

my predecessor Congressman John Peterson. We were truly blessed to welcome her to the Thompson Team.

Barb is an active member in her community and never stops working hard for our constituents, helping individuals get much-needed assistance on issues related to the VA, Social Security, Medicare, and so much more. She is the kind of person who is willing to step up, take charge, and get the job done.

In the little spare time she has when she is not helping others, Barb is an avid golfer and a wonderful singer. I can't thank Barb enough for her hard work and dedication and sense of humor over the years.

#### RECOGNIZING THE BOTTO FAMILY

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a well-known and beloved family in south Jersey, the Bottos.

The Botto family embodies the American Dream. Under the vision of Robert Sr.—the Sausage King, or Big Bob—the Bottos followed their meat market with the Botto's Italian Line restaurant, a supermarket, catering and banquet hall.

I can attest, the Bottos' family sausage, meatballs, and meats are absolutely delicious. I had the pleasure of touring some of the facilities last month with Dominic and Enrico Botto.

Your family is a testament to the fact that hard work and passion will get you far in life. And in the minds of everyone who has ever had the pleasure of enjoying a meal or spending time with you, this is the true American Dream, a family who worked hard, who reached for the brass ring, who did more, and never gave up.

God bless you and your family for your commitment to the community, and I look forward to plenty of full stomachs in the future.

#### THE GROWING THREAT IN CHINA

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, the China Task Force uncovered reprehensible behavior from the Chinese Communist Party, and it is time that we hold them accountable.

This body has taken action to condemn the gross state-sponsored oppression of the Uyghurs and stood strongly in support of freedom and democracy in Hong Kong.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic spotlighted for the American people the growing threat the Chinese Communist Party poses.

From the beginning, the CCP has covered up vital medical information, allowing what could have been a local

outbreak in Wuhan to turn into the global pandemic that decimated our economy, killed almost a million people worldwide, and weakened the American resolve.

Madam Speaker, I commend the China Task Force for their hard work making realistic policy recommendations to help the U.S. stand strong in the face of the growing threat in China.

#### HEALING THE NATION

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise because in the last day, I feel compelled to speak about healing the Nation.

Through my years of service, I have been able to serve on a number of committees and alliances in my Congressional district, in my city, in my State, that brought people together.

I was chairperson of the Interfaith Ministries.

I participated in a campaign of No More Hate.

I have interacted with Muslims and Jewish communities alike.

Where the Nation is now is not where her values are. The Nation is not taking the attention that is being given by the world because of the rise of white supremacy—Boogaloo Boys, Proud Boys.

The Nation needs a healer and a unifier. We, as the American people, are much better when we disagree and acknowledge our disagreement, but we are unified around the values of equality and justice in this Nation.

Those of us who want to improve police community relationships are not antipolice and should not be seen as that. Black Lives Matter is not a terrorist group. In fact, the terrorist groups have been designated as white supremacists.

Let us unify and come together around the truth. I am ready to do so to heal the Nation.

#### RECOGNIZING DARRELL WOOD

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. TLAIB). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Darrell Wood and his patriotic contributions to the city of Benton, Arkansas.

Earlier this summer, Benton's mayor, Tom Farmer, noticed a street adorned with American flags. Over the coming weeks, Mayor Farmer noticed that more and more flags were appearing around the city until nearly every street in Benton was decorated. After asking citizens, Mayor Farmer determined that Mr. Wood was responsible for this patriotic display.

To show their appreciation, Mayor Farmer and the City Council formally honored Mr. Wood for his contributions to the community with a commemorative plaque. The beautiful sight of these flags has inspired others in the community to add more of their own.

Mr. Woods' actions have served as a bright light in these trying times, and we thank him for his selfless service to his city.

#### RECOGNIZING JAMES "SKIP" RUTHERFORD

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize James "Skip" Rutherford, who announced plans to retire as dean of the University of Arkansas, Clinton School of Public Service in Little Rock.

Mr. Rutherford has served in this role since 2006 and planned to retire earlier this year but stayed longer than expected to help the school, students, faculty, and staff weather the storm of COVID-19, which shows his dedication to the lives of those with whom he works.

Skip had a passion for public service at a young age as he watched the election returns on the courthouse lawn in Batesville, Arkansas. He believed in order to make a real difference, you need to roll up your sleeves and get in the arena. He was instrumental in the building of the Clinton Presidential Library, the development of the River Market District, and coordinating the 40th anniversary commemoration of the 1957 integration of Little Rock Central High School, which in turn led to the school being named a national historic site.

