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Rev. Jackson is the Pastor of Liberty Missionary Baptist Church in Canton, Mississippi. He is married to Ora Jackson, and they have three children: Michal, Ghika (George) and Isiac, III.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Rev. Isiac Jackson, Jr. for his dedication and tenacity to serving his community and desire to be an example for all.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUFFALO MEDICAL GROUP

**HON. CHRIS JACOBS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 12, 2021*

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Buffalo Medical Group on its 75th anniversary.

In 1946, Drs. Ramsdell Gurney, Murray S. Howland, Jr., George F. Koepf, and Frank Meyers came together to form the Buffalo Medical Group. At its founding, the Buffalo Medical Group was one of the first group physician practices in Western New York. Today, the Buffalo Medical Group continues to deliver high-quality patient care, and I am honored to represent it in Congress.

The founding physicians of the Buffalo Medical Group served in World War II, where they were exposed to the group practice model. Unlike the solo practice model, which was the norm at the time, the group practice model allows for greater shared clinical experience and access to information. It also broadens the scope of a practice, enables a group to provide care to more patients, and allows physicians to practice medicine more effectively.

Given these benefits, a year after the war, these doctors brought the group practice model to their community, establishing the Buffalo Medical Group. By 1963, the practice consisted of ten physicians and had widespread name recognition throughout Western New York. Several years later, to accommodate the growing practice and its new patients, the group constructed its own office building at 85 High Street, which still functions as a Buffalo Medical Group office today. Buffalo Medical Group's continued success led to the construction of additional major offices in Williamsville, NY in 1986 and in Orchard Park, NY in 1999.

After 75 years, the Buffalo Medical Group has grown into one of the largest multi-specialty physician practice groups in New York State. Today, the group has 135 physicians, 115 advanced practice professionals, 725 employees, and 34 surgical and medical departments that occupy four main offices and seven satellite offices throughout Western New York. The Buffalo Medical Group records more than

850,000 outpatient visits annually and continues to maintain a strong and positive presence in Western New York.

The Buffalo Medical Group has employed exceptional physicians, including Dr. Richard Cooper, who developed the "Cooper regimen" of chemotherapy for advanced breast cancer, and Dr. Scott Tu Iman, who performed the first laparoscopic splenectomy in North America. More recently, in October 2021, Dr. John Notaro of Buffalo Medical Group was honored nationwide as a "Best Physician" during National Primary Care Week.

The group is also admired for its early adoption of innovative medical technologies and software. Over a decade before Congress created federal subsidies to incentivize the use of electronic health record systems, the Buffalo Medical Group implemented its own electronic health record system. This early investment created long-term benefits for both the practice and patients alike.

I thank all the doctors and employees of the Buffalo Medical Group for their unwavering commitment to wellness and patient care, and I again congratulate the group on its 75th anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ETHEL FRAN EDDY

**HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 12, 2021*

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Ethel Fran Eddy, a Holocaust survivor, who passed away on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at the age of 82 years old.

Ethel was less than a year old when World War II began. She and her family were forced to flee Govorovo, Poland to escape the Nazis. They fled to Siberia for the remainder of the war. Two of her brothers were tragically killed by the Nazis while studying at Yeshiva.

Once the war ended, Ethel and her family managed to make it to Paris, where her mother tragically passed. After being denied entry into Israel by the British, they eventually came to the United States through Brooklyn, New York.

Ethel dreamed of becoming a Rockette and living the American Dream. She and her first husband had three children and resettled in the South Jersey area. She later married George H. Eddy.

She later graduated from Temple University with a degree in Business. She taught Hebrew school and worked as a saleswoman for her husband's stationery supply company, selling to college bookstores. Later, following her retirement, Ethel moved to Del Ray Beach, Florida.

She is survived by her children Laura Goldman, Jeffrey Goldman, Kevin Broadie, Barry Goldman and Jean Goldman, as well as her grandchildren, Theodore and Benson Goldman, and Zoe, Lucas and Dylan Broadie Goldman.

