

country and his passion for being a positive and thoughtful force throughout his long and colorful life, including his work as a councilmember, his 33-year career with CalTrans, and his service in the United States Air Force. I join the people of Morro Bay in thanking Red Davis for his service to his community, his state, and his Nation.

Prior to being elected to the Morro Bay City Council, Red served on a variety of City ad hoc committees, including the General Plan Advisory Committee, and volunteered for numerous community organizations including the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Morro Bay Library and Bike SLO County. Red began his service as Councilmember in 2017 and won a second four-year term in November 2020. Councilmember Davis was instrumental, along with his Council colleagues, in moving forward the Water Reclamation Facility, stabilizing and improving the City's financial condition, offshore wind energy, and enhancing communication with the community. I know from personal experience how important local leaders are in our nation, and Red was instrumental in helping guide his community and region through our recent difficult times.

Red retired from CalTrans in 1996 as a project manager, after 33 years of service, and proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as Senior Master Sergeant.

Those who knew Red well have commented on how he worked tirelessly to advance and improve the quality of life for the entire Morro Bay community. Red's strong work ethic, his clear style of communication, and his genuine care for the environment and the people of Morro Bay's citizens, businesses, and environment allowed him to make a positive and lasting impact on the City. Many have commented on Red's kindness, compassion, and his generosity. It is clear Red will be missed as well as remembered for many years to come.

As passionate cyclists, Red and his wife Gail found the time and energy to share their enthusiasm with the community. Red served as president of the San Luis Obispo Bike Club for eight years, chaired the Morro Bay Citizens Bike Committee and the County Bicycle Advisory Committee, and was a founding member and vice president of Bike SLO County. In 2015 the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors honored Red for service to the local bicycling community by designating the Los Osos Valley Road bike lanes between Foothill Boulevard and South Bay Boulevard as the "Red Davis Bikeway."

Madam Speaker, I ask you, and our colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives, to join me in recognizing Red for his service to his community and our Nation, and in offering our condolences to Red's wife Gail, his daughter Catherine Sullivan, son-in-law Pat, and Red's granddaughters, and to all those in Morro Bay and beyond who know and love Red. I thank Red.

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICAL
ACHIEVEMENT OF FIVE BLACK
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the historical achieve-

ment of the five black commissioners serving on the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners.

For the first time in its 185-year history, the citizens of Miami-Dade County are being represented by five black County Commissioners. This achievement is held by Vice Chairman Oliver Gilbert, III, Commissioners Jean Monestime, Keon Hardemon, Danielle Cohen Higgins, and Kionne McGhee.

Vice-Chairman Oliver Gilbert III representing District 1 is a seasoned attorney that comes to the Board of County Commissioners after serving his hometown of Miami Gardens as its two-term mayor. He is a true advocate for the youth and the economic development of his community. He served formerly as the president of the African American mayors Association, and also held a seat on the board of directors of several boards, including the National League of Cities.

Commissioner Jean Monestime representing District 2 is the first Haitian American to represent the Board of County Commissioners after being elected in 2010. In 2014, he was unanimously chosen to serve as Chairman of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners for two years. He is a former City of North Miami Councilman and Vice-Mayor. Commissioner Monestime is an advocate for equal justice.

Commissioner Keon Hardemon representing District 3 is a Miami native. He holds tight the values that his family instilled in him: education, integrity, and most importantly service to the community. Prior to joining the Board of County Commissioners, Commissioner Hardemon served as a City of Miami Commissioner. In addition, he served as the Chairman of the Southeast Overtown and Park West Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). He also served as a Miami-Dade County Assistant Public Defender where he represented hundreds of clients from the Miami-Dade County Community.

Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins representing District 8 is the daughter of Jamaican immigrants, an attorney, and a small business owner. She is the first of her family to graduate from college and went on to graduate from law school. Commissioner Higgins is dedicated to serving small businesses and environmental sustainability measures.

Commissioner Kionne McGhee representing District 9 is a South Dade native coming to the Board of County Commissioners from the Florida House of Representatives where he recently served as the Minority Leader. Commissioner McGhee is also an accomplished attorney and author.

