

RECOGNIZING CONNIE BALLMER'S  
INCREDIBLE PHILANTHROPIC  
WORK

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 20, 2021*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Connie Ballmer for being the 2021 recipient of the YMCA's A.K. Guy Award, which is presented to an individual with outstanding volunteer service and dedication to social responsibility and equity and justice for all.

Connie Ballmer founded the Ballmer Group in 2015 with the mission of giving every child an equal chance to achieve the American dream. Since then, the Ballmer Group has worked diligently to remove economic barriers that prevent children from having equal access to education opportunities, housing, childcare, mental health resources, and healthcare. The Ballmer Groups has changed systems to allow every child to have equitable opportunities. Making these investments in our children now gives them the best chance at a successful future.

The Ballmer Group's mission has become even more important over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, as millions of families faced further economic strain. Without the incredible work of the Ballmer Group and the leadership of Mrs. Ballmer during COVID-19, many children would have completely lost access to resources critical to their development.

Under Connie's leadership, the Ballmer Group has been able to drastically change the lives of the next generation for the better. From making improvements to the foster care system to expanding access to behavioral health systems, the Ballmer Group has been on the forefront of tackling childhood poverty and ensuring every child has an equal chance to succeed.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege today to thank Connie Ballmer for the enormous contributions she has made to her community and congratulate her on being the 2021 recipient of the A.K. Guy Award.

HONORING THE CAREER AND  
SERVICE OF MR. JOE DRISKILL

**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 20, 2021*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Mr. Joe Driskill and congratulate him on his retirement.

I have had the pleasure of working with Joe over the years, and I have admired his dedication to advancing Missouri's military priorities. Joe recently served as the first Military Advocate for the State of Missouri, where he worked tirelessly to preserve and protect Missouri's military installation by coordinating efforts between the state and federal governments. Joe ensured that the State of Missouri and the Congressional Delegation were always on the same page when it came to Missouri's military priorities.

Prior to his role as the state's Military Advocate, Joe served as the executive director of

both the Leonard Wood Institute and the Sustainable Ozarks Partnership at Fort Leonard Wood. Joe dedicated his career to advancing opportunities at Fort Leonard Wood, and understood the strategic importance the installation has on the region, state, and Department of Defense.

Joe's leadership and expertise was also recognized at a national level. In 2019, Joe was elected as the President of the Board of Directors for the Association of Defense Communities.

I thank Joe for his years of service to the state of Missouri. His leadership has made a difference. Congratulations on his retirement. It has been an honor working with him.

HONORING MINNIE PEARL  
CAMPBELL

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 20, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community servant Ms. Minnie Pearl Campbell.

Ms. Campbell was born in January 1967, in Doddsville, Mississippi, located in Sunflower County. Ms. Campbell currently resides in Indianola, MS. There she graduated from Gentry High School in 1985. In 2003, she attended Superior Health Care, in Cleveland, MS, for her Certified Nursing Assistant certification. Then, she went on to Mississippi Delta Community College (2004-2005) for coursework in Medical Billing.

Ms. Campbell has worked in the health care industry since 2003. She said, "After graduating from high school, I wasn't sure of my career path, but I knew I wanted to help others because of my disabled sister. My family worked hard to help her live a fulfilling life. Without my siblings and I making personal sacrifices I doubt if it would have been possible. We didn't have many options around us for a good-quality-level health care assisted facility for people with limited financial resources and family support in Indianola." So eventually, Minnie and her sister (Maple L. Campbell) decided to establish one.

In 2003, after receiving her nursing assistant certification, Ms. Campbell began working for the North Sunflower County Hospital as a Certified Nursing Assistant in Ruleville, MS. This position required her to assist patients with daily living skills, monitor patient vitals, assist with physical therapy, and manage flow chart records of patients. After leaving the hospital and because of her skills, knowledge, and training, Ms. Campbell cared for patients in the privacy of their homes as their personal Adult Care Provider under direction and coordination of care with a medical provider. As an Adult Care Provider, she has worked for Southern Health Care (2004 to Present), Oxford Health Care (2010 to Present), and Private Care (2012 to 2015).

In 2016, Ms. Campbell and her sister, Maple L. Campbell, started the Platinum Plus Care Assisted Living Facility at 617 Highway 82 West, Indianola, MS. Ms. Campbell is the COO and Administrator. The Campbell sisters made history, becoming the first Black/Black female owned and operated full-time assisted

living facility in Indianola. Platinum Care Plus Assisted Living Facility is a twenty-seven-bed facility that offers 24-hours and 365 days a year of care to veterans and elderly adults. It provides care in the areas of administering and monitoring of medication, personal care (bathing and dressing), transportation and personal assistance at medical appointments, care coordination with medical providers, social and recreational activities, housekeeping and laundry, exercise, nutritious and health meals, a social and engaging environment, and more.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Minnie Pearl Campbell for her dedication to being a public servant in the health care industry.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID PATTEN, JR.

