

IN RECOGNITION OF RORY GAMBLE AS HE RECEIVES THE LET FREEDOM RING AWARD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rory Gamble's distinguished career and honor his remarkable work as he receives the Rainbow PUSH Let Freedom Ring Award. Gamble's contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

In 1974, Rory Gamble joined the UAW after he was hired at the Ford Motor Co. Dearborn Frame Plant. He quickly became active in UAW Local 600 and has since become a cornerstone of the labor union. Throughout his tenure, Gamble has served in numerous elected and appointed positions including plant trustee, alternate benefit representative, bargaining committee chair, and director, to name a few. Gamble's leadership and ability to work through difficult challenges were recognized by many, leading him to be elected a vice president of the UAW in June 2018. Most recently, Gamble was named President of the UAW by the UAW International Executive Board on December 5, 2019.

As the UAW's first black president, Rory Gamble is recognized as a humble, compassionate, and honest leader who strives to effect meaningful change throughout all his work. Gamble took over the reins of the UAW at a critical moment in the union's history and has spent his first weeks instituting a series of ethics reforms and policy changes to set the UAW back on course. Despite the hardships, Gamble has remained optimistic and is dedicated to working together to navigate through the challenges. Gamble's work has truly made a difference, and his guidance will be imperative in the UAW's future success.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Rory Gamble. Gamble's tenacity for change and commitment to improving the lives of UAW members, their families, and the communities in which they live makes him a deserving recipient of the Let Freedom Ring Award. I am grateful for his impact on our community and wish him continued success in the years ahead.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF KEVIN ANDREW GALLAGHER

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of my friend Kevin Andrew Gallagher, who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness. I had the opportunity to attend a service "celebrating the life and antics of Kevin Gallagher" at the National Ornamental Metal Museum last Sunday at which my friend was honored by his many friends, relatives and colleagues. It was his opportunity to see, and for his children to see, how he will be remembered. Kevin, 48, a masterful public relations and government relations consultant, was my campaign manager and put together

a great team for my election victory for Congress in 2006, one of the first elections in which we were able to get beyond race and gender. Kevin also worked on A C Wharton's first campaign for Shelby County Mayor and later served as his director of public affairs. He also worked on Jim Strickland's first run for the Memphis City Council. He was appointed to the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth by Governor Don Sundquist and was involved in reforming the juvenile justice system. He served on the Center City Commission and on the boards of the Memphis Redbirds, the Riverfront Development Corporation and the National Ornamental Metal Museum. In fact, Kevin is a blacksmith and bladesmith who said that when he got tired of talking to people, "I go beat on metal." The museum where the service was held has created a scholarship program in his name to support the development of emerging blacksmiths and metalsmiths. At the service, one friend recalled that he was "fueled by a sense of humor," but never punched down; he targeted political authority and had a funny way of speaking truth to power. Another recalled the work he did to get the criminal records of past offenders expunged so they could find work and how he helped struggling artisans through addictions and hard times. Kevin also liked to cook and catered dinners for various groups. He had a food blog and recently published *Always Have A Chicken: A Cookbook For My Kids* with 75 family recipes. Kevin's wife, Stacy, and his three children, Clayton Stone, Molly Gallagher and Spencer Gallagher, attended Sunday's service to express their love and saw that love returned. Kevin has led a wonderful life and has made a difference in the lives of so many others. He will be forever remembered.

HONORING DR. RONALD D. MOORE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Ronald D. Moore of Chowchilla, California, who passed away on January 14, 2020. Dr. Moore leaves behind a legacy of steadfast service to his country, community, and family.

Dr. Moore was born in Madera, California on October 16, 1939 and graduated from Chowchilla High School in 1957. Later that year, he joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve and later went on to graduate from Fresno State. In 1961, he married Shirley Marie Pacheco at St. Joachim's Catholic Church in Madera. Dr. Moore attended Officer Candidate School in 1966 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant after graduating as the honor man of his platoon. Dr. Moore then began a distinguished career as a Marine.

