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HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am here today to recognize two brothers, Nick and Anthony Della Vecchia, and the restaurant they built from the ground up, Tony Beef. Since Nick and Anthony were kids, they had the dream to open up a restaurant. This dream was started from their father, Tony, who always dreamt of opening up a butcher shop. Nick graduated from La Salle University majoring in accounting and finance and now manages Tony Beef. Anthony is a graduate of Atlantic Cape Community College Academy of Culinary Arts and is Tony Beef's head chef. Nick and Anthony's family have been supportive of their dreams from the beginning and have been by their side every step of the way. Because their father was a huge inspiration for them to open their own restaurant, they decided to name it Tony Beef in honor of him. I had the opportunity to eat lunch at Tony Beef and meet Nick and Anthony, and I encourage anyone in the South Jersey area to stop by and grab a burger. God Bless Nick and Anthony and God Bless America.

RECOGNIZING DR. RANGA DIAS

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ranga Dias, for his discovery of the world's first high-temperature superconducting material, carbonaceous sulfur hydride. Because of their potential to change the world as we know it, such materials have been sought by scientists for more than a century. I couldn't be more proud that this discovery by Dr. Dias, and his collaborators, was made in my district. I also want to acknowledge the incredible support from the National Science Foundation and Department of Energy Office of Science that made this work possible.

Dr. Dias is a professor of Mechanical Engineering and Physics and Astronomy at the University of Rochester and an internationally recognized scientist in the field of high-pressure physics and high energy density science. Since announcing his discovery this past October, Dr. Dias' work has been extensively reported in popular press, including the New York Times, NPR, and the BBC. Dr. Dias was named to the 2021 Time 100 NEXT list that highlights 100 emerging leaders who are shaping the future and was recently awarded a National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development, or CAREER, award. CAREER is the NSF's most prestigious award in support of early-career faculty and is intended to help them build a firm foundation for a life-

time of leadership in integrating education and research.

Professor Dias' research focuses on materials under extreme pressures where their properties are altered in fundamental ways. At these incredibly high pressures, individual atoms are forced into close proximity, in a similar manner as when they are cooled to very low temperatures, allowing them to exhibit a range of interesting quantum behaviors, including super-conductivity. This approach is a paradigm shift that has allowed Dr. Dias' team what no one else has. To say this is the stuff of science fiction would be an understatement.

To create this material, the team placed a mixture of carbon, hydrogen and sulfur in a microscopic niche carved between the tips of two diamonds and then subjected them to laser light and squeezed them at 2.6 million times atmospheric pressure at sea level. The result was a new record: a material that exhibited superconductivity at about 58 degrees Fahrenheit. The hope, which I share, is that with further research, this team of talented scientists will find a way to make these, or similar materials, stable at ambient temperatures and pressures, unlocking a wide range of potential applications that will literally transform our world, including ultra-efficient computers and electronic devices, essentially loss-less energy transmission and storage, and new forms of propulsion and industrial power transmission without friction. With this approach, it may even become possible to create unique materials whose properties are tuned to particular applications that we have not yet dreamed of.

Of course, translating this advance into practical applications and realizing these breakthroughs still require additional research and development that will take some time. However, the phenomenal achievement of Dr. Dias and his team have shown us what is possible and, thanks to federal support for science, we are closer now than we have ever been. I congratulate Ranga on his accomplishments and wish him the greatest success with his future research.

ROBERT BLIZZARD—PARAMEDIC

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to posthumously recognize Robert Blizzard. A man who was guided by his faith and love for his family and community. Robert was from Newport, New Jersey and strived to become an EMT after his father and grandfather both experienced unacceptably long wait times for an ambulance. These events led to Robert deciding to create the Downe Township Rescue Squad. The rescue squad was located at his house, and he trained his family and members of the community to give medical attention to those who needed it. At the

same time Robert created the rescue squad, he became a certified paramedic. He also held positions on the county board of health and with the American Heart Association. Robert assisted his community in a countless number of ways and left a mark on all those that he met throughout his life. EMT Paramedics are an integral part of our society, and it is people like Robert who deserve to be recognized for their selfless dedication to helping others. God Bless Robert and his family and God Bless America.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF
TALLAPOOSA COUNTY GIRLS
RANCH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, my colleagues from Alabama and I are heartbroken to mourn ten lives cut tragically short in a multivehicle crash in Alabama on June 19, 2021.

Among the victims we mourn are eight children who were part of the Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch. The ranch's mission is to provide Christian, family-style residential homes for Alabama's needy, neglected, or abused, school-age children.

We also ask for prayers for the ranch's director who sustained injuries in the crash.

The countless success stories from the Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch program are a testament to the leadership and community they have built over more than five decades.

The victims' families, and our entire community, is devastated by this loss, but comforted in the knowledge that they are now in the loving arms of Jesus.

I thank my colleagues for joining me here today to show support for a loss that has rocked our whole state. Please continue to pray for those lives lost and those still recovering.

HONORING LIVES LOST ON I-65

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, this week, we mourn the loss of 10 people in a terrible multi-car crash on 1-65 in Alabama.

Among those killed were 9 children, including 8 from the Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch, a home for neglected and abused children. Tragically, they were aged from 4 to 17.

Also among the dead were a 29-year-old father and his 9-month-old daughter.

I join with my Alabama colleagues today to express my deepest, most heartfelt sympathies to all the loved ones and survivors.

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Please know they are in all our hearts and prayers.

