

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.

She married Morty Weingarten of North Dakota, who had come to Everett to work for The Boeing Company.

Marianne and Morty had 2 children, Tom and Susan. Marianne has lived in her home in Seattle for 70 years, during which time she has cruised all over the world.

She now serves on the gardening committee in her senior residence and enjoys playing ping pong.

I would like to celebrate Ms. Marianne Weingarten for her rich and full life, and for her service to others that helped make the Pacific Northwest and this country a better place.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT
OF DR. VOLETTA WILLIAMS

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 the legacy and service of a remarkable leader, Dr. Voletta Williams.

Dr. Williams is happy to conclude her educational career on a high note. The outgoing chair and professor for the Department of Biological Sciences retired after a 32-year career.

Dr. Williams' dedication has led her to promotions to chair in 2016, interim chair in 2015, professor in 2013, and associate professor in 2006. Before being granted tenure in 2007, Dr. Williams was an adjunct instructor.

Forever grateful for such a milestone, Dr. Williams will miss teaching and preparing the next generation of scientist for success. She doesn't plan to slow down just yet. Her future includes assisting her beloved Alcorn State University, committing to church activities, and enjoying her family. She plans to continue to contribute to Alcorn as needed or requested. Her goal now is to explore avenues to serve our multicultural students better, improve STEM areas at Alcorn, spend quality time with family, expand church projects, and remain a mother figure to many students as well as her children and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the legacy, and service of Dr. Voletta Williams as she celebrates retirement after 32 years from Alcorn State University's Department of Biological Sciences.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHIEF
ROLAND ASEBEDO

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 20, 2021

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished public service of Chief Roland Asebedo, the Fire Marshall and Director of Development and Emergency Services for Denton County. After a professional life devoted to protecting and serving the community, Chief Asebedo passed away on September 13, 2021, at the age of 56 after a courageous battle with COVID-19.

Chief Asebedo obtained his Master Peace Officer certification in 1998 and his Associates Degree from South Plains College in 2002.

Originally from Silverton, Texas, Chief Asebedo began his tenure with Denton County Emergency Services in 2004.

Over the course of his fire service career, Chief Asebedo served as the Fire Chief of Highland Village, the Fire Marshall of Coppell, and the Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Marshall with the Plainview/EMS department. His expertise and dedication to ensuring North Texans' safety led to his appointment as the Denton County Fire Marshal and Director of Development and Emergency Services in 2020.

Chief Asebedo's career in emergency services spanned 30 years, and his efforts have saved and safeguarded innumerable lives in our community. Denton County has lost an unparalleled public servant with Roland Asebedo's passing. The civic virtues of compassion, professionalism and selflessness demonstrated by Chief Asebedo will inspire his Denton County and North Texas colleagues to continue to provide the exemplary standard of conduct that characterized his meritorious career. I join the friends, family, and colleagues of Roland Asebedo in mourning his loss and honoring his legacy.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY
OF MARY REED

HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 20, 2021

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Mary Reed, a distinguished member of the Columbus, Georgia, community, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

Mary is part of the heartbeat of Columbus. Serving as the longtime Executive Secretary for the Rotary Club of Columbus, she prides herself on perfect attendance and leadership in helping others.

She is an accomplished woman of God, a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Last month, in honor and recognition of her impact in the community, Columbus Mayor Skip Henderson proclaimed Friday, August 25, 2021, as Mary Reed Day, a fitting tribute.

Madam Speaker, Mary Reed is a shining example of putting service above self, and our community is a better place thanks to her kindness and selflessness. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Mary a happy 100th birthday and thank her for her many years of service to our community.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF BEVERLY BOLING

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 20, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Horizon Credit Union's President/CEO Beverly Boling who has announced her plans to retire this year after 42 years of service to members of the credit union. Her retirement will be effective September 30, 2021.

Boling began her career in 1979 at what was then the Municipal Employees Credit Union, in the basement of the former city hall on Center Street. During her tenure, she has seen the credit union grow from having under \$500,000 in assets to \$65 million. She was instrumental in the 1999 merger of Kingsport Postal and Federal Credit Union to form First Kingsport Credit Union, which then merged with AGC Credit Union in 2014 to create Horizon Credit Union. Boling also worked to introduce many of the innovations customers now see as common place to Horizon Credit Union, including debit cards and credit union-owned ATMs.

The credit union industry and the local community have also benefited greatly from Boling's desire to help others. She served on the Tennessee Credit Union League Board and in the Upper East Tennessee Chapter of Credit Unions. Currently, she volunteers her time and expertise as Treasurer of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kingsport and Chairman of the Mount Carmel Block Party.

When Boling started at the credit union, she was the second full-time employee ever. Now, she leaves Horizon Credit Union in the hands of a tenured, capable team of people.

After she retires, Boling will embark on a life of adventure and exploration. Her plans include boarding a catamaran with Mr. Dana, her husband, and sailing to the Caribbean, Fiji and beyond.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 65TH
BIRTHDAY OF DR. KENNETH
VANDERVOORT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 20, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 65th birthday of Dr. Kenneth "Buddy" Vandervoort.

Dr. Vandervoort was born to Harold and Ken Vandervoort in New Orleans, Louisiana. He graduated from Guntersville High School and went on to graduate magna cum laude from the University of Alabama.

He received his medical degree from the University of Alabama in Birmingham where he was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

Dr. Vandervoort works as an orthopedic surgeon at Anniston Orthopedic Associates. He is past chief of the medical staff at Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center and is a director of The Surgery Center in Oxford.

He currently serves on The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama System, representing the Third Congressional District. He is a founding board member of Noble Bank and Trust and is a past president and lifetime board member of the Calhoun County YMCA. He is also an involved member of Anniston First United Methodist Church and works with Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Buddy enjoys athletics and is a two-time Ironman triathlon finisher.

He was married to the late Martha Smith Vandervoort and blessed with three children: Lucile, Kenneth and William. He and his wife, Walton, have nine grandchildren and reside in Anniston, Alabama.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Buddy and wishing him a happy 65th birthday.