

Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn, and Enduring Freedom/Spartan Shield.

During his time in the Army, General Jones also found time to further his education and training, earning a master's degree from the United States War College in 2008. He served in multiple flag officer assignments across the country. After he earned the rank of Army Reserve two-star general, General Jones was promoted to Commander of the 81st Readiness Division in 2017. In this position, General Jones was responsible for ensuring his units—a group amounting to 50,000 soldiers—were fully trained throughout the Southeastern United States region.

During his career, General Jones exemplified excellence and service. He has earned multiple decorations in his career, including Legion of Merit Medals, Bronze Star Medals, and Meritorious Service Medals, to name a few. In his civilian career, General Jones worked for Hallmark Cards Inc. for 28 years as a Plant Engineering Manager before deciding to return to his roots in Texas, where he works for the family insurance business in Bryan as the Business Development and Human Capital Manager.

It is an honor to celebrate General Jones' leadership and unwavering commitment to our great country. I am proud to join his wife Cheryl, their two daughters, and two grandchildren to thank him for a long, devoted career of service and wish him well as he begins this next chapter of life.

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DEBATE ON H.R. 1668, THE IOT CYBERSECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT

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**HON. ROBIN L. KELLY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, in regards to a technical question from some of my colleagues, H.R. 1668 will set the minimum security policies and vulnerability disclosure guidance for the procurement of government Internet of Things devices. To ensure that devices do not slip through the cracks, Section 7 of this bill includes a simplified acquisition threshold provision. The intent of this section is to ensure that all contracts, even those below the simplified acquisition threshold, are subject to the standards and guidelines developed under section 4 or the guidelines published under section 5.

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TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH T.  
MCELVEEN, JR.

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**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and the retiring Mayor of my hometown of Sumter, South Carolina. Joseph T. McElveen, Jr. is a dedicated public servant and an ardent advocate for Sumter. His leadership will be missed, but I know he will continue to be an active part of his beloved community.

Joe McElveen and I share the hometown of Sumter and are blessed to have had entrepre-

neurial parents to teach us. His father, John, owned a bicycle shop and ice cream parlor on Liberty Street across from my mother's beauty shop. The two of them created a partnership that resulted in my brothers and me spending our summers selling his ice cream from our mother's push carts in our neighborhood. I am grateful that the relationship between our families developed into a lifelong friendship between us.

Joe attended public schools in Sumter and graduated from The Citadel in 1968. He was a Gold Star student and a Distinguished Air Force Student and Graduate. Following college graduation, Joe went on to attend the University of South Carolina Law School, where he served on the Editorial Board of the South Carolina Law Review and published two articles. He graduated and was admitted to the Bar in 1971.

After law school, Joe served in the U.S. Air Force as an administrative officer for the 728th Tactical Fighter Support Squadron. When his active duty service ended, he continued in reserve duty as a Staff Judge Advocate until 1977. During that time, Joe joined the Bryan Law Firm and became a partner in 1975. His legal career focused on family law and workers' compensation.

Joe served on the House of Delegates and Board of Governors for the South Carolina Bar Association, and as a board member of the Workplace Litigation Group. He also received the Gold Compleat Lawyer Award by the South Carolina School of Law in 1996.

In addition to his success as a lawyer, Joe is also dedicated to serving his community. He has served on the Sumter County Drug Abuse Council and as a member of the City of Sumter Zoning Board of Adjustments and the City/County Planning Commission. He has also served as president of the Sumter Jaycees, the Sumter Optimist Club and the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce. He also served on the board of the Sumter Family YMCA and was recognized for his service by the March of Dimes and the Heart Association.

Joe has also held elective office. He was elected to Sumter City Council for two years, serving from 1984 to 1986. In 1986, he began representing Sumter County in the South Carolina House, where he served on the Judiciary and Rules Committee. He also served two terms as Majority Leader and left the State Legislature in 1996. In 2000, Joe ran for and was elected Mayor of our hometown.

With his retirement this year as Mayor of Sumter, Joe leaves as the longest serving Mayor in the city's history. He also leaves a legacy of making the City of Sumter a better place. I was pleased to work with the Mayor to secure federal funding to renovate an old warehouse into a much-needed Intermodal Transportation Center. Later the Regional Transportation Authority honored me by naming the Center in my honor and I was present for its dedication in 2008. We also worked closely together to bring resources and services to economically distressed communities through three HOPE (Harvest Opportunity and Promoting Empowerment) Centers in the federally designated Sumter Columbia Empowerment Zone.