Martha and I wish Skip a fulfilling and active retirement.

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#### RECOGNIZING GRADY SPANN

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Grady Spann, the director of Arkansas State Parks, who was recently named president of the National Association of State Park Directors.

Mr. Spann is a 27-year employee of Arkansas State Parks, having previously served as superintendent of the Ozark Folk Center, Historic Washington, and the Parkin Archaeological State Park. In 2012, he was named supervisor of Region 5, a newly created region of State parks.

Mr. Spann's passion and dedication earned him not only the position of director of Arkansas State Parks in 2016, but now as president of the National Association of State Park Directors. The association aims to promote and advance State park systems throughout the United States.

Grady's commitment to the preservation of the Natural State and beyond is evident in his leadership. I congratulate Grady Spann and wish him well in this new leadership assignment.

#### RECOGNIZING THE VFW DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS' POST 4453

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the VFW Department of Arkansas' Post 4453 in

Morrilton, Arkansas, on the occasion of their 75th year of service.

Post 4453, also known as the Martin-Bradley Post, has been given their Diamond Jubilee Award for their exceptionally long and dedicated service to veterans in the Morrilton area.

Our Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in Arkansas do so much to support our heroes, once they return home from service, by providing access to resources and a sense of community. The VFW posts also honor veterans once they pass, keeping their memories alive in the hearts of central Arkansans.

Every year for the Fourth of July, VFW Post 4453 lines up American flags for the Morrilton Walk of Flags. Each of these flags is a visual reminder of the brave men and women from Conway County who defended our freedom at home and abroad.

Thank you to our central Arkansas veterans who have laid their lives on the line for country, and congratulations to the Martin-Bradley Post of the American Veterans of Foreign Wars for their 75 years of service. May they serve many more in the years ahead.

#### HONORING DALE ENGLISH

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great Arkansas public servant, Mr. Dale English. He was 80 years old.

Before passing, Dale served the city of Searcy for 33 years as city councilman, and he served the fire department for 20 years, retiring as captain.

Throughout his years of public service, Mr. English developed a reputation as a thoughtful, intelligent leader who earned the respect of his peers.

As a constant presence on the Searcy City Council for the past 33 years, Mr. English's knowledge and experience were only matched by his love and commitment to youth sports.

His memory will serve the community as a model of an effective, dedicated public servant for years to come.

I join the citizens of Searcy and all Arkansans in honoring the remarkable life of Dale English. He will be missed. May he rest in peace.

#### RECOGNIZING RYAN CHRISTIANSEN

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the accomplishments and service of Ryan Christiansen of Bald Knob, Arkansas.

Ryan is a member of Troop 157 of the Boy Scouts of America. His goal was always to become an Eagle Scout, which he accomplished on April 25, 2019, after earning 51 Scouting badges, 30 more than the number required.

For his Eagle Scout project, Ryan built a mobile drop box for the proper retirement of American flags. He is additionally working to place Purple Heart parking signs at businesses in his area.

The Arkansas Veterans of Foreign Wars named Ryan the 2020 Eagle Scout of the Year. He was additionally honored with a challenge coin from the White County Sheriff's Office, and County Judge Mike Lincoln named Au-

gust 7 Ryan Christiansen Appreciation Day coinciding with Purple Heart Day.

Now a freshman at Arkansas State University, Mr. Christiansen has worked tirelessly in the service of others, and I am proud to honor his hard work and perseverance today.

#### RECOGNIZING BARRY MCKUIN

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barry McKuIn. Barry is stepping down from his responsibilities after 15 years of service to the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute as an original board member and advocate for this important nonprofit organization.

Mr. McKuIn first served as the CFO of Winrock Farms after Governor Winthrop Rockefeller passed away in 1973, and his involvement only grew from there. He was heavily involved in the Conway County Economic Development Corporation and served as its president.

Barry has always put his community, the town of Morrilton, on the map by involving the town in the Uncommon Communities Program, which promotes local community and economic development.

Lisenne Rockefeller, Institute board member, said, "Barry saw the big picture, focused on the future, and kept others on track."

Mr. McKuIn's service to the nonprofit and community are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on his successful tenure at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, and we wish Barry McKuIn success in years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING MARY NEWSOME

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize the career and contributions of Mary Newsome to the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton and to Conway County, Arkansas.

