

I express deepest gratitude for the precious life of Sister Pamela. Let her life serve as an example to all during this especially challenging time. May her spirit and prophetic legacy inspire a humane path forward for all people who seek liberty.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DR.
THOMAS ELY OF TENNESSEE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Thomas Ely for his distinguished career in the medical profession and recent election as the 124th President of the American Osteopathic Association. Tennesseans across our great state are proud to join me in celebrating his accomplishments and election to the highest leadership role in the osteopathic profession.

Dr. Ely's career has been marked by dedication and tireless leadership in the medical field. As a fellow Tennessean, he served his patients with care and represented our great state for over 30 years as a delegate to the AOA House of Delegates, as well as serving as the President of the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA).

His desire to help others led him to join the United States Army, where he served honorably for 20 years, and where he received many honors, including the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star. Even after retiring from service, he eagerly answered the call to support our troops during Operation Desert Storm. It is the sacrifices of brave men and women like Dr. Ely that has built our country, and we are forever indebted to his service.

I am honored to have worked alongside Dr. Ely in the medical profession. On behalf of the United States Congress, I wish to commend Dr. Ely for his service, and I congratulate him as he continues his lifelong career of serving others, now as the President of the American Osteopathic Association.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF ALAN S. BECKER

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of my dear friend, co-founder of Becker and Poliakoff law firm, Alan S. Becker. Alan's quest for a law degree brought him to Florida where he attended the University of Miami School of Law. Alan graduated in 1969 and scored the highest grade on that years legal Bar exam. Early in his career he worked in the Office of the Attorney General and as an assistant public defender.

At the age of 26, Alan became the youngest person elected to the Florida House of Representatives, serving three terms from 1972 to 1978. Alan pioneered community association law with his long-time business partner, Gary Poliakoff, initially working out of the trunk of a car representing condo owners. Their law firm

has since grown into one of the largest in Florida, with offices in New York, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C.

The official accolades and honors for Alan are too numerous to count, however, I want to highlight a few. Alan passed the Czech Republic Bar exam in 1992 and served as honorary counsel there until 2016. He was a passionate writer, teacher and painter. He authored two books, taught "The Business of Law" at the University of Miami School of Law, and lectured on leadership at Keiser University. Alan sat on the Board of Directors for Enterprise Florida and received the Governor's Business Ambassador Medallion for his contributions to economic development.

Madam Speaker, Alan was a lifelong Democrat, but always reached across the aisle and worked in conjunction with others to find the best solution for our community, a quality that I honor and respect and is one of the many outstanding qualities of his character that made me proud to call him a friend. I extend my heartfelt condolences to Alan's family and friends and I pray that they find comfort during this extremely difficult time. Alan will be dearly missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ELI KENT

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of an outstanding young man whose life was taken too soon. Eli Kent, the son of Nicky and Alisha Gray Kent, passed away at the age of 10 on June 25, 2020, at the North Mississippi Medical Center.

Eli was known for his love of travel and Ole Miss sports. When he wasn't watching the excitement on Swayze field, Eli was watching his sister dance or the Wheel of Fortune. He was also a special member of Bethel Baptist Church, sharing his smile with the many people who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents, Nicky and Alisha Kent; his sister, Kylee Kent; his grandparents, Jeff and Lori Gray, and James Kent; as well as many friends and extended family members.

Eli suffered from spinal muscular atrophy, and while we mourn his loss, we know he is pain-free and safe in the arms of our Lord.

RECOGNIZING THE ASTRO JELLY
DOGS' ACHIEVEMENT OF BEING
SELECTED AS A GLOBAL INNO-
VATION SEMI-FINALIST TEAM

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable accomplishment of my constituents, the Astro Jelly Dogs, who were selected as a Global Innovation Semi-Finalist Team for the FIRST LEGO League Global Innovation Award. I congratulate Ryan Vollmer, Mary Jane Gibson, Tyler Carney, Samuel Perretta, Jack Stauder, Molly Rich-

ards, Benjamin Richards and their coach, Kelly Vollmer, on their passionate commitment to environmentally sustainable solutions and their impressive results. Through their innovation, the Grow Home, the Astro Jelly Dogs will renovate an abandoned row house to provide Baltimore City residents more access to fruits and vegetables.

