

and loyal support of, Infantry, and demonstrating gallant devotion to the principle of selfless service embodied by the American Infantryman. Unfortunately, he passed before he could receive the award, but it will be bestowed posthumously by the National Infantry Association.

During his life, he played many roles, and in each role, he gave it his all. In addition to being a successful attorney, dedicated soldier, and public servant, he was also a published author. His first published work, entitled "A Banana in the Sun", was published in Harper's Magazine in 2006. Yet, in all his roles, he embodied the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. He never stopped serving and advocating for what was right even in the face of criticism. He was a longtime member of the Black History Observance Breakfast Committee in Columbus, and his most recent form of advocacy was on behalf of disadvantaged Veterans with regards to the location of the new VA Clinic in Columbus.

On a personal note, Bob was my friend. He always gave me wise advice and sage counsel. He never told me what I wanted to hear, but he always told me what he felt I needed to hear and always ended with "I love you."

Audrey Hepburn once said, "You have two hands. One to help yourself, the other to help others." Mayor Robert S. "Bob" Poydasheff, Sr. used his hand to help others with an abiding sense of friendship and brotherhood. He will be missed but his legacy will live on through all of those whose lives he touched.

Bob accomplished much in his life, but none of this would have been possible without the Grace of God; the love and support of his wife of more than 60 years, Anastasia "Stacey"; his children, Catherine (deceased) and Robert, Jr.; and a host of family, friends, and loved ones who will miss him deeply.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in paying tribute to The Honorable Robert Stephen "Bob" Poydasheff, Sr., and in extending our deepest condolences to all who mourn his loss during this difficult time of bereavement. Moreover, we pray that we will all be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHILDREN'S ATTENTION HOME

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Children's Attention Home in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

The Children's Attention Home provides nurturing care and life changing services for youth in need. The Home's noble objective is to provide a temporary care shelter where a child can experience a loving, secure family life until their own home conditions improve or a permanent home can be found.

The need for a children's home in Rock Hill became evident 50 years ago when children

were being placed in jail due to the lack of emergency shelters and foster homes. To meet this need, individuals, churches, and businesses throughout the community donated their time, energy, and money to rent and renovate a house near Winthrop University. In the fall of 1970, the Children's Attention Home opened its doors to provide shelter for children who had been victims of child abuse.

Throughout the last 50 years, the Home has provided the love and care over 8,000 children desperately craved. 8,000 young lives have been improved through initiatives like the Palmetto School, which provides individualized educational opportunities for children, and the Crossroads program, which helps older youth pursue a path to successful independence.

The lifechanging work of the Children's Attention Home is a shining example of the sense of community felt across Rock Hill. It is for that reason I congratulate them on a successful 50 years of helping the most vulnerable members of our community, and I look forward to hearing how they continue to serve over the next 50 years.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE JON D. SHELTON

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 Jonathan Douglas Shelton, who passed away on Sunday, August 30, in Tupelo, Mississippi, at age 46.

Jon Shelton was born in Tupelo, Mississippi, on May 21, 1974. He was raised in Tupelo, graduating from Tupelo High School after standout careers in high school football and powerlifting. Jon then attended the University of Mississippi, where he continued his studies for his Juris Doctorate. During his youth, Jon also served as the executive coordinator of Mississippi Young Democrats.

Following school, Jon moved back to his hometown of Tupelo, where he owned and operated a successful law firm for many years. In 2004, the Lee County Courier chose Jon as Lee County's "Best Man." and Lee County's "Best Attorney" four times in 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2016. Outside of his successful career, Jon was an avid BMX bicycle racer, winning the Mississippi State Championship and achieving a national ranking for many years.

Through his law firm and his service to his church, East Heights Baptist Church, Jon was a caring soul whose proudest moments were helping those around him.

Left to cherish Jon's memory is his mother, Dr. Judy Woods; his stepfather, Buck Woods; his brother, Mayor Jason L. Shelton; his nephew; and a host of cousins, family, and friends.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER JOSHUA KEAR

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Joshua Kear as

the recipient of the 2020 Teen Court Faye Shepherd Award for Juvenile Justice.

The award recognizes a member of the community who has dedicated themselves to serving at-risk youths.

Before becoming a law enforcement officer in Conway, Mr. Kear battled alcohol addiction. Through a faith-based rehabilitation center, he was able to overcome his struggle.

