

IN HONOR OF ANNA MAC CLARKE

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Anna Mac Clarke. Ms. Clarke was a native of Anderson County, Kentucky and worked to desegregate our nation's armed forces during WWII. Today she is honored with the renaming of her hometown Main Street in her honor.

Ms. Clarke grew up in Anderson County and was a 1937 graduate of Lawrenceburg High School. She then furthered her education at Kentucky State College where she participated in athletics, wrote for the school newspaper, and joined Delta Sigma Theta sorority before graduating with a bachelor's degree in sociology and economics in 1941. Following the Attack on Pearl Harbor, Ms. Clarke decided to join the all-female Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC).

Upon completion of WAAC officer training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, Third Officer Anna Mac Clarke became the first African-American WAAC assigned to a command that was otherwise an all-white unit. Ms. Clarke went on to lead a unit of 144 African-American women in service at Wakeman General Hospital at Camp Atterbury, Indiana before also serving at the WAAC Headquarters in Washington, D.C. After the WAAC auxiliary units became a part of the regular army, Ms. Clarke let the first Women's Army Corps (WAC) unit onto base at Douglas Army Air Field in Arizona. When she and her unit first arrived, the base was segregated. However, Ms. Clarke stood against this injustice, refused to sit in the colored section, and raised this issue with commanding officers. In response, the commanding officer issued the following order, "Educate properly all enlisted and civilian personnel in your respective departments to accept any colored WACs assigned as you would any white man or woman in the Army of the United States. Every consideration, respect, courtesy, and toleration will be afforded every colored WAC. No discrimination will be condoned."

Ms. Anna Mac Clarke sadly passed away on April 19, 1944 at the age of 24 following complications from surgery. Yet, her steadfast contributions to the desegregation of our armed forces serve as an extraordinary example of courage and patriotism in service to one's country. It is my honor to recognize Ms. Clarke, as a street is renamed today in her honor in her hometown of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. I am forever grateful for brave Americans like Anna Mac Clarke.

CONGRATULATING MS. JAILENE FRANCOIS FOR WINNING THE 2020 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION IN FLORIDA'S 20TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Jailene Francois for

submitting the winning entry in the 2020 Congressional Art Competition for Florida's 20th Congressional District. Jailene is a 10th grader at Millennium 6–12 Collegiate Academy in Tamarac, Florida. Her photograph, entitled "Oppression," represents the oppression faced by people of color in America. The piece features a black and white photograph of a small African-American girl, crying, with a white X across her lips.

Typically, we would recognize and congratulate young artists from Congressional Districts throughout the United States with a celebration here in the Capitol. This year is anything but typical. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced millions of American to cancel or postpone their celebrations and we in Congress are not exempt.

Madam Speaker, I take great pride in honoring Jailene for her inspiring art work, which will be displayed on Capitol Hill for the next year.

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HONORING THE SERVICE OF PAUL DEBOLT)

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Paul DeBolt upon his retirement as an educator in Contra Costa County after forty years.

A West Contra Costa native and graduate of De Anza High School in Richmond, Paul attended Contra Costa College before transferring to San Diego State University, where he was a walk-on member of the Aztecs' basketball team. It was during this pursuit of his passion for basketball that Paul discovered another passion in journalism. He graduated with a degree in journalism in 1977 and earned a Master's Degree in mass communications from San Diego State in 1980.

After completing his education, Paul returned to Contra Costa College, teaching journalism and advising the student newspaper. In the classroom, he introduced Contra Costa's diverse student population to the basics of journalism. Through his tutelage and practical experience, students learned the value that quality, accurate reporting can have on communities across the country. Paul even counted among his students his own son David, who would eventually go on to win a Pulitzer Prize for his role in reporting on Oakland's Ghost Ship Fire.

In 1986, Paul started a women's basketball team at Contra Costa College. By the time he stepped down in 2016, he had led the Comets to 11 Bay Valley Conference titles, four visits to California's final eight, three trips to the final four, and two visits to the state championship. Following the state championship game in 2001, Paul was named the California Community College Women's Basketball Association Coach of the Year.

Paul's work in the classroom and on the court has impacted the lives of countless students and athletes at Contra Costa College. As he retires from Contra Costa College, we wish Paul well knowing that his legacy will continue to inspire all those who have known and worked with him.

