

With your Gotham Tributes to all of Woman-kind and Man which invoked  
 And from that first day begun  
 As a construction worker peering out  
 through you up towards the rising sun  
 Until, that final opening day  
 When, your most magnificent fruition was  
 portrayed,  
 in this your most historic of all runs  
 And with each new succeeding day  
 While, gazing through you and pressing  
 hands all upon you as would they  
 And how many countless hours,  
 throughout all those snow storms, blizzards,  
 thunder storms and rain showers  
 When, upon a bright beautiful spring day,  
 planning their escapes, counting the minutes  
 . . . to the seconds . . . the hours  
 Running down below to their most beloved  
 ones so,  
 as there they would come rushing out of  
 your most majestic of all Towers  
 And how many weddings were so amassed?  
 With, young hearts here so enamored as the  
 time had passed  
 As it was all here along love's path  
 And how about all those most beautiful ba-  
 bies born,  
 from all those true fine loves warmed here so  
 to last  
 Ah yes, as it was in this the most magnifi-  
 cent of all buildings,  
 which held so many hearts at bay with the  
 spells that they'd cast  
 On 9/11, while looking out you on that fine  
 fall day  
 Up towards those jet blue skies as the white  
 clouds drifted on by and far away  
 As so unsuspectingly their own death's they  
 could not for see,  
 unaware of what dreaded dark death and  
 dark evil before them now lay  
 Perhaps, with but thoughts of loved ones  
 beating in their hearts on that day,  
 at what was to be their last and most trag-  
 ically heroic of all days  
 And 'Oh . . . but did you so see all of those  
 planes coming crashing in and so  
 wince?  
 While, watching in such shock and in horror  
 at all of its most vulgar carnage  
 At the lost of all those fine innocents  
 As down below you witnessed all those brave  
 hearts,  
 magnificent souls gallantly rushing in with-  
 out regard of consequence  
 Our most fearless firefighters, and most pre-  
 cious police,  
 and brave citizen saviors who stayed armed  
 with but only their beliefs  
 And 'oh how it must have shattered you to  
 see  
 All of those splendid people, women and men  
 Together holding hands, jumping off in such  
 misery and grief  
 As I ask you now, did Tommy in those last  
 final moments  
 While, looking through you think of his  
 most beloved family out too his heart  
 reached.  
 As he came rushing up the stairs on his way  
 to Heaven,  
 passing death's cold stare to our Lord speaks  
 As he stood there, as one of the most coura-  
 geous of all ones  
 So Magnificently Bill Butler's fine son  
 And from this day of all days what are we all  
 here to so take  
 With all such grief and so much horrendous  
 heartache  
 That still within our beating hearts,  
 within its rhythm something far much more  
 greater now to take  
 And from all of their most tragic deaths of  
 which we are now left  
 Are all those bright lights as Angels names  
 up in Heaven now bless

Comes this great consolation in hearts  
 knowing,  
 that all those who heroically died to Heaven  
 surely rose up no less  
 Burying our babies, our daughters and sons  
 for there can be no greatest pain for a parent  
 begun  
 While, there in the darkness all alone,  
 our Lord sees and hear's your most desperate  
 of all moans  
 Up in Heaven our Lord in his love cries,  
 as his tears wash down upon us when there  
 comes a gentle rain from his eyes  
 To ease our pain for all our lost daughters  
 and sons  
 Somehow find the strength until your re-  
 united again  
 A piece of glass as given to me  
 By a wonderful Father,  
 all in the midst of this his families most  
 dark tragedy  
 Forever and a day,  
 as with me this his most precious of all gift's  
 will stay  
 To be ever revered in my family  
 As it's with chills I now stand . . . with quiv-  
 ering hands,  
 remembering the sacred name of a hero  
 named Thomas Butler eternally  
 And from this day on a great lesson as born,  
 to teach my children of Thomas's sacrifice so  
 warm  
 And for the generations to come,  
 I shall plant those seeds of his faith to all of  
 my children and theirs among  
 Of all those like Thomas who died and sac-  
 rificed like Christ to Kingdom Come  
 About all their selfless seeds of faith, cour-  
 age and sacrifice  
 With their greatest gifts but for the greater  
 good to give up one's life  
 To nourish others' souls about Thomas's life  
 Remembering 9/11 and all those fine heroes,  
 and all their sacred gifts who which did not  
 to think twice  
 A piece of glass, was once but just mere sand  
 As it is we who here who are made up of flesh  
 and blood and hands  
 Who here with hearts and souls and coura-  
 geous acts and in our tears now stand  
 Goodness . . . Evil . . . Darkness . . . Light  
 In the moment of truth will we burn bright?  
 Will we reside in the darkness or choose rise  
 up in the light?  
 And for all those who do,  
 are but our Lord's chosen people in his heart  
 burns bright  
 As we peer back through time  
 looking back upon this the very soul of  
 Woman and Mankind  
 That on this day we fully understand  
 That buildings can rise,  
 and in time may not stand  
 But, in our Lord's heart  
 There are far greater things which command  
 Which, leaves him in awe  
 Of the most sacred of all gifts to understand  
 All those who give up one's life for another  
 will rest in God's hands  
 As here I stand, with a sacred piece of glass  
 in my hands  
 Forever and a day,  
 these lessons of sacrifice and Thomas I'll  
 take on my way  
 And a sacred piece of glass given to me by a  
 wonderful man