As Mayor, Joe also oversaw a revitalization of Sumter's historic downtown. The Sumter Opera House was restored as a center for entertainment, a new Public Safety Complex was

opened, and public parks including Memorial Park, Palmetto Park and Swan Lake Iris Gardens have been upgraded. During his tenure, he encouraged Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification in new construction and renovations to public buildings to promote sustainability.

He also expanded sports and recreational opportunities by opening the City of Sumter Aquatics Center and the Palmetto Tennis Center. Joe also led the initiative to decrease vacant properties by more than 22-percent and developed the PRIDE program to help 564 owners clean up blighted properties. His efforts to improve Sumter, were recognized when the City was recognized as a Top 20 finalist in the 2019 All American City Competition hosted by the National League of Cities.

Joe is a longtime member of The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) and was elected to the 28-member USCM Advisory Board. He also serves as Chair of the Veteran Affairs Task Force and Vice Chair of the Membership Committee.

He is married to the former Kathy Watson. They have two children, Thomas (Bronwyn) and Kate Price (Nick), and two grandchildren Adelaide and Joe McElveen. The family attends First Presbyterian Church, where Joe has served as a deacon and an elder.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me wishing Mayor Joe McElveen a happy and healthy retirement from public life. He has demonstrated through this lifetime of service that he is motivated by his love of his community and its people. He has given his time and his talents to ensure Sumter continues to grow and thrive. It is a better place because of his service, and that is a tremendous legacy of which he should be extremely proud.

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE NFL

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**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my fellow representative, Mr. Bob Gibbs, to wish the National Football League a happy 100th birthday. One hundred years ago today, 15 people met in an automobile showroom in Canton, Ohio to form what would become the National Football League. From these humble beginnings, the NFL has grown into a pre-eminent American sports league, comprised of 32 teams from 22 states across the country.

Over its first 100 years, the NFL has become a fixture in American life. The league is an American institution that brings together individuals of all ages, races, and backgrounds through a common enthusiasm for and appreciation for the game of football. Through good times and bad, the NFL has consistently reflected the spirit of the American people, displaying resilience, optimism, and resolve through periods of war, economic distress, natural disasters, and the current pandemic. Last season, the NFL concluded the celebration of its 100th season with a thrilling Super Bowl championship that was viewed by over 100 million Americans.

Although the league celebrated its 100th season in 2019, the League's 100th birthday

is a historic day as well. Today, in an effort to commemorate this momentous occasion, my Cleveland Browns will host the Cincinnati Bengals in a classic rivalry game, known as the "Battle of Ohio". The game will highlight the formation of the league and its humble roots in Canton, honor the more than 25,000 players who have played in the league, and showcase the work the NFL is doing to ensure its second century is just as successful as the first.

We, therefore, recognize the National Football League on its 100th birthday, and wish the league all the best as it embarks into its second century as the foremost steward of "America's Game." Go Browns!

**HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOHN KUSMITCH**

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 17, 2020*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the life and service of John Kusmitch of Kingsford, Michigan. Through his extreme courage and selflessness, John has become an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

John enlisted in the United States Army in August of 1949 at just 18. During the Korean War, he served in the 25th Infantry Division as a motor transport operator, and was responsible for supervising and operating vehicles to transport personnel and cargo. The vital work of motor transport operators like John were the backbone of our military operations during this conflict—providing advanced mobility both on and off the battlefield. In April of 1951, John was captured by hostile forces and endured 27 months of harsh conditions as a Prisoner of War.

Observed annually on the third Friday of September, National POW/MIA Recognition Day honors those who were Prisoners of War and those who are still Missing in Action in service to their nation. We owe the men and women in uniform who were captured, missing, or unaccounted for a debt which can never be repaid. By coming together to honor those who stood up to defend and to serve, the people of Michigan's First District can ensure that the service and sacrifice of those in uniform is never forgotten.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the service of John Kusmitch. Michiganders can take immense pride in knowing that the First District is home to such a selfless individual. On behalf of my constituents, I wish John all the best in his future endeavors.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 17, 2020*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present for them, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call 183: H.R. 4894—Congressional Budget Justification Transparency Act of

2020—On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill—YEA, and

Roll Call 184: S. 2193—Charge Act—On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill—YEA.

