

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

passion and dedication to serving Warren County and desire to make a difference in the community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN KNOX

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 5, 2021*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of John Knox.

John was raised in Richmond, California, where he attended John F. Kennedy High School. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley and went on to obtain a Juris Doctorate from Berkeley Law in 1987. After completing his education, John began working as an attorney at Orrick and dedicated himself to his career as a public finance lawyer.

After six years, John was promoted to partner. He mastered the technical aspects of being a lawyer, but also understood the importance of developing strong business relationships. John built a local government practice throughout the Bay Area, which he transitioned to a municipal restructuring practice. John and his law partner guided cities through bankruptcy with John handling the public financing and restructuring of debt. In 2012, John and his partner helped Stockton, CA file for bankruptcy protection, which was the largest U.S. city bankruptcy filing that year. This work with cities earned them recognition as "Attorneys of the Year" by California Lawyer magazine in 2013. John received this same recognition, known as the CLAY award, in 2005 and 2017. In addition to this work, it was also John's idea to use Social Impact Bonds to revitalize distressed properties in Richmond and transition them to those in need of affordable housing.

In his personal life, John met his future wife, Aracely, in high school when they were partnered for a class project. John and Aracely married in 1981 and had four children. John also had a love of music, especially jazz, which he developed during childhood when he started playing piano. As a teenager and young adult, John played music professionally as part of a band. His friends and family remember his piano playing as effortless and always drawing a crowd.

Sadly, John passed away in February at the age of 64. Please join me in honoring John for his many contributions to our community.

REMEMBERING FAUSTINO "TINO" ARMENTA

**HON. RAUL RUIZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 5, 2021*

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of my constituent, Faustino "Tino" Armenta. A United States Marines veteran who served his country honorably, Tino was a remarkable member of our community who shared a passion for public service, education, and his vintage 1953 Bel Air.

From a young age, Tino demonstrated his courage and love of country when he earned

his Eagle Scout badge in high school. Upon his graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served our country as a chemical, atomic, and biological warfare Non-Commissioned Officer Instructor.

Tino was a lifelong learner who believed in the power of education. After discharge from the Marines, he obtained his MBA and Ph.D. in international business and traveled across the country as he pursued a thriving business career. Over the course of his career, Tino inspired countless others. In his uplifting biography, "Los Hijos de Orozco," he traced his families' history and their pursuit of the American Dream.

After his retirement, Tino spread his love of learning to others through his community involvement. He volunteered with various organizations that provide educational resources to low-income children in the community. He even traveled to Peru to teach children in the countryside how to read and write in English. His passion for education now lives on in his children, Juan and Cris, who both obtained their doctorates and practice law in Rancho Mirage and San Diego.

For many years, Tino remained engaged in his community by lending a hand and mentoring young people. He was always willing to help those in need—even if it meant donning a Santa Claus or elf costume to pass out presents to local children.

Tino was not only a dear member of the community but also a dear person to me. I mourn his loss with his loved ones, his wife Nora, children Juan and Cris, and all his wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren—who will no doubt—carry on his legacy for generations to come.

CHLOE CLEVELAND

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

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

Chloe Cleveland is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Chloe Cleveland 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 Chloe Cleveland 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.

RECOGNIZING TAMPA'S HEALTH CARE HERO, DR. PATRICK EM-MANUEL VINCENT, IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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*Monday, April 5, 2021*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I am celebrating Tampa's health care heroes. Today I rise in immense gratitude for the life of service of retired pastor, Dr. Patrick Emmanuel Vincent, who because of his vision and leadership, approximately 1,500 of our neighbors of the East Tampa community have a medical home and access to free health care through the Calvary Community Clinic. Born in 1948 in the southeasterly Caribbean islands of Trinidad and Tobago, our community is fortunate that for the past nearly 20 years he has called Tampa Bay his home and for his pastoral service leading the congregation of Mount Calvary Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) Church since 2001 until his retirement in 2016.

Dr. Vincent always wanted to be a minister of the gospel as far back as he could recall. He started his preparation for ministry at the University of the Southern Caribbean in Maracas Valley, a few miles northeast of his childhood home. He then moved to Mandeville, Jamaica to complete his bachelor's degree at the Northern Caribbean University. He graduated with a master's degree in Divinity from the SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Michigan. He completed his Doctor of Ministry degree at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. His pastoral ministry took him to Nashville and Chattanooga, TN, as well as Birmingham, AL and Orlando, FL. He became a renowned church builder and church growth specialist. As the senior pastor of Mount Calvary SDA Church in Tampa, Dr. Vincent led his congregation into their beautiful new sanctuary and reconstructed the church's school.

But Dr. Vincent's vision went beyond serving the congregation of his church. He led a survey within the East Tampa community where his church is located to determine the most critical need. In response to the growing uninsured population in this area, the Calvary Community Clinic was established in 2015 to provide quality, compassionate health care. Dr. Vincent raised funding through Mount Calvary Church endowments and membership contributions, community initiatives, donations from corporations as well as grants. Today, Dr. Vincent serves as the chair of the Board of Directors for the clinic and a volunteer staff of certified physicians, physicians assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, counselors, social workers, and clerical and support personnel provide free healthcare and health education services to the uninsured, underserved and working poor individuals and families of East Tampa and Hillsborough County.

Dr. Vincent is happily married to Judy Williams and together, they have committed their lives in service to God and their neighbors.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation and Tampa Bay community, I am proud to recognize Dr. Patrick Emmanuel Vincent, and his lifetime of servant leadership, spiritual guidance and his entrepreneurial spirit to uplift