Officer Kear, does not hide from his previous struggles, instead he uses them to assist and encourage others facing similar challenges.

Serving as a mentor for many in the juvenile detention system, he reassures them that things will get better and that he will not give up on them. His love and commitment to those in the community serve as an inspiration for all.

Thank you to Officer Kear, the Conway Police Department, and our law enforcement officers around the country, whose positive impacts on our communities often get overlooked. Congratulations to Officer Kear for winning the 2020 Teen Court Faye Shepherd Award for Juvenile Justice.

REMEMBERING ANTOINETTE M. RICH PENNEL

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Antoinette M. Rich Pennel, formerly of Campbell and Warren, Ohio, who passed away on Monday, September 14, 2020 at the age of 98.

A 1938 graduate of Campbell Memorial High School, she also graduated from the Youngstown College of Business.

Her first husband, Michael J. Rich, whom she married September 25, 1943, passed away February 20, 1964. Together, they owned and operated Masi Furniture Store in Campbell where she served as the company's Vice President and bookkeeper. Previously, Antoinette worked as a bookkeeper for the Strouss-Hirschberg Company, Youngstown.

Antoinette then married Frank Pennel on June 22, 1968. He preceded her in death on January 5, 2007, following 39 years of marriage.

Antoinette and her first husband, Michael, were founding members of St. Lucy Church, Campbell. Throughout the years, she remained an active member of the church and participated in the Infant of Jesus Guild. Antoinette and her mother, Nellie, always looked forward to the annual Assumption Festival held at the church, as well as decorating the festival float.

She enjoyed cooking, baking, taking trips to the casino and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Antoinette is survived by three sons, John Pennel of Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, Attorney Michael P. Rich and his wife, Dolores and Dr. Frank A. Rich and his wife, Dolores, all of Canfield; a daughter, Cynthia G. D'Amico and her husband, Dr. Lawrence D'Amico, of Warren; ten grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Antoinette was preceded in death by an infant

brother, Joseph Mediate and a daughter-in-law, Porsia Pennel.

There is no doubt that Antoinette was a strong person of faith and loved her family above all else. I thank Mrs. Pennel for her love of community and all her hard work over the years. My condolences go out to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, her entire family, and to all whose lives she touched.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INTER-STATE TEACHING MOBILITY ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to reintroduce the Interstate Teaching Mobility Act. This broadly supported legislation will create a new voluntary program at the Department of Education (DOE) to allow licensed teachers to use their licenses across state lines. I am pleased that this legislation has been endorsed by both National Education Association (NEA) and Third Way.

In 2018, the United States experienced a shortage of 112,000 teachers in our classrooms across the country. This shortage deprives our students of high-quality learning and negatively affects student outcomes. Alarming, our country's projected annual shortage of teachers is expected to almost triple—to 316,000—by 2025. Teacher shortages disproportionately disadvantage students in underserved communities by widening student-to-teacher ratio which then negatively affects student achievement. Having low student-to-teacher ratios ensures that every student gets the attention they need, and struggling students are not left behind. In Indiana, this problem has gotten worse: between 2016 and 2020, the student-to-teacher ratio in my state grew from 16:1 to 17:1, bringing our state's student-to-teacher ratio well above the national average. In fact, Indiana remains the 42nd worst state in the nation for student-to-teacher ratios. And this teacher disparity does not affect all students equally: student-teacher ratios are highest in minority schools and schools with the most low-income schools.

Teacher shortages not only affect student-teacher ratios, they also limit the number of subject-matter teachers available for students. In Indiana, we have consistently faced major teacher shortages as defined by the Department of Education (DOE). In the most recent data available, Indiana continues to face a shortage of teachers in the subjects of mathematics, science, early childhood, and technology. Study after study has shown that teacher shortages which results in poor student-to-teacher ratios, insufficient subject-matter teachers, and the corresponding decline in education quality disproportionately disadvantage Black and Brown students.

One of the main reasons that many schools can't fill teacher shortages is because of the inconsistent state-by-state differences in teaching licensing requirements. This prevents licensed teachers from taking their skills and credentials to teach in other states without significant obstacles. These obstacles can include completing additional requirements, such as exams or coursework, or paying addi-

tional fees, even if the teacher has already completed an approved credentialing program or has a strong teaching record. Alarming, a majority of states do not accept out-of-state teaching credentials, further compounding shortages in disadvantaged areas.