**FLORIDA INVENTORS HALL OF FAME 2020 INDUCTEES**

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 17, 2020*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the eight inventors who have been recognized as the 2020 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame. To be named as an Inductee, these inventors were nominated by their peers nationwide and have undergone the scrutiny of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame Selection Committee. As a result, their innovations have been identified as significantly impacting the quality of life, economic development, and welfare of their communities, the residents of Florida, and the United States.

The Florida Inventors Hall of Fame was founded in 2013 at the University of South Florida. It was recognized by the Florida Senate with Senate Resolution 1756, adopted on April 30, 2014. Its mission is to encourage individuals of all backgrounds to strive toward the betterment of Florida and society through continuous, groundbreaking innovation by celebrating the incredible scientific work that has been or is being accomplished in Florida and by its citizens.

Nomination to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame is open to all Florida inventors (living or dead) who are or have been residents of Florida. The nominee must be a named inventor on a patent issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The impact of the inventor and his or her invention should be significant to society, and the invention should have been commercialized, utilized, or led to important innovations.

The 2020 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame are:

Christopher Batich: University of Florida Professor of materials science and engineering and biomedical engineering, who developed groundbreaking treatments in patient care, most notably the anti-bacterial surface treatment material, Bioguard, which is used as the standard of care for advanced wound dressing and bacterial barriers in hospitals and healthcare facilities.

Nicholas Bodor: Founder and CEO of Bodor Laboratories, University of Florida Professor Emeritus and prolific inventor whose innovations in drug discovery established the field of retrometabolic drug design and led him to develop a portfolio of novel drugs to treat numerous inflammatory disease processes.

Harvey Firestone (1868–1938): Founder of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company whose pioneering innovations revolutionized the commercial rubber industry, and who advanced scientific research in Florida and co-founded the Edison Botanic Research Corporation to develop a domestic source of natural rubber.

Leslie Kramer: Vice President of Engineering and Manufacturing at TaiLor Made Prosthetics; scientist, engineer and entrepreneur whose long career in industry led to

groundbreaking innovations in composite materials, military defense applications and most notably an advanced carbon-fiber composite prosthetic foot that has improved the lives of amputees.

Israel Morejon: Founder and President of Integrated Engineering Technology whose inventions have provided innovative solutions across multiple industries, most notably state-of-the-art LED lighting technologies, Nano projectors, wireless modem technology, optical tomography for cancer detection systems, and cutting-edge HVAC Load Reduction technology.

Joshua Rokach: Florida Institute of Technology Professor who was the first to synthesize major inflammatory triggers responsible for asthma, allergies, and inflammatory bowel disease, which revolutionized medical research in allergy and inflammation and led him to develop a number of groundbreaking drug discoveries, including Singulair and Flexeril.

Jean-François Rossignol: Co-Founder and Chief Medical & Scientific Officer of Romark Laboratories and University of South Florida Affiliate Professor of Medicine whose breakthroughs in treatments for parasitic diseases led to his discovery of thiazolidines, a new class of antiparasitic agents, later discovered as a new class of broad-spectrum antiviral drugs also used in the fight against novel infectious diseases.

Christine Schmidt: University of Florida Professor and Chair of the J. Crayton Pruitt Family Department of Biomedical Engineering whose pioneering research in biomaterials science led to her development of decellularization techniques used in Avance Nerve Graft, a biochemically processed nerve graft that benefits patients with peripheral nerve damage.

Innovation and invention are the building blocks of our nation. I applaud these highly accomplished individuals and the organizations that support them in their quest to change the world in ways that truly benefit humanity. It is because of the perseverance of these inventors that future generations are encouraged to reach beyond their limits and push the boundaries of innovation.

**HONORING THE BRAVE SERVICE OF CHARLES E. COOPER OF TENNESSEE**

**HON. MARK E. GREEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 17, 2020*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Army Private First Class Charles E. Cooper for his distinguished service to this nation.

PFC Cooper served honorably in the United States Army during World War II, beginning in 1942 at the age of 25. He was sent to Company K, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division, participating in rigorous training exercises that included amphibious assaults that would later be employed for the D-Day assault. On that fateful day, June 6, 1944, the 4th Infantry Division crossed the English Channel to the front lines of the War, assaulting a German-held beach under heavy enemy fire.