

## GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT

**HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2020*

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, Yesterday, I mistakenly voted against the Great American Outdoors Act. As cosponsor of the House companion to this bill, I support permanent, full funding for the Land and Conservation Fund and funding for deferred maintenance in the National Parks System. This important piece of legislation would protect and ensure safe access to important locations in West Virginia like the Monongahela National Forest or the New River Gorge National River. The continued operation of locations like these would further generate \$9 billion annually in consumer spending and support 91,000 jobs across West Virginia.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY BARBARA "B.J." DURHAM

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2020*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I would like to wish Ms. Barbara B.J. Durham a happy birthday and recognize her service to our nation as an educator and author.

Ms. Durham was born in Chicago and attended Beasley Elementary school where she would find her passion for education by the 4th grade, thanks to her teacher Mrs. Ollie MacLemore. Ms. Durham would use that passion later in life to train future educators like herself. Barbara Durham is also the author of the wonderful book "Willie Lee: A little slave boy who was determined to learn how to read and be free!" and is working on her next book in honor of her 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Ollie MacLemore.

On behalf of the great city of Chicago, I would like to thank Ms. Durham for her services to this great nation and wish her a very happy birthday.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2020*

Mr. LUGÁN. Madam Speaker, during Roll Call Vote Number 148 on H.R. 6395, I recorded my vote as Yes when I intended to have voted No.

## HONORING AMY REISCH

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2020*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Amy Reisch who is retiring from the First 5 Marin Children and Fam-

ilies Commission (First 5 Marin) after 20 years as its visionary executive director, culminating a career spanning almost 50 years of exemplary public service.

Born in 1949 in Omaha, Nebraska, to Harold and Celia Lewis, Ms. Reisch's passion for equity started at an early age when she and her sister Beth attended a progressive summer camp where many of the campers and staff were from different racial, religious, economic, and ethnic backgrounds. After graduating from high school in Philadelphia, Ms. Reisch obtained a degree in Sociology from the University of Pennsylvania, followed by a Master of Social Work from the City University of New York Hunter Graduate School of Social Work. She went on to apply her educational acumen through employment with several important organizations serving children and families including FOCUS on Women's Education and Advocacy at the University of Pennsylvania; Jewish Family and Children's Services of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties; YWCA of San Francisco, Marin, and San Mateo; Northern California Coalition of Civil Rights; and as a board member of the United Way of the Bay Area.

First 5 Marin was created by Proposition 10 in 1998 and authorized by the Mann County Board of Supervisors in 1999. The Act allows a levy on taxes from cigarettes and other tobacco products to be used for funding early childhood development programs. First 5 Marin used this revenue to enhance early learning programs and experiences for school age children, helping them to have more successful academic careers and equal opportunities in life. As Executive Director for First 5 Marin, Ms. Reisch was well known for her intelligent, passionate and innovative approach to delivering services to children and families in Marin. During her 20 years as Executive Director, her ability to seek out diverse board members with different expertise and backgrounds enabled her to build a Commission representing all children and families in Marin County, regardless of their background.

Under her leadership, First 5 Marin funded programs including the CARES program to provide stipends to educators in early childhood classrooms for continuing professional development and training; the Children's Health Initiative to provide outreach and enrollment assistance for health insurance for individuals who are not eligible for public programs; the School Readiness Program that offers free Kindergarten preparation for children who need it, and the Children's Oral Health Project to provide free oral health screenings and dental cleanings to Marin's preschools and child care facilities.

Among her many skills and talents, Ms. Reisch has a knack for bringing together community leaders from the nonprofit, public, and private sectors to build partnerships to improve services for children, youth and families. Her ability to create strong working partnerships including with the County of Marin and the Mann Community Foundation, and to bring together other influential thought leaders and funders most recently culminated with the formation of MarmKids, an advocacy group for children of all ages in Marin. This work started in 2009, with key leaders from around the county who developed an ambitious and comprehensive vision for all children in Marin. The organization's advocacy led to a community

funding measure to establish a dedicated funding stream for children and youth in Marin County to improve children's health and well-being. Although that measure was narrowly defeated in November 2016, the work lives on thanks to her enduring leadership. In establishing Marin Communications Forum, First 5 Marin furthers public education and coalition-building at no cost through monthly gatherings with experts who share information and inspiration on ways to best serve children and families in Marin County.