MLK AWARDS HONOREES

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, three outstanding Ocean City residents were recognized for their public service at the MLK Community Service Awards. These three selfless individuals are Kathy Thompson, Jennifer Bowman, and Mike Morissey. They have uplifted the lives of those around them through a constant dedication to the service of others. By making and delivering meals to South Jersey residents, to running events and programs for veterans—these individuals show us what it means to give back to their community. During these awards, four bright and driven middle schoolers were recognized for their exceptional essays on Martin Luther King. Those students are Joseph Heng, Gabrielle Henry, Danna Ramirez, and Catie Brooks. God Bless those who were recognized at the MLK Awards Ceremony and God Bless America.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF
TALLAPOOSA COUNTY GIRLS
RANCH AND LIVES LOST ON I-65

HON. GARY J. PALMER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. PALMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the lives tragically lost last week in the terrible car crash on Interstate 65. Last Saturday was a heartbreaking day for Alabama. Ten lives were taken at once in terrible, unexpected circumstances on one of our state's central interstates. I was heartbroken to hear that so many of the crash victims were children from the Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch, which is part of the Alabama Sheriffs' Boys and Girls ranches. The Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch has provided safety and care for thousands of neglected children since its founding in the 1960s. I want to extend my deepest condolences to the parents, friends, and siblings who are grieving in the wake of this crash. In particular, I want to send my sympathies to the director of the Girls' Ranch, Mrs. Candice Gulley, and her husband, who lost their two children and two nephews in the accident. Few can imagine what they must be going through. I honor their dedication to the children in their care for so many years, and I trust that our state will come around them during this time of grief. My prayers are with the ranch and with all who lost loved ones in this tragedy.

JULIA BUCK

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, on April 7th Julia Buck, a junior in high school, was in

a terrible car accident with three of her friends while driving home after getting ice cream. Julia was sitting directly in front of where the car was impacted, and she had to be airlifted to Cooper University Hospital where she underwent a total of 51 hours of surgery. Julia sustained the worst injuries out of her friends, but she still wanted to make sure she was there to comfort them and held their hands the whole time. This past Monday, Julia was released into rehab, and her strength and perseverance led to her being able to stand up for the first time in 36 days. Prior to her accident, Julia played soccer and basketball and was just accepted into the National Honors Society. Julia is a living miracle who not only has the support of her family and friends, but also the South Jersey community. I am praying for Julia and her family that she makes a full recovery, and I know she will go on to achieve great things. God Bless Julia and her family and God Bless America.

HONORING LIVES LOST IN I-65
CRASH

HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. CARL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of the 10 people who perished last week in a horrific accident in Butler County, Alabama. This day was especially tragic for our state. Losing 10 people in an accident is terrible enough, but it's even worse that 8 of them were young, school-aged girls from the Tallapoosa Girls Ranch.

Each of these girls came from rough backgrounds where they were abused and/or neglected, but at some point they found a family and a community at the Tallapoosa Girls Ranch.

I can't even begin to imagine the grief that is felt by the loved ones of these 10 people, but I know they will find some comfort knowing countless people around the state and the Nation are grieving with them.

I urge my colleagues and folks everywhere to continue keeping the loved ones of these 10 people in our thoughts and prayers.

NOAH KIZER—EAGLE SCOUT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am here today to recognize Noah Kizer, a Mantua Township Eagle Scout who achieved Scouting's highest rank. Noah is a senior at Clearview Regional High School and plans on pursuing a career in welding after graduation. Noah's Eagle Scout Project consisted of the construction and installation of two informational kiosks for Tall Pines State Preserve. Noah guided fellow scouts and adult volunteers on this 140-hour project from beginning to end. This project was the first Eagle Scout Project ever completed for Tall Pines. Throughout his time as a Scout, Noah held the positions of Senior Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, and Patrol Leader. Noah also had the

amazing opportunity to attend the 2017 National Scout Jamboree. He also earned a total of 35 merit badges during his time with Troop 7083. Noah should be proud of all his accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck with his future career. God Bless Noah and God Bless America.

HONORING THE 95TH BIRTHDAY OF
MARGARET EMHARDT JOHNSON

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Margaret Emhardt Johnson who is celebrating her 95th birthday on June 30. She was born into the "Greatest Generation" shortly after the Great Depression and went on to serve our Nation through World War II before raising a family of three children.

Margaret Johnson was born on June 30, 1926. She grew up in both the Alexandria, Virginia area, attending George Washington High School, and in Coral Gables, Florida before leaving to attend Duke University. She was a member of the first female graduating class at the university in 1947 and is a very fierce Blue Devil. Margaret continued her education at Howard University where she received her Master's degree in Social Work. Following graduation she became a truant officer with the Alexandria Police Department so it's fair to say that her kids didn't skip school very often.

Margaret met her husband Tom while in Alexandria and the two were married for 60 years. They raised three children together, all of whom have master's degrees in their respective fields as a result of their parent's firm belief in success through education.

While raising her three kids—Tom, Sarah, and Billy—Margaret was still very active in the Alexandria community. She served on the Alexandria Hospital's Woman's Auxiliary, also known as the TWIG, while her husband served as president of the Alexandria Hospital.

Margaret also established the Alexandria Marching Band competition while her daughter was a member of the marching band at T.C. Williams High School. This service once again complemented her husband's, as he was the president of the Alexandria School Board.

Margaret and Tom were also active in their church. While her husband was on the vestry, Margaret served on the Alter Guild for decades creating flower arrangements. Additionally, both Margaret and Tom assisted in delivering meals through the Meals-on-Wheels program.

During what little spare time they had, between raising their children and serving their community, Margaret and Tom were voracious gardeners. Each year, they would plant dozens of azaleas until their entire yard was covered, making their backyard a showcase of flowers in the spring. In fact, this 'green-thumb' success culminated in their garden being featured in the Washington Post.

Margaret resumed working full-time after her last child left for college. She mastered using the PC as the computer revolution began in the 1980's and still enjoys using her Mac to create birthday cards for the neighborhood children, check her email, and surf the web.