

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL JEFFERSON D. REYNOLDS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, RETIRED

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and recognize Lt. Col., Ret. Jefferson D. Reynolds as the 2021 recipient of the inaugural Veteran of the Year Award for the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia.

Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds has dedicated his life to serving our country, both as an enlisted soldier in the United States Army and as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force in the Judge Advocate General Corps. Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds currently works as an attorney for the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality providing program oversight and enforcement for over 50 agency program areas including air, water, waste, remediation, wetlands, petroleum, and natural resource damage.

For his service, Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds has earned numerous awards, including the defense meritorious service medal, two meritorious service medals, and numerous commendation medals. He is a veteran of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, as well as Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia.

In addition to our appreciation for his service, we owe Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds a debt of gratitude for the work he does for communities in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds serves as an Emergency Medical Technician squad leader for the Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad and as a member of the Virginia Medical Reserve Corps. He continues to volunteer his time in the Richmond area focusing on medical education for at-risk veterans.

Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds personal connection to rock climbing at the age of 14 has inspired him to create a mountaineering company that has organized and led expeditions to every continent in the world. He has climbed the highest peaks of the seven continents and with every climb undertaken it strengthens his resolve to advocate for the preservation and protection of our mountain landscapes. Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds is also the proud father of two children, who, according to him: "are, undoubtedly, my biggest adventure."

It is for these reasons and so many more that I am proud to recognize Lt. Col., Ret. Jefferson D. Reynolds as the 2021 recipient of the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia's inaugural Veteran of the Year Award for his continued service to our Commonwealth and our country.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds for his devotion to the United States of America and his selfless efforts to help all those around him improve the environment.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Paul Laurence Dunbar Commemorative Coin Act. This bill recognizes one of the first influential African-American poets in American literature and benefits the Dunbar Alumni Federation, the alumni association for the Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School in the District of Columbia, which is historic for being the first public high school for African Americans in the United States. I myself am a proud graduate of Dunbar, a storied African-American high school in our country.

Paul Laurence Dunbar was born on June 27, 1872, to freed slaves, and went on to pen such classics as *Majors and Minors* and *Lyrics of Lowly Life*. He also composed the lyrics to *In Dahomey*, the first all-African-American musical produced on Broadway. By the late 1890s, Dunbar had become a prominent author, having had his poems published in major national newspapers, including *The New York Times*. Dunbar died on February 9, 1906, at age 33.

Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School was established in 1870 as the Preparatory High School for Colored Youth. It was the first college preparatory high school for African-American children in the United States. The school was renamed for Dunbar in 1916.

The Dunbar Alumni Federation was organized in 2002 to provide scholarships and other financial support to students and graduates of Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School. The Federation has alumni from more than 35 graduating classes, and supports the school through its scholarship efforts, community activities and other endeavors.

This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to mint 50,000 five-dollar coins, 400,000 one-dollar coins and 750,000 half-dollar coins, with a surcharge on each coin. The surcharges will benefit the scholarships and similar activities of the Dunbar Alumni Federation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING JUANITA BATTLE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, please recognize a dedicated and strong advocate for those who have been affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse. Juanita Battle of West Cape May passed away on October 7, 2021. She was a hero to many, and her legacy will live on with all of those who had the pleasure of knowing her. Juanita was the proud founder of Cape May County's Coalition Against Rape and Abuse. Her Coalition provides counsel, support, and advocates for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. She touched the hearts of many thousands of people during her forty-

seven years of service, and she will live on in their hearts forever. Juanita truly was a pillar of strength in the Cape May Community and may she rest in peace. God Bless Juanita, and God Bless America.

TRIBUTE TO VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to all the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and risked their lives to defend our freedoms and way of life and took and lived the oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic" and bore true faith and allegiance to the same, an obligation they took freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion."

Veterans are truly heroes walking among us.

I want to thank all of our armed servicemen and women for their selfless dedication to our protection every day.

Veterans Day is a reminder to all of us who live in freedom that as President Kennedy said, "The price of freedom is high, but Americans have always paid it."

This Veterans Day is a welcome opportunity to remember that the fallen who gave the last full measure of devotion to their country on battlefields around the world—in places whose names may be unforgettable—or locations that have slipped into the pages of history.

We will never forget:

Revolutionary War:

Valley Forge
York Town

Civil War:

The Battle of Antietam
The Battle of Gettysburg

World War I:

The Battle of Argonne
Flanders Field
Verdun

World War II:

Pearl Harbor
Battle of Bataan
The Battle of Midway
D-Day

Battle of the Bulge

Battle of Anzio

Battle of Corregidor

Korean War:

Inchon
Heart Break Ridge
Pork Chop Hill

Vietnam:

Tet Offensive
Battle of Hue

Desert Storm:

September 11, 2001
Pentagon Attack (125 killed)

Operation Enduring Freedom:

Battle of Kandahar

Operation Iraqi Freedom:

Second Battle of Fallujah

The memory of the fallen are never forgotten.

Madam Speaker, each Veterans Day, Americans come together to remember those who

have served our country around the world in the name of freedom and democracy.

The debt that we owe to them is immeasurable.

Their sacrifices, and those of their families, are freedom's foundation.

Without the brave efforts of all the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and Coast Guardsmen and women and their families, our country would not live so freely.

I offer my deepest gratitude to our nation's troops and reservists, their families, and the 21.6 million veterans, including 29,126 here in the 18th Congressional District.

21.6 million brave men and women are veterans of our nation's military service.

