

Assistance Commission, he assisted Congress in establishing the Help America Vote Act of 2002. Dr. Soaries has worked tirelessly to pave the way for the next generation of civic leaders through his numerous community initiatives to free individuals from the burden of debt by launching the dfree Financial Freedom Movement and currently serves as an independent director at three companies: Independence Realty Trust, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, and Ocwen Financial Corporation.

I applaud Dr. Soaries for his outstanding accomplishments and commitment to creating opportunities for economic empowerment in our state. On behalf of the state of New Jersey, I would like to formally congratulate Reverend Dr. DeForest B. Soaries on his retirement and wish him the very best as he embarks on his next chapter of life.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA LODGE NO. 77

**HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN**

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 23, 2021*

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the work of the America Lodge No. 77 on its centennial celebration.

The America Lodge No. 77 was founded 100 years ago and continues to exercise its work ascribed to the Great Sovereign Lodge of Free and Accepted Freemasons of Puerto Rico. On June 19th of 1921, a group of eight distinguished masons celebrated a meeting presided over by the honorable Pedro Del Valle Atilas. In this meeting the new lodge was constituted with the name of Americas.

The Grand Master William E. Lippitt presided over the ceremony when the Great Lodge of Free and Accepted Freemason of Puerto Rico granted the Founding Charter to the America Lodge. With this the number 77 was assigned to the America Lodge and the new Officialdom was installed.

It is motive of pride for the America Lodge No. 77, the fact that their members are not limited to their masonic activities for the benefit of their lodge only. A great number of them have rendered valuable services to humanity like educational conferences about the Masonic history and providing resources to assist the victims of Hurricane Maria. Additionally, members of the Lodge have held positions of importance in different industries throughout the history of the Lodge having a great impact in their communities.

I'm honored to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the America Lodge No. 77, recognizing the uninterrupted work that their members continue to perform.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD ALBERT ST. JOHN

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 23, 2021*

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent from

Pomona, the Honorable Richard Albert St. John. It is with more than a heavy heart that I share that Richard Albert St. John passed away on November 4, 2021.

From the young age of 16, Richard served his country first with the merchant marines on the Great Lakes steamers. One year later, Richard enlisted into the Army where he served as a marine engine mechanic. After leaving the Army and working in a car factory, Richard re-enlisted and served in the Korean War. He was seriously wounded during the war, and was awarded the Purple Heart.

After being discharged as a Sergeant First Class, Richard relocated to Los Angeles in 1953 and entered public service with the Sheriffs Department and then as an investigator with the District Attorney's office. He attended law school at night at Pacific Coast University while working in law enforcement during the day. Upon passing the bar, he worked as the Assistant County Counsel for Butte County. He later returned to Los Angeles where he met Judith Wallingford and married her in 1970.

Richard's experience and success as a trial lawyer led him to be recruited to the District Attorney's office. From 1975 to 1998, Richard served as a Juvenile Court Referee and then as a Superior Court Judge on the Santa Barbara County Superior Court.

In retirement, Richard dedicated his time to his art, family, and traveling with his beloved wife. Richard was a dedicated husband, loyal friend, and selfless public servant. He will be fondly remembered by his loved ones, friends, colleagues, and community.

Today, Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Honorable Richard Albert St. John on the House floor to the State of California. May he rest in peace.

158TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 23, 2021*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in recognition of the 158th anniversary of President Lincoln's famous Civil War speech in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. I believe it is appropriate that we take the time to remember these meaningful words.

GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN—NOVEMBER 19, 1863

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives, that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It

is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

IN HONOR OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 23, 2021*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincere gratitude and admiration for the healthcare workers in Alabama's 4th Congressional District, Northern Alabama, and our entire state: We have all heard stories about individuals in the healthcare field who have gone beyond the call of duty during the Coronavirus pandemic. From all across my district, and throughout our state, constituents have nominated some amazing medical workers, and it is my privilege to honor 63 of these individuals today.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen heroic work done to fight the virus on the front lines. Doctors, nurses, first responders, and everyone who has worked tirelessly in the medical field during this past year deserve all the thanks we can give them. They have kept us safe and healthy in a time when we needed it most.

Over the past two years I have visited hospitals, talked with those on the front lines of the fight, and visited vaccine clinics throughout my district. I have been overwhelmed by the outstanding work being done each and every day. It has been a constant battle for these healthcare heroes, but they have risen to the task every step of the way. I have no doubt in my mind that these amazing men and women have made a big difference in Alabama's bout with COVID-19.