This historic group of commissioners bring with them experience, political and governmental acumen, passion, and an abundance of commitment towards improving the lives of Miami-Dade County residents. The foundation laid by their predecessors Earl Caroll (1968–1972), Edward T. Graham (1972–1975), Neal F. Adams (1975–1979), Barbara Carey-Shuler (1979–1990 & 1996–2005), Arthur E. Teele, Jr. (1990–1996), James Burke (1990–1998), Betty T. Ferguson (1993–2000), Dorrin D. Rolle (1998–2006), Dennis C. Moss (1993–2020), Barbara J. Jordan (2004–2020), and Audrey M. Edmonson (2005–2020) ensures a brighter future for all of Miami-Dade County.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues and all Americans to please join me in recognizing

these Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners for their contributions and for their commitment to the diverse citizens of our community, state and country.

HONORING AIDAN O'BRIEN CHINN

HON. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Aidan O'Brien Chinn for earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 268 of Clermont, FL. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn and only four percent achieve it. This honor requires years of effort to develop the necessary leadership, service, and outdoor skills. To earn it, Aidan organized a team of 12 volunteers to restore a hurricane-damaged greenhouse that provides community food assistance. The leadership skills he has learned through the Boy Scouts already benefit our community and will continue to help in countless ways. Aidan began scouting as a Cub Scout in 2012 and recently served his troop as Senior Patrol leader. This fall, Aidan plans to continue his education at Rollins College.

On behalf of the Fifteenth Congressional District of Florida, congratulations again to Aidan O'Brien Chinn for becoming an Eagle Scout. We are proud of his continued success and thank him for his dedication to making our community a better place.

1ST CAVALRY DIVISION 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the 1st Cavalry Division.

Formed in 1921, the division is based at Fort Hood, Texas, which I am proud to represent in Congress.

This 1st Cavalry division is unique in that they have worn many hats over the years—they have served in cavalry, infantry, assault, and armored capacities.

The honorable men and women of the 1st Cav have served in many of our nation's wars; World War II, the Korean War, the Persian Gulf, Iraq, and in Afghanistan—and they have exhibited extraordinary grit and an unwavering commitment to duty above self.

In all that they do, they have honorably answered the call to serve our country and defend freedom and liberty around the world.

It is my great honor to recognize their contributions and thank them for their 100 years of enduring service, duty, patriotism, and bravery.

In God we trust.

RECOGNIZING LEWIS H. WEBBER,
A TRUE WORKING-CLASS CHAMPION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lewis Webber, the President of Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR) Chapter 4-6, for a lifetime of fighting for the working class.

Lewis Webber was born days before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December of 1941 so he was always ready for a good fight. Advocating for the workers at Bethlehem Steel was in his blood, as many of his relatives, including his father, were employed there. Growing up in a union household, he and his brother heard all the stories from their father about the strikes at Bethlehem Steel, including the famous 53-day 1952 Steelworkers strike, ending with a victory for the hard-working Steelworkers.

It was not a surprise that both Lewis and his brother would also go on to work many years of their lives at Bethlehem Steel. Lewis started working at Bethlehem Steel in October of 1964. He was a member in three separate unions: United Steelworkers, Truckdrivers Local Union, and the United Autoworkers. As a member of the United Steelworkers, he recalls fighting to make sure that the proper withholding was taken out of the employees checks. Later, in 1985, Mr. Webber officially won a grievance against Bethlehem Steel, providing 22 workers an additional \$238 a week for two years, and a pension for the rest of their lives.

When Bethlehem Steel shut its doors, the Western New York community was devastated; however, that didn't stop Lewis Webber from continuing to fight for those who had worked there. He joined the Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR), Chapter 4-6 and put the skills he learned from earlier battles to work as he rose in the ranks of leadership becoming Trustee in 1997, Vice President in 2007, and President of the Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees, Chapter 4-6 in 2008. There are 430 members of SOAR, Chapter 4-6 who rely on his leadership today.

Lewis Webber always says that you can never fight these battles alone. His number one supporter was his wife, Beverly who unfortunately passed away in 2011. She was also Secretary of the Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees, Chapter 4-6. His children Rosemary, LuAnn, and Kathleen, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are always by his side, fighting the good fight.

Mr. Webber joined our fight over a decade ago to help former Bethlehem Steel employees receive compensation under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (EEOICP) and he continues to work with my office to ensure eligible retirees receive the benefits they deserve. Over \$300 million has been paid out to workers and their families after they were exposed to radiation while working at Bethlehem Steel.

