

HONORING THE 40TH
ANNIVERSARY OF BRESEE

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2022

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Bresee on 40 years of service to the district.

Bresee is a non-profit organization whose mission is to battle poverty by empowering youth and families in Los Angeles with the skills, resources, and relationships necessary to thrive. Since its early days, Bresee has evolved significantly to support the continued needs of youth and families in the community. In 2008, Bresee expanded further to include family supportive services through the Wilshire FamilySource Center. Then, in 2012, Bresee joined the city-wide campaign to reduce gang violence in Los Angeles by launching a gang prevention program through the Mayor's Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) initiative.

Thanks to Bresee's dedication, Bresee provides family services for approximately 1,500 adults and family members each year. In addition, Bresee provides youth services for 900 middle and high school students in the public-school system and gang-prevention services for 100 at-risk youth aged 10 to 15 years old.

Bresee is a vibrant community center serving more than 3,000 youth and family members each year. It is an honor to have Bresee as a community partner in my congressional district. Bresee continues to remind us that Los Angeles is a city of hope and inspiration.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the 40th anniversary of Bresee.

HONORING BASS PRO SHOPS
FOUNDER AND CEO JOHNNY L.
MORRIS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, as a member of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus and Representative of the state of Missouri, I rise today to recognize an individual that has made significant contributions to our nation's fish and wildlife conservation efforts, as well as America's longstanding outdoor traditions. My district includes Springfield, Missouri, the headquarters of Bass Pro Shops, and I am honored today to recognize the lifelong accomplishments of the Bass Pro Founder and CEO, John L. Morris.

Across the country, Johnny Morris is often referred to as a modern-day Theodore Roosevelt for his leadership, personal commitment and dedication to conservation efforts, a comparison that is anything but embellished.

