

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**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 2021*

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

Commerce. Salgado was also awarded "Distinguished Woman" in the Inland Empire Magazine and "Woman of Distinction" by State Senator Mike Morrell. In addition, she was honored with the "Distinguished Citizen Award" by the 3 Peaks District Boy Scouts of America and the "Outstanding Community Member of the Year" award by the Mt. San Jacinto Community College Foundation. Rose Salgado was truly an invaluable member of the community and will continue to be a role model for the young men and women who aspire to selflessly lead and abundantly serve others.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize and honor the life of Rose Salgado. Her remarkable advocacy for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians and commitment to the community at large is an example of excellence, dedication, and service that all should seek to emulate.

MATTHEW KROKENBERGER—  
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 Matthew Krokenberger, a Mantua Township Eagle Scout who achieved Scouting's highest rank. Matthew is a senior at Clearview Regional High School and will be attending Rowan College of South Jersey in the fall majoring in psychology. For his Eagle Scout Project, Matthew installed five birdhouses at Branch Park which provided protection and shelter to red wing blackbirds. During his time as a Boy Scout, Matthew has served as his troop's historian, quartermaster, assistant patrol leader, and patrol leader. Matthew has also earned 33 merit badges. These are amazing accomplishments and Matthew and his family should be very proud of the hard work he has done for his community. I wish Matthew nothing but a happy and healthy future, and I know he will go on to do great things. God Bless Matthew and God Bless America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PASTOR  
ALPHONSO HAMILTON

### HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 2021*

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Pastor Alphonso Hamilton, beloved husband, father, grandfather, friend, and community leader, who passed away on October 19, 2020. A celebration of Pastor Hamilton's life is taking place on June 26, 2021, for his 92nd birthday.

Born on June 26, 1929 in Shamrock, Florida, Pastor Hamilton became a follower of Christ early in his life at Shamrock Missionary Baptist Church. After serving in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953, Pastor Hamilton attended Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina and received a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a minor in Chemistry and General Science. Pastor Hamilton would

also earn a Master of Science in Education from Madison College in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Pastor Hamilton would go on to teach high school Biology, Chemistry and General Science. During his time teaching high school, he would also serve as the head coach of the basketball team for Booker T. Washington and Robert E. Lee High Schools for 11 years, with a record of eight district championships, two state championships, and a 174–57 record. After 34 impactful years as an educator and coach, Pastor Hamilton retired in 1989.

Pastor Hamilton then served for over 26 years at the First Church of God in Christ in Staunton, Virginia. Pastor Hamilton began as assistant pastor, followed by pastor in 2014. During his tenure, Pastor Hamilton also served as church musician, Sunday School teacher, and other important roles.

I celebrate the life of Pastor Alphonso Hamilton and thank him for his incredible service and devotion to his community.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MR. CLARENCE ENNON

### HON. HAKEEM S. JEFFRIES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 2021*

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Clarence Ennon, who celebrated his 100th birthday on May 13, 2021. He was born in Cary, Mississippi to Aldonia and Solomon Ennon and educated in Vicksburg, Mississippi. In 1944, his strong resolve and dedication to family, God, and country lead Mr. Ennon to serve in the United States Navy during World War II on a Landing Ship Medium as a Steward's Mate 1st Class Petty officer.

Mr. Ennon has overcome many great obstacles and victories throughout his 100 years of life and continues to inspire everyone he encounters. A devoted father to 5 children, 11 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren, he has shared boundless knowledge from his rich life experiences and instilled a strong faith in God amongst his family. In 1964, he moved to Bushwick Avenue in Brooklyn, New York and established a dry-cleaning business in Bedford-Stuyvesant. He is a member of First Calvary Baptist Church, where throughout the years he has served as church treasurer, deacon, and member of the senior choir.

A military man, a small business entrepreneur, a homeowner, a family man, Mr. Ennon continues to live a fruitful life. He is an active gardener and a well-known member of the community.

Mr. Ennon's accomplishments would not have been possible without the love and support of his family and friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Clarence Ennon, Sr. on his 100th birthday.

MARY GRUCCIO

### 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 and commend Dr. Mary Gruccio for overcoming adversity and being an inspiration not only to her family, but the South Jersey community. Mary has been an educator for 46 years, all of which have been with the Vineland Public Schools. Mary herself even graduated from Vineland High School. She is not only an advocate for our youth, but she also is a strong believer in giving back to her community and has been active in numerous organizations. One organization that is near and dear to her heart, is the American Cancer Society. Mary battled both cervical and breast cancer, but with the support of her family and friends she was able to beat cancer and now works tirelessly to help others in similar situations and make a positive difference within her community. Mary has had a notable career, from being appointed as Superintendent, to being inducted into the Cumberland County Women's Hall of Fame in 2017. Mary also received Cumberland County's Hometown Heroes award in 2018, and she is no doubt just that . . . a hero. I am proud to represent South Jersey and Mary is one of the many reasons that makes South Jersey great. God Bless Mary and her family and God Bless America.

RECOGNIZING DR. DUSTIN FROULA

### 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 Dustin Froula, the recipient of the 2020 Ernest Orlando Lawrence award from the United States Department of Energy. Dr. Froula is Senior Scientist and Leader of the Plasma and Ultrafast Physics Group at the Laboratory for Laser Energetics and Associate Professor of Physics in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Rochester in my district.

Professor Froula joined the University of Rochester in 2010 from the National Ignition Facility Inertial Confinement Fusion Directorate at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. His research interests lie in the fields of experimental plasma and laser physics and covers the many areas relevant to inertial confinement fusion and high-energy-density physics.

The E.O. Lawrence award was established in 1959 in honor of a scientist who helped elevate American physics to world leadership and recognizes U.S. scientists and engineers in nine fields, at mid-career, for exceptional contributions in research and development supporting the Department of Energy and its mission to advance the national, economic and energy security of the United States. Dr. Froula received his award in Fusion and Plasma Sciences for innovative research in laser plasma physics including pioneering spatiotemporal pulse shaping techniques, focused laser plasma instability research, and novel high-resolution Thomson scattering methods.