

twenty-two career in Michigan Republican politics, where he would go on to greatly shape the political makeup of Michigan, especially in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. His dedication, kindness, and infectious charisma made him well liked and respected by all who had the opportunity to meet him.

Frank passed away on September 5, 2020. He is missed dearly by his family and friends, and his legacy will undoubtedly live on for generations for come. Frank's tireless devotion to the public good touched the lives of countless Michiganders, and the impact of his work cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Francis V. Egeler. His legacy will forever live on in his family and through the many lives he bettered through his service.

HONORING WESTON T. HENNING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Weston T. Henning. Weston is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 43, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Weston has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Weston has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Weston has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Weston restored a sign and added landscaping around the Agency Community Center in Agency, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Weston T. Henning for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MS. ROSEMARY LOWE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and memory of a dear mentor, a great Kansas Citian, and an extraordinary American: Ms. Rosemary Lowe. Ms. Lowe, who passed away on the evening of September 22nd, was an unstoppable force for change, force for good, and force of nature. A public servant can only hope to mean to their community what Ms. Lowe means to hers. Since I learned of her passing, I have been thinking about her remarkable story—about everything she was able to accomplish—and I still find it hard to believe she was able to fit it all into just ninety-four years.

Ms. Lowe grew up in Dumas, Arkansas in the painful shadow of Jim Crow. When she was just fifteen, her family moved to Kansas City, where she would go on to become a pioneer in the fight for desegregation. Ms. Lowe spent her early career with another pioneer in that struggle: Black physician Dr. Dennis Madison Miller, who would go on to be appointed Superintendent of the Jackson County Hospital Colored Division. She worked for him for twenty-three years at his office on 18th and Vine. In the 1950s, Ms. Lowe was instrumental in efforts to desegregate downtown Kansas City department stores. Ms. Lowe was also instrumental in the founding of Freedom, Incorporated of Kansas City, Missouri, a political organization conceived in 1961 to elevate the votes, voices, and volition of the Black community of Kansas City to the halls of government. The next year, she and Freedom, Inc. co-founder Leon Jordan ran for seats as Democratic committee representatives for our City's 14th Ward. She lost. Jordan won. But Ms. Lowe would later go on to win that seat and hold it for two decades as Kansas City's first Black committeewoman. In 1964, when thousands of activists travelled south to Mississippi as part of Freedom Summer, Ms. Lowe stayed in Kansas City and helped register thousands of Black voters before a city-wide vote on a proposed ordinance that would make it illegal to discriminate in taverns, trade schools, hospitals, and clinics. Kansas City's public accommodations ordinance passed, predating the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by several months. A retired cosmetologist, she spent her later years, if anything, expanding her efforts to help her community. She volunteered for the American Red Cross at Menorah Medical Center and the Veterans Administration Hospital of Kansas City, won and maintained a place on the Democratic National Committee for six years, co-founded the Local Investment Commission to improve the lives of children and families in the Kansas City region, and helped convince city leaders to relocate a Patrol Division of the Kansas City Police Department and rename it after none other than Freedom, Inc. co-founder and KCPD's first Black lieutenant, Leon Jordan. And whether it was Freedom, Inc., the Kansas City Democratic Committee, LINC, or any other of the tables of decision at which Ms. Lowe sat, she was, more often than not, either the only woman, the only Black voice, or both.

I failed to mention, of course, the linchpin of Ms. Lowe's life of service. In 1952, after the Supreme Court ruled that people could not be evicted from their homes on the basis of race, Ms. Lowe's became one of the first Black families to move to the beautiful Santa Fe Neighborhood on the East Side of Kansas City. Kansas City's history of 'redlining' and Santa Fe's history of racial covenants meant the transition for the first wave of Black residents was far from easy. White families began to move away in fear until, in 1955, just 15 percent of the neighborhood remained White-owned. Years later, when new residents would move into the Santa Fe Neighborhood, they were told to go see the President of the Santa Fe Area Council, a Ms. Rosemary Lowe, who had held the position for many decades. As President of the Santa Fe Neighborhood, Ms. Lowe fought for more streetlights, improved housing and infrastructure, and stronger, more trusting ties between police and the communities they had sworn to protect.

