to the nation the association's expression of grief. As a communications professional at the AHA, Arika was passionate about her work to ensure that all patients have access to affordable health care. Her warm manner a gentle smile let everyone who had the privilege of working with her know that in Arika, they had found a friend. She has left us far too soon.

We grieve for her family and her beautiful new son, and that her time with us as our friend and colleague has ended. Please know that Arika will always live on in the hearts and memories of her friends at the AHA, and that our thoughts and prayers are with her family and all those who were fortunate to have known her.

REMEMBERING NUR OMAR MOHAMED

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS
OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional life and light of Nur Omar Mohamed, father of my dear colleague, Congresswoman ILHAN OMAR.

Nur passed away on June 15, 2020 of complications arising from the coronavirus at the age of 67. He was taken from his family far too soon, but he leaves behind a distinguished legacy as the "Superdad" to his children, community, and all of those in our nation who had the good fortune to know him.

After the outbreak of the Somali civil war, Nur kept his family safe and secure until their ultimate move to the United States in 1995. He became a mentor to many in the Minneapolis Somali community, and encouraged his children to pursue their dreams no matter how unconventional. He was an open-minded trailblazer who believed in the unique power of young people to make positive change—all qualities that we admire about our colleague, Representative OMAR, today.

Nur is survived by his seven children and many grandchildren, including Congresswoman OMAR's three children, Isra, Adnan and Ilwad Hirsi. He will be remembered for his laugh, listening ear, and open heart.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the life of Nur Omar

Mohamed and the incredible impact he made on our society.

HONORING KIMBERLY BAXTER AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE
OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Kimberly Baxter, Executive Director of Special Projects and Director of the Iowa Accountability Program for the Iowa Judicial Branch, as our Iowan of the Week.

To those who know her, Director Baxter's mission is very clear: leave things better than how she found them. She strives to shine a light on all voices—making sure everyone is not only heard but also understood—and to unite our communities. She is a firm believer that change starts when we make the effort to stop and listen to each other.

Over the years, Director Baxter has had many opportunities to further that mission in the State of Iowa. She helped to establish Iowa's first-ever domestic violence court and other innovative programs that offer safety and resources to victims as well as offender rehabilitation. In her current role as Executive Director of Special Projects, she continues to provide assistance to and perspective on underserved populations. Through the Iowa Accountability Program, she seeks to make "Good Courts—Great Courts" by examining how the Iowa Judicial Branch can improve policies on handling domestic violence cases and enhancing access to justice.

In partnership with the Iowa Judicial Branch's Education Division, Director Baxter also was instrumental in the development and co-facilitation of an implicit bias training program; it included Harvard's Implicit Association Test—which helps people to identify subconscious preferences and gives them the chance to educate themselves based on the results. This training was given to the Iowa Supreme Court and became a requirement for all judicial employees to participate.

Previously, Kimberly Baxter served as the Division Director for the Iowa Department of Human Rights' Commission on the Status of African Americans—where she tackled racial disparities and disproportionate actions against Black Iowans. In this role, she also helped to create programs to help educate Black leaders concerning domestic violence and help people to understand the impacts of violence.

Kimberly Baxter also served as Board President of the Friends of Iowa Civil Rights Commission, where she helped develop annual diversity conferences that offered workshops on social awareness, self-care, implicit bias, discrimination, and expanding organizational outreach to communities of color. She also helped organize annual Friends Luncheons to recognize Iowans' recent and lifetime efforts to improve civil efforts across the state.

In addition to all this important work, Director Baxter also has produced an annual statewide African American Resource Guide over the past 15 years, mapping out Iowa's Black-owned small businesses, organizations, and resources to help support Black communities