REMEMBERING STAFF SERGEANT VINCENT MARKETTA

**HON. ANDY KIM**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Staff Sergeant Vincent P. Marketta of Brick, New Jersey, who tragically passed away following an accident while conducting aviation training with this Regiment. He was just 33 years old.

Staff Sergeant Marketta enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2011 as a 15T UH-60 "Black Hawk" Repairer, and was assigned to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne). While assigned to the 160th SOAR, he was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and deployed multiple times to Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. During his service, Staff Sergeant Marketta was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, an Air Medal with V Device for heroism against an armed enemy, and an Army Commendation Medal with C Device.

Staff Sergeant Marketta represents the kind of uncommon courage and sacrifice that defines our service members and their families. Vincent was a loyal and dedicated member of his family and community and served bravely alongside his Regiment in defending our nation abroad. His passing is a tragedy that is felt in Brick, and across the State of New Jersey.

The immense sacrifice that Vincent and his family have made in service to our country is a reminder to all of us in Congress that we are here serving something greater than ourselves. My heart goes out to Staff Sergeant Marketta's family, and the entire Brick community during this incredibly difficult time. Vincent Marketta's dedication and service to our country will not be forgotten.

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TRIBUTE TO DR. FRENCH HARMON

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my long-time friend and pastor, Dr. French Harmon, who has been elected to lead the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

During a time of great unrest in our nation, the church remains our guiding light as an invisible enemy attacks the health of Americans, our economy, and our way of life. It is spiritual leaders like Dr. Harmon who will ensure that our sovereign God is still recognized as the cornerstone of our blessed and sovereign nation.

His servant's heart has never been resigned to ministry inside a building. Rather, Dr. Harmon has embodied the love of Christ through his outreach in every community where he has resided, and through mission work in foreign countries, including Brazil, Israel, Kenya, and South Africa. Successful ministries are often defined by congregation size, tithing growth and doctoral achievements; to that end, Dr. Harmon is among the elite as a Doctor of Philosophy, a Doctor of Ministry, a Master of Theology, a Master of Divinity and upwards of

200% growth in church membership and giving throughout his pastoral assignments. However, it is with great humility that Dr. Harmon would suggest that there is no greater success in ministry than simply sharing the gospel of Christ to a lost world in need of a Savior. As a member of his congregation at First Baptist Church in Somerset, Kentucky, I can personally attest that countless lives have changed as a result of his dedication to Christ's Great Commission.

In recent years, Dr. Harmon has been a consummate advocate for the needs of the people of southern and eastern Kentucky. He organized an anti-drug abuse march and rally in partnership with Operation UNITE to combat the opioid abuse epidemic in our Appalachian region. I recruited him to share his wisdom and expertise as a board member, and now Vice Chair, of SOAR—Shaping Our Appalachian Region, an initiative to revitalize and diversify our coal-producing region. I deeply appreciate his ingenuity and guidance as we collectively work to inspire and generate new economic development opportunities in the mountains.

In addition to serving as my pastor, I count Dr. Harmon as a true friend and trusted advisor. In fact, I invited him to lead prayer on Capitol Hill for the U.S. House of Representatives and to join me during meetings with prominent leaders over the years, including Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He has been a tremendous ambassador for the United States, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the City of Somerset.

For those reasons, I find it bittersweet to congratulate Dr. Harmon as he begins a new chapter as President of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. My prayer for Dr. Harmon and his family is written in Numbers 6:24–26, “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

#### HONORING SIG SANCHEZ

#### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sig Sanchez on his upcoming 100th birthday.

Sig was born in Hollister, California as the second eldest of eleven children. Raised by his Spanish immigrant parents on his family farm, he would eventually have his own farm before entering public service.

In our community, Sig is well known as a pillar of the community and champion of south Santa Clara County. Seven years ago, I rose to honor Sig's accomplishments and thank him for his dedication to our community. He spent over 55 years in public service before retiring, spending numerous years as a Gilroy City Councilmember and Mayor, before becoming a Santa Clara County Supervisor, and then joining as a Valley Water Board Director. He was a key player in the merger of water districts that allowed for full integration of all the county's reservoirs and groundwater facilities, as well as many other important projects. Sig guided the community through the floods in the 1980s and the 1987 drought.