I ask that my colleagues in the House take this opportunity to celebrate Ethel's life and legacy, and I offer my best wishes to her family during this difficult time.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR CAPTAIN RICHARD J. ARCHER

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 12, 2021*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to present Captain Richard J. Archer, U.S. Army with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and devotion to the Army, his nation, and his community speak to why CPT Archer is an ideal recipient of the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Fulfilling the call to serve, CPT Archer first began his service in 1966 after graduating and commissioning from Central Michigan University's ROTC program. He continued to command "C" Company during his assignment at the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood and later served with the 13th Corps Support Command before being honorably discharged from the Army.

CPT Archer closed out nine years of military service in 1975, and since then he has distinguished himself as a valuable community member in Temple, TX. While many would choose to take time for themselves, CPT Archer continues to employ his talents to his community. His public service and devotion to others include, but are not limited to, his involvement with the Marine Corps Junior ROTC program at Belton High School, his membership with the 13th COSCOM Association, his representation on the Veteran's Land Board for 21 counties, and the aid he provided by establishing various associations and groups like Emeritus Medicus. His allegiance to investing his talents and abilities to help better his community and nation represents the best of Texas values.

I proudly join CPT Richard J. Archers' friends, family, and colleagues in saluting his selfless service to the Army and Central Texas. His life and career reflect hard work and dedication to what is best for his fellow man.

HONORING ALAN R. COTE AND STEPHEN P. CARKHUFF FOR RECEIVING THE CARNEGIE HERO FUND MEDAL

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 12, 2021*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Alan R. Cote and Stephen P. Carkhuff, two outstanding New Hampshire residents who have been awarded the Carnegie Medal. Cote and Carkhuff have been presented with this prestigious award for their heroic actions on October 23, 2019, when they risked their lives to help rescue the lives of two others from a burning vehicle in Auburn, New Hampshire.

The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission was founded by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie in 1904 to recognize and support everyday civilians who risk their own lives to save others in extraordinary acts of courage. Carnegie was inspired to create the Fund after a January 1904 mine disaster that took 181 lives. Among

those who died in the accident were an engineer and miner who selflessly rushed into the mine in the midst of the disaster in an effort to rescue others.

More than 100 years later, Alan Cote and Stephen Carkhuff perfectly encapsulate this spirit of impulsive heroism. After hearing the late-night crash, Cohen and Carkhuff raced toward the already burning vehicle without concern for their own safety and assisted in removing both unconscious passengers from the car. Their quick response helped ensure the safety of both passengers, both of whom survived.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank and congratulate these selfless and courageous men. Let their courage and heroism serve as an example for us all.

HONORING THE TRAVIS KITCHEN  
VFW POST 778 OF MILFORD, CON-  
NECTICUT ON THE CELEBRATION  
OF THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 12, 2021*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Travis Kitchen Veterans of Foreign War Post 778 in Milford, Connecticut as they mark their 75th Anniversary. As we mark this extraordinary milestone, I am honored to have this opportunity to extend my deepest thanks to the leadership and members of VFW Post 778 who work so diligently to both support our veterans and ensure that our community never forget the sacrifices made by those who chose to serve in our nation's military branches.

Named in honor of local veteran and founding member, Travis Kitchen, VFW Post 778 has long been a haven of support and comradeship for Milford area veterans. A veteran of the United States Army Air Force, Travis Kitchen served with honor during World War II, earning the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the Bronze Star. He lost an eye at Iwo Jima and though, like so many other veterans, he never really spoke of his time in the service, when he returned home he was determined to help his brothers in arms. Travis Kitchen was a driving force in the building the hall and was one of its most dedicated members. Even well into his 80's, he could often be found fixing things around the hall.

All of our nation's veterans deserve our gratitude. They fought to protect the freedom and democracy that underlie all that we do. It is easy to take our fundamental freedoms for granted, but we must never forget that the liberties we enjoy were hard-won and not commonplace in the world. My father was a veteran, and his memory always reminds me of the debt owed to the men and women who have served our country. Upon their return from service, many of our soldiers faced challenges re-entering the workforce, accessing the benefits they were entitled to, and ensuring that their needs were addressed by the government.