The FIRST LEGO League Global Innovation Award recognizes and celebrates the next generation of innovators. Teams identify a problem in their local community and then work to design a unique and environmentally sustainable solution. Teams are tasked with considering barriers to implementation, evaluating their invention and validating their invention with STEM professionals. 20 semi-finalist teams are chosen from 40,000 FIRST LEGO League teams from over 100 countries to receive further assistance and ultimately win a cash prize.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary achievement of these bright children and I hope my colleagues and constituents will join me in congratulating the Astro Jelly Dogs on a job well done.

REMEMBERING MARIE J.
BONAMICI-WOODCOCK

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the beautiful life of Marie J. Bonamici-Woodcock, mother of my esteemed colleague, Congresswoman SUZANNE BONAMICI, who passed away on June 14, 2020, at the age of 91.

Marie was born on August 10, 1928, in Detroit, Michigan. Growing up, she studied music and had a profound appreciation for the arts. In 1948, Marie married and moved to Plymouth and then Northville, Michigan, where she raised three children, Andrew, SUZANNE, and James. She was an active member of the Northville Historical Society and the Detroit Folklore Society.

She modeled for her children openness to ideas, respect for the environment, and a deep appreciation of diverse cultures. She inspired in them lifelong interests in music, art, world cultures, environmental protection, and human rights—all qualities that we admire about our colleague, Representative BONAMICI, today.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents; her two brothers, John and Robert Kehrl; and her husband, George. She is survived by her children, Andrew Bonamici (Beth), SUZANNE BONAMICI (Michael Simon), and James Bonamici (Debra); grandchildren, Kate Flaim (Ben), Tom Bonamici, Andrew Simon, Peter Bonamici, Sara Simon, and Nicolas Bonamici; and three great-grandchildren, Tuck, Ellie, and Hannah Flaim.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the remarkable life of Marie Bonamici-Woodcock and the love of peace and freedom that she spread throughout society.

ZAC KERNS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zac Kerns upon his promotion from Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel in the United States Army. Zac is a peerless example for hard work, dedication and excellence not only for the United States Military, but also to his home town of St. Joseph, Missouri.

After graduating from Missouri Western State University and being commissioned as an officer through their ROTC program, Zac was selected for the demanding Special Forces Qualification Course. This led to a sixteen year career as a Green Beret. During that time, he led an element of Special Operations forces from four NATO nations. Zac then spent three years as Deputy Chief of Special Operations for the Middle East Operation Command Central. When Zac returned to the states, he did so as an instructor at the Command and General Staff College, where he began passing his real world knowledge to the next generation of officers. Since 2018, Zac has commanded the Assessment Squadron of the Asymmetric Warfare Group where in addition to training future experts in asymmetric warfare, also advised the army on establishing the Battalion and Brigade Commanders Assessment Program. Currently, Zac is a Fellow at the School for Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. During his career, Zac has also earned three Bronze Stars, five Meritorious Service Medals, the Special Forces and Ranger Tabs, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Senior Parachutist and Air Assault Badge.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Zac Kerns for his promotion to Colonel in the United States Army. I would also like to recognize Colonel Kern's family for a moment. His lovely wife, Rosemary, and sons, Kaiden, Kale and Liam, for their support of Zac as he's served the United States of America. I want to thank Zac and his family, on behalf of the Sixth Congressional District, the State of Missouri and the United States of America for their ongoing service to each of us. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress.

HONORING THE FAITHFUL SERVICE OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MATTHEW BROWN OF TENNESSEE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Warrant Officer Matthew Brown for his distinguished service to this nation.

Chief Brown served honorably in the United States Army for over three decades, demonstrating exceptional skill and unparalleled valor in crucial combat operations. Early in his career, he served five years in the 82nd Airborne Division, deploying with the 17th Cav-

alry to Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He then joined the 101st Airborne Division before eventually being assigned to the nation's elite 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) in 1998.