Ms. Reisch extended her reach and many skills and talents to First 5's Bay Area Regional Executive Director group and the First 5 Association of California's executive committee. Her work has been recognized by many groups and organizations over the years including by the Marin County Office of Education for her leadership in increasing access to high quality preschools in 2008, and by the Marin County Board of Supervisors who named Ms. Reisch as their Children's Health Initiative Champion in 2009. Further, Ms. Reisch and First 5 Marin received a Certificate of Recognition from the California State Legislature for promoting programs that help children prepare to enter school with emotional and social development through inclusion and equity.

Ms. Reisch's enduring commitment to outreach and advocacy to promote the structural changes needed to advance equity and develop tomorrow's healthy and well-educated public leaders is a gift that will keep on giving after she retires. Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing deep appreciation for Ms. Reisch's career, and in wishing her much fun and love with her daughters and grandchildren and the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

## IN RECOGNITION OF STEVE MADDOX BEING NAMED THE 2019 WORLD DAIRY EXPO'S DAIRYMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. TJ COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2020*

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Steve Maddox, Sr. of RuAnn and Maddox Dairies on being named the 2019 World Dairy Expo's Dairyman of the Year.

Steve Maddox, a third-generation dairyman from Riverdale in Fresno County, knows that dairy farming is not just a career—it's a way of life, and a life that proudly unites generations of his family. In 1957, Steve's father Doug Maddox started RuAnn Dairy. That's where Steve's love for dairy farming was kindled. When the family purchased a farm in 1980, he took on new responsibilities managing the new farm, Maddox Dairy.

The family's operations have grown tremendously since 1980. Currently, Steve manages the 3,200 milking cows at Maddox Dairy, while his brother Patrick Maddox manages another 1,100 head at the original RuAnn Dairy. Steve's commitment to the industry goes beyond his own dairy operation. He was one of the initial directors of the board for California Dairies, Inc., and served as board secretary for over 10 years. He also sat on the board

and provided direction to the National Milk Producers Federation and was also involved with the creation of the producer-owned dairy cooperative DairyAmerica, Inc.

Additionally, through his commitment to the dairy industry, the Maddox Dairy has served as a model for genetic innovation for dairymen throughout the United States. The Maddox Dairy began as a grade commercial herd, however, through genetic advancement and embryo transfer, the herd has transitioned to 100 percent registered Holsteins. Both RuAnn and Maddox Dairies are committed to advancing genetics in the industry and today they export their dairy cattle genetics to 35 countries.

Due to the hard work and commitment of local family farmers like Steve Maddox, Fresno County is amongst the top ag producing counties in the nation and the 21st Congressional District is the largest dairy producing district in the country.

I offer my sincerest congratulations to Mr. Maddox for being named the 2019 World Dairy Expo's Dairyman of the Year and wish him continued success as he continues to provide leadership to our nation's dairy industry.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. RALPH LEE ABRAHAM

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2020*

Mr. ABRAHAM. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, July 22, I was unavoidably detained on Roll Call Votes No. 153 and No. 154. Had I been present to vote I would have voted "NAY" on Roll Call Vote No. 153 and "NAY" on Roll Call No. 154.

IN MEMORY OF REVEREND DOCTOR CORDY TINDELL "C.T." VIVIAN

#### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2020*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding Man of God, iconic civil rights pioneer, dedicated leader, and dear friend of longstanding, Rev. Dr. Cordy Tindell "C.T." Vivian. Sadly, Rev. Vivian transitioned from labor to reward on Friday, July 17, 2020, at the age of 95. He leaves in his wake many heavy hearts among his family, friends, community, and across the nation. A homegoing service celebrating his life was held Thursday, July 23, 2020, at Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Cordy Tindell Vivian, or "C.T." as he was affectionately known, was born on July 30, 1924, in Boonville, Missouri to the late Mr. Robert Cordie and Ms. Euzetta Tindell Vivian. In 1930, his mother and grandmother moved to Macomb, Illinois to allow C.T. to attend non-segregated schools and a local college. He attended Macomb High School, where he graduated in 1942, before matriculating at Western Illinois State Teachers College (now Western Illinois University). At Western Illinois, he planned to major in English literature, but

when he was prohibited from joining a club for English majors, he withdrew from school in protest. He then moved to Peoria, Illinois to work at the Carver Community Center as a Recreation Director. While in Peoria, he participated in his first series of sit-in demonstrations, which resulted in the successful integration of Barton's Cafeteria in 1947.