In Memory of Thomas Butler and all the  
 Heroes of 9/11, on Sunday May 26, 2002. I took  
 the families of the Memorial Day Concert on  
 a tour of the Capitol, Thomas Butler's Fa-  
 ther Bill Butler presented A Piece of Glass  
 from the World Trade Center to me in the  
 crypt of the United States Capitol building  
 after I had recited 2 poems about the Heroes  
 of 9/11. I went to his son's funeral in Long Is-  
 land and printed this poem to his family.

HONORING RUTH HUNT CANDIES

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 10, 2021*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to recog-  
 nize a wonderful Kentucky business, Ruth  
 Hunt Candies. The business, located in Mount  
 Sterling, is celebrating 100 years of providing  
 delicious candy to its customers.

Ruth Tharpe Hunt's family, friends, and es-  
 pecially her bridge club loved her homemade  
 sweets. In 1921 she opened a small store in  
 her home and began selling her candy to the  
 public. The business quickly outgrew her  
 home, and she built a small factory on Mt.  
 Sterling's Main Street. Ruth Hunt ran the bu-  
 siness with her daughter Emily Peck until the  
 1960s. Emily ran the business until 1988,  
 when the Kezele family and Toby Moore took  
 over and expanded into a comprehensive fac-  
 tory complex. Throughout the years, the busi-  
 ness has kept the same idea—"Produce the  
 highest quality chocolates to make the cus-  
 tomers happy."

Favorite confections include Kentucky  
 Pulled Cream Candy, Caramels, Mallows, and  
 Kentucky Bourbon Balls. The company's most  
 famous product, however, is Ruth Hunt's Blue  
 Monday Bar. This product has been produced  
 for over 80 years and has been called a "Blue  
 Monday" ever since a traveling minister told  
 Ruth Hunt that "every Monday I must have a  
 little sweet to help me through my blue Mon-  
 day!"

Ruth Hunt Candies has stores in Mount  
 Sterling and Lexington, Kentucky. Its products  
 are sold in retail shops throughout the region  
 and around the world. Products have been  
 provided as gifts from the horse farms of the  
 Bluegrass to the White House.

Over the past 100 years, Ruth Hunt  
 Candies has provided high-quality candy to  
 customers and jobs to the local economy.  
 Started in Ms. Hunt's kitchen, the growth and  
 longevity over 100 years is impressive. I con-  
 gratulate this wonderful business on their  
 100th anniversary. It is my honor to recognize  
 Ruth Hunt Candies before the United States  
 Congress.

IMPEACHING GENERAL MILLEY  
 AND SECRETARY AUSTIN

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 10, 2021*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today  
 to address the serious and deadly incom-  
 petence displayed by Mr. Biden and his cur-  
 rent military staff, including General Milley and  
 Secretary of Defense Austin. The military lead-  
 ership has been irresponsible, careless, and  
 incompetent regarding Afghanistan. After 20  
 years, over \$2 trillion wasted, and thousands  
 of American lives lost, our military leadership  
 lost this war and did so in a humiliating defeat  
 played out in real time before the world.

Our enemies are emboldened as our mili-  
 tary leaders showed cowardice and incom-  
 petence. Instead of resolve and a plan of ac-  
 tion to exit a war they could not justify or win,  
 they evacuated our troops and abandoned ci-  
 vilians. They abandoned our allies and left

them to fend for themselves. The British were so incensed over this humiliating defeat and abandonment of their servicemembers on the field that the British Parliament passed a resolution censuring Mr. Biden, a first in our nation's history.

Our allies lost faith in their ability to count on us.

In addition, our military leaders, led by the strange General Milley, who is obsessed with homosexuality in the military and flying gay pride flags at every opportunity, informed Congress that we did not need to keep Bagram Air Base before the civilians were evacuated. His bungling led to a disaster with 13 of our servicemembers unnecessarily killed trying to control an airport that we had no control over and had many weak points compared to Bagram Air Base. His decision cost the lives of his troops.

On top of this disastrous incompetence, General Milley and Secretary Austin abandoned over \$80 billion in our top-notch military equipment and allowed it to fall into the hands of the very military we had been opposing. Milley and Austin failed to create a plan to retrieve, scuttle or destroy our valuable equipment. Helicopters, airplanes, drones, missiles, automatic weapons, MRAPS, Humvees, ammunition, mortars and howitzers were all lost to the enemy even though our leaders knew where the equipment was yet did nothing to stop the acquisition by the Taliban.

This is gross incompetence and dereliction of duty. Both the very weirdly obsessed General Milley and Secretary Austin should have resigned in shame for the humiliation they brought to this country. But they have not. Therefore, we need to remove them. I will vote to impeach both Milley and Austin and remove the stain they have left on our military and our people.