As a helicopter pilot with the Night Stalkers, Chief Brown deployed in the initial invasion of Iraq in 2003, and subsequently completed over 34 deployments with our nation's tier one special operators in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn.

On one such mission, while under intense enemy fire, Chief Warrant Officer Brown successfully destroyed multiple enemy positions, enabling ground forces to organize defensive positions. For his gallantry, which saved many lives that day, he was awarded the Silver Star. Chief Brown was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross for the successful destruction of numerous enemy combatants during a classified mission in 2005.

Chief Warrant Officer Brown will forever be an example to countless soldiers and Army aviators. His service is historic. He exemplifies the virtues of courage and patriotism and it is fitting that we honor him as he concludes a long and faithful career. On behalf of the United States Congress, I wish to commend Chief Brown for his service, and I congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Army.

RECOGNIZING ERIC MILLER OF JORDAN

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Eric Miller of Jordan for his 20-plus years of service to Garfield County as an extension agent and a mentor to the community's young people.

For more than two decades, Eric has served as a Montana State University extension agent in Garfield County. He's a proud Bobcat who earned his master's degree in animal science with an emphasis in genetics at MSU. His connection with MSU and his love of agriculture brought him to Jordan as the county's extension agent.

Eric loves his job. He enjoys helping people, and he'll tell you no one day is like another. He wears many hats. Some days, he teaches adult education classes. Others, he solves problems. Still others, he advises the county and local farmers. Eric helps farmers increase production and profitability throughout the county, but he acknowledges these are challenging times for our agricultural community.

Eric also focuses his efforts and energies on supporting the area's youth. For more than 20 years, Eric has been the Garfield County 4-H director. While agriculture is a big focus of 4-H, the group's main priority is to empower young people with skills and through experiences. Focused on their interests, the young people undertake hands-on projects, whether it's raising and breeding livestock, farming, wood working, welding, cooking, shooting sports, or another activity. Through continuing education and mentorship, 4-H provides them the opportunity to grow and develop.

Eric's favorite part is watching kids learn. He says there's nothing like seeing a kid's light go

on when working on a project. He says it's a powerful moment when a participant comes to fully understand his or her project, and you get a lot of those moments a kid is involved in 4-H for years.

For Garfield County, 4-H is more than a club. It's part of their community. It's a way for kids to interact and build relationships beyond school. One of the biggest events in the area is the Garfield County Fair where 4-H members showcase their projects for everyone to see. It's the culmination of all their hard work and dedication.

Madam Speaker, for his decades of helping people in his community, from farmers to young people, I recognize Eric Miller of Jordan for his Spirit of Montana.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MARTHA RUTH SANSON WHITE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Martha Ruth Sansom White, who passed away on June 24, surrounded by her family.

Born on April 18, 1940, Martha was the first-born of three girls to the loving parents of Russell Tilden and Idelle Gray Sansom. Following in her parents' footsteps, she received her Bachelor of Education from the University of Mississippi. While at Ole Miss, she not only earned her degree but met and fell in love with Bill White. They were married on May 12, 1962, and were happily married for 58 years.

Martha continued her passion for education by earning her Masters in Education from Mississippi State University. Like her parents, she went on to teach at Itawamba Community College and would later teach the vocational program at Northeast Community College, only retiring after 37 years.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband William "Bill" Dyke White; her daughter, Kristy Moore Gibson; her son, John Russell White; as well as many other friends and extended family members.

Martha's life was one of grace and love for her family and community. She will be greatly missed by all whom she encountered.

REMEMBERING FLORENCE "PEGGY" ANDERSON

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the special life of Florence "Peggy" Anderson, a notable leader in Michigan's 11th District who passed away on June 6, 2020, at the age of 93.

Peggy was born on June 25, 1926, in Sturgis, Michigan to Arthur and Margaret (Hetherington) Carls. Peggy was a graduate of Sturgis High School, from where she went on to work as a secretary with the War Department in 1943 and later with the Pontiac School District and Clinton Valley Center. She was a long-time member of the Waterford