

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.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL STEPHEN M. "STEPH" TWITTY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great leader, an exceptional officer, and a dear friend. Lieutenant General Stephen M. "Steph" Twitty, my fellow South Carolina State University (SCSU) alumnus and Omega Psi Phi fraternity brother, will soon retire after more than 36 years in the U.S. Army, and I commend him for his extraordinary service to our country.

Lt. Gen. Twitty is a native of Chesnee, South Carolina and his hometown has honored him by naming State Highway 11 in his honor. The local American Legion Post 48 proudly displays signage proclaiming him as a native son.

While growing up as a self-proclaimed "country boy," Steph fell in love with the military. His grandfather, Spc. Carson Mackerson, served 11 years in the segregated U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. As a child, his grandfather ran him through infantry maneuvers in the yard and inspired him to join the National Guard as a junior in high school.

He matriculated at SCSU and joined the Reserved Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program, which had about 600 cadets at that time. Lt. Gen. Twitty graduated among the top

of his ROTC class in 1985, and having a choice of any assignment, he chose to follow in his grandfather's footsteps and become an Army infantryman.

He is part of a proud tradition at SCSU which boasts of 22 ROTC graduates who have attained the rank of general officer. Lt. Gen. Twitty is a shining example of a dedication to excellence and leadership that SCSU's ROTC program instills in its cadets. He was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 2004 and inducted into the SCSU ROTC Hall of Fame in 2009. He has given back by establishing a program in which senior Army officers provide mentorships and leadership development to ROTC cadets at SCSU.

Lt. Gen. Twitty has earned a master's degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University and a master's in National Security Strategy from the National Defense University. He has served five combat tours in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait. His service has taken him to 174 countries and every continent except Antarctica, and he has held some of the most critical positions in defense of our nation.

After his first assignment with the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, he deployed with the 24 Infantry Division during Operation Desert Storm. He has commanded infantry units at the company, battalion, and brigade levels. Lt. Gen. Twitty's assignments as a general officer include deputy commander and commander of the 1st Armored Division, Deputy Chief of Staff of the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan, and commander of the First United States Army.

For the past two years, Lt. Gen. Twitty has been the deputy commander of United States European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. During this period of extraordinary change and challenge in Europe's security environment. He improved relationships with NATO allies and European partners and through his strategic vision, Lt. Gen. Twitty successfully led his command through some of the most complex national security issues facing the United States. The foundations he established will allow NATO and our Armed Forces to meet every mission requirement in Europe. According to Forces Command Commanding General Robert Abrams, "Lt. Gen. Twitty has provided outstanding leadership, advice, and sound professional judgment."

His numerous awards and decorations include the Silver Star Medal, the nation's third highest award for valor. He received the honor for his extraordinary combat leadership of the 3rd Infantry Division's 3rd Battalion 15th Infantry Regiment during the initial assault on Baghdad, Iraq in 2003. He was inducted in the U.S. Army ROTC Hall of Fame in 2018.

Lt. Gen. Twitty is married to the former Karen Wilson. They have two daughters, Ashley and Brooke. The family has served alongside him throughout his career, and their service is appreciated as well.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in thanking Lt. Gen. Twitty for his commitment to service, sacrifices for, and contribution to this great nation and wishes of success in his future endeavors.