

tested their mettle and served as a guiding force leading them to a 31–6 record for this season.

The Greeneville Greene Devils opened the state tournament by leading the Bolivar Central Tigers of Hardeman County for all but 1:53 seconds of the game which ended in a 61–58 victory for Greeneville. The Greene Devils then faced the Upperman Bees of Putnam County in the semifinals. Upperman proved to be a worthy opponent claiming the lead for over half of the game, but the Greene Devils persevered and came out on top 47–41. The only thing standing in their way of overall victory was the 25–1 Jackson South Side Hawks of Jackson, TN. Greeneville led for most of the game, but the Hawks fought their way to a one-point lead with just 4:00 minutes left. With ice in their veins, however, the Greene Devils regained the lead and never looked back ending with a 47–46 victory. I am so very proud of these young men and their coaches.

Winning a state championship is a monumental accomplishment and is a testament to their commitment to their mission statement which is to “embody the principles and practices of a community-minded, championship basketball program by: utilizing gifts and influence, emphasizing other-centeredness, and developing athleticism and basketball skill.” I commend these young men, their excellent coaching staff and the statisticians and videographers who support them on this well-deserved title. I wish them equal success in their future athletic and academic pursuits.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Greeneville High School Greene Devils on winning the 2A State Championship and representing Tennessee’s First Congressional District with such distinction. I am proud to represent these students and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING MRS. JUDY HUDSON
BLAND

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Judy Hudson Bland.

Judy Bland moved to Quitman County at the age of five with her parents, Floyd and Christine Hudson and her three older brothers. She was educated from first through twelfth grade in Marks. Upon high school graduation, she attended the University of Mississippi on a journalism scholarship her freshman year.

In the spring of 1963, she married Johnny Bland, who had signed a contract with the Boston Red Sox and traveled with him to play at various locations in their farm system. After an eye infection ended his baseball career, he began a new one as a banker with First Security Bank at the Marks Branch. They brought their young family to Marks; a son, Kevin Bland, and daughter, Kimberly Bland (Wells), who were both educated in Marks; both received associate degrees from Northwest Community College and B.S. degrees; Kevin, from Mississippi State and Kimberly, from Delta State. These two children, their spouses

and her grandchildren have been a constant source of joy, pride and inspiration as a part of her daily life.

Bland had obtained her B.S. degree at the University of Memphis and worked for several years in the Memphis City School System, so in 1977, she returned to her teaching career, one that included a variety of afterschool programs which exposed the students in Quitman County to new technology and gave them opportunities to volunteer for worthwhile projects, such as participating in the relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina. In 1992, she was honored to receive recognition as “Teacher of the Year” at Quitman County High School. She was also often called upon to interview prospective teachers at recruiting events on college campuses.

After her retirement in 2004, she continued the spirit of volunteerism. Whenever she saw a need, she offered to do what she could to fill it and help those in need lift themselves above their disadvantages. She helped patients at DePorres Rural Health Clinic who could not afford their medicine apply to the pharmaceutical companies for free or at a discounted price. Working with the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi, she created a pilot program for Head Start to educate the children on eating nutritious food and to encourage their family members to eat healthy, as well. Working with the local non-profit, Youth Opportunities Unlimited, she supervised youth on educational fieldtrips; helped students learn GIS/GPS technology and to map the condemned buildings in Quitman County that should be cleared and used for environmental friendly projects; prepared yard signs with house numbers to improve 911 accuracy; delivered Emergency Kits to elderly residents in the county; helped open a fitness center that welcomed all area residents; and conducted afterschool workshops for students on topics, such as financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and screen printing. Working with the Marks Project, a local non-profit formed in 2017, she has been instrumental in providing playground equipment, an outdoor fitness trail, and an outstanding football field for countywide youth in the City of Marks Park; providing an excellent reading program for Pre-K, a Saturday tutoring/recreation program for middle school students, conducted on the campus at the University of Mississippi’s School of Education, and ACT Prep Boot Camps at the high school, all in the Quitman County School District; and securing partnerships with both Northwest and Coahoma Community College to provide free job training to Quitman and its surrounding counties.

Bland has served on numerous boards in Quitman County and north Mississippi, including the board of directors of DePorres Delta Ministries, Youth Opportunities Unlimited, and the Marks Project, as well as the Advisory Board of the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi and the Board of Trustees of Northwest Mississippi Community College.

She has won several awards in recent years, such as the 2010 President’s Volunteer Service Award, the 2013 Quitman County Alumni Scholarship Gala Award, the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi’s 2019 Community Star Award, Margaret Maddox Woman of the Year and the 2020 Mule Train Historical Society Woman of the Year.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Judy Bland for her dedication to the teaching profession and her untiring efforts of volunteerism,

BREANNE ELIZABETH RICHARDS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Breanne Elizabeth Richards for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Breanne Elizabeth Richards is a student at Arvada K–8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Breanne Elizabeth Richards is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Breanne Elizabeth Richards for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING MICHAEL FINNEY’S
30TH ANNIVERSARY WITH ABC7
NEWS BAY AREA

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Michael Finney as he celebrates his 30th anniversary with ABC7 News Bay Area.

Michael’s interest in journalism began as a child. While attending Ray Lyman Wilbur Junior High School in Palo Alto, California, Michael took a journalism class in which he did a story on bike thefts. His story contributed to the school’s decision to build a fence to prevent any further thefts. Michael later graduated from California State University, Chico and went on to pursue a career in journalism. He worked at television stations in Idaho, Bakersfield, and San Diego before returning to the Bay Area.

Michael joined ABC7 News in 1991 and has since become known for his “7 On Your Side,” segments, which focus on consumer advocacy. The segments highlight Michael’s investigations into consumer complaints including faulty products, suspicious business practices, and industry problems. Through this work, Michael has helped return millions of dollars to consumers and earned the trust and respect of the community.