Mary is the longest-serving employee of the college, beginning in 1981 as extra help and, now, currently serving as the assistant to the chancellor. Yet after 39 years, her dedication to others goes far beyond the campus in Morrilton.

Her list of community involvement is long, including her service as a board member of the Morrilton Area Chamber of Commerce, CHI St. Vincent Morrilton, Conway County Senior Adult Center, and the Conway County School Counts. She additionally serves as secretary of the Conway County branch of the NAACP and as a Sunday school teacher at her church.

Mary always makes you feel so welcome. She is a neighbor that everybody wants and a citizen that every community needs. She has dedicated her life to the betterment of others, and I thank her for her years of service to UA Community College Morrilton and central Arkansas.

#### RECOGNIZING DIONNE JACKSON

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Dionne Jackson, the executive director of AR Kids Read, for striving to im-

prove the literacy of Arkansas children.

Ms. Jackson recognized the importance of literacy very young, after realizing that a family member could not read or write when they signed a document with an X rather than sign their name. This experience inspires her work daily at AR Kids Read.

Dionne grew up in the Western Hills neighborhood of Little Rock and attended Hendrix College in Conway. After earning her degree, she became a science teacher at her alma mater, Horace Mann High School.

She earned her master's from the University of Central Arkansas and went on to earn a Doctorate in Education from Baylor University, then becoming a tenured professor at Hendrix.

As the executive director of AR Kids Read, she works every day to further their mission to advance the literacy education of Arkansas children and families with the aim of having students read proficiently by the third grade.

Our community is so grateful to her dedication for this essential need in our area.

#### RECOGNIZING DARELL WALKER

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, as we start a new school year, I rise today to recognize the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's men's basketball coach, my friend, Darrell Walker, who was named last year's Sun Belt Coach of the Year.

Coach Walker became the third UA Little Rock coach ever to win the award, leading the Trojans to one of the Nation's best turnarounds, going from a 10-21 record the previous year to 21-10 this past season.

That includes a 15-5 record in the Sun Belt Conference, on the way to UA Little Rock's first outright league title since 2015-2016.

The spring of pandemic cut short the passion of March Madness. The Trojans were one of just two teams in Division I that finished in 1st place in their conference after being picked 11th or lower in the conference preseason.

Coach Walker's passion for excellence in leadership and hard work are always evident, and he can now add Sun Belt Coach of the Year to his long list of accolades and career accomplishments.

Good luck to Coach Walker, and good luck to the 2020-2021 team. Go Trojans.

#### RECOGNIZING DERRICK CLARK

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Derrick Clark, who has made Arkansas proud with his resilience and his determination.

For years, Derrick wrestled with drug abuse and homelessness on the streets in Little Rock, looking somehow for a fresh start. He spent time at Jericho Way, our Little Rock shelter, where he was able to meet people who saw his potential.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Clark made that slow march to sobriety and self-

sufficiency by working minimum-wage jobs until he landed a position with a trucking company. Armed with a commercial driver's license and gainful employment under his belt, Derrick established the Paul Philia Scholarship to give others the opportunity to attend trucking school.

Mr. Clark put up the first \$1,000 of his own money to launch the scholarship, and the fund was quickly put with the Arkansas Community Foundation. The J.C. Thompson Trust has agreed to match every dollar donated up to \$10,000. Mr. Clark is now enrolled in college classes and dreams of writing a book.

Madam Speaker, I commend Mr. Clark and wish him the best of luck in his journey, that journey of the pursuit of happiness.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### REMEMBERING CULLAN BROWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) for 30 minutes.

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the remarkable life led by Mr. Cullan Brown from Eddyville, Kentucky.

Mr. Brown was a student athlete at the University of Kentucky where he excelled on the golf course. He passed away in August at the age of 20 after battling a rare form of bone cancer.

A young man with a love for golf, he racked up numerous accomplishments over his young career. He won the individual Kentucky High School Athletic Association State Championship, Lyon County's first State championship in any sport.

Mr. Brown was a highly ranked recruit nationwide in 2018 and could have played golf at many different schools, but he decided to commit to the University of Kentucky, saying: "I love the State of Kentucky and its people."

Cullan Brown would go on to have a successful freshman year at the University of Kentucky, including being named to the All-Southeastern Conference freshman team.

