

federal technician in 1996 and was assigned to the Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site at Camp Shelby.

In 2007, Colonel Ginn deployed to Iraq as a Company Commander serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His military career spanned three decades of exemplary service including his most recent leadership role as Commander of the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

Colonel Ginn has received numerous prestigious awards including the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, and many other commendations including Federal and State Awards.

Colonel Ginn is a graduate of the Command and General Staff Officer Course and earned a master's degree in Strategic Studies at the prestigious U.S. Army War College.

Colonel Bobby Ginn is a true American patriot who chose to answer the call to serve our country. It is an honor to recognize his unwavering dedication to our country.

HONORING BERTINE BAHIGE ON BEING NAMED THE 2021 WYOMING NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 19, 2021*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Bertine Bahige on being named the 2021 Wyoming National Distinguished Principal.

Bertine was born and raised in the Democratic Republic of the Congo until he was kidnapped by the Mai Mai Rebel Group who came to his town in eastern DRC looking to abduct new recruits. He escaped after two years and spent five years in a refugee camp before being resettled in the United States. After he arrived in the United States, he juggled three jobs to put himself through community college and never missed a class. Bertine did so well in school that he was offered a scholarship to study at the University of Wyoming, and after graduating, decided to make Wyoming his home and begun looking for ways to give back to his community.

He started his career as a high school teacher in Gillette and is now the Principal at Rawhide Elementary school. Bertine has had such an impact on his students that many of them come back years later to ask him for advice or guidance in their lives. This outstanding accomplishment is a true reflection of Bertine's hard work, dedication, and commitment to his students. Rawhide Elementary school is lucky to have someone who puts students first and values the positive impact teachers have on the students they teach.

I thank Bertine for his dedication to Wyoming students and his contributions to education.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOSEPH MCCOY

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 19, 2021*

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Joseph McCoy.

On the morning of April 23, 1897, an African American named Joseph McCoy, just a teenager, was lynched in Alexandria, Virginia. On April 22, Joseph McCoy was arrested without a warrant. That evening and into the early morning of April 23 a white mob made two attempts to break into the police station where he was being held. In the second attempt the mob forcibly took him from his jail cell, shot him, bludgeoned him, and hanged him from the lamppost on the southeast corner of Cameron and Lee Streets. McCoy was buried in a pauper's grave at Penny Hill Cemetery. Joseph McCoy was the first documented lynching victim in Alexandria.

The lynching of Joseph McCoy is only one of 86 documented lynchings committed in Virginia between 1880 and 1930. These acts of premeditated violence were deliberate attempts by whites to terrorize and control black populations across the state.

On April 23, the City of Alexandria's Equal Justice Initiative Community Remembrance Project will hold a remembrance event for Joseph McCoy. It will feature the unveiling of a small in-person marker and a wider commemoration via an In Memoriam web page.

It is incumbent on all of us, particularly those born into privilege, to remember this shameful episode of our history and others like it. In doing so, we are better able to see the continuous chain of racially motivated violence against black Americans that spans our Nation's history. We can truly honor the memory of Joseph McCoy along with the countless number of named and unnamed victims of racial violence by seeking justice for all Americans and working to build a more inclusive society.

HONORING COLONEL PHYLLIS LUTTMAN

**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 19, 2021*

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Colonel Phyllis Luttmann who passed away on March 1, 2021. I send my condolences and prayers to her husband, Walter, as well as her family and friends.

Col. Luttmann joined the Air Force in 1962 and was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant in October 1969 after receiving her basic nursing education in New Jersey. She served on active duty for 30 years and in the Reserves for 2 years, later retiring in January 1993 from Keesler AFB. Col. Luttmann served at numerous installations as an Operating Room and Central Supply Director including Otis AFB, Massachusetts, Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana, Tuslog Det 37 in Ankara Turkey, Sheppard AFB in Texas, David Grant Medical Center in California, and the Medical Center at Keesler AFB.

Col. Luttmann was very active in numerous professional organizations including the Aerospace Medical Association. She was elected President of the Flight Nurse Section from 1979 through 1980 and during her career received the Brig. Gen. E.A. Hoefly Award for clinical and managerial excellence.

Col. Luttmann was awarded numerous decorations for her service, including the Legion of Merit, Air Force Meritorious Service with two oak leaf clusters, the Joint Services Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal. I admire Colonel Luttmann for her unwavering dedication to our country.

Although we are saddened by her passing, we take comfort in her example of a life well lived and the legacy she leaves behind. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Mississippi, we honor the memory of Colonel Phyllis Luttmann, a loving wife, a dedicated civil servant and a woman of God.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF GERALD THOMAS KIDD

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 19, 2021*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mr. Gerald Kidd who passed away on February 20 at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. I join his family and loved ones in mourning his loss.

Mr. Kidd grew up in Pontotoc County, graduating from Hurricane High School. In 1944 he married Mildred Dowdy. In that same year he entered service as a private in the United States Army and was assigned to the European Theatre during WWII. He was a rifleman in the 2nd platoon of Company B 318th Infantry. Shortly before Christmas of 1944, he was taken prisoner by German soldiers. He was released in April of 1945 and was awarded the purple heart.

