

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our thanks and best wishes to an organization that has created countless change and done so much for residents of the Hoosier state. I extend a heart-felt congratulations on this milestone anniversary and wish Indiana Black Expo another 50 years of success.

**MITCH McCUMBER RETIRES
AFTER 22 YEARS OF SERVICE**

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a great man and citizen of Southwest Missouri, Mr. Mitch McCumber, as he celebrates his upcoming retirement. For the last 22 years, Mitch has served as the CEO and General Manager of New-Mac Electric Cooperative and will have the longest tenure of any CEO or General Manager in the co-op's history.

New-Mac Electric Cooperative was incorporated in 1939 and serves nearly 18,000 member accounts primarily in Newton, McDonald, and Jasper counties. Under Mitch's leadership, New-Mac has enjoyed steady growth, and many of his colleagues contend that it would not be where it is today without Mitch's strong leadership.

Mitch is a certified public accountant and worked for a number of CPA firms before he joined the New-Mac team. He began his career with the co-op in January of 1995, rising to the general manager position in 1998.

McCumber is also an active member of his community where he lives with his wife, Becky, and has served on numerous boards and civic organizations including KAMO Power, Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives, Missouri Southern State University, Freeman Health Systems, Freeman Neosho Hospital, Community Bank and Trust, Consumer Electric Power Association, and Neosho Chamber of Commerce. He has served as the chairman for many of the aforementioned boards, and he is a member of both the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts and the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accounts.

I wish Mitch the very best as he embarks on this new chapter of life and I am grateful for his service to his community.

**TRIBUTE TO 1ST LIEUTENANT
DAVID JOHN SCHMITZ**

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a hero and true American patriot, United States Air Force First Lieutenant David John Schmitz. Today we ask that the House of Representatives honor and remember this incredible young man who died in service to our country.

1st Lt. Schmitz was born in Santa Barbara, California on February 17, 1988 to Brian and Sherrie Schmitz. At the age of only 17, 1st Lt. Schmitz earned his private pilot's license

marking the start to his career in aviation. He attended San Diego State University where he enrolled in the University's Air Force ROTC program in hopes of becoming an Air Force pilot. His success in the program was evident and before completing his degree he enlisted in the United States Air Force.

His first duty station was as a loadmaster and instructor on a C-17 cargo plane where he participated in critical missions, such as delivering supplies to troops on the ground in Afghanistan and Iraq. It was during his time as a loadmaster that he met the love of his life and his future wife, Valerie Rudolph. With Valerie living in New Mexico and David stationed in Tacoma, Washington, the two began their relationship, which they navigated through long-distance and two deployments. They were married in 2013.

1st Lt. Schmitz completed his undergraduate degree through Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, keeping up his studies even while deployed. Once he completed his degree, 1st Lt. Schmitz earned a slot as a fighter pilot and was commissioned through Officer Training School. He completed his undergraduate pilot training with high honors and earned numerous accolades.

His great success led him to be selected to fly F-16 aircraft at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, South Carolina. On June 30, 2020, 1st Lt. Schmitz was tragically killed when his F-16 crashed during a training mission. He is survived by his wife Valerie, their dog Toby, his parents Brian and Sherrie Schmitz, sister Laura Schmitz (Issac Stewart), and his grandmother Louise Schmitz, along with numerous relatives and friends.

As we look at the incredibly rich military history of our country we realize that this history is comprised of men and women, just like 1st Lt. Schmitz, who bravely fought for the ideals of freedom and democracy. Each story is unique and humbling for those of us who, far from the dangers they have faced, live our lives in relative comfort and ease. The day the Schmitz family learned of their husband, son, and brother's death was probably the hardest day they have ever faced, and our thoughts, prayers and deepest condolences go out to them. His sacrifice is forever etched in our nation's great history of freedom triumphing over oppression. 1st Lt. Schmitz's family has given a part of themselves in the loss of their loved one and we hope they know that the goodness he brought to this world and the sacrifice he has made will never be forgotten.

HONORING RICHARD BURGESON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Richard Dennis Burgeson of Bonita Springs, Florida passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 31, 2020, at the age of 74.