This includes more than 2 million women, 2.7 million African American men and women, 1.5 million Hispanic men and women, 342,000 Asian American Pacific Islanders, and 178,000 American Indians.

Nine in ten military families believe the public does not understand or appreciate their sacrifices.

We use Veterans Day to show our veterans and military families how important they are to us and how grateful we are for them each and every day.

November is National Caregivers Month to show our caregivers how grateful we are for them.

It is only fitting that we thank those caregivers who serve our military today.

5.5 million spouses, parents, children, and other loved ones care for our wounded warriors and 15 percent of caregivers spend 40-plus hours a week providing care for our military families.

As a senior member of the House Committees on Judiciary and Homeland Security, I care deeply about our veterans.

In Congress, I have sponsored many legislative proposals and co-sponsored more than 50 pieces of legislation that will positively benefit our veterans and their families.

On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldier behind.

As a nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we leave no veteran behind.

This day and every day let us honor their service with actions that fulfill our commitment to our troops, their families, and our veterans—and that are worthy of our grateful nation.

HONORING MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S VICTORY OVER THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a team that has electrified the East Lansing community with its accomplishments both on and off the field—the 2021 Michigan State University football team.

Under the leadership of Coach Mel Tucker, the Spartans' motto is "relentless." The word is stamped on the back of the players' helmets and it's present in everything the players do. Since the first offseason conditioning practice, the players have had an energy drilled into them that has translated to an undefeated season with four games left to play. Today,

MSU is the fifth-ranked team in the nation because of what Coach Tucker calls the "deep water."

Madam Speaker, the deep water is a place that you don't want to be in. The deep water is cold, dark, and disorienting. For the MSU football team, their success lies in their ability to take their opponents to the deep water—to outlast them both physically and mentally.

As a result, this Spartan team has been defying the odds and the naysayers. And after last Saturday's comeback victory against the University of Michigan, it's clear that this team has what it takes to go all the way.

Heisman-favorite Kenneth Walker III put on a clinic, scoring all five touchdowns and notching 191 rushing yards—101 of them in the fourth quarter alone. Quarterback Payton Thorne and wide receiver Jayden Reed, teammates who have been playing together since middle school, connected on a two-point conversion late in the game to complete a 16-point comeback. And on defense, everyone from linebacker Simeon Barrow to freshman cornerback Chuck Brantley personified the idea of "bend, don't break" as they came up with clutch plays time and time again. It's because of their relentless efforts, and the efforts of every member of the roster, that the Paul Bunyan trophy is staying home with the Sparty faithful.

From campus to Congress, the MSU-UM rivalry is an example of how good old fashioned competition can bring out the best in us. To that end, I want to thank my dear friend Representative DINGELL for being a good sport and rallying the alumni as part of our prank war last week.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the Michigan State fight song, "Victory for MSU". And today, tomorrow, and forever: Go Green.

On the banks of the Red Cedar,
There's a school that's known to all;
Its specialty is winning,

And those Spartans play good ball;
Spartan teams are never beaten,
All through the game they fight;
Fight for the only colors:
Green and White.

Smash right through that line of blue,
Watch the points keep growing,
Spartan teams are bound to win,
They're fighting with a vim!
Rah! Rah! Rah!

Michigan is weakening,
We're going to win this game,
Fight! Fight! Rah! Team, Fight!
Victory for MSU

HONORING VETERAN CHUCK HABERMAN

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight a veteran constituent of mine, Chuck Haberman, of Noblesville, Indiana. Chuck served in the United States Marine Corps from 2007 until 2014.

Upon his return to Indiana, Chuck immediately redeployed his leadership skills to strengthen his community in Hamilton County.

Following several years in the private sector, last year Chuck moved into the role of Workforce Development Manager for the City

of Noblesville, working with educators, trainers, and business leaders. He is also a Trustee of Ivy Tech Community College Hamilton County and Member of the Board of the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce.

Chuck has also convened the Hamilton County 21st Century Veterans Committee which highlights resources and support options for veterans and their families in Central Indiana, a critical need at this time in our nation's history.

I thank Chuck for his continued service to our nation's veterans and the Fifth Congressional District.

CONGRATULATING SUNSHINE DENTISTRY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, Doctor Eric Thomas and his team at Sunshine Dentistry have been serving the residents of Cape May County with cutting edge dentistry for a long time. They consistently provide quality and expert care for the residents of Cape May County. As a dentist, a visit to the dentist is not necessarily fun. However, Doctor Thomas and his team have mastered the formula for providing a pleasant and comfortable experience for their patients. Their passion for their profession and dedication to their patients have not gone unnoticed. Congratulations to Eric on the new location, and best of luck always. God bless Sunshine Dentistry, and God bless America.

HONORING FITZGERALD BARRINGTON DAVIS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Fitzgerald Barrington Davis, who passed away peacefully on November 1, 2021, at the age of 77 after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease dementia. He was surrounded by his loved ones at the time of his passing and they will continue to honor his legacy of faith, unconditional love, and kindness. His son Dave Davis was a valued member of my district office team for many years.

Fitzgerald was born in Jamaica on May 15, 1944, to Barrington and Gwendolyn Davis. He attended Saint Ann Technical Trade School to pursue his interest in building, design, and construction. As a contractor for the Roads and Works Department in Kingston, Jamaica he oversaw the development of critical infrastructure projects in and around the Kingston area.

Fitzgerald understood that his job was more than just repairing roads and buildings and that these investments in infrastructure could benefit underserved families through community development and jobs. He created programs to help young people learn trades and develop their skills and subsequently employed many of these young people and provided them with opportunities for growth,