Ms. Lowe was also a sage counselor, mentor, and role model to countless civic leaders, community organizers, and elected officials like myself, who sought her wisdom as we began our own barrier-breaking careers on a path she helped pave. We who owed her so much, who loved her so much, who looked up to her so much—we called her "Mother Lowe." We sought her out not only for her experience and wisdom, but also for her kindness, her warmth, and her unflinching, unapologetic honesty. She is the political mother of African American power in Kansas City.

Decades working for Dr. Dennis Miller, decades as the committeewoman for the 14th Ward, decades as the President of the Santa Fe Area Council—Ms. Lowe was one of the most dedicated public servants I have ever seen in action. Hers was not a rise to power, where one springs from one post to another. Ms. Lowe became "Mother Lowe" because she stayed in the arena, fighting in the struggles of today, every day, for ninety-four years' worth of days.

There is a stretch of street in Kansas City, on 29th between Prospect and Indiana Avenue. It runs right through the heart of the Santa Fe Neighborhood. It is called the Honorary Rosemary S. Lowe Lane. Today, we honor a woman who has defined a stretch of history in Kansas City. It is a stretch that runs right through the heart of our struggle to become more free and more equal. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the extraordinary life and memory of Ms. Rosemary Lowe. Ms. Lowe's march to a better future for our city did not relent for one minute. Let us be grateful for the world she handed us and resolve to bring the spirit of Mother Lowe to each and every effort we undertake to make it better.

CONGRATULATING BILL BECKER

HON. DEBBIE MUCARSEL-POWELL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bill Becker on his 30 years of remarkable service to the Florida Keys-based U.S. 1 Radio 104.1 FM and to our community.

Bill began his career with U.S. 1 Radio in 1980 when the news station had just established itself. He served as the news director, where he broadcasted local news, and hosted U.S. 1's 90-minute "Morning Magazine" every morning to highlight local issues and events through on-air interviews and commentary.

His passion and devotion to marine biology first led him to the Florida Keys and is what jumpstarted his career in radio. After graduating in 1971, Bill began working at the Lower Keys' Newfound Harbor Marine Institute at Sea Camp. He taught marine biology to kids, through outreach programs and became involved in local organizations. Bill co-founded one of the Lower Keys' signature events: the annual Underwater Music Festival that spotlights coral reef preservation. Every year the event draws hundreds of diving and snorkeling enthusiasts, as well as national and international media coverage.

With his unyielding dedication to his community, Bill's work has left a tremendous impact in numerous people's lives. He volunteered his time during the 1998 Hurricane Georges to offer comfort and critical live updates throughout the storm. Bill partook in broadcasts in Cuba as part of humanitarian efforts led by a local group taking essential medical supplies and food to the island nation. In 1982, Bill broadcasted live from Key West's Mallory Square when the Florida Keys seceded from the Union and formed the independent Conch Republic. Aside from his hard work in broadcasting, Bill also dedicated his time to the community of the Lower Keys by serving as the president of the Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce.

Through all these accomplishments, Bill made himself a pillar of the Keys community and his retirement marks the end of an era. Bill embodies the hard working, community-minded nature that the Florida Keys is known for. On behalf of Florida's 26th District, I would like to thank Bill for his contribution to the community and wish him the absolute best in this next chapter of his life.

RECOGNIZING MS. PATRICIA CROWLEY, PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE GREATER HERNANDO COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with sincere appreciation that I recognize my friend Patricia Crowley, President/CEO of the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce, for her leadership and service to our business community. After 20 years of service to the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Crowley will retire on October 31, 2020.

Ms. Crowley began her career with the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce in March of 2000 as a Membership Representative. A few years later, Ms. Crowley was named President/CEO of the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce. Throughout her years of service with the Chamber, she formed strong partnerships with local leaders and business organizations to strengthen the county's business environment to enable business development and prosperity throughout Hernando County.

Ms. Crowley has been a dedicated servant to people of Hernando County throughout her career. She has served in several organizations including the United Way of Hernando County, Kiwanis Club of Brooksville, and Oak Hill Hospital Board.

I am honored to recognize Patricia Crowley and thank her for her hard work and countless contributions to the Hernando County community. Her commitment to excellence, leadership and service is to be admired, and may it inspire others to follow in her footsteps. My sincerest wishes and congratulations to Pat on her retirement.