Dr. Moore served in Vietnam as a platoon leader, executive officer, and company commander from 1967 to 1968 and upon his return, was promoted to Captain. He then served with the Fifth Marine Division, Third Regiment until he retired in 1969. During his service, he was awarded many medals, including the Navy Commendation Medal with a bronze "V", the National Service Defense Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Re-

public of Vietnam Gallantry Cross—Foreign with a bronze service star, among others.

After his retirement from the Marines Corps, Dr. Moore returned to Chowchilla with his family and began his career in education as a teacher and coach of football and track at Chowchilla Union High School. Dr. Moore later became the Superintendent of Schools and held that position for 23 years until his retirement in 1999.

Throughout his life, Dr. Moore remained involved in his community and committed to making it a better place. He was a member of many organizations including VFW Post 9886, the Third Marine Division Association, the Marines Memorial Club of San Francisco, Rotary International, and the Fresno State Bulldog Foundation, where he was honored as "Hero of the Game" at a Fresno State football game in 2017.

Dr. Moore enjoyed spending time with his family and traveling with his wife Shirley. Together, they traveled to a variety of countries, including a return to Vietnam in 2006 and particularly enjoyed their annual Caribbean cruises. As a lifelong student of history, Dr. Moore published two novels in retirement, "Chopper Caper" and "Dragon Force: The Last Salute."

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring a man whose service to our country and his community have undoubtedly made the world a better place. It is both fitting and appropriate we honor him as many gather to celebrate his legacy. I wish Dr. Moore's family and friends the best as they celebrate his life.

IN MEMORY OF ED WALDHEIM

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible life of Ed Waldheim, who passed away on December 9, 2019 at the age of 81. Mr. Waldheim was a lifelong off-road enthusiast who spent decades advocating passionately for expanding access to public lands.

Ed Waldheim was born in San Francisco in 1938. After growing up in Argentina, he joined the United States Army when he became an adult and later settled in Southern California. In the 1970s California deserts, Ed learned to ride motorcycles and developed his passion for recreating on public lands. He helped off-roaders band together to advocate for continued access to public lands and was an early supporter of the California Off Road Vehicle Association (CORVA). Over his career of public advocacy, he served as President of CORVA, and saw membership triple as he fought to keep areas of the California desert open to off-roaders. Ed received Golden Helmet Award from the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division of California's Department of Parks and Recreation, CORVA's Off-Roader of the Year award, and the Bureau of Land Management's Volunteer of the Year Award. However, Ed was probably best known for his work as founder of the nonprofit Friends of Jawbone, which promotes better riding in the Jawbone Canyon OHV area.

Ed Waldheim's dedication to our public lands was unrivaled, and his spirit will live on

in the places he fought for or improved during his career. His work touched innumerable lives, and he is a model for all those who recreate in California.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND
JESSE L. JACKSON

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. for his lifelong commitment to the betterment of society. His contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

As an undergraduate, Rev. Jackson became involved in the civil rights movement. In 1965, he went to Selma, Alabama to march with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and became a worker in King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference. On April 4, 1968, Jackson was in Memphis, Tennessee when the civil rights leader was assassinated and has been committed to furthering Dr. King's mission ever since. Today, Rev. Jackson has established his own legacy and continues to be one of America's foremost civil rights, religious, and political figures. He is a passionate activist committed to making the world a better place and has been hailed by many for his work in human and civil rights and non-violent social change. Rev. Jackson has received over forty honorary doctorate degrees and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton in 2000, to name a few of his numerous accolades.

In 1971, Rev. Jackson founded Operation PUSH and later established the National Rainbow Coalition. In 1996, the two organizations merged to form Rainbow PUSH, a nonprofit organization dedicated to pursuing social justice, civil rights, and political activism. Over twenty years later, Rainbow PUSH continues to be a multi-racial, multi-issue, and progressive international organization committed to fighting for social change. With a mission to protect, defend, and gain civil rights by promoting economic and educational equality, Rainbow PUSH is a critical resource. The organization uplifts our community's most vulnerable, helping to employ the unemployed, educate children, provide healthcare, and promote peace and justice around the globe.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. His lifetime of dedicated service has made our world a better place and furthers the great legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Like Dr. King, Rev. Jesse Jackson continues to inspire others to work toward freedom, social justice and equality.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. KEVIN
CHRISTENSEN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Kevin Christensen who is retiring from an extensive, noteworthy

career in public service. As the Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation in the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Kevin oversaw a plethora of projects and managed a sizable, dedicated team that ensured that public funds were judiciously and efficiently employed.