While studying for the ministry at American Baptist Theological Seminary (now called American Baptist College) in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1959, he met Rev. James Lawson and some of his "disciples" including Diane Nash, Bernard Lafayette, James Bevel, and John R. Lewis. He and his fellow disciples led a months-long, nonviolent desegregation protest at public facilities that forced the city to change its policy. After spearheading the campaign in Nashville, Rev. Vivian served as a replacement for an injured member of the Congress of Racial Equality (C.O.R.E.) on the Freedom Ride to Mississippi. Later, he helped organize Tennessee's contingent for the 1963 March on Washington and was invited to join the staff of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. By 1965, Rev. Vivian had become the Director of National Affiliates for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), a close ally of Dr. King, and a key figure in organizing non-violent civil rights protests throughout the South. That same year, he led a group of protesters to the steps of the Dallas County courthouse in Selma, Alabama, where he encountered Sheriff Jim Clark, who blocked the group and responded by knocking him down with a billy club in front of live cameras. Rev. Vivian, nonviolently, stood up and continued to preach and advocate for the right to vote. The footage from that incident and others including one involving John Lewis were broadcasted on national television creating outrage and widespread support for the movement and ultimately resulting in the passage by Congress of the Voting Rights Act 1965.

Yet, Madam Speaker, Dr. Vivian's profound servant leadership did not stop there. In 1972, Dr. Vivian became Dean of the Chapel at Shaw University and National Director of the Seminary Without Walls. He worked with the Community Organization for the National Council of Churches, for a division of overseas ministries, and participated in a number of agricultural missions. He served on the United Nations Commission on Human Rights Education where he organized the National Center for Human Rights Education. He then returned to lead the SCLC in 2012 as its Interim President helping to restore and enhance its credibility. He received numerous awards, but the most prestigious was the Presidential Medal of Freedom presented by President Barack Obama in 2013.

Rev. Vivian accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and the support of his late wife, Octavia Geans Vivian; his children, Jo Anna, Denise, Cordy Jr. (deceased), Kira, Mark, Anita, and Albert; and other loved ones, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Rev. Vivian once said "Leadership is found in the action to defeat that which would defeat you . . . You are made by the struggles you choose." To that end, he founded the C.T. Vivian Leadership Institute in 2007 with the sole purpose of educating visitors on the correlation between the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. and contemporary Human Rights Movements across the globe.

Madam Speaker, my wife, Vivian, and I, along with countless others throughout Georgia and the nation salute Reverend Doctor C.T. Vivian for his outstanding accomplishments in the ministry and his life of service and sacrifice for the betterment of humankind. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest condolences to Reverend Vivian's family, friends, loved ones, and all who grieve his loss. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEFF HUCKABY BEING NAMED THE ORGANIC TRADE ASSOCIATION'S ORGANIC FARMER OF THE YEAR

#### HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2020*

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jeff Huckaby, President of Grimmway Farms and Cal Organic, for being named the Organic Trade Association's Organic Farmer of the Year.

A fourth-generation farmer, Jeff was born and raised in the small town of Arvin in the southernmost tip of California's Central Valley. He began farming at the age of 11 when he would wake up at the crack of dawn to help on his grandfather's farm. Jeff began his career with Grimmway in 1999 and it wasn't long before he started his work with organic farming. In 2000, as farm manager, he took over all of Grimmway's organic production in California. Jeff would also become general manager of Cal Organic Farms after its purchase by Grimmway in 2001.

Under his guidance and leadership, Grimmway's Cal Organic has grown to be the largest carrot company in the world and the largest organic vegetable producer in the nation. Today, Cal Organic grows over 65 vegetables on 45,000 acres across several states and is proud to state that 100 percent of its produce is grown in the United States.

This true American company is notable for their outstanding accomplishments. They are the largest supplier of organic vegetables to Whole Foods and Albertsons/Vons supermarkets, the leading supplier of organic carrots sold by Walmart and Kroeger and, remarkably, are the sole supplier for every carrot that Costco sells in the U.S. and many other countries.

Through his work Jeff has garnered a well-earned reputation for his expertise in organic farming. Many have sought his knowledge including the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the House Agriculture Committee where he has testified about the role and importance of organic production in our nation.

I am honored to congratulate Jeff on this well-deserved recognition of his unparalleled work ethic, countless achievements, and his outstanding role in organic farming and in the agriculture industry overall.