HONORING MICHAEL LAIRMORE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael Lairmore and his nearly 10 years of distinguished service as the Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California, Davis. As Dr. Lairmore retires this year, his dedicated tenure ensures he leaves behind a veterinary school which, ranks among the best in the world and is well-placed to further its success at the forefront of veterinary science far into the future. Alongside the school's pioneering research, the veterinary hospital is unmatched in reputation and patient visits.

Dr. Lairmore became Dean in 2011 and immediately set to work; crafting a long-term and multifaceted plan to guide the institution to its full potential. His emphasis on the importance of the school's student and patient experience at the forefront of his efforts and under his leadership, the school implemented multiple comprehensive student programs, such as the Office of Global Programs and the Counseling and Career Service Center. Dr. Lairmore simultaneously reigned in student fees and was a vanguard for diversity, ultimately making UC Davis a leader among veterinary schools with both the lowest levels of student debt and most diverse student body. Together this allowed UC Davis' program to tackle inequities in the veterinary field and create greater opportunities for the most disadvantaged students.

Dr. Lairmore expanded the school's research capabilities—placing them at the top in funding, infrastructure, and cutting-edge technology. With his guidance, the school partnered with the United States State Department's Office of Food and Agriculture; to curtail the Newcastle and Mad Cow viruses. In addition, Dr. Lairmore played a pivotal role in the development of USAID's PREDICT project and identifying the Marburg and Ebola viruses in bats preventing potential outbreaks. While the world continues to combat the coronavirus pandemic, UC Davis provides a model for stopping future pandemics before they are allowed to spread.

Dr. Lairmore is continuing his career with the School of Veterinary Medicine as a distinguished professor in the Department of Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology. However, it is clear that his legacy as Dean will continue to shape the school and its students and faculty for years to come. On behalf of the people of California's 3rd Congressional District, I offer my sincere gratitude for his dedicated service and best wishes upon his future endeavors and accomplishments.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
GENRE VINCENT PECORA

HON. GUY RESCIENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Genre Vincent Pecora who sadly passed away in his North

Huntingdon, Pennsylvania home on August 30, 2020. I knew Vince personally and can attest that his devotion to family, community, and country was evident to everyone who met him.

Vince was the proud owner of Pecora Flooring Inc., a southwestern Pennsylvania company specializing in institutional and industrial installation for over fifty years. Throughout that time, Vince earned the respect and trust of his community through his tenacity, workmanship, and approachability.

Outside of work, Vince was committed to helping kids with cancer after his grandson was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. After watching one of their own go through treatment and ultimately achieve remission, the Pecora family started Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund to support others in similar situations. From entertainment systems to go-bags packed with essentials, Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund anticipates the needs of families confronted with the horror of a childhood cancer diagnosis.

Vince is survived by his wife of 56 years, Donna Day Pecora; children, Daunette Baker and her husband, John, Vincent Pecora and his wife, Brenda, Dante Pecora and his wife, Carla, and Todd Hook and his wife, Julie; sister, Antoinette Capo; grandchildren, Kaitlynn (Ricky) Boyer, James Baker, Genre Baker, Vincent Pecora, Gianna Baker, Avery Pecora and Ava Pecora; and great-grandchildren, Gideon Boyer, Eden Boyer, Lacey Hook and Cameron Hook.

Madam Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I recognize the loss of Genre Vincent Pecora. Vince will be remembered as a friend to many and his legacy will live on in southwestern Pennsylvania.

RECOGNIZING THE UKRAINIAN
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF CHICAGO

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ukrainian National Museum of Chicago (UNM), a cultural landmark in the heart of my district, on the occasion of its annual banquet. The UNM prides itself, for good reason, on its museum artifacts, library, and archives, which highlight Ukraine's history, its ongoing fight for freedom and democracy, and the rich culture and contributions made by Ukrainian Americans and Americans of Ukrainian heritage, both to Chicago's cultural tapestry and to that of the United States.

Each one of the four waves of immigration from Ukraine, as well as the generations of American Ukrainians who have followed, have brought with it a wealth of literary, music, artistic, and cultural artifacts, historical testimonials, relics, scientific patents, personal keepsakes and reminders, all of which speak to the importance of Ukrainian heritage and the personal and professional accomplishments of American Ukrainians across our country.

Themselves a part of the third wave of Ukrainian immigrants to the United States, Oleksa Hankewych, Julian Kamenetsky and Orest Horodysky, founded the Ukrainian Library and Archival Center in 1952 in order to