Sig's impact and influence is well documented in our community. He has been inducted into the Gilroy Hall of Fame and was named Man of the Year by Gilroy's Chamber of Commerce in 2013. Even a portion of Highway 101 is named after him.

We are thankful for his many years of service and his presence in our community. Along with his family and friends, I extend my best wishes and heartfelt congratulations to Sig on his 100th birthday.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BILLIE DEAN

#### HON. VAL BUTLER DEMINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mrs. DEMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of City of Apopka Commissioner, Billie Dean. Commissioner Dean passed away on Saturday, September 5, 2020, but his life of service will continue to make a difference in the lives of others for decades to come.

Mr. Dean proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, earning the Bronze Star for his heroism on the battlefield.

After his military service, Commissioner Dean attended Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and received a master's degree in Agriculture. Commissioner Dean was a proud, “rattler” and everyone knew it! He was one of the most enthusiastic alumnus and served as an inspiration to young adults in college or preparing for the journey. Commissioner Dean had a long-standing career spanning 38 years as an agriculture teacher at both Phyllis Wheatley High School and Apopka High School. He fully understood that education was the key to success, and he committed to ensuring that his students were prepared for the future.

Billie Dean loved Apopka and he was willing to do the work necessary to make the place he called home a great place to live, work, and visit. After retiring from the school system, he was elected to the Apopka City Commission. A visionary with a powerful voice, Commissioner Dean worked tirelessly to revitalize South Apopka by creating state of the art facilities, enhancing affordable housing opportunities, and increasing public safety.

Commissioner Dean served on the city commission with honor and distinction for 24 years before retiring as the Vice Mayor.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Dean was a true public servant. His unselfish service to his country and community has truly made a positive difference in the city of Apopka, in the State of Florida, and the United States of America. We are grateful for a life well lived.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MARSHALL J. HUNT

#### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Marshall J. Hunt's many contributions to the communities of Wayne Coun-

ty, Michigan and statewide, particularly his nearly four decades of service to Accounting Aid Society, one of southeast Michigan's largest Volunteer Income Tax Assistance non-profit organizations.

A Certified Public Accountant for more than fifty years, Marshall Hunt accumulated more than thirty years of federal service to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and in tax administration before joining the team at Accounting Aid Society. Mr. Hunt possesses a wealth of knowledge and expertise on income tax issues and tax code. More importantly, Marshall Hunt recognizes the need for financial and income tax services in metropolitan Detroit's most vulnerable communities.

As director of Accounting Aid's income tax program, Mr. Hunt has been instrumental in the organization's growth to provide free income tax preparation at multiple locations throughout southeast Michigan, including mobile pop-up sites. This work is vital in putting deserved dollars in the form of income tax refunds back into the pockets of the people who need it most.

Beyond his work with Accounting Aid Society, Marshall Hunt is an educator. He teaches accounting at University of Michigan Dearborn and is instrumental in Accounting Aid's volunteer income tax preparers' education each year. In addition, he has served on the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council. He is a member of the Michigan Department of Treasury Individual Tax Advisory Group, the Tax Practice and Procedures Committee of the American Institute of CPAs, and the Steering Committee of the Taxpayer Opportunity Network. Mr. Hunt is also active in the Michigan Association of CPAs and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit.

Please join me in recognizing Marshall Hunt's numerous outstanding contributions and his thirty-nine years of service to Accounting Aid Society.

#### HONORING JOANI MOLLER AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

#### HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 11, 2020*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, September is National Suicide Prevention month. In light of this, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Joani Moller, the Area Director for the Iowa Chapter of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, as our Iowan of the Week.

In Iowa, one person dies by suicide every 18 hours. It is the second leading cause of death amongst people ages 15–34 and is the ninth leading cause of death in the state overall. Iowa finds itself in a particularly concerning situation as farmers remain at highest risk of death by suicide. And as we continue to see the effects of isolation during the COVID–19 pandemic on mental health across the board, suicide rates are an immediate concern.

Thankfully, we have people like Joani Moller dedicated to the mission of eliminating suicides in Iowa. After 20 years of non-profit work, Joani became Area Director of the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP) Iowa Chapter just over a year ago. In