It is for those reasons, and so many more, that I want to honor the healthcare heroes of Northern Alabama. They deserve nothing less. Thanks to the submissions from my constituents in Alabama's 4th Congressional District, I include in the RECORD the names of 63 healthcare heroes. When history looks upon this trying time in our country, they will find the names of the men and women of Alabama who courageously took on the fight to keep the rest of us safe.

With my utmost gratitude, may the legacy of these 63 healthcare heroes live on well into the future.

From Jasper, Alabama: April Burton Reed, Ty Blackwell, and Dr. Ike Baker.

From Athens, Alabama: Patrick Boyett.

From Hackleburg, Alabama: Nataline Pennington.

From Fairfield, Alabama: Josh Elliott.

From Vinemont, Alabama: Mary Katherine (Katie) Sutter.

From Brilliant, Alabama: Cynthia Burleson.

From Town Creek, Alabama: Destinee Jones.

From Moulton, Alabama: Morgan Potts.  
 From Phil Campbell, Alabama: Jeremy Hall.  
 From Fort Payne, Alabama: Jimmy Biddle.  
 From Rainbow City, Alabama: Amy Chastain.  
 From Tuscaloosa, Alabama: Deidra Long.  
 From Valley Head, Alabama: Allie Elizabeth Rhodes.  
 From Corner, Alabama: Felton Scott Perry, and Michelle Burgess Perry.  
 From Grant, Alabama: Samantha G. Lemley.  
 From Guntersville, Alabama: Emma Black, Dr. Mark Christensen.  
 From Haleyville, Alabama: Cindy Butler Fretenborough, and Amanda Moore.  
 From Albertville, Alabama: Patrick Roberts.  
 From Cullman, Alabama: Erin Wilson, Charles Pennington, and Kelly Patton.  
 From Huntsville, Alabama: Dr. Tighe.  
 From Courtland, Alabama: Miranda Peebles Hutto.  
 From Arab, Alabama: Dr. Megan Zeine and staff, and Katy Massey.  
 From Sheffield, Alabama: Michael McWaters, Sandra Hovater, Amy Patrick, Jennifer Plemons-Kastberg, and Amanda Gray.  
 From Winfield, Alabama: Dr. Martin Hajjar.  
 From Walker Baptist Medical Center: John Jessup, Hannah Gilliland, Jeremy Hodges, Jennifer Burdette, Corey Lambert, Leigh Ann Min, Cindy Fine, Penny Hester, Ginger Seiberling, Sharon Patton, Kelley Polly, Jerry Munchner, Gena Cooper, Greg Drummond, Ron Melson, Wanda Phillips, Bobby Cook, Hyon Morrow, James Johnson, Courtney Works, Beth Stephenson, Michelle Lawson, Thea Higgings, and Marie Morgan.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
 MASTER SERGEANT HAROLD  
 SHOEPFLIN

**HON. RALPH NORMAN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 23, 2021*

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the service of Master Sergeant Harold Shoepflin of South Carolina. A true American hero, Harold bravely served our country throughout World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. In 1943, he enlisted in the Navy and was sent to Camp Perry, Virginia where he was assigned to a newly commissioned 72nd Construction Battalion. The battalion soon boarded a ship in Norfolk before heading to Pearl Harbor. In Hawaii, the battalion constructed runways, Quonset Huts, and a fuel tank field for the Navy and Marine Corps. Harold lost several close friends during the attack on Pearl Harbor. He also lost his brother, Bob, who was killed in action in Guam.

Despite these losses, following World War II, Harold enlisted in the Marine Corps. From there, he went through Parris Island, Camp Lejeune, and Camp Pendleton. When the Korean War erupted, Harold endured Marine Corps Cold Weather Mountain training and then traveled to Japan with the 1st Armored Amphibious Battalion.

After serving in Inchon during the Korean War, Harold returned to California where he spent several years at Camp Pendleton with the 7th Marine Engineers, attending various Leadership Schools.

Following the outbreak of the Vietnam War, Harold's battalion shipped out on a landing ship tank heading for Da Nang. During his time in Vietnam, Harold was assigned to Iron Mountain, and was also in charge of Base Services Recovery in Chu Lai.