Even more impressive than his success on the golf course, friends, coaches, and others have widely noted that this young man had a love for the people around him and impacted many lives with his wonderful personality.

Cancer takes a harsh toll on individuals and families. One life lost to this disease is too many. It is critical for our Nation to double down on efforts to fight cancer, including expanding research efforts aimed at developing effective treatments and cures.

Cullan Brown was a force for good whose courageous battle inspired many. His family and friends continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

#### HONORING JEREMY CREASON

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayfield Fire Depart-

ment Chief Jeremy Creason for recently being named the Kentucky League of Cities 2020 City Employee of the Year.

Mr. Creason joined the Mayfield Fire Department in Graves County in 2008, serving as a firefighter and paramedic. He quickly rose through the ranks to become chief at the age of 34.

At a time when essential workers have made numerous adjustments to serve their communities, Mr. Creason's dedication to Mayfield has been on full display. When personal protective equipment was scarce, he found some for his fellow firefighters to ensure they remained safe. This, along with other precautions he took, have proven to be effective, with no positive cases within the Mayfield Fire Department personnel.

In addition to taking good care of his staff, Mr. Creason met with local businesses and churches to advise them on capacity seating in their buildings and regulations for reopening. His due diligence is a shining example of caring for others and taking proper precautions to safely reopen.

I am honored to recognize Jeremy Creason for this award and his excellent service and commitment to his community.

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#### HONORING NEIGHBORHOOD PET STORES

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the support neighborhood pet stores provide for our local communities.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, small businesses have been slammed economically, but these dire circumstances have provided us with an opportunity to raise awareness of the tremendous impact local pet stores have on our communities.

As we all know, our animals serve as an extension of our families and often provide a source of friendship and comfort for both adults and children. During the pandemic, that companionship has become even more paramount as pet owners are spending significantly more time with their pets.

Local pet stores establish personal relationships with the community, whether those relationships are formed through employees providing expert advice and helping customers buy the correct product for their animals or helping to raise money for the local humane society.

These small businesses make a huge impact on the lives of our animals, and they become part of our families' lives, watching the pets grow over the years and serving as a go-to resource time and time again.

I join with everyone in honoring the extraordinary work neighborhood pet stores do to make a difference in our pets' lives. I am honored to represent them as they continue to build relationships throughout the First Congressional District of Kentucky and across the United States.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO MARIE GATTON PHILLIPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Marie Gatton Phillips Elementary School in Sacramento, Kentucky, for receiving the distinction of a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. The award is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

I am grateful to the hardworking faculty and staff at Marie Gatton Phillips Elementary School for their commitment to the betterment of their students and the local community. Their passion for creating a positive and supportive learning environment helps each student develop essential academic and social skills.

These skills help them succeed both inside and outside the classroom, placing them on a path to become leaders in their communities for years to come.

At a time when schools are working tirelessly to adjust to present challenges, I am proud to congratulate you all on this terrific achievement. Your faculty, staff, and students are very deserving of this honor.

I look forward to continued success from Marie Gatton Phillips Elementary School. All of McLean County, the First Congressional District, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky should be very proud of this recognition.

#### HONORING ROGER HOLLOWAY

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Roger Holloway of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, a veteran and one of the last Buffalo Soldiers alive, who is on a mission to keep their legacy front and center.

Mr. Holloway enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1950 at the age of 17, serving in the Vietnam and Korean wars where he rose in the ranks to be named a corporal and squad leader.

At that time, the all-Black regiment was segregated from the general Army that would soon be integrated in 1951. In 1953, Mr. Holloway took a break from service, but soon reenlisted in 1954 and served in the airborne division until his retirement in 1972.

Mr. Holloway is now on a mission, a new mission, spreading the word to keep the stories of the Buffalo Soldiers alive.

In 1866, Congress passed the Army Organization Act, creating the Buffalo Soldiers, a unit composed of all African-American troops. The Buffalo Soldiers mainly helped to protect the western frontier after the American Civil War and later fought in the Spanish-American War and the Korean war.

The Buffalo Soldiers were a pivotal part of our Armed Forces, including working to secure the first U.S. victory in Korea on July 20, 1950.

I am honored to share the exceptional history of the Buffalo Soldiers on the House floor today. Throughout decades of service, they provided much-needed support, not only for our military but for all Americans. I am proud of all of their accomplishments.