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 20, 2021*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a servant leader, professional athlete, and a son of South Carolina. David Patten, Jr., from Columbia, South Carolina, passed away on September 2, 2021 at the age of 47. He was taken from us too soon but lived his life as an example for others to follow and his legacy will live on in the countless number of people he touched.

David was born the third of four children to David Patten, Sr., and Betty Williams Patten. He was a football stand out at Lower Richland High School and earned a full scholarship to play at Western Carolina University.

When he left college, David was passed over by the National Football League (NFL) because of his small stature. But what he didn't have in size, he made up for in determination. While working in a coffee bean factory, he trained hard to achieve his goal of becoming an NFL player and spent time playing in the Canadian and Arena Football Leagues. His big break came at a University of South Carolina Pro Timing Day, when the New York Giants extended him an invitation to try out. The rest is history.

David went on to have a successful 12-year career as a receiver in the NFL, where he earned three Super Bowl rings. He is best remembered for making two iconic catches to help the New England Patriots win their first Super Bowl in 2001. Over the course of his career, David played for the New York Giants (1997 to 1999), Cleveland Browns (2000), New England Patriots (2001 to 2004), Washington Redskins (2005 to 2006), and the New Orleans Saints (2007 to 2008). He played in 147 NFL games, caught 324 passes for 4,715 yards and scored 24 touchdowns.

His motto "maximum effort" grew from his philosophy that one must work hard to be the best at whatever he pursued. When he retired from the NFL, David applied his motto to finishing his degree in social work at Western Carolina. He became an ordained minister in 2013. He also became a property investor, renovator, and landscaper, all while applying his motto, "maximum effort" to his life experiences.

David was a powerful motivational speaker. The driving force in his life was his Christian faith, and he became well known for his mission to be an ambassador for Christ. David

married his college sweetheart, Galiena Hardy, and they were a devoted couple for 24 years. They established the "A Way of Life" (AWOL) Ministries. Together they sought to leave no soul lost.

David leaves to mourn his wife and their four children, David III, Daquan, Quinton, and Mia, his parents, siblings and extended family.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of David Patten, Jr. President Abraham Lincoln is purported to have said, "It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." I believe this to be fitting for David. He lived a significant and meaningful life, and we are all better for having had him among us.

RECOGNIZING THE FRESNO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 20, 2021*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the fortieth anniversary of the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and their efforts to expand economic growth, investment, and prosperity in Fresno County.

The EDC was established in 1981 to promote job and business growth in Fresno County. Efforts have included marketing Fresno County as the premier location to grow core industries, facilitating state selection for companies new to the county, and assisting in retaining and expanding local businesses. The organization has also supported local business by publishing reports, hosting annual events, promoting networking opportunities, and sharing resources and information to clients and stakeholders.

Since its foundation, the EDC has maintained a commitment to excellence and innovation. The EDC was awarded the 2018 International Economic Development Council Gold Award for the New Employment Opportunities (NEO) Expanded Subsidized Employment program.

The Fresno County Economic Development Corporation has played a vital role in growth and success of business in Fresno County and is committed to solidifying the economic strength of the county into the future.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the EDC's fortieth anniversary and recognizing their contributions to the Fresno County community.

HONORING THE BALE GRIST MILL STATE HISTORIC PARK

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 20, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bale Grist Mill as it celebrates its 175th Anniversary.

The Bale Grist Mill was founded in 1846 by Dr. Edward Turner Bale. It was given to Dr. Bale with a land grant from the Mexican gov-

ernment and remained in operation until the early 1900s. The mill's longevity was not only a credit to Dr. Bale, but also his wife, Maria Soberanes. Under Maria's management, the Bale Grist Mill became extremely prosperous, and she became one of the wealthiest women in Napa Valley.

Powered by a 36-foot-tall waterwheel, the Bale Grist Mill converted grains and corn into more usable meals and flours for breads and other food. For the pioneers, the Mill was a technological wonder, and it significantly simplified the grain conversion process. The Bale Grist Mill was especially known for producing the best meals and flours for cornbread, yellow bread, shortening bread, and spoon bread. This technological innovation also served as an important social center for farmers and settlers who gathered to convert their crops for consumption in Napa Valley.

