

gentleman. He was a man of great wisdom who offered comforting words of guidance in troubling times. He was a loyal friend to all those who knew him and left others in good spirits. He valued friendships and sought to develop deep, lasting, and meaningful relationships with others. He was a member in a social group known as "Khalan Al-Wafa," where he endeavored to make connections, discuss issues, and foster a deep sense of community and unity. Most importantly of all, Hajj Abu Imad was devoted to his family. He married his wife Hajjah Aziza Anani in 1967, and the two shared a fruitful and prosperous marriage of 53 years. Together, they raised a beautiful family. At his death, Hajj Abu Imad was the beloved patriarch of seven children and fourteen grandchildren. He will be missed by all, but his memory will endure through the countless lives he touched.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of the late Hajj Mohamad Kamal Mehanna (Abu Imad). His passing is a loss to our entire community. May he rest in eternal peace.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PARKER-GRAY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the 100th anniversary of the Parker-Gray High School in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Parker-Gray High School opened in September of 1920 and provided countless African American students with a comprehensive education during a time of segregation. Though faced with adversity—lack of resources, teachers, and facilities—Parker-Gray was able to provide students with what is now understood as a fundamental right.

The alumnae of Parker-Gray took their education and were able to apply it to not only the City of Alexandria, but to all aspects of their lives.

Please join me in honoring the 100th anniversary of Parker-Gray High School. It is important that we continue its mission and ensure the Parker-Gray legacy lives on.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTHONY "TONY" ETCHISON

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Tony Etchison, an Indiana basketball legend, accomplished farmer, and loving family man. Born on April 14, 1972, in Tipton, Indiana, Tony was a life-long Hoosier. He dedicated much of his life to athletics and giving back to the youth teams in Indiana's Fifth Congressional District. While we mourn Tony's unexpected death, we are forever grateful for his endless victories and accomplishments, both on and off the basketball court.

Tony graduated from Noblesville High School in 1991 where he began his standout career in basketball. As a four-year letter winner and leader of three consecutive sectional championship teams for Noblesville, Tony was chosen as the County Player of the Year for two seasons and was named All-Hamilton County four times. His countless accomplishments in high school led to a scholarship opportunity at Mercer University in Georgia where he continued his athletic career as a star basketball player.

He led his team in the Trans American Conference in three-point shooting during his four-year collegiate career. Tony made Mercer University history by being the first player to earn Trans American All-Academic Team honors all four years he played. He completed his education and graduated in 1995, from Mercer's Stetson School of Business & Economics with a Bachelors of Arts in Business Administration and Finance. After completing his education Tony returned home and began work for the family business, Etchison Farms. It was also during this time in Tony's life that he began a twenty-two year career as an agent for Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, serving many families in the Fifth District.

As an adult, Tony's earlier athletic accomplishments did not go unnoticed. In 2009, he was inducted into the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame. Later in 2016, he was inducted into the Noblesville High School Athletic Hall of Fame and honored by the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame by being selected to be a teammate on their 2016 Silver Anniversary Team. In July of 2019, Tony was elected as a director of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. In addition to his basketball career, Tony loved to coach youth sports in the area.

Tony's proudest role in life was being a husband and father. Tony and his wife, Toby, were blessed with three sons: John Phillip or "JP", a freshman at Indiana University, Gus, a junior at Hamilton Heights High School, and Tillman, an 8th grader at Hamilton Heights Middle School. One of Tony's greatest joys in life was having the opportunity to share with his sons his love of all sports, and the joy of competition.

Tony died tragically on October 23, 2019, on the family farm in Arcadia, Indiana. Tony will be forever missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and the entire Indiana basketball community. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Tony's wife, Toby, their three sons, the entire Etchison family, and their friends, who mourn his passing.

JACK KASTER

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Mr. Jack Kaster who passed away on September 8 at the age of 91.

Jack bravely served our country in the Korean War as a First Lieutenant in the Army and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

He spent 33 years working with IBM, and then went on to spend 3 decades selflessly leading charitable organizations.

Jack loved music and sports, especially golf, and was devoted to serving others with every opportunity he was given.

