

public servant, Tommie Mabry, Ph.D. A native of Jackson, Mississippi, Mabry grew up in the Midtown neighborhood and rose from humble beginnings.

He is the founder and CEO of Tommie Mabry Company. As an advocate for education and student success, his goal is to provide insight to educators on factors that often hamper access to academic achievement. Mabry has traveled across the United States speaking about the importance of student investment and development.

As a first-generation high school graduate, he embarked on his undergraduate journey at Tougaloo College receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education in 2011 and a Master of Arts in Child Development in 2017. He is the Best-Selling author of two books: *A Dark Journey to a Light Future* and *If Tommie Can Do It, We Can Do It*.

Despite many obstacles and distractions, Mabry has been determined to better himself in order to give back to his community and others. He recently received his Ph.D. in Higher Education from Jackson State University.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tommie Mabry, Ph.D.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF THOMAS R. COOPER

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Thomas Regan Cooper, who passed away peacefully on September 22, 2020.

Thomas's life began on March 13, 1943 in Vicksburg, Mississippi. He was raised in Anguilla, MS, where he graduated from high school before attending Mississippi State University.

Shortly after his graduation from college, Thomas moved north to New Albany to start a career in management for Futurian Manufacturing Company. His devotion to his community and commitment to public service began soon thereafter, as he was elected Alderman of Ward One in 1981, a role he served three terms. After his tenure as an Alderman, he was then Mayor and Chancery Clerk of New Albany until his retirement in 2008.

Thomas's dedication to service and love for his town went far beyond the parameters of his official roles. He was a volunteer fireman for more than 30 years and a member of countless clubs, societies, charitable organizations, and boards. He balanced these many responsibilities all while being a private business co-owner of Custom Alloys Corporation and devout member of First United Methodist Church.

No less important than his community impact was his remarkable character. Thomas was a loving father, husband, grandfather, and friend, known for his unmatched integrity, friendliness, and unwavering desire to serve.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Gloria of 54 years; his son, William Thomas Cooper; his daughter, Mary Katherine Cooper; his two brothers, Herman and Bill Cooper, and many other family members.

Thomas R. Cooper's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family and community.

He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

HONORING BILL CARPENTIER ON 50 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise to recognize William "Bill" Carpentier on 50 years of combined service to his country, both as an active duty military member and a civil servant as a Veterans Affairs (VA) employee; He has reached a truly remarkable milestone.

Bill was originally drafted into the military in 1969 at 19 years old, and when his country called on him to serve, he didn't shy away from the opportunity. He chose the Air Force and left for Naval Utility School in 1970 where he graduated with top honors. Bill went on to serve for eight years working in missile facility sites around the world.

After his time in the military, Bill began a career of civil service accepting a job working on the flight line at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma. In 1980, he started his first job at the VA and eventually landed a position back in his home state of Washington. He currently is a plumber on the Facilities Management Services team where his work is essential in keeping the building operating properly for the veterans and staff.

During his time with the VA, Bill has had the chance to work on projects, with the Wall of Heroes being one of which he is most proud of. The Wall of Heroes reminds patients, visitors, staff and volunteers of the sacrifice, valor, bravery and heroism all Puget Sound veterans have.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely thank Bill Carpentier for dedicating the last 50 years serving our country and its veterans. This is an incredible achievement that few have achieved.

IN MEMORY OF ROSANA CHANOU

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mrs. Rosana Chanou, a Cambodian American community leader and constituent in my 47th Congressional District, who passed away on September 22, 2020 in Long Beach, California.

Born in 1951 in the Kampong Cham Province of Cambodia, Mrs. Rosana Chanou spent her childhood in the capital, Phnom Penh. In 1972, she passed the Cambodian National Baccalaureate II Exam. Rosana dreamed about studying abroad in the United States with its world class education. Within a year, she successfully acquired a student visa, bid farewell to family and friends, and began a journey to pursue her ambition.

Rosana arrived in the United States with just \$200 in her pocket. She worked several minimum wage jobs to support herself while

attending school and tirelessly practicing her English. In 1975, when the Khmer Rouge overtook Cambodia, she was granted asylum status to remain in America. Rosana attended Montgomery College in Rockville, Maryland, and then obtained a scholarship to study at the American University in Washington D.C. In 1979, she received her BS in Computer Science, married her college sweetheart Pasin, and moved to California to join her family who were able to escape the Khmer Rouge.

Rosana became a U.S. citizen in 1984. She went on to achieve a long and illustrious career as a software engineer. As an Asian-American woman in the early years of the computer industry, she overcame barriers such as racial and sexual discrimination with her programming talents and tenacious personality. Rosana began working for the Boeing Company in Long Beach in 1986 and retired in 2015 after three decades with the company.