Michael’s work has not only made him a household name in the Bay Area, but has also earned him numerous accolades for his work in broadcast journalism. He has won an Emmy from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and a Golden Mike, in addition

to being honored by Press Clubs, the Radio Television News Directors Association, and the Associated Press. He has also been honored by several community groups including Consumer Action, Consumer Watchdog, and the National Association of Consumer Advocates.

Michael is known by his colleagues as a reporter who upholds the highest journalistic ethics. We thank Michael for his dedication to helping Bay Area community members and wish him many more years of excellent reporting and helping consumers. Please join me in honoring Michael for his many contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING TAMPA'S HEALTH CARE HERO, DR. KEVIN SNEED, IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I am celebrating Tampa's health care heroes. I rise today in admiration and respect for the service and leadership of Dr. Kevin Sneed, a tenured professor and the founding dean of the University of South Florida (USF) College of Pharmacy. Born in 1968, he was raised in Orlando, FL. His parents were both public school teachers and were part of the initial wave of educators to desegregate Orange County public schools. As a student at Edgewater High School, he was a shining star—senior class vice president, a member of the National Honor Society and a football and track athlete.

He attended the University of Central Florida to earn his bachelor's degree in biology with a concentration in microbiology. While it is apparent that he was drawn to the sciences, it was a significant illness while in college that furthered his appreciation for health care and inspired him to enter this field. Dr. Sneed then received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy, where he received numerous clinical and leadership awards. He returned to Florida to complete an Ambulatory Care/Primary Care Pharmacy Practice Specialty Residency at Bay Pines Veteran's Administration Medical Center.

Prior to joining USF, Dr. Sneed was a faculty member at Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy. He joined USF Health as assistant dean and then founded its College of Pharmacy, which this year will celebrate its 10-year anniversary since welcoming its first charter class. In 2019, the College of Pharmacy received a \$10 million donation from the Taneja Family Foundation, marking a transformational milestone for the young school and validating the innovative education experience that centers around the Primary Care Clinical Pharmacist, which trains pharmacists and physicians together. USF is a pioneer of this in Florida.

One of Dr. Sneed's research and clinical interests is examining health care disparities. He regularly partners with organizations, such as the American Heart Association and REACHUP, Inc., to shine a light on these disparities and improve health outcomes, and his

efforts were more critical than ever this past year during the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, Dr. Sneed has been dedicated to educating African American and Latino communities on how to understand the coronavirus and prepare for the vaccine, while working with the medical research community to help ensure equitable distribution among communities of color. Black and Hispanic populations that contract COVID-19 have a higher death rate by 2.8 times their white counterparts, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The same dataset also demonstrates even higher hospitalization rates for Black and Hispanic populations. Dr. Sneed's efforts surely will save lives.

Dr. Sneed is active in national and state organizations, among which include the American Heart Association, Association of Black Cardiologists, National Pharmaceutical Association, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Florida Pharmacy Association, Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc, and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. His work has been published in numerous peer-reviewed journals, book chapters, abstracts, poster presentations, and he has participated in multiple federal and industry sponsored grant projects. Notably, Dr. Sneed served as a site principal investigator and co-investigator on medication clinical trials.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation in the midst of a public health crisis and the Tampa Bay community, I am proud to recognize the service and leadership of Dr. Kevin Sneed, and his audacious, inspiring vision to transform health care in a way that empowers the clinician, but more importantly, the patient.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHRISTOPHER JOHN KURBEL'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Christopher John Kurbel of Dearborn on the occasion of his 100th Birthday. His contributions to our community and to our nation are worthy of commendation.

The son of immigrants from Austria and Germany, Mr. Kurbel was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan as the youngest of four children. He met his wife, wife Evelyn Mae Stirbny when the family moved to Lincoln Park, Michigan.

Mr. Kurbel joined the United States Army in 1942 during World War II. He was a member of the 34th Infantry Division, serving as 3rd Platoon squad leader; 135th Regiment; Company; Private First Class. He was first stationed in Africa and later shipped to Italy, and other parts of Europe. His last battle was the victory of the complete surrender of the German 34th Division on May 1, 1945. He was awarded two bronze medals and a Good Conduct Award for his service to our nation which ended in 1945.

After his duties ended, he returned to Michigan, working various jobs before ending up at McLean Trucking, where he remained for thirty years until his retirement. Before her passing in 2017, Mr. and Mrs. Kurbel were married for

nearly seventy years and together they have seven children, thirteen grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Christopher John Kurbel on his 100th Birthday. He has honorably served this country through his exemplary military service during World War II. I join with Mr. Kurbel's family and friends in extending my best wishes to him on his birthday.

BRADEN PFITZER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Braden Pfitzer for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Braden Pfitzer is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Braden Pfitzer is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Braden Pfitzer for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING DEONTA SELVY, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and ambitious man Mr. Deonta Selvy, Sr. Selvy has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to make a difference in his community.

Vicksburg native Deonta Selvy, Sr. has been a pillar of the Vicksburg community over the years as both a successful businessman and local volunteer. Selvy began D & T Mobile Express Services in 2009 just two years after graduating from North Carolina Central University.

Apart from being a great businessman, Selvy is known for his love of sports and teaching kids the fundamentals of the games. Selvy has been a volunteer football and basketball coach for the last 15 years and has mentored hundreds of kids through the years. Most recently, he and his wife, Takita Selvy, started F.R.E.E (Fitness, Recreation, Education, Encouragement), a nonprofit agency aimed at helping kids in the community.

Selvy has proven his dedication to serving the community and now he continues to take steps further to help individuals, and the city of Vicksburg will always be in debt to him for his great services.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Deonta Selvy for his