

touch with associates, including fellow Illinois Institute of Technology alumni Michael Hill (CS '82) and Perri Irmer (ARCH '81), colleagues, and friends, who help him stay connected to his passions on a global scale.

What's his secret? Caldwell chuckles at the thought of trying to distill a century of living into a few pithy words of advice. "Are you sure you want the whole story?" he asks.

The story begins when Caldwell was born on September 12, 1921 in Raymond, Mississippi, the seventh of eight children. As with all parents, Caldwell's wanted to give their children the best possible start in life. His mother, Chaney Durham, was determined to ensure her children had the opportunity to obtain an education.

So, Curtis and Chaney Durham bought a house 750 miles away and in 1923, they moved their family to Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood, about two miles away from Armour Institute, the institute that would be reborn as Illinois Institute of Technology in 1940.

There, the Durham children did exactly what their mother hoped they would. They went to school. Caldwell graduated from DuSable High School in 1939 and from Woodrow Wilson Junior College in the spring of 1941. That December, the United States entered World War II.

Caldwell knew that if he was drafted, he'd have little control over where or how he was deployed. He heard about a U.S. Army Air Force airborne training program which would train volunteers to work on aviation electronics. Durham volunteered and was accepted to the training program, assigned to a segregated unit of Black soldiers. Caldwell excelled and his training laid the foundation for the rest of his career.

After the war, Caldwell used his engineering training to get a job working for Western Electric, as a "wireman," building and installing hardware for telephone stations. He was the only Black wireman working for Western Electric, establishing a pattern that he would repeat throughout his career.

In the late 1940s, one of Caldwell's colleagues mentioned that he was thinking about quitting his job at Western Electric to go back to school. Caldwell thought that with his academic and professional background and the financial support of the GI Bill, he might be able to do the same. In 1949, he took a class at the university only a couple of miles from his family's home—Illinois Institute of Technology.

There, Caldwell engaged his remarkable capacity as an engineer and excelled. An IIT professor encouraged Caldwell to apply to attend IIT as a full-time student, so he did. A few months later, he was admitted to Illinois Tech, where he earned a bachelor of science in electrical engineering and again, he excelled.

As graduation approached in 1951, Caldwell found little success finding a job in the Midwest, as few firms at the time had an interest in hiring a Black engineer. One of his professors at IIT suggested he look for a job on the west coast, so Caldwell applied for a job at Lockheed in California.

In June 1951, Caldwell Durham moved across the country in pursuit of greater opportunity, this time with his own family.

The Durhams settled in L.A. and Caldwell quickly earned the respect of his colleagues. Caldwell spent the next ten years working for Lockheed, beginning his aerospace career in

earnest, designing and testing airplane instrumentation for the U-2 Spy Plane, first-generation jet aircrafts like the F-94C Starfire Interceptor, and the iconic L-1049 Super Constellation.

In 1961, Caldwell attended a conference where he ran into Okomoto, one of his former Lockheed colleagues, who had since gone to work for Space Technology Laboratories (STL). Okomoto persuaded his manager to interview Caldwell for a job in his office.

Caldwell spent the rest of his career at STL, which later came to be known as TRW. There, he worked in the Ballistic Missile Flight test Instrumentation section, participating in the specification and development of instrumentation systems for several ballistic missiles. Over a period of 28 years he truly became a rocket scientist. In 1978, he became head of the Instrumentation Section. He was the only black section manager in TRW's Missile Program Office. In 1989, he retired with honors and commendations.

Success like Caldwell's isn't a foregone conclusion for anyone. But his parents likely wouldn't be surprised. Chaney Durham knew that all of her children had potential and she did everything she could to give them the chance to express it. She knew that the best way to give her children this gift was through access to education.

Because of his education, Caldwell was able to compete for opportunities that others like him had rarely been allowed to pursue before. And because of his talent and determination, he enjoyed a successful career. He and Burnette also committed themselves to passing on the lesson of the power of an education to their own children. Today, all three of Caldwell's children achieved post-graduate degrees, and he counts lawyers, doctors and a news anchor among his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

This legacy of excellence began almost one hundred years ago, all because one family made the decision to prioritize access to education over their own comfort. Because of that, the descendants of Chaney and Curtis Durham, now five generations strong, have what Chaney always dreamed of: a chance at a better life through the power of education.

Caldwell's 100th birthday was September 12, 2021. He likes to say he's lived a charmed life. So, what is his secret? "You know, I don't know," he says with a laugh, "I think exercise is part of the equation."