Lewis Webber offered many words of advice, including "I am not doing this to make people millionaires; I am doing this to get them what they need to get by in this world.

I am not doing this to help just the Steelworkers; I am doing this to help all Americans," and, "Always fight using your brains, not your fists. At the end of the day your knowledge of the contract will be more likely to help you win the battle." His words demonstrate his commitment to his fellow workers and his lifetime of experience advocating for the interests of Steelworkers.

Many Bethlehem Steel retirees and their families who live in Western New York are better off because Lewis Webber has never stopped and will never stop fighting for them. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the lifelong commitment that Lewis Webber has shown to the former employees of Bethlehem Steel, the greater Western New York community, and the United States as a whole.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
SHAWN P. HARKINS FOR 25
YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Colonel Shawn P. Harkins for 25 years of distinguished military service.

LTC Harkins has made immeasurable contributions to our great nation and continues to personify the core U.S. Army values of honor, integrity, personal courage, and selfless service. He has served in various positions throughout his career, culminating as the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) Executive Officer at Fort Bragg.

Over the course of his extraordinary career, LTC Harkins has answered the call of duty many times. He has deployed in excess of 34 months overseas in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, and his leadership has directly influenced political stability across the globe. As the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) Executive Officer, LTC Harkins managed a staff of 2,500 soldiers and civilians and he is credited with producing change in the areas of maintenance, readiness, and processes.

LTC Harkins retires as a recipient of multiple awards and decorations and embodies all the qualities of a selfless hero who has answered the call to serve. Our state and country are better because of citizens like him.

As Fort Bragg's Congressman, I know I speak for our nation and community when I say we are truly grateful for LTC Harkins' extraordinary service and cannot thank him enough. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him success in his future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Lieutenant Colonel Shawn P. Harkins for 25 years of military service.

RECOGNIZING THE PI CHAPTER OF
ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY,
INC. ON ITS CENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) on its Centennial Anniversary and for a century of service to the Fisk University students, community and the state of Tennessee.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Pi Chapter at Fisk University celebrates its 100-year Anniversary. In addition, I am humbled that they chose to honor me, Congresswoman FREDERICA S. WILSON, as the University's First AKA Congressional member. I was initiated into the Pi Chapter in the Fall of 1960. Congressional representatives participating include Congressional Black Caucus Chair Congresswoman JOYCE BEATTY and seven AKA Congresswomen—EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, SHEILA JACKSON LEE, TERRI SEWELL, ALMA ADAMS, BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN, LAUREN UNDERWOOD, and NIKEMA WILLIAMS.

Fisk Graduate and Pi Chapter initiated Chairperson Kimmie Jackson and current Pi Chapter President Taylor Woodard graciously welcomed and thanked the audience for joining this inaugural and auspicious occasion while inspiring all to take action and uphold the sorority's purpose of being "Service To All Mankind."

Representative SHEILA JACKSON LEE (TX) noted that Pi Chapter was the first undergraduate chapter in the South Atlantic Region and that the women of Pi Chapter are known for their honor, academic prowess, and leadership skills. She compared Rep. WILSON to Sojourner Truth who never stepped away her vision and served as a leader in education and civil rights. Rep. WILSON founded the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project and was a leader in the demand to find the 276 Nigerian girls kidnapped by Boko Haram.

Representative ALMA ADAMS (NC) praised Pi Chapter as being the most civically engaged women of goodwill and good work beyond measure. She noted that Honoree WILSON the 5000 Role Models founder has always been a champion of the underserved and that like her fellow Pi Chapter graduates illuminate the opportunities available to women across the country and the world.

Representative EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON (TX) sent congratulatory wishes to Pi Chapter and notes that it stands on the shoulders of many trailblazers. She acknowledged Congresswoman WILSON's visionary leadership and service as an undeterred true champion for black girls and boys.

Representative TERRI SEWELL (AL) congratulated Pi Chapter on its Centennial and reminded members that AKA Coretta Scott King famously observed "struggle is a never-ending process . . . we earn it and win it in every generation." Representative SEWELL praised Centennial Honoree WILSON for expanding opportunities for all Americans, founding 5000 Role Models Project, and sponsoring legislation to create the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys.

Representative LAUREN UNDERWOOD (IL) remarked that Pi Chapter has had a tremendous