

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF MAJOR GENERAL GARY HARRELL

**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 23, 2021*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Major General Gary Harrell, who is a distinguished veteran that has served our country in numerous combat operations and in both wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. After an accomplished career in service to our country, Gary retired as the Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army Special Operations Command. It is my privilege to recognize him for his service and to honor his sacrifice to our country.

Gary earned his bachelor's degree in industrial technology from East Tennessee State University in 1973. His distinguished career began shortly after when he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 508th Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Anti-Tank (TOW) platoon leader. In 1977, having earned a Green Beret, he was assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group in Panama.

Gary was deployed to Grenada during "Operation Urgent Fury," and then took part in combat operations in Panama with "Operation Just Cause." He was also sent to the Middle East during "Desert Shield" and "Desert Storm," and as commander of the special operation Delta Force, he was wounded by mortar fire during United Nations relief efforts in Somalia, a story chronicled in the book and movie "Black Hawk Down."

In 2001, Gary was Assistant Division Commander for the 10th Mountain Division in Afghanistan, and during Operation Iraqi Freedom, he led the largest special operations force assembled since World War II. He retired in 2008 as the Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army Special Operations Command. Gary's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal (with V-device and 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Purple Heart among many others.

Gary is hailed as an expert in the special operations community, and he is highly respected by his colleagues and friends. He has been described as having "unmatched expertise," and at his retirement ceremony in 2008, Lt. Gen. Robert Wagner stated, "If it was complex, if it was difficult or critical to our nation, Gary was there." When being inducted into the ETSU ROTC Hall of Fame, it was said that "to say General Harrell is a legend would be an absolute understatement."

In retirement, Gary has served in several roles, including as Director General for King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Center (KASOTC) in Amman, Jordan and Senior Vice President of Special Operations and Intelligence Advisory Group for CUBIC Applica-

tions Inc. He and his wife, Jennifer, have been blessed with three children and six grandchildren. I am proud to join the chorus of Gary's family, friends, colleagues, and admirers in thanking him for his dedicated service to our Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF COACH WILFRET ANDERSON,  
SR.

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 23, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a remarkable individual, retired football coach Wilfret Lewis Anderson, Sr.

Coach Anderson was born to the late Louise and Lewis Anderson, Jr. on January 5, 1937. He was called to his Heavenly Home on August 3, 2021, with his family by his side. He accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age and was a faithful member of Pratt Memorial United Methodist Church in Jackson, Mississippi.

As a young man at Jim Hill High School, Coach Anderson was a member of the School's choir, the first football team, and the track team. He received his B.S. Degree in Physical Education in 1962 and M.S. Degree in Physical Education in 1978 from Jackson State College. Throughout his childhood and college years, he excelled in sports, which served as a significant foundation for him as a successful coach for many years. Upon graduating from college, Coach Anderson accepted a teaching position at Jim Hill High School, where he was the first graduate to return for a teaching position. He spent over 25 years as a dedicated teacher, coach, mentor, and father figure to many students while teaching and coaching at the old Jim Hill High School (Blackburn Jr. High School), Whitten Jr. High School, Jim Hill High School, and Provine High School.

Coach Anderson was a man with many talents, and he wore many hats. Known as a reasonable disciplinarian, he always maintained a very uplifting, encouraging, and humorous personality. He was by far an extended version of a people-person and always concerned about the well-being of his family, church members, co-workers, and students. He will never be forgotten but missed by many.

Coach Anderson leaves to cherish his memories: a devoted wife of 25 years, Geneva Hunt-Anderson, and children—Cynthia (Travis, Sr.) Ricks of Detroit, MI, Lynette Myles of Chicago, IL, and Derrick Martin of Burbank, CA. Four sons were born to the matrimony of Coach Anderson and Shirley Anderson Spann—Wilfret (Cynthia) Anderson, Jr. of Hollywood, FL, Marcus J. Anderson, Kenneth Anderson, and Dr. Brian Anderson, of Jackson, MS.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of Coach Wilfret Lewis Anderson, Sr.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT  
NICHOLAS J. JONES, UNITED  
STATES MARINE CORPS

**HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 23, 2021*

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Jones, United States Marine Corps, for his honorable and devoted service to our great nation. Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Jones will be presented the Navy Cross by Marine Corps Commandant General David H. Berger during an August 26, 2021 ceremony at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

The Navy Cross is our nation's second highest military decoration for valor awarded to a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who exhibits extraordinary heroism during combat. Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Jones, of the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion, is an American hero who risked life and limb on March 8, 2020 conducting a counterattack against an ISIS stronghold in the Makhmur Mountains of Iraq. His fearless leadership and daring attitude saved countless lives that day. Our service members and our nation are safer because of his selflessness and decisiveness.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the sacrifice and service given by Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Jones. On behalf of the United States Congress, we thank Staff Sergeant Jones, and his family for his unwavering commitment to our nation. God bless our Marines and God bless the United States of America. Semper Fidelis.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF NAVY FIREMAN FIRST CLASS  
PAUL E. SAYLOR

**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 23, 2021*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Navy Fireman First Class Paul E. Saylor, who, as a 21-year-old, was assigned to serve on the USS *Oklahoma*. The *Oklahoma* was moored at Ford Island in berth Fox 5 on Battleship Row of Pearl Harbor on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, when it was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The ship sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsized and resulted in the death of 429 crewman, including Saylor. His remains were recovered, but not identified and accounted for until Nov. 24, 2020.

Saylor was born in 1920 in the First District of Tennessee in Bluff City to the Reverend

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Samuel and Mary Saylor. Reverend Saylor was a Free Will Baptist minister whose ministry took the family to both Unicoi and Carter Counties in Tennessee as well as Mitchell County, North Carolina before they settled in Johnson City, Tennessee. Paul was the third of four sons born to the Saylor.

Saylor's legacy included not only service to his country but his admirable character, as well. Letters that he wrote to his family during his year in the United States Navy revealed his intelligence, his strong work ethic, and his generous spirit.

Growing up the son of a Free Will Baptist minister during the Great Depression gave Paul a deeply personal understanding of the financial burden his family faced. Lower enlisted men received very little pay during the early 1940s however, Paul's letters indicated that he was sending money home to his parents showing a strong sense of responsibility. He also was driven to succeed as his writings revealed that he figured out early that if he studied hard and passed his exams he could be promoted. His time of service was just over a year, but he was quickly promoted to Fireman First Class.

Paul Saylor's remains were unidentified, like many others, until modern analysis revealed his identity, allowing him to be brought home for a proper burial on August 20, 2021. Although his life was tragically cut short, his memory will continue to live and generations to come will see his name recorded on the Walls of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Navy Fireman First Class Paul E. Saylor's legacy and ultimate sacrifice to our Nation. He represents the spirit and sacrifice that has made the First District of Tennessee as well as these United States, great.

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#### HONORING LULA WINDLESS BOYD

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 23, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community servant, Lula Windless Boyd.

Lula was born on September 26, 1949, in Marks, MS. She is the fourth child of eleven children (8 girls and 3 boys) born to the late Matthew and Ruth Hodo Windless. She grew up in the Squirrel Lake community in Darling, MS. She has a host of nieces and nephews. This family sticks together like glue. It's never a dull moment during family gatherings. When one hurt, they all hurt. Trending technology has allowed this family to communicate with each other daily, literally all day. Her phone chimes all day because of the messages she receives from her family members.

Lula is the mother of three lovely children, Tywonda Boyd, Lynette Moffett, and Marcus Boyd. She is a grandmother to 5 grandchildren, granny to 5 great-grandchildren, and granny to 7 extended grandchildren, she loves all of them very much. There's no limit to what she would do for her family. She has an endless list of individuals she calls her friend, family member, or church member.

Lula is a faithful member of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Darling, MS, under Gregory Coleman's leadership. She confessed a hope in Christ at an early age and has been a member of this church all her life under different pastors. She has been the Financial Secretary for over thirty-plus years, and she enjoys her position there.