Born on January 18, 1946, in Oak Park, Illinois, Rich was the youngest of three sons to Gunnar and Alice Burgeson. Rich attended college at Bradley University in Illinois with his high school sweetheart, Maria Vorgias. Upon graduation from Bradley, Rich went on to teach 5th Grade in Oak Park. He married Maria on July 20, 1968 and they settled into

their home in Hinsdale, Illinois. After teaching for several years, Rich went to work at the Burgeson family business, Albin Carlson Company, a successful road construction company based in Illinois. Rich worked as the Chief Financial Officer at Albin Carlson until the family sold the business in 2005 and Rich retired. He and Maria moved to the Copperleaf Community in Bonita Springs, Florida soon thereafter where Rich was able to focus on his golf game and pursue his life long passion of boating. He was an active member of the Copperleaf Community and served on various committees within Copperleaf. Rich was a loving husband, father, father-in-law, and friend, but most importantly a loving grandfather. Nothing made his eyes light up more than when he was able to spend time with his four grandchildren.

Rich is survived by his wife, Maria Burgeson of Bonita Springs, Florida; son Eric Burgeson, daughter-in-law Christine Burgeson, granddaughters Caroline and Olivia; Danielle Burgeson Cashman, son-in-law Brendan Cashman, granddaughter Maeve and grandson Liam; his brother Donald Burgeson and his wife Norma; and his sister-in-law Mary Ann Burgeson. Rich was preceded in death by his parents, Gunnar and Alice Burgeson, and his brother Glenn Burgeson. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Richard Burgeson's name to the Copperleaf Charitable Foundation. Donations will be used to support local charities in the area. The Copperleaf Charitable Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Please send donations to: Copperleaf Charitable Foundation, Inc. ("In Memory of Richard Burgeson" 23101 Copperleaf Boulevard, Estero, Florida, 34135.

**IN CELEBRATION OF THE ROSIE
THE RIVETER ROSE GARDEN**

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the Rosie the Riveter Rose Garden at the McFadden Ross House in Dearborn, Michigan.

Rosie the Riveter is one of the most iconic images of female ingenuity, perseverance, and strength. As widespread male enlistment left gaping holes in the industrial labor force during World War II, the Rosie the Riveter campaign was launched to recruit female workers to join the wartime labor force and fill the gaps in male-dominated industries. The bandana-clad Rosie flashing her bicep quickly became one of the most successful recruiting tools in American history. Inspiring a "We Can Do It!" attitude among women across the country, the campaign prompted an estimated five million civilian women to enter the defense industry and commercial sector. Known as the "Rosies," the powerful women produced airplanes, ammunitions, and warships on a massive scale. They worked as riveters, sanders, welders, assembly line workers, Red Cross volunteers, and so much more.

The dedication of the Rosie the Riveter Rose Garden exemplifies our community's continued admiration for the Rosies and how important they are to Michigan's story. As part

of the Arsenal of Democracy, Southeastern Michigan became one of the greatest suppliers of airplanes, tanks, trucks, and weapons for the American war effort. The automotive industry quickly adapted to produce wartime supplies on an automotive-style assembly line, and the opening of the famous Willow Run Bomber Plant led to the impressive completion of one bomber per hour. Rosies working in factories throughout Michigan became the emblem for wartime production, and their hard work and efforts were crucial to America and its allies in winning the global conflict.

The call for women to join the workforce during World War II was meant to be temporary. Yet, the Rosies' efforts shattered the glass ceiling for women in the labor force, and clearly demonstrated that women were capable, smart, and strong workers who could hold their own. Their impact revolutionized the workplace, and their example paved a path for generations of women to follow. They have become the ultimate symbol of female empowerment, and their legacy is one that will never be forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the dedication of the Rosie the Riveter Rose Garden. I am grateful for our community's commitment to honoring these amazing women and their contribution to progress. The beautiful, strong, and resilient roses will remind all of the remarkable Rosies who made victory possible and changed America forever.

CONGRATULATING SANJAY REDDY

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud my outstanding constituent and staffer, Sanjay Reddy, as he makes his departure from my Washington, D.C. office to attend Georgetown University Law Center.

Sanjay joined my staff upon my being sworn into Congress, and he quickly helped to develop and establish our office. He built our constituent correspondence program from the ground up as my Legislative Correspondent, and he met regularly with constituents regarding health care and developing medical technologies as my Legislative Aid. In every project he took on, Sanjay demonstrated the utmost thoughtfulness and professionalism. He was an exemplary Hill staffer, and I have no doubt that he will exhibit the same character and commitment in all his future accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, I extend my deepest gratitude to Sanjay Reddy for his dedication to our team, and to the constituents of Michigan's 11th District. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Sanjay much success in his upcoming studies and future law career.

IN MEMORY OF BRADLEY H.
PATTERSON, JR.

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give my respects to Brad Patterson, who recently passed away after many decades of dedicated service to our country.