After these many dangerous tours, Harold retired as a Master Sergeant in 1971. As a testament to his exemplary military career, Harold amassed many notable honors and accolades, including the World War II Navy Occupation Service Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V," the Presidential Unit Citation, the American Campaign Medal, and numerous others. Following his military service, Harold and his family retired to Charleston, South Carolina where he maintained a successful career in the insurance and real estate industry. He also owned and operated a shrimp boat. Harold enjoyed 49 years of blissful marriage to his beautiful wife Ruth until her passing in 1996. Together, the couple raised four wonderful children: Debra, Nancy, Joy, and Harold Jr. Their son Harold followed in his father's footsteps and went on to serve as a major in the Marine Corps.

On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, I thank Harold for his outstanding service. He has created a lasting legacy of duty, honor, and courage, and our nation is better for his sacrifice.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH J.  
 QUINN, JR.

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 23, 2021*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn and observe the passing of a diligent public servant and a passionate community member, Joseph "Jack" Quinn, Jr. of Suffield, Connecticut. A dedicated member in local politics and a loving family man, Jack passed away on November 7, 2021, surrounded by his loved ones, after 85 years on this Earth.

Born to Joseph J. and Mary Mae Quinn in Hartford, Connecticut, Jack demonstrated fierce loyalty to our State from the get-go. Jack's life-long intention was to improve what our region had to offer his fellow neighbors by way of hard work and civic engagement. This intention extended through every aspect of his life—even for his professional career, Jack chose to serve an impressive 37-years with the Connecticut Department of Transportation before moving on to a rightfully deserved retirement.

Of course, Jack's personal commitment to improving his own community went far deeper than just an occupation with the State. His intrinsic community-oriented perspective encouraged his involvement within state and local politics throughout the entirety of his life. He was an ardent member of the local Democratic Town Committee, leading to various roles of service with the Town of Suffield, including a stint in leadership as a selectman. In his tenure with the municipal government, Joseph helped the town oversee several priorities from managing operations of the Suffield Police Department, to uplifting and preserving Suffield's 350 years of history, to improving

proper traffic safety and the town's infrastructure. Beyond his time as selectman, it is worth noting Jack maintained his ability to advocate for the interests of the Suffield community through an innumerable amount of settings—acting as a traditional participant in state conventions, serving as a commissioner for the Suffield Police Commission, a member for the Pedestrian and Traffic Safety and Infrastructure Committee, serving on Suffield's Water Pollution Control Authority and additionally the Vice Chairman of the Heritage Committee.

Throughout his impassioned involvement with the town, Joseph unwaveringly prioritized Suffield's best interests and sought to leave the town and its government even better than when he began his work. Armed with the vitality brought by his own sense of dedication, Jack kept a busy, local presence even into his latest years, working at Vinnie's Little Acre in Windsor Locks over the holidays, utilizing his younger experience as a florist to produce arrangements for and share stories with fellow community members.

Madam Speaker, Joseph Quinn, Jr. was a diligent civil servant who deeply and consistently enriched the lives of those within the community. I have had the honor to represent the Town of Suffield for many years in Congress and have seen Jack's dedicated work firsthand. He epitomized what it meant to be a loyal public servant and a passionate community member. In his passing, Joseph leaves behind his loving wife, Corrine, three children: Katherine, Lisa, and Joseph Quinn III, as well as several grand and great-grandchildren. He loved spending time with them and will be remembered as a passionate family member. His memory will undoubtedly live on through his family as well as within the Suffield community which he served. To that end, I ask that my colleagues and this Chamber join me in remembering Joseph's legacy and expressing our deepest respect for Joseph's work and life.

HONORING THE 15TH  
 ANNIVERSARY OF SRCTec

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 23, 2021*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 15th Anniversary of SRCTec, a manufacturing and lifecycle management firm in Central New York that has developed and built some of the most groundbreaking technologies to solve defense, environmental, and intelligence problems.

In its 15 years of operation, SRCTec has developed and manufactured high-quality, award-winning electromechanical products that have strengthened our nation's defense. The company holds the prestigious title of Tier 1 supplier to the U.S. Army and has received the Army's Top Ten Inventions Award for its stellar work to develop the CREW Duke system, which prevents remote detonation of improvised explosive devices. SRCTec also received the Army's Top Ten Inventions Award for its Lightweight Counter-Mortar Radio, which provides continuous surveillance of rocket, artillery, and mortar threats to American troops.

Aside from SRCTec's commitment to quality manufacturing, the firm is also an active part