

Chief Johnson was born on April 3, 1942, on the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas Indian Reservation, located just outside of Livingston, Texas. After graduating high school, he enrolled at Jacksonville College in Jacksonville, Texas, where he demonstrated his skills on the basketball court. In 1963, Mr. Johnson was selected as an All-American after setting the then all-time national record of scoring 67 points in a single game. Last year, Jacksonville College recognized him as a Distinguished Alumnus.

A member of the Beaver Clan, Chief Johnson served his community in various capacities over the years, including being twice elected to the Tribal Council and working as the Tribal Security Director for more than 21 years. On October 5, 2013, he was elected as the Tribe's Second Chief and remained in that position until being installed as Principal Chief following the passing of Chief Clem Sylestine, Mikko Colabe III, in 2019. In addition to his dedicated service to his tribe, Mr. Johnson sat on the Big Sandy ISD School Board for 48 years and was a faithful member of the Indian Presbyterian Church, serving as a devoted deacon and elder for many years.

Madam Speaker, today we remember the life and legacy of Herbert G. Johnson, Sr., and express our deep appreciation for his leadership as a proud member and Principal Chief of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas. My heartfelt prayers remain with his family and tribe members during this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING ARIEL TORRES FOR HIS IMPRESSIVE SHOWING AT THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ariel Torres, whose hard work and dedication led him to earn a bronze medal in the men's karate kata at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Born in Cuba, Ariel's family settled in Hialeah, Florida, when he was only four years old. As a young child, he turned to karate to manage his hyperactivity after being encouraged to do so by his doctor. Ariel's family has been his biggest support system throughout his career and his achievements would not be possible without their unwavering dedication. Like most looking to rebuild their lives, his family had very little when they arrived in the United States, but still encouraged Ariel to pursue his dreams. One instance of this was when Ariel, at age eleven, wanted to attend a tournament in North Carolina but his parents could not afford to send him. Instead of giving up, his parents and Ariel put on an exhibition, where he performed karate moves at an intersection to ask for donations from people driving by. Ariel and his family did this for weeks until they saved up enough money to attend the tournament, where he won both competitions that occurred.

Ariel's family continued to support his dreams and encouraged him throughout his career, shaping him into the dedicated young man that he is today. He is a four-time USA Karate Senior Team Member, a two-time USA Karate National Champion, and now, an Olympian

pic bronze medalist. When Ariel learned that karate would be included in the 2020 Olympics, he envisioned himself competing at the highest level on that world stage. It was an honor to witness Ariel's performance in Tokyo and see him bring an impressive victory back to Hialeah.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to know that such a committed young man resides in South Florida. His life story and perseverance serve as an inspiration for all—that no dream is too big to achieve. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

CONGRATULATING MATTIE KINDELSPERGER FOR WINNING THE IHSA'S CLASS 1A TITLE IN THE 3200-METER RUN

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mattie Kindelsperger, a senior at Sherrard High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A state championship in the 3200-meter run.

Mattie beat her qualifying time by twelve seconds to win the state championship with a time of 11:19.93. As a former student athlete, I understand the time that goes into being awarded such a title, and I applaud Mattie's persistence and hard work to archive her goals. I am proud to see her represent Sherrard exceptionally well throughout the state.

It is because of student leaders such as Mattie that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Mattie Kindelsperger on her state championship, and I join the entire Sherrard community in wishing her every success in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF GARY DEDEAUX

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Gary Dedeaux who passed away August 4, 2021. He was born March 31, 1956 in West Point to Ruth Murray and Dr. Howard Dedeaux.

Gary was known for his humility and compassion. He was a successful entrepreneur in Columbus and West Point. He enjoyed farm work, shooting, and above all flying. Gary was a member of Faith Baptist Church and sought to live in a way that honors Christ.

Left to cherish his memory are Gary's wife Natalie; daughter Gina; son Richard; and grandson Thomas Lane. I join countless others in mourning Gary's loss and offer my most sincere condolences to his loved ones.

IN HONOR OF JOHN WALCZAK'S RETIREMENT AND SERVICE TO LOUISVILLE

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John Walczak, the longtime Director of the Louisville Zoo, as he enters retirement.