COMMEMORATING SANTA CLARA  
CITY LIBRARIAN PATTY WONG

**HON. RO KHANNA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 21, 2021*

Mr. KHANNA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate my constituent, Patty Wong, on becoming the first Asian American librarian to serve as the President of the American Library Association—an organization dedicated to improving learning opportunities and information across the country.

I am grateful for Ms. Wong's service in my district as the City Librarian for the Santa Clara Public Library. She has dedicated her 37-year career to improving our communities by serving as an award-winning librarian in in-

stitutions throughout California, and also as a part-time faculty member educating hundreds of undergraduates at San Jose State University.

From serving as a school librarian, children's librarian, and a special librarian in places including Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library, Oakland Public Library and Berkeley Public Library, she has used every opportunity she could find to pour her heart and soul into community service. Her work on equity and diversity, youth development, fundraising, and creating collaborations between libraries and community agencies are inspiring to us all.

In each of her roles, Ms. Wong has stood out as a leader who is dedicated to making the world a better place. When the pandemic struck, Ms. Wong spearheaded efforts to support weekly food distribution programs, hosted COVID-19 testing at libraries, and partnered with Stanford Blood Mobile to collect blood donations. Our community owes her a debt of gratitude for this selfless work.

Ms. Wong is exceptional in her history of working in libraries and her passion for community service. I am delighted to see her extraordinary talents in this new role recognized as the new President of the American Library Association. I wish her the best of luck on this exciting new endeavor.

HONORING BARB FULLER AS  
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 21, 2021*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Barb Fuller of Corning, Iowa, as Iowan of the Week.

This week we recognize National 4-H Week. As a former 4-H'er myself, I have the utmost respect and gratitude for the individuals who devote their time and expertise to helping kids around our country grow and realize their own potential. In Iowa, 4-H has a deeply rooted commitment to the growth and development of kids across our great State. For decades, Barb Fuller has dedicated her time and passions to the Adams County 4-H.

Barb has been involved with 4-H for practically her entire life. She participated in the organization when she was a kid with the Colfax Cloverettes of Boone County, and the organization's impact on her inspired her to take on more expansive roles within 4-H, especially after her daughter started participating in the organization. Barb became a leader in the Adams County 4-H for roughly 15 years after her daughter joined, leading her daughter's 4-H group, the Jasper Specialists.

Barb has impacted many of the 4-H'ers during her time with the organization, always making sure anyone who wanted to participate was able to have the opportunity to do so. Barb has been dedicated to helping kids in her community grow, and she thoroughly enjoys having the opportunity to guide kids through different projects and tasks. What has impacted Barb the most throughout her time with 4-H has always been the ability to watch kids learn, grow, and gain more self-confidence through the projects and activities they're able

to get involved with. One of the activities that Barb coordinated was the Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports, where she acted as a rifle instructor with her husband, Dave. The couple taught those involved in the program how to handle firearms safely and securely, and they watched 4-H'ers compete at different events at various levels.

Recently, Barb was inducted into the Adams County 4-H Hall of Fame for her decades of service with the organization. Barb's passion for 4-H, along with her years of instruction, has left a mark on generations of 4-H'ers, and it reminds me of the wonderful memories I have of interacting with my leaders and instructors when I was a 4-H'er. Barb's service to her community is commendable, and it's why I am honored to name Barb Fuller as our Iowan of the Week.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
DEPUTY RUSSELL F. ROARK

**HON. RALPH NORMAN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 21, 2021*

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Deputy Russell F. Roark, a beloved community leader and former Police Chief for the City of York.

Deputy Roark has dedicated over fifty years to protecting our community. He began his career in public service as a city fireman in 1962. The following year, he started working as a police officer. By April of 1983, he became the Police Chief for the Union Public Safety Department. Throughout his twenty years of unparalleled leadership and service as Police Chief, Roark trained, mentored, and encouraged countless individuals who have entered the law enforcement profession. Other officers described his advice as "priceless." In 2003, Russell retired as Police Chief. Instead of relaxing and enjoying retirement, Russell continued to serve his community and immediately went to work for the Union County Sheriffs Office as a process server.

Described by his colleagues as dependable, hard-working, and compassionate, Deputy Roark always gives more than 100 percent to his job. As explained by a dear friend, "vacation and sick leave are not in his vocabulary." Even on his days off, Deputy Roark would show up at work to paint the patrol office and spend holidays delivering gifts to individuals in nursing homes.

He has exceeded expectations in service to our state, highlighted by his receipt of numerous awards and accolades. For example, Deputy Roark has been honored with the Union County Cornerstone Award and was named the 2009 Union County Sheriff Office Deputy of the Year. He has earned the respect of law enforcement and citizens all over the state. Most everyone in Union County still fondly refers to him as "Chief" because of his decades of selfless service to the community.