Rosana and Pasin Chanou are proud parents to three children: Diana, Ryan, and Ronald. They instilled in their children the values of hard work, education, and family. They encouraged their children to be progressive and forward-thinking while also remembering the wise lessons of tradition. All three of their children completed their college education at the University of California, began their successful careers, and started families of their own. Rosana loved playing with her grandchildren, showing them how to make 3D origami, blowing bubbles, and picking exotic fruits and flowers together around the vast garden that she maintained. She also loved to travel to places all around the world such as Australia, France, Canada, the Bahamas, Alaska, Hawaii, and numerous countries throughout Asia. She has traveled back to Cambodia several times to visit friends and family, showed her children where she grew up, gave back to her home country, and witnessed the amazing development it has gone through despite its tragic history.

In addition to her personal success and achievements, Rosana Chanou was a community activist and leader. She volunteered for events such as the Special Summer Olympics, Long Beach Marathon, NCCJ Peace Walk, and LA Heart-Walk. She ardently championed Cambodian arts and culture by inviting Cambodian artists to perform at the Asian Pacific Heritage Month celebration. She generously donated to various Cambodian community organizations such as Cambodia Town, Inc., Cam-CC, and Khmer Arts Academy. In 2001, she co-founded the Cambodia Town Initiative Task Force (CTITF), whose mission was to officially designate a section of the Anaheim street corridor in Long Beach as Cambodia Town, in honor of Cambodian Americans who transformed the neighborhood into a vibrant community. In 2005, CTITF was restructured as a nonprofit known as Cambodia Town, Inc. Rosana served as the First Vice-Chair of the organization. Both Rosana and Pasin were major donors to the Long Beach Mark Twain Neighborhood Library's "Cambodia Town" Community Room, and proud sponsors of Cambodia Town street sign.

Rosana was multi-talented. She provided tremendous support to Cambodia Town, Inc. at all levels. She designed pamphlets and booklets, organized parades, and conducted signature drives. She used her love of cooking to build team spirit, hosting meetings in her

kitchen while serving her signature Cambodia Town Noodles. She was an active member of community organizations such as Cam-CC, which organizes the annual Cambodian New Year Celebration, and the Long Beach-Phnom Penh Sister Cities, which promotes trades, cultures, education, and humanitarian services between Cambodia and the United States.

Rosana Chanou was a remarkable woman, mother, grandmother, and community leader. She would always warm the hearts of those around her with her creative passion, caring demeanor and infectious energy. With her passing, it is a true loss to the Cambodian American community. On behalf of the people of the 47th Congressional District, I offer my deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Rosana Chanou, her husband Pasin, and all of their children and grandchildren. May we continue to serve the community in honor of the memories and dedication of Rosana Chanou.

RECOGNIZING THE KANAGAWA CITRUS COMPANY

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Kanagawa family of Sanger, California, who for three generations have operated the Kanagawa Citrus Company. The Kanagawa Citrus Company, commonly known as the Sanger Nursery, has been an institution in their community for over one hundred years.

T.Y. Kanagawa immigrated from Japan to California in the early 1900s in pursuit of the American Dream. He incorporated the Kanagawa Citrus Company with the State of California in 1907.

The Kanagawa family's small business has thrived over the years despite many challenges including the internment of T.Y. Kanagawa, his spouse Jitsuyo, and their son Robert Kanagawa during World War II. It was in the camp that Robert met his spouse, Yuki, who also joined the family business.

During the family's internment, their neighbors—the William Boes family—watched over and protected their property. Upon the family's release from the camp, the Kanagawas continued their work to serve their community and grow the company. T.Y. and his two sons, Robert and Jerry, focused their efforts towards meeting the needs of California's growing agricultural industry and the company grew steadily, with Jerry managing the day-to-day operations and Robert maintaining the books and finances.

Robert's son, Dallas, was the third generation of the Kanagawa family to manage the company, took over in the 1980s. Known for friendly, personalized service, Dallas Kanagawa and his staff continued providing fruit trees, hardware, and much needed agriculture supplies to farmers in Fresno County and throughout the Central Valley.

Today, the Kanagawa Citrus Company serves as many as 350 farmers, many of which have relied on the Kanagawa Citrus Company over all three generations. Now, after proudly serving Valley farmers for over 30 years, Dallas Kanagawa looks forward to a happy retirement with his lovely wife, Paula.

The Central Valley will remember the Kanagawa family and their service to the 21st Congressional District with pride.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JUDGE DOUGLAS FAHL

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Whitley Superior Judge Douglas Fahl.