Graduating with a master's degree in 1943 from the University of Chicago, Brad served in the State Department and then as Deputy Counselor to the Cabinet under President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Brad was also the first Executive Director of the Peace Corps under President John F. Kennedy.

After a stint with the Treasury Department, the National War College and the National Advisory Council on the Selective Service, Brad returned to the White House, this time serving as Executive Assistant to Leonard Garment under President Richard M. Nixon.

Most Americans would be proud to have had such a distinguished career and bountiful life.

As an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, I hold Brad in especially high regard for his role in advising President Nixon and helping to shape the federal policy of Indian self-determination. On July 8, 2020, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of President Nixon's Special Message to Congress on Indian Affairs and not coincidentally, the most important and successful federal policy regarding Native people the United States has ever had. It is also the 50th anniversary of the restoration of its sacred Blue Lake to the Taos Pueblo, which was the symbolic centerpiece of the Nixon message.

As Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs, Brad and his colleagues—Leonard Garment, Bobbie Kilberg, Lee Huebner, and others—worked with Nixon's chief domestic policy adviser, John Ehrlichman, to develop and propose to the President what was then a radical new shift in federal Indian policy.

America was in flux in the late 1960s with an unpopular ground war in southeast Asia, a growing civil rights movement, and a nascent ecological awareness beginning.

In 1970, this new policy that Brad played a key role in shaping looked back at the devastation earlier policies had caused to tribal communities and sought a new paradigm based on strong tribal governments and vibrant tribal economies.

Brad also worked to restore fishing rights to the Yakima Nation, helped pass the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and was instrumental in resolving the American Indian Movement's occupation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' office in Washington, D.C.

For five decades, Nixon's policy has continued to help Indian tribes make enormous strides in terms of governance and economic growth. As we approach the 50th anniversary of that policy, let us look at Brad Patterson's life and work to inspire us as we make our way through these dark and troubled times.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF CLARA
HAZZARD BY HER DAUGHTER
THE HONORABLE LADORIS
HAZZARD CORDELL

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to memorialize the poignant words spoken by my constituent, the Honorable LaDoris Cordell, in praise of her beloved mother, on the occasion of her mother's passing.

A tribute to Clara Hazzard from her middle and tallest daughter.

We don't get to choose our parents. If we are lucky, we get parents who are adequate. If we are blessed, we get parents who are exceptional. My sisters and I were truly blessed. Our parents were extraordinary. While my words are dedicated to our mother, always know that she and my father were a team who together led remarkable lives.

There are two types of people in the world: bystanders and upstanders. Bystanders are those who stand by on the sidelines and when injustice raises its ugly head, they stand by, throw up their hands, sigh, complain, and do nothing, hoping for someone to come along to make things better. The upstander, on the other hand, stands up, sits up, speaks up, sings up, and lawyers up for justice. Clara Hazzard was an upstander all of her life. Here are just a few examples. She stood up to racism when the white teachers and administrators at the Ardmore Avenue Elementary School placed disproportionate numbers of Black students into special education classes. As one of the leaders of the local NAACP, our mother organized the picket lines that showed up every day at the school to protest. That was in the day when there were no computers, or Internet, or cell phones. Every night, I recall her getting on the phone to line up people to volunteer to be on the picket lines. In the 1960s, she protested when a local department store had only white dolls on its shelves. She followed up with a letter to the management demanding that dolls of color be sold at their stores. She prevailed, of course, and black dolls soon filled the shelves. She opened up our home when there were people in need of a place to stay. Some of those people who benefited from her kindness and generosity are here in this church today. When Roxana auditioned for the Haverford High School cheerleading squad and made it, the schools' white administrators threw up a big roadblock by telling her that they had run out of the pleated skirts cheerleaders were required to wear, so she couldn't participate. When she told our mother, her response was to work through the night making a pleated skirt. Clara Hazzard stayed up, and sold up, to get justice for her child.

Some of you may remember that there was an A&P market where Mate's is now situated. One day, when my mother and I were in the market's parking lot and I was pushing the grocery cart next to her—I was maybe seven years old at the time—the cart accidentally bumped the side of a parked car, causing no damage. The white man who was sitting in the car got out and yelled at me, using the N-word several times. Well, Mrs. Hazzard spoke up and laid that man out, whereupon he shut up and quickly got back in his car. Clara Hazzard would not hesitate to lay you out if you didn't behave.

Spring Cleaners, the business that our parents ran for more than forty years that supported our family, was also a place where