As our nation's workforce becomes increasingly mobile, these requirements also dramatically decrease the flexibility of our nation's teaching workforce. For military spouses—who frequently relocate and among whom teaching is the second most common profession—or out-of-state college graduates who want to teach in their home state, this problem is especially pronounced. Long term, these roadblocks likely deter many prospective teachers from entering this vital profession. The bottom line is this: differing licensing requirements and lack of licensing reciprocity prevents too many teachers from serving in understaffed and underserved communities across state lines. And as we have seen in states like Indiana, our communities desperately need more high-quality teachers to lower student-teacher ratios and improve outcomes.

These obstacles have real and negative impacts on our students. Teacher shortages disproportionately harm students in underserved communities by denying them adequate teacher-student ratios that research shows help to enable student success. School administrators in underserved communities face difficulties in attracting out-of-state, high-quality teachers to fill their open teaching positions due to licensing inconsistencies.

That's why I am reintroducing the Interstate Teaching Mobility Act today. This legislation will create a voluntary interstate application program at the Department of Education (DOE) to allow licensed teachers to use their licenses across participating state lines.

This legislation will empower teachers to apply for open teaching positions in participating states without being subject to additional certifications or assessments. As a result, it will be easier for teachers to transfer their skills across participating state lines and provide more students with access to high-quality teachers. Importantly, this new flexibility will help alleviate teacher shortages—especially in disadvantaged communities and school districts—by allowing school administrators greater ability to hire more high-quality teachers.

Under this legislation, increased flexibility will not come at the cost of teacher quality. A participating state will be required to adhere to standards of content knowledge, pedagogical assessment, and performance assessments. This would ensure high standards for our teachers, while maintaining the essential role of the states in setting specific requirements for teaching in the state or obtaining licenses in the state.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us the importance of flexibility and teacher quality in ensuring that our students receive the best education. However, the current state-by-state inconsistencies regarding teacher licenses prevent many high-quality teachers from transferring their skills across state lines to serve in communities facing teacher shortages.

The Interstate Teaching Mobility Act will help address these issues by empowering teachers to transfer their skills across state lines and enabling school administrators to hire more high-quality teachers to fill teacher shortages, especially in disadvantaged communities, and lead to better student outcomes.

I urge the House to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF ROBERT WILSON

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the U.S. Military service of Robert Wilson who is a recipient of the Purple Heart Medal. Robert "Bobby" Wilson, a native of Tupelo, Mississippi, volunteered for the U.S. Army in December 1951. Once he completed Basic Training in Hawaii, he entered the Korean War.

On February 6, 1953, Mr. Wilson was on patrol with other members of his company 1½ miles in Chinese territory called the Coonwah Valley. On that frigid night with the temperature below zero, he and his fellow men were attacked by the enemy who were firing mortar rounds. Mr. Wilson was seriously injured and needed to be transported to receive medical treatment. He was picked up by a medic and placed on a stretcher. Another firefight ensued before he could be taken to a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital where he would be treated for 18 shrapnel wounds over the course of 39 days. His courage and bravery under fire earned him the Purple Heart Medal. It is my honor to recognize Mr. Wilson for his service to America and his pledge to protect our freedoms.

In December 1953, Mr. Wilson completed his military service and returned home to his wife, Tomicene. The high school sweethearts remained in Tupelo where they raised two boys, David and Robert. The Wilsons were married 64 years before Tomicene passed away. In the years since her death, Mr. Wilson has often reflected on his days of service. "I'd do it again," Mr. Wilson said. "I still have shrapnel in my leg and pain, but I will always be proud that I served my country."

Mr. Wilson's service and sacrifices made to defend our nation will always be remembered. I am honored to call this Mississippi patriot a friend.

THE PASSING OF COMMUNITY LEADER AND ACTIVIST SHARON COTRELL

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my deep sadness on the passing of my dear friend Sharon Cotrell. A voice of the progressive community in Long Beach for over 40 years, Sharon was a consummate professional who cared deeply about our community and making the world a better place for us all.

She was the first woman dock worker on the West Coast, starting with SeaLand in 1974 at the Port of Long Beach, and eventually becoming the leader of Teamsters Local 692.

Karen Harper, a longtime friend, told the Long Beach Press-Telegram that Sharon was "... not welcomed by the men at first and