As a practicing attorney of nearly 25 years, Judge Fahl's record of public service is nothing short of exceptional.

Having practiced law in the United States for over 20 years, Judge Fahl has also been called upon to represent military law across the world, including Guantanamo Bay and Iraq.

In Whitley County, Judge Fahl spearheaded a new veterans treatment court program. Through the program, jurisdictions serve a large segment of the veteran population involved in the criminal justice system. The program has long fostered a better understanding between judges and the issues with which veterans, often casualties of war, struggle. So successful in Whitley County was this program that two neighboring county's court systems now direct qualifying veterans to Judge Fahl.

In September 2020, Judge Fahl was appointed the Indiana National Guard's very first certified military judge. Few men were more qualified for such an appointment. Brig. Gen. Bobby L. Christine, National Guard adviser to the Judge Advocate General's Corps spoke in support of Judge Fahl's credentials and stated, "Lt. Col. Doug Fahl's selection to serve as military judge for the state of Indiana is proof positive that the rights of those who defend America will be safeguarded. No finer selection for judge could be made."

Judge Fahl has served northeast Indiana, and our Nation, with the highest honor and distinction. This record is a testament to his tireless commitment to the people which make our country great and ideals to which our Nation strive.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT STEPHEN "BOB" POYDASHEFF, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary husband, father, grandfather, soldier, veteran, attorney, public servant, and dear friend of longstanding—Former Mayor of Columbus, Georgia, Colonel Robert Stephen "Bob" Poydasheff, Sr., USA, Ret. Sadly, Bob passed away on Thursday, September 24, 2020. A private family graveside service was held on Saturday, September 26, 2020, at Parkhill Cemetery in Columbus, Georgia, and a memorial service will be held at the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center in Colum-

bus, Georgia on Friday, October 30, 2020 at 3 p.m.

A native of Bronx, New York, Bob was born with an innate determination to excel, which was apparent in virtually every aspect of his life—and especially in his pursuit of education. After completing his primary and secondary education in New York, he earned a B.A. in Political Science from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, in 1954, along with his commission as a Second Lieutenant; earned his Juris Doctorate from Tulane University in Louisiana in 1957; and in 1967, he received an M.A. in International Relations from Boston College. In addition, he attended The Hague Academy of International Law in the Netherlands as well as The Army War College.

He served in the U.S. Army for twenty-four years and retired at the rank of Colonel. He began his distinguished military career as an Infantry Officer and he was a parachutist, serving one combat tour in Vietnam. He then transferred to the Judge Advocate General Corps, where he was prominent in the trials of high-ranking officers involved in the My Lai incident. Bob also served as Legislative Counsel to Secretary of the Army, Howard (Bo) Calloway; Staff Judge Advocate at Ft. Belvoir, VA; and Legal Counsel to the Secretary of the Army and Secretary of Defense on Labor Relations (1955 to 1979). In recognition of his exemplary service to our country, he received the Vietnam Ribbon, Legion of Merit, Commendation Medal, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, and he was elected to the Ranger Hall of Fame. In addition to these prominent awards, he later received the Clara Barton Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Red Cross.

Following his military service, Colonel Poydasheff made Columbus, Georgia his permanent home and entered the private practice of law. Bob loved Columbus, Georgia, and through his leadership, the City of Columbus experienced extraordinary growth and prosperity which stemmed from his terms as a City Counselor from 1994 to 2002 and as Mayor from 2003 to 2007. During his tenure as Mayor, the area gained more than seven thousand new jobs and under his leadership the Columbus Consolidated Government exercised fiscal responsibility resulting in balanced budgets and a surplus. A staunch advocate for equal opportunity and diversity, he made history on February 1, 2005 by appointing the first African American City Manager, The Honorable Isaiah Hugley, who continues to serve the city. That was on top of his membership in a multitude of civic organizations that did positive work, which included: Chattahoochee Valley Citadel Club (President); Chattahoochee Boy Scout Council (Past President); Association of U.S. Army (Past President); Anne Elizabeth Shepherd Home (Past President); Fort Benning Sojourners (Past President); Board of Directors American Red Cross (Past Chairman); Military Affairs Committee, Columbus Chamber of Commerce (Past Chairman); Civilian-Military Council (Past Chairman); Military Order of World Wars (Past Commander); Minority Business Development Council; Black History Month Steering Committee; Urban League (Director); Columbus Lawyer's Club; Georgia Council of the Humanities; Kiwanis Club of Columbus; Leadership Columbus Alumni; Shriner; Scottish Rite; and Masons. He was recently selected for the Order of Saint Maurice for distinguished contribution to