Just as in other VFW Posts across our nation, the VFW Post 778 and their members

continue to ensure that those who have served in America's armed forces receive the benefits and support they so richly deserve. In addition, they bring so much more to our community through the variety of civic service their members participate in on our behalf. In establishing Post 778 and working so diligently, their membership has made all the difference in the lives of many. It has become an invaluable resource to veterans in the community.

Perhaps more importantly, VFW Posts brought together those who shared a common bond—those who gave so much of themselves to protect and defend our great nation. Today, as they celebrate their 75th anniversary, the Travis Kitchen Post 778 can be proud of all of the good work they have done. It is my honor to stand today to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to the leadership and members, past and present who have ensured VFW Post 778 has and continues to serve our community as well as my heartfelt congratulations on this very special milestone. As we say in Italian "C'ent Anni," to another hundred years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THOMAS  
H. BIRDSONG III

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 12, 2021*

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Thomas H. Birdsong III, a dear and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather—as well as an accomplished native son of the Commonwealth of Virginia—whom we lost on August 20, 2021, at the age of 94.

Born and raised in Suffolk, Virginia, Mr. Birdsong was a member of America's Greatest Generation—an only child who heard and heeded the call to serve from an early age, joining the United States Navy during World War II. It was a call he would continue to answer following the war, a committed servant of both his country and his Commonwealth throughout his life.

A 1949 graduate of Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia—and a recipient of numerous accolades from the College in the decades since, including an Honorary Doctor of Law degree—Mr. Birdsong would go on to serve two terms on the College's distinguished Board of Trustees, including a term as vice chairman. In addition to funding a variety of improvements to the campus itself, Mr. Birdsong's generosity made it possible for several students to attend the College and thereafter call it their own. Further still, Mr. Birdsong has helped ensure the College's future through his establishment of a charitable unitrust that has become part of the College's endowment.

Mr. Birdsong's philanthropy stemmed from his great professional success, rooted quite literally in his beloved home state. Over the course of a successful, 72-year career with Suffolk-based Birdsong Peanuts, Mr. Birdsong was inducted into the Peanut Hall of Fame by the American Peanut Council in 2000 for his "Outstanding Contributions" to the peanut industry. He was continuing to serve as the company's chairman upon his death. As a businessman, Mr. Birdsong was a noted con-

servationist, patron of the arts, and a trusted and well-regarded corporate leader, whose many contributions to American commerce included time spent on the Advisory Council for the United States Secretary of Agriculture.

Please join me in honoring the life of Thomas H. Birdsong III, a Virginian whose legacy of servant leadership lives on in the hearts of all of us grateful for the noble and timeless example he set.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-  
MENDATION FOR FIRST SER-  
GEANT GENE DAVENPORT

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 12, 2021*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of First Sergeant Gene Davenport, U.S. Army, Retired, and recognize him for the Congressional Veteran Commendation. His resume tells the story of one unafraid to do whatever it takes to support his fellow man.

1SG Davenport dedicated 20 years of his life to defending our country, which included two tours in Vietnam. In recognition of these unselfish efforts throughout his career, he received numerous military honors, including a Bronze Star, a Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm, 5 Army Commendation Medal, and 6 Good Conduct Medals. His support of our country's interests abroad serves as a clear testament to his dedication to our great nation.

1SG Davenport has been a stellar and committed volunteer in every one of his communities following his active-duty service. He's given his considerable talents and energies to a broad array of organizations and causes, ranging from officiating high school football games, volunteering at local hospitals, and mentoring tomorrow's leaders, to supporting his fellow warriors in the Marine Corps League and the Leander VFW Post 10427 where he's worked tirelessly to support veterans in need.

I join 1SG Davenport's friends and family in celebrating his selfless service to both his community and nation. He is a worthy recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

IN RECOGNITION OF PENN-MONT  
ACADEMY

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 12, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Penn-Mont Academy in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, as they celebrate their 60th year providing a Montessori education to the students of our community.

Penn-Mont Academy was founded in 1961 by Aline and Gerald Wolf, who founded the school in their home with a vision to create one of the first Montessori institutions in the United States.

Over the past 60 years, the school has worked to provide a creative and insightful education that molds independent and lifelong learners.