He was president of the Fairfield County Council Boy Scouts, and he was impressively awarded the Silver Beaver, which is the highest national non-Scout honor.

Jack was committed to improving education and literacy throughout his 20 years serving as Chairman and then lifetime board member of the Live Oak Public Libraries Foundation in Savannah.

I am thankful for the selfless and honorable life Jack led.

He will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

RECOGNIZING GARLAND JAMES' 99TH BIRTHDAY

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I am here today to recognize the 99th birthday of my constituent, Garland James, on October 3rd, who is turning 99 years young. An active member of the Arizona community, Garland is a veteran, loving husband and father, and business owner whose life is symbolic of the American dream promised to all.

A member of the greatest generation, Garland arrived in Europe in 1944 in our great struggle against fascism. Landing at Normandy and serving through France, Germany, and Central Europe, Garland was a light truck driver, retrieving young Americans who had fallen on the battlefield.

Returning from the war in 1945, Garland met his wife Mary while working as a truck driver across the Eastern part of the U.S. Their new family moved out West, and over the course of the following decades, Garland would find success in the tire industry, opening a series of stores in Arizona and California. In fact, his stores in Apache Junction and Tuba City still stand today, with the Apache Junction store remaining in the family, managed and owned by his son.

Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to represent Garland James, a true patriot and shining example of a good man, father, and citizen. I urge all my colleagues to join me in wishing Garland a very happy 99th birthday, to thank him for his service to this great nation, and to wish him well as we wait for this time next year to share in his 100th birthday celebration.

RECOGNIZING YOUNG ARTISTS OF FLORIDA'S EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, creativity often spearheads innovation, paving the way for our Nation's future.

As such, I want to take a moment to recognize the talented young artists of Florida's Eighth Congressional District who competed in

the 2020 Congressional Art Competition. Due to the coronavirus, this year's competition was held remotely. The theme of this year's artwork focused on the Indian River Lagoon.

This year a total of thirty-one students from high schools across the Space and Treasure Coasts submitted artwork—all very talented students with creative and imaginative pieces. Three finalists were chosen, and two entries were also selected for special recognition.

This year's winning piece, titled "The Promise" by Michael Spears of Master's Academy will be displayed in the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. His teacher is Gerry Geary.

The runners up included: Adam Hicks of West Shore Jr./Sr. High for "Mosquito" earned the Third Place Award. His teacher is James Finch. Rain Perlman of Merritt Island High for "At the Beach" earned the Second Place Award. Her teacher is Lara Klopp.

This year the judges also selected two pieces of art for Special Recognition. Krystal Reither of Merritt Island High earned a Special Recognition for her piece "Lagoon Panoply". Her teacher is Lara Klopp. Kevin Olson of Indian River Charter High School also earned a Special Recognition for his piece "Goo Lagoon". His teacher is Amelia Strazzulla.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating these fine students for their creative efforts and saluting all students across the United States who accepted the challenge to participate in this year's Congressional Art Competition.

RECOGNIZING THE EARLY DEER PARK SETTLERS TEXAS HISTORICAL MONUMENT DEDICATION

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the Deer Park Early Settlers Texas State Historical Marker in Deer Park, Harris County, Texas. The text of marker reads as follows:

In 1928, Shell Oil Company purchased land in Deer Park, Texas for a new petrochemical refinery. Surveyors discovered a marble headstone broken into four pieces. Shell reassembled the headstone and maintained the area as an actual gravesite. In 1976, Shell was given permission from the Texas Historical Commission, as well as the Harris County attorney and Harris County judge to relocate the marker and disinter any remains. In March of 1977, the marble headstone and a small cement casket, from the original site, were moved to Dow Park in the City of Deer Park.

The inscription on the headstone gave the name of two siblings, Mary W. Jackson and William Wilson. These early settlers died in 1834. William Wilson purchased land in the early 1830's and built a cabin on the bank of the Buffalo Bayou with his wife and children. This was adjacent to what became the site of the Battle of San Jacinto that secured Texas' independence from Mexico in 1836. William Wilson also owned land near the settlement of Crosby. Humphrey Jackson, one of the "Old 300" settlers, owned land near the Wilson property in Crosby. It was presumed that Mary W. Jackson was somehow associated with Humphrey, based on a judgement

recorded in Harris County records in 1852. This could explain why Mary Wilson became Mary W. Jackson.