With funding from the Napa Valley State Parks Association, and the help and support of local vintners Dario Sattui and the late Holbrook Mitchell, as well as the advocacy of the late Ranger Sandy Jones, Millwright Rob Grassi restored the mill's water wheel in 2019 and 2020. This endeavor earned Mr. Grassi the Preservationist of the Year Award from Napa County Landmarks. Now, the Bale Grist Mill is a protected State Historic Landmark operated by the Napa Valley State Parks Association in partnership with Napa Open Space.

The Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park maintains one of the few remaining functioning mills in the United States, and houses the first church founded in Napa Valley and the Pioneer cemetery. The park is open to visitors and offers educational activities, tours, special events, and milling demonstrations for the public.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that the Bale Grist Mill was a pioneering technological advancement for Napa Valley. It is therefore, fitting and proper that we honor it here today.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II, KOREAN WAR, AND VIETNAM WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 20, 2021*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on September 16, 2021 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on September 16th answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to

include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Daniel L. Anderson, Hector Andreos, Phillip G. Arazny, Richard Bambach, James B. Barg, Sr., Richard Bee, Edward Bernius, Ronald A. Berta, James T. Blaschek, Daniel G. Braglia, Thomas J. Brown, Irvin Anton Bryce, Jr., Marion J. Buliga, Joseph Byrnes, Dwight Russell Canfield, James J. Carson, Thomas G. Castleberry, Edward L. Christensen, Dennis M. Close, Robert Cocanig, Patrick T. Cooper, Paul H. Crites, Nicholas J. D'Ambrosio, Ermon Davis, John I. Demstrom, David G. Dietschweiler, John W. Dite, Jr., Benjamin Dominik, William Mitchell Ellison Sr., Stephen J. Fenes, Robert Erwin Ferkaluk, Earl I. Folkestad, Joshua Frank, Leonard E. Fiddle, Sr., Ray P. Genis, Jerome Gillis, Arthur R. Gipson, Paul W. Goodwin, Salvatore V. Governale, Alfonso Granata, Charles Granholm, Romaine Gregg, Michael S. Halstead, Howard L. Hill, Jerry M. Hilsenbeck, Charles M. Holz, John P. Howatt, Henry G. Inselberger, Richard E. Jocius, Theodore N. Jones, Richard J. Keethers, Paul Kenneth Knox, Fred A. Koch, Keith J. Kolozie, Eugene J. Korus, Kenneth Robert Kovac, Clifford August Krueger, Leo Kubowitsch, Ronald J. Kupczyk, James Latta, Clifford J. Leber, Milton LeShore, Ronald Floiran Lewandowski, Donald L. Lines, Jay S. Lipa, Monty C. Lutz, Willie J. Lymon, Thomas E. Mara, Louis Marosi, Howard J. Martens, Lawrence A. Mayer, Orland F. McCarthy Jr., Clifton McSwine, Charles Robert Mead, Fred J. Moffatt III, William Moskal, Hugh L. Mulligan, James A. Muntefering, Thomas M. Myron, Dennis Lenard Myszka, Ronald G. Navickas, John N. Nuebel, Edward J. O'Connell, James A. Oftedal, Willie James Osborne, Kenneth V. Pacyga, Sr., Wayne H. Pearson, Richard D. Peters, Thomas Phebus, Arnold Yusuf Rashad, Sr., Carl F. Rollberg, Leo V. Sage, Jack Carne Sasso, Victor J. Sassolino, Robert E. Schalund, David M. Schreiner, George Schuitema, David L. Shea, Anthony J. Siciliano, Jerry L. Siebersma, Dwight D. Smith, Gary Steger, Joseph C. Stendebach, John Charles Stevens, Bernard Francis Stiemann, Lee A. Thomas, Lawrence Vaillancourt, Jay Warbiany, Thomas R. Wertz, Kenneth J. Wilk, Henderson Yarbrough, Robert J. Zajac, Gerald J. Zeborowski, William Edward Zimmer.

IN CELEBRATION OF MARIANNE WEINGARTEN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. RICK LARSEN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 20, 2021*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 100th birthday of Ms. Marianne Weingarten.

Marianne Lilli Katz Weingarten was born in Germany in 1921. At age 14, she was sent to Spain to live with her aunt and uncle, but four months after she arrived, the Spanish Civil War broke out and she was forced to return to Germany.

Marianne and her parents fled Nazi Germany in 1938 and immigrated to the United States. She worked with the Jewish Emigre service in Seattle during the war, taking immigrants off boats and helping them on their next steps in their new country.