Lula graduated from Quitman County High School in May 1966. She also attended Coahoma Community College and graduated in May 1968 and Mississippi Valley State University from 1968 to 1969. Her first work experience was at Falcon Junior High School in Falcon, MS, as a Teacher Assistant. Her second work experience was at Delta Hills Head Start Central Office in Holly Springs, MS, as a payroll clerk from September 1970 to May 1977. Other jobs included Mississippi Department of Corrections Office Clerk from July 1977 to September 1978, Wilsew Manufacturing in Sledge, MS, as a payroll clerk, and lastly the Mississippi Department of Human Services as an Eligibility Worker, and she later became a Case Manager. She was a faithful employee at the Mississippi Department of Human Services from August 1981 to April 2014. She retired on April 16, 2014 and began living her best life.

Currently, Lula is enjoying her retirement by giving back to the community. Before the pandemic, she often volunteered at the Quitman County nursing home. She is the type that seldom says no when asked to complete a task either in the community or at church. She enjoys helping individuals in the community, spending time with her family, cooking, gardening, traveling, and doing things she could not do while working an 8 to 5 job.

She lived to see two significant milestones: her 50th year graduating from high school, May 2016, and her 50th year graduating from Coahoma Community College, May 2018. Our family is proud to call her mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, and cousin.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Lula Windless Boyd for her dedication in serving her community.

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#### IN RECOGNITION OF ONEIDA NATION'S CONSERVATION EFFORTS

### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 23, 2021*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the Oneida Nation for receiving the Lake Michigan Champions of Conservation Award.

The Lake Michigan Champions of Conservation Award honors people, programs, community groups, and businesses for outstanding achievements in the restoration, protection, or promotion of Lake Michigan. The Oneida Nation continuously provides critical services and programs to preserve, restore, and enhance our environment, and are extremely deserving of this recognition.

The Oneida Nation has a long history of caring for our environment and understands that preserving and protecting the environment is a responsibility given to us all by our creator. The Oneida Nation has made environmental conservation a priority, administering

conservation programs, like the Tribal Environmental Response Program, a program intended to address the release of hazardous and regulated materials into the environment. Additionally, the Oneida Nation has played a crucial role in the restoration of our watershed by returning wildlife habitat land back into natural areas, wetlands, forests, and grasslands. They also frequently partner with local governments, agencies, and private landowners to continue improving water quality standards locally.

The Oneida Nation offers unique community education programs consistent with the culture, vision, and priorities of the Oneida Nation. The Nation works to weave Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) practices into each of their projects by incorporating cultural information and practices. To further raise awareness, they opened their restoration projects to field tours and educational experiences by other resource professionals and interest groups.

The Oneida Nation's service to the conservation of Northeastern Wisconsin has been incredibly valuable and is deeply appreciated by the members of our community. The Oneida Nation's sincere efforts do not go unnoticed. I commend the Nation for all its efforts to be champions of conservation in Northeast Wisconsin.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in congratulating the Oneida Nation for receiving the Lake Michigan Champions of Conservation Award.

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#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF LT. COLONEL GERALD W. BOSTON, USMC RET.

### HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 23, 2021*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Lt. Colonel Gerald W. Boston Retired of Baneberry, Tennessee. Jerry was born in Oklahoma of Cherokee Heritage. The family moved to Tennessee where he spent his younger years growing up in the Mill Springs community of Jefferson County, Tennessee and he celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday on August 23, 2021. He attended Jefferson High School and then Carson Newman College. He graduated from the University of Tennessee Knoxville and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corp in 1959.

His career in the Marine Corps led him to the war in Vietnam where he was commander of ground reaction forces involved in heavy fighting at the DMZ and the TET combat mission. He also served in Rota, Spain and later attended and graduated the "Command and Staff" College in Quantico, Virginia. Due to his experience and his training, he was sent back to Vietnam to serve as an Advisor to the Vietnamese Marines who were engaged in severe combat with the North Vietnamese Army. Later he was assigned to Hawaii and was Battalion Commander of the 2nd BN, 4th Marines. In 1982, he retired after serving his country for twenty-three years in the United States Marines Corp.

After his career in the United States Marine Corps, Colonel Boston transitioned to civilian