The career of Deputy Roark is a testament to all the good our men and women in blue do for our communities. A true servant-leader, he has created a legacy of progress and success. On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, I thank Deputy Roark for his continued service and wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Union County has truly been blessed to

have him as a community guardian throughout the last half century.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.  
JERRY NALIPINSKI

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 21, 2021*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Jerry Nalipinski who died on October 14, 2021 at the age of 91. Jerry was a decorated veteran of the Korean War and a long-time leader and advocate for Minnesota veterans and residents of the East Metro Twin Cities region where he lived.

I first met Jerry when I served on the City Council of North Saint Paul and as a member of the VFW Post 1350 Auxiliary in the late 1980s. He immediately impressed me as a go-to leader and doer on behalf of veterans and the broader community. His passing is a loss that is felt deeply throughout the Minnesota veteran community.

After graduating from Johnson High School in Saint Paul, Jerry served with the 31st Regiment, Seventh Division, U.S. Army in Korea as a communication officer, arriving in Incheon Harbor on a troop ship. He served with the American-led, United Nations forces from Canada, Turkey and the other 20 coalition members. Commanders ordered Jerry's rifle company to the front lines shortly after arriving in theater, and he sustained injuries during the battle of Pork Chop Hill for which he was awarded a Purple Heart. He was awarded a second Purple Heart and a Bronze Star during his subsequent service in Korea.

Upon his return to Minnesota, Jerry utilized the GI Bill to continue his academic studies. He went to work for Winzen Research, Inc., an aerospace pioneer that created high-altitude balloons in the 1950s and 1960s that were used by the United States Navy in its Projects Helios, Skyhook, and Strato-Lab, that set the altitude record for manned balloon flights. He later worked at Northwestern Bell for many years before retiring.

Jerry made a life-long commitment to serving veterans and others. He served as chair of the Minnesota Korean War Veterans Chapter 1 and led creation and completion of the Minnesota Korean War Memorial. Located on the grounds of the State Capitol, the memorial pays tribute to the 738 Minnesotans who lost their lives and honors all 94,646 from our state who served in the war.

Service defined Jerry's life, as well as that of his beloved late wife Marilyn, who worked tirelessly along his side until her death in 2013. A member of the Arthur O. Haukland VFW Post 1350 in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, Jerry went above and beyond to serve veterans and their families, working to connect veterans of all eras and to serve the broader community.

He served in multiple leadership roles, including chair of the scholarship committee and as chaplain. Jerry led a recent Post effort to ensure that all veterans' graves at Saint Mary's Cemetery were located and identified. Each Memorial Day he organized the volunteers that marked each grave with a flag or marker.

Additionally, he was chair of the Ramsey United Veterans Council and vice president of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 5. His efforts included ensuring each family of a deceased veteran received an American flag in a presentation case crafted by residents of the Hastings Veterans Home. Often, he took time to deliver each of these flags personally.

Few people who are as selfless as Jerry was, and through his commitment to service, vision and stewardship, our state and our community is much better off. It was a privilege to work with Jerry, and especially to call him a friend. My sincere condolences are with his beloved family, his fellow veterans and many friends. Madam Speaker, please join me in tribute to Jerry Nalipinski for his remarkable life of service to our Nation and our community.

REMEMBERING DWIGHT BOYD

**HON. TROY A. CARTER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 21, 2021*

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember Dwight Boyd, a son of Louisiana, who transitioned to his eternal heavenly rest late night on Saturday, October 16, 2021.

He was at peace in his final moments beside his loving families.

He was 65 years old.

As the oldest of six, Dwight's family was always at the center of his world.

His brother Glynn Boyd, one of my dearest friends, looked up to his older brother and recounted many stories from his life.

He shared how Dwight was the first to get a part-time job at Winn-Dixie, and that even as a young man, Dwight always made sure to give all his siblings gifts during the holidays.

Friends remember him graciously blessing them through his angelic voice when singing at church, in weddings, or at the 50-yard line during a high school football game.

Dwight, known by childhood friends as earning the title of Mr. Higgins High School, shined a light on everyone he encountered.

He loved the New Orleans Saints, celebrating Christmas with family, music, and politics.

He made lifelong friends that described him as being the pillar of the community.

My thoughts are with Dwight's loving family, friends, and neighbors as they reel with this loss.

Rest easy, and may God bless his memory.

RECOGNIZING PLANO COMMUNITY  
FORUM ON THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. VAN TAYLOR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 21, 2021*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Plano Community Forum as they celebrate 40 years of outstanding service to the community. Founded on December 10, 1981 by Ken Chestnut, Fred Moses, Al Schexnayder, and Cecil Starks, the Forum