John joined the Louisville Zoo in 1985 and assumed the role of Director in 2004, just a few years before I got to Congress. In my first year, I got to take a behind-the-scenes tour with John where I had the good fortune to spend a day interacting and playing with the animals. I felt like a kid all over again, and it's a day I'll never forget.

I also saw firsthand the attention and love that John and his staff brought to every animal in their care. It's a passion that has spread throughout our community and the tens of thousands of Louisville families who have happy memories at the zoo.

The Louisville Zoo has long been an asset to our community, but in John's 35 years there, its place in our hearts has solidified and grown. During his esteemed tenure, John oversaw the construction of several award-winning exhibits, including the Gorilla Forest and Glacier Run, and created renowned educational programs that taught our community about the beauty of the natural world. In the last 17 months when threats to public health seemed impossible to avoid, John and his team quickly adapted, ensuring that the zoo could be a safe place for families to enjoy.

Under John's leadership, the Louisville Zoo has won the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Significant Achievement in Education Award for the School and Zoo program, introducing hundreds of children to the importance of wildlife conservation. He also facilitated the creation of the Little Penguin Conservation Center and the Cub House, the Zoo's first early childhood learning space. After over 35 years of service, John's commitment to his staff, his community, and the animals under his care has helped establish the Louisville Zoo as one of Kentucky's finest cultural institutions.

In short, the Louisville Zoo is an absolute treasure to our community and the region, touching and improving countless lives, and providing a happy home for nature's wonders. John Walczak is a huge reason why, and we are grateful for his service.

On behalf of the people of Kentucky's Third Congressional District and the city of Louisville, thank you, Mr. Walczak, for your leadership and service. I wish you the best in your retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF IBRAHIM AL HASBANI AND QAHWAH HOUSE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ibrahim Al Hasbani, the founder of Qahwah House. Qahwah House

was founded in Dearborn, Michigan, in 2018 as the first coffee shop of its kind to serve organic Yemeni coffee to Dearborn and beyond. Qahwah House's status as a Dearborn institution is worthy of commendation.

Qahwah House's mission is to provide customers with an exceptional coffee experience, using high quality premium organic coffee sourced from Ibrahim's family farm in Yemen. Since 2018, the shop has grown exponentially and has expanded its offerings to include authentic Yemeni pastries. The popularity of the coffee shop has pushed Ibrahim to establish two additional locations, one in Canton, Michigan, and another in Brooklyn, New York—with more locations to come. The cafe that started out as just the idea of sharing delicious Yemeni coffee with neighbors has become a gathering spot for the people of Dearborn and beyond.

A household name in Southeast Michigan, Qahwah House has become a place for Michiganders of all ages and cultures. As an establishment that serves up more than just delicious coffee, they serve the local community by raising funds for the education of our youth. Hundreds of children in the Dearborn area and in Ibrahim's home of Yemen have benefited from their generosity.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ibrahim Al Hasbani of Qahwah House for being a cultural ambassador of the Yemeni community and for sharing his cultural roots for the world to enjoy.

HONORING ALY HERNANDEZ FOR
HER SERVICE TO THE FIFTH
DISTRICT

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the extraordinary actions and efforts of an individual that improved Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, Aly Hernandez. Ms. Hernandez has been an integral part of the Kansas City community and it is with a bittersweet feeling that we say goodbye to her as she ventures into a new opportunity in Washington D.C.

Expressing the magnitude of Ms. Hernandez's contributions to Kansas City, in such a short time since she completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Missouri—Kansas City, is an impossible task. From the time that Aly began working in my office as an intern, it was evident that she was someone who was determined and passionate about creating positive change in our city, particularly within our underrepresented communities. Ms. Hernandez rose through the ranks in my office starting as an intern, to fellow, and finally becoming a community affairs liaison-full time staff member. Not only has she left an impact on a federal level, but she also continued her journey in public service by serving the local municipality as the External Affairs Manager for Mayor Quinton Lucas for more than two years. Through these positions, she sought to leverage the voice of others and aided in increasing resources to the Latino community within the Fifth Congressional District.

