

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

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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

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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.

Margaret still lives in the house that she and her husband built in 1963, a house that was modeled in painstaking detail after one in Williamsburg, Virginia. She social-distanced while living alone during the COVID-19 pandemic and used her computer to not only communicate with friends, family, and neighbors but also to shop for groceries and take-out.

Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a truly remarkable woman who would tell all of us that she did nothing remarkable. This is a common trait of the Greatest Generation, a generation that soldiered on during hardships and celebrations alike.

From a grateful Nation, Happy Birthday Margaret.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY OF BEACON FALLS, CONNECTICUT ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I am very proud to rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Beacon Falls community as they gather to celebrate the Town's 150th Anniversary—a remarkable milestone for this very small community of just over six thousand residents. Though small in number the community is mighty in spirit—working together every day to meet the changing needs of its residents while preserving the unique, quintessentially New England, rural character of the Town.

Just under ten square miles and bisected by the Naugatuck River, Beacon Fall was incorporated in 1871 on lands from its neighboring towns of Bethany, Naugatuck, Oxford, and Seymour. It quickly became a center of agriculture, warehouse storage, and manufacturing. Beacon Falls was the birthplace of the friction matches, first made in 1834 by Thomas Sanford, who later sold his “recipe” for \$10.00. The Diamond Match Company ultimately acquired the formula, The Beacon Falls Rubber Shoe Company was a sprawling complex along Main Street that employed many residents and was even responsible for the construction of an entire neighborhood, providing housing for its workers. The Homer D. Bronson Company also set up shop in town in the early 1900s and was a manufacturer of hinges used in industry and homes throughout the world.

These two firms promoted economic wellbeing for Beacon Falls' residents for years, both ultimately closing their doors in the late 1980s. While their departure left the town in a precarious position, it was not long before the community rallied, fighting to bring new economic engines to the town. Over the course of the last several decades, a variety of retail, manufacturing, warehousing, construction, and service businesses revitalized the town, and the community has continued to flourish. Today, from the American Legion Post 25 to the Beacon Hose Volunteer Fire Company and from the Friends of Beacon Falls Library to its community center, the residents of this small town are more like family than neighbors. The come together in times of celebra-

tion and need—proud of their history and the unique fabric that has been woven into this special community.

It has been an honor for me to serve as Beacon Falls' U.S. Representative over the last twenty-years and I am proud to have this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to every member of this special community as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary.

REVEREND GERRITT KENYON

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 Pastor Gerritt Kenyon, and I first want to wish him a very happy belated birthday. Pastor Kenyon turned 90 years old last month. Pastor Kenyon, ordained with Assemblies of God for 65 years, has served on national, state, and sectional levels of the denomination. While he was a pastor, he conducted over 13,000 services, 600 weddings, 3000 funerals, made around 35,000 hospital visits, and over 2500 radio and TV programs. In his retirement, he keeps his days busy from serving as a host for WSNJ “Music that Matters” radio to a board member of Timothy's Abode in Ecuador, and numerous other commitments such as running a kid's camp. Pastor Kenyon is also a parent to four children and a grandfather to eight grandchildren; several of which are in the ministry, and four great grandchildren. Pastor Kenyon states that “he has enjoyed ministering the message of hope to generations of families over this period of time,” remembering that “when we have done our best, God will do the rest.” God Bless Pastor Kenyon and his family and God Bless America.

RECOGNIZING VICTOR SORACE

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a notable resident within my district, Victor Sorace of Boy Scouts of America Troop 168. Victor earned the rank of Eagle Scout in January of 2020, and I had the distinct pleasure of attending his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Victor's Eagle Scout Service Project consisted of building a memorial in honor of our community's armed forces service members, police officers, firefighters, and first responders. The memorial was built in Falls Township Park and stands as a constant reminder of the sacrifices those in our community and throughout our nation make every single day.

Recently, Victor was recognized as the American Legion's Eagle Scout of the Year for the entire state of Pennsylvania. As an Eagle Scout myself, I can attest to the fact that this is no light achievement. To be the Eagle Scout of the Year requires a lot of dedication, hard work, and community service. Victor excelled in all of these aspects as he truly is an individual who is guided by a sense to better his community and has demonstrated an ex-

traordinary ability to overcome complex challenges and situations throughout the years. We are incredibly grateful for the positive impact that he has on our community.

JOSH BUFFINGTON—EAGLE SCOUT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am here today to recognize an exceptional 17-year-old, Josh Buffington, who positively impacts his community every day. He has been a Boy Scout since he was 5 years old and has accumulated around 300 hours in community service. He has volunteered for scout events and projects as well as for local churches. For his Eagle project he assisted in cleaning up Sacred Heart Cemetery in Cedarbrooke, New Jersey where he replaced the split rail fencing and installed grave markers. Aside from giving back to his community, Josh has played soccer since he was five years old and is also involved in the performing arts, starring in over a dozen plays. Josh is preparing to go off to college, and hopes to pursue a career in sports management. I had the honor of meeting Josh at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor earlier this month, and I wish him the best of luck with his future endeavors. God Bless Joshua and God Bless America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROSE SALGADO

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Rose Salgado, who passed away on May 14, 2021.

Rose Salgado led a remarkable life not only as a mother, daughter, sister, and grandmother, but also as a passionate leader and champion for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians. Her steadfast commitment to the betterment of her Tribal community was undoubtedly an inspiration to those around her. There is no doubt in my mind that her outstanding impact will continue to be felt for generations to come.

Growing up, Rose Salgado took an early interest in her rich Native American heritage. Her parents instilled in her the value of a strong work ethic that she demonstrated throughout her extraordinary career in public service.

After completing her education at University of California, Riverside, Salgado began her 27-year career with Southern California Edison. Following her retirement, Rose became deeply involved as a leader in her Tribe and served on several boards. During her 28 years on the Soboba Tribal Council, she ascended to Vice Chairwoman and spearheaded several efforts to improve the economic wellbeing and access to opportunity for the members of her Tribe.

As a prominent leader and inspiration, she was twice recognized as Woman of the Year by the Hemet/San Jacinto Valley Chamber of