Gerald returned to Pontotoc and his wife, Mildred where they had two children. He soon began a career in home building that started in Memphis but quickly moved he and his family around the country. The pair retired to the Alabama Gulf Coast before finally returning to Pontotoc.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 77 years, Mildred; children Sandy and Gary; two grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

I am grateful for the service of men like Mr. Kidd who dedicated their life to family, faith, and country.

FRANCISCA VASQUEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 19, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Francisca Vasquez for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Francisca Vasquez is an 11th grader at Lester Arnold High School and received this award because her determination and hard

work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Francisca Vasquez 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 Francisca Vasquez for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 19, 2021*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding a missed vote due to attending a friend's funeral. Had I been present for roll call vote number 118, On Passage to the Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 119, On Passage to the 504 Credit Risk Management Improvement Act, I would have voted "yea."

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APRIL VETERAN OF THE MONTH

**HON. KEVIN HERN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 19, 2021*

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's April Veteran of the Month, Willie Braggs.

Willie Braggs is a retired Air Force officer and Vice Wing Commander of the 138th Fighter Wing of the Oklahoma Air National Guard. His service included two combat tours in the Middle East. Colonel Braggs faithfully served our country for over thirty years and continues to give back to his community and fellow veterans.

He is involved with the Jenks Public School System as their assistant webmaster and varsity photographer for their athletic department. As the father of two Jenks graduates, he is a long-time parent volunteer. Colonel Braggs currently sits on the board of directors for the Coffee Bunker, a non-profit organization that helps service members transition to civilian life. He is a man of impeccable integrity who has dedicated his life to serving others.

He answered the call to defend freedom across the globe and sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. It is my honor to recognize Willie Braggs as the first Congressional District of Oklahoma's April Veteran of the Month.

HONORING MRS. DELLA  
MCCAUGHAN

**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 19, 2021*

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Della McCaughan who passed away on February 4, 2021 at the age of 92. I send my condolences and prayers to her family and friends.

Born and raised in Pass Christian Mississippi, Della was the youngest child in her family and was honored to claim the Mississippi Gulf Coast as her lifelong home.

Mrs. McCaughan was a teacher in the Biloxi Public School System for 44 years. She was the first person in the nation to teach Marine Biology at the high school level. Additionally, she wrote the first textbook to be used for that purpose.

Della loved teaching and believed in her students, helping them realize their potential. Della was the recipient of many awards. Some of her most valued awards include: Shell Meritt Fellowship, Mother of the Year, and Teacher of the Year. She was awarded an Einstein Congressional Fellowship to work in the U.S. Senate as an educational advisor, and in 1994, received a commendation through Senate Concurrent Resolution Number 578, whereby the Mississippi State Legislature recognized her outstanding career and meritorious service during her years as an educator.

Although we are saddened by her passing, we take comfort in her example of a life well lived and the legacy she leaves behind to all the young lives she touched. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Mississippi, we honor the memory of Mrs. Della McCaughan, a loving teacher, mother, wife, and woman of God.

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RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF SCOT  
AMES, JR.

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 19, 2021*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Lt. Scot Ames, Jr. who passed away on a pilot training mission on February 19, 2021. I join his family and his squadron in mourning his loss.

Scot grew up in Pekin, Indiana and attended Eastern High School. He was an athlete and outdoorsman. Before graduating, he earned his Private Pilots License. He attended Indiana State University, where he was an active member of the ISU Bass Fishing Team. He studied Aviation Management and met his wife Audra. The two met almost three years ago and were married in the Fall of 2020.

Scot was known by his squadron for his love of flying. When he was young, he spoke of one day becoming a pilot in the United States Air Force. He was dedicated to his students as an instructor pilot and he impacted countless lives throughout his career.

Left to cherish Scot's memory are his wife, Audra Dial Ames; parents Ginger Bailey and Scot Wayne Ames; sister, Courtney; nieces Fe-

licity and Gwen; nephew Evan; and countless loved ones.

I join my fellow Mississippians in mourning the loss of a talented and dedicated young pilot. He will be deeply missed.

EMMA ARVIZO-AGUIRRE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 19, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Emma Arvizo-Aguirre for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Emma Arvizo-Aguirre is a 12th grader at MESA and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Emma Arvizo-Aguirre 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 Emma Arvizo-Aguirre for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING JOSEPH CHERUP, JR.

**HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 19, 2021*

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine and a true American hero from Fenton, Michigan—Mr. Joseph Cherup, Jr.

Throughout the course of his life, Mr. Cherup has worn many hats in the service of his nation, his community, and his family. While serving his country in Korea, he proudly wore the cap of an Army captain. As an officer at the Koje Do POW prison, Mr. Cherup was instrumental in negotiating the successful release of General Francis Dodd when he was held hostage for three days.

When Mr. Cherup returned home, he wore the hat of an engineer. He has owned several businesses and was a founding member of the Leelanau Conservancy, Traverse City Condominiums, Custom Electric, Revolution DC, Kolene Corporation, and Trade Winds Bar in Detroit.

But beyond his honorable service and his achievements in business, at his core, Mr. Cherup is simply a kind man who has helped take care of others.

When he was 21 years old, his father, Joseph Sr. passed away, leaving him to care for his mother, Rose, and his younger sister, Delores. In 1984, his mother moved in with him in Fenton so he could take better care of her, which he did until she passed away in 2007.

His entire life, Mr. Cherup has generously donated his time and his money to charities and causes that help others. He has worn