I include in the RECORD a letter from Arizona Representative Walt Blackman. His letter needs to be read and shared and I join him in his conclusions.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: I proudly served 21 years in the United States Army. Several times during my service I was on deployment to other countries. I was responsible for military equipment valued at millions of dollars.

I was trained as a private whose job was imperative to track, secure and dispose of military equipment in accordance with military regulation. While I was stationed at Fort Hood there was a time when our military installation was on complete lockdown because a soldier had misplaced a set of night vision goggles. Securing and tracking military equipment, especially sensitive items is a practice that is constantly drilled into all soldiers.

According to UCMJ any servicemember of the United States Armed Forces who either willfully or by neglect sells, damages, destroys, disposes of, or otherwise mismanages U.S. military property may face charges under Article 108 of the UCMJ.

The Commander in Chief Joe Biden and the Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin have placed America as well as multiple other countries in a vulnerable situation by not properly handling military property. This has allowed very sensitive military equipment owned by the United States of America to fall into the hands of terroristic enemies. The Commander in Chief Joe Biden as well as the Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin should be held accountable and in the same manner of the law as any other soldier would under Article 108 of the UCMJ.

I am requesting you impeach Joe Biden and court-martial the Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and General Mark Milley under Article 108 of the UCMJ.

Respectfully,

WALTER BLACKMAN,  
Chairman, Criminal Justice Reform  
Judiciary  
Public Safety and Military Affairs  
Commissioner; Education Commission of  
the States Member, Legislative District 6  
Phoenix, Arizona.

HONORING U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE  
CHIEF VICKI CHRISTIANSEN FOR  
40 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Forest Service Chief Vicki Christiansen for 40 years of service to the protection and management of our nation's forests.

Chief Christiansen began her career in forest service with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources before joining the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service eleven years ago. She recently retired as Forest Service Chief where she oversaw operations of more than 30,000 employees nationwide.

Chief Christiansen's career accomplishments demonstrate her strong leadership skills and steadfast commitment to preserving and improving our nation's environmental well-being. She began her distinguished career as a wild land firefighter with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources before advancing to become Washington State Forester, Arizona State Forester, Forest Service Deputy Director for Fire and Aviation Management, and Forest Service Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry.

Appointed Forest Service Chief in 2018, Christiansen administered positive change while successfully managing intense episodes of crisis. She is revered by her colleagues for improving workplace safety, productivity, and culture as well as her resilient and calculated responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, economic distress suffered by the agency, and disruptive natural occurrences such as wildfires and hurricanes. Furthermore, her collaboration with State and local actors played an instrumental role in improving community engagement in forestry protection nationwide. Through hard work and leadership that sparked long-lasting change, Chief Christiansen's legacy will serve as a model for future Forest Service Chiefs to emulate.

I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation to Chief Christiansen for her years of exemplary service to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and multiple state forest service agencies. I know I speak for our entire community in wishing her and her family continued success and happiness as she moves into retirement.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Forest Service Chief Vicki Christiansen for her 40 years of service in forest protection and management.

CELEBRATING THE BLACK  
THEATRE TROUPE'S 50TH SEASON

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Mr. GALLEGO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate The Black Theatre Troupe's 50th season. Founded in 1970 by civil rights activist Helen K. Mason, this Phoenix troupe is one of the oldest continuously operating Black theater companies in the United States. Despite having to push back their 50th anniversary season by a year due to COVID-19, the show will go on as The Black Theatre Troupe returns to the stage this month.

The Black Theatre Troupe was born of the need to create a space for Black voices to be heard in the Southwest. Today, it has grown into a nationally recognized, award-winning theater company that continues to tackle issues of racism, prejudice, and discrimination. Fifty years later, The Black Theatre Troupe remains a vital platform for illuminating the Black experience and culture, provides unique opportunities for multiethnic and underserved artists to train and perform, and educates and entertains a diverse audience.

Throughout its history, The Black Theatre Troupe has faced many challenges—lack of funding, a fire that destroyed its stage, and even a global health pandemic—but thanks to the tenacity and enthusiasm of its members and supporters, the Troupe has continued to grow and thrive. I'd like to congratulate The Black Theatre Troupe on 50 seasons and wish them all the best for 50 more.

IN HONOR OF THE 2021 LITTLE  
LEAGUE WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS,  
THE TAYLOR NORTH LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Taylor North Little League Team, the winners of the 2021 Little League World Series. This team's tremendous accomplishment is worthy of commendation.

After defeating their opponents at the district, state, and Great Lakes Regional championship, the Taylor North team was not yet done. On August 29, 2021., they won 5–2 against Ohio's Hamilton West Side team at Lamade Stadium in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Throughout the championship they defeated seven state champions and came out on top with a record of 19–1. In a season that was as challenging as it was rewarding, the team's tireless dedication to baseball and commitment to teamwork paid off when they became world champions at just twelve years old. These players proved that with hard work and confidence in your teammates, there is no obstacle that is too big to overcome.

No Michigan Little League team has won the World Series since 1959. This team put Michigan Little League back on the map after 62 years. They brought their win back home to Taylor, Michigan to be met with a fitting homecoming victory parade complete with cheering