Kevin graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University with degrees in biology and chemistry. Soon after, Kevin chose to serve his country as a U.S. Navy officer of which he devoted nine honorable years. Even after his service, Kevin dedicated more of his time working as a manager for the Naval Audit Service where he artfully juggled a multitude of assignments that ensured that our Navy was handling its programs effectively. However, Kevin could not stop there, he joined the EPA in 2008 where he provided his technical expertise and leveraged his skills in management and oversight. While at the EPA, Kevin's hard work earned him a top leadership position as the Deputy Assistant Inspector General, then later to his current position as Assistant Inspector General.

Kevin's remarkable career is worthy of distinction and his retirement from the EPA is both a solemn, yet joyful moment. His passion for both public service and the environment, highlights the vibrant culture at the EPA.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Mr. Christensen on a job well done. On behalf of America's First District, we say thank you.

HONORING ERICA GEE-BRADLEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker and fellow colleagues I rise today to honor a worthy member of our society, Dr. Erica Gee-Bradley.

Dr. Gee-Bradley brings over 25 years of experience working in the Jackson Public School District. She has served generations of scholars and parents in the capacity of a classroom teacher, Assistant Principal, and Principal. After 13 years of dedicated leaderships and principal of Galloway Elementary School, she proudly accepted the invitation to leap into secondary leadership at the high school level. Dr. Gee-Bradley currently serves as Assistant Principal and 9th Grade Academy Instructional Administrator at Provine High School.

Dr. Bradley received her Doctor of Philosophy in Education Administration and Supervision from Jackson State University. She received her Master of Science in Education Administration and Supervision from Jackson State University.

Dr. Gee-Bradley graduated with honors from Tougaloo College with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Erica Gee-Bradley.

LUNAR NEW YEAR 2020

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year in 2020, the Year of the Rat.

As you may know, Asian Americans are the fastest growing ethnic group in the United States. With the continued expansion of Asian diaspora, Lunar New Year is now observed by millions of Asian Americans and by many non-Asian Americans in the United States. This tradition that began in China more than 4,000 years ago, is now widely celebrated across the world.

Lunar New Year, often referred to as Spring Festival in various Asian countries, is celebrated with family reunions, community activities and cultural performances. This is traditionally a time to wish upon others good fortune, health, prosperity, and happiness. Beginning on the second new moon following the winter solstice, or the first day of the new year according to the lunisolar calendar, Lunar New Year extends into the full moon 15 days later. According to the lunisolar calendar, the 15th day of the new year is called the Lantern Festival. This year, Lunar New Year officially begins on January 25th.

Lunar New Year is a special time for families to come together and celebrate the occasion, which is why, when I was a state legislator, I proposed making Lunar New Year a New York City school holiday. I later worked with the mayor and successfully established Lunar New Year as an official school holiday for all public schools in the city, and this year marks the fifth anniversary of this tradition. Students, including my two boys, are now able to fully celebrate with their families on Lunar New Year without facing any consequences for missing school should the holiday fall on a school day. This designation recognizes and appreciates the important immigrant story of AAPs.

Additionally, as the first Asian American elected to Congress from New York, I am proud to introduce today a resolution to recognize the significance of this holiday. I am also grateful to the 68 Representatives who are joining me in introducing this resolution to recognize the cultural and historical significance of the holiday in 2020.

Madam Speaker, I believe Lunar New Year is not only about recognizing the many contributions the Asian American community has made, and continues to make, but it is about honoring and acknowledging that our nation's strength lies in its diversity. Happy Lunar New Year to everyone celebrating in my district in Queens and across the United States.

CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE
AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1158 ON DE-
CEMBER 17, 2019

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, when the Committee on Rules filed its report (H.