As a strong advocate for Latinos, Ms. Hernandez took it upon herself to be one of the

founders of a local organization Voz KC (or Voice KC), a new organization focused on advocating and advancing the role the Latino community in politics. Her own experience and journey as an immigrant from Mexico, searching for the American Dream, along with her family, made her see the challenges of being undocumented, underrepresented, making her search for opportunities where she could have an impact. With her advocacy, she has worked to make civic engagement accessible for everyone.

With Aly's work in government in the 5th District of Missouri, we see a noticeable change in civic engagement and participation in our local communities. She is a perfect example of what an exceptional American is and truly captures the fulfillment of the "American Dream". Everyone should hope to aspire to achieve the same qualities that this young woman has. I undoubtedly know that she will continue to do amazing things not only in Washington D.C., but for the rest of our country. Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Aly Hernandez's impact on the people of Kansas City, and congratulating her on a new career opportunity in Washington D.C.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
SAMUEL LARRY RICHEY

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mr. Samuel Larry Richey who passed away Saturday, July 17 at NMMC Nursing Home in Pontotoc. He was a dedicated basketball coach, husband, and father. I join his family, friends, and loved ones in mourning his loss.

Mr. Richey did not expect or plan on becoming a boys basketball coach. He was hired as a teacher at Jumpertown and was hired as the assistant coach in 1967. He coached in Wheeler, Baldwin and Mantachie over the course of his career. He brought seventeen boys teams to the Mississippi State Tournament and won six. His team was once ranked 29th all-time in the National Federation of Schools record book. He was named "Coach of the Year" in multiple publications and by the time of his retirement, he was the winningest coach in Mississippi history.

Mr. Richey holds a bachelor's degree in business from Mississippi State University and served in the United States Armed Forces from 1958–1960. He was a member of Asbury Methodist church and enjoyed raising cattle, playing golf, and watching westerns.

Left to cherish his memory are wife of 57 years, Dale Gardner Richey; sons, Clark and Clay; grandsons Gardner, Gabe, Reggie, Maddux, Rob and Walker; granddaughters Kate, Lee-Anna, and Rylee.

I am grateful for Mr. Richey's legacy and the positive impact he had on countless young athletes. I offer my most sincere condolences to those who had the opportunity to know and love him.

CONGRATULATING THE
ROCKRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS
DEPARTMENT FOR WINNING
1ST PLACE IN THE IHSA CLASS B
MUSIC SWEEPSTAKES

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rockridge High School Chorus Department for taking 1st place in the IHSA Class B Music Sweepstakes.

The IHSA Music Sweepstakes is an annual competition that judges solo and ensemble performances based on tone, technique, performance, creativity and other metrics. The exceptional performances secured Rockridge's sixth State Championship in the last ten years. It gives me great pleasure to see these students thriving both in school and with their peers despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is because of talented and determined individuals such as these students that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Rockridge High School Chorus Department on being named Class B State Champions. I commend their hard work and perseverance, and I am very proud to be their Representative.

RECOGNIZING EDUARDO A. GARZA
ROBLES

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Eduardo A. Garza Robles for winning the Laredo Chamber of Commerce's Businessperson of the Year award. Mr. Garza has demonstrated the utmost dedication to his community through his many years as a customs broker.

Mr. Garza began his career as a customs broker in 1987 after working his way to the title of general manager of a customs broker firm. Shortly after obtaining his license as a Mexican customs broker, he founded his own customs agency in 1988. His company, Uni-Trade Group, has developed into a significant institution in international trade, especially in the United States and Mexico. Uni-Trade Group has over 15 offices internationally and its global presence through its alliances and partnerships has allowed it to cover 50 countries.

Along with owning and operating a successful Mexican customs agency, Mr. Garza diversified his business in other industries and consolidated them as a 3PL company, offering services such as transportation, logistics, bonded warehouses, and free trade zones. He used his expertise and knowledge from operating Uni-Trade Group to expand to other industries such as oil and gas, commercial and residential real estate development, insurance, and graphic design, creating many job opportunities for the people of his community. Between 2003 and 2013, Mr. Garza served three year-long terms as Vice-President and Secretary of the Association of the Customs Brokers Association of Guadalajara, Jalisco.