The 186-year-old headstone is one of the oldest marked headstones in Harris County and Deer Park's oldest artifact. The historical marker reflects the history of Deer Park, as well as the history of Texas. The historical marker presents a glimpse of ordinary people in Texas in the 1830's and commemorates these early Deer Park settlers.

As a former member of the Texas Historical Commission, I know that this is a great honor for the community. I wish all of my friends in Deer Park well as they celebrate the dedication on October 20th.

HONORING DR. BETTINA "TINA" ATKINS

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Bettina "Tina" Atkins, a pioneer in education who passed away on Saturday, August 22, 2020, at the age of 61.

Dr. Bettina "Tina" Atkins was born in Des Moines, Iowa, later moving to South Texas as a teenager. She graduated from McAllen High School in 1977 and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honors in Communication from the University of Texas, Pan American (UTPA) in 1981, now the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV).

Dr. Atkins went on to earn a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership at UTPA in 1993 and a Ph.D. in Organization Leadership from Our Lady of the Lake University in 2015. She shared her love of and commitment to lifelong learning with thousands of children in South Texas.

Dr. Atkins' dedication to educational equality made her one of the most influential women in South Texas in the field of higher education. Dr. Atkins spent 24 years with Region One, an organization that assists school districts improve student performance and implement initiatives assigned by the state legislature or education commissioner. During her tenure with Region One, Dr. Atkins helped bring the first GEAR-UP grant to South Texas in 1999. These grants are designed to provide more low-income students with the tools and resources needed to succeed in postsecondary education.

Eventually, Dr. Atkins became the Director of several GEAR-UP grants, helping over 25,000 students and their families reach post-secondary education, changing their lives forever. Dr. Atkins also helped launch Project Heal2, which supports students who are interested in pursuing a nursing degree in high school through college. Dr. Atkins' accomplishments do not stop there, but I would like to take a moment to talk about her love for her family.

Dr. Atkins achieved all these incredible feats while being the "happy coordinator" for her family and her friends. She was a proud sister, aunt, and daughter. She emanated joy and positive energy everywhere she went.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Bettina "Tina" Atkins was an incredible leader and a shining light for South Texas. Her accomplishments will certainly be remembered for generations to

come. I stand here today to thank Dr. Atkins for her contributions to the world, and I wish her family peace during these difficult times. She will be greatly missed.

CONGRATULATING HOLLEY DEAN

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Holley Dean of Savannah, Georgia, for being named to Forbes' America's Top Women Wealth Advisors List for 2020.

Ms. Dean is remarkably one of ten women who were selected from a pool of 32,000 nominations.

Top advisors across the country were nominated by their firms and then researched, interviewed, and assigned a ranking within their respective states.

Service models, investing process, client retention, experience levels, review of compliance records, and firm nominations are some of many factors considered.

The decision is also based on quantitative criteria, such as assets under management and revenue generated for their firms.

Holley currently serves as a financial advisor for Stifel, which is a diversified global wealth management and investment banking company.

Her hard work and dedication throughout the years has clearly paid off, and she deserves to be honored and celebrated for this amazing accomplishment.

I wish her the best of luck in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIDDLEIDGE COMMUNITY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Middleridge community.

Located in the heart of Fairfax County and the 11th Congressional District of Virginia, Middleridge is a tight-knit community and the land on which it is built is steeped in history. The very name of Middleridge was derived from a 1766 decision of the Vestry of Truro Parish, including George Washington and Colonel George William Fairfax, to establish the new Payne's Church at the "middle Ridge" of Ox Road.

On July 17, 1970 the grand opening of Section 1 Middleridge, consisting of 39 lots, was announced in The Evening Star. It was advertised by the developer as being in "the best of Virginian tradition." "Surrounded by the rich history of the county, its homes radiate with old charm and aristocratic character." Today the community consists of 578 homes situated on approximately ninety-five acres and boasts amenities including a lake, large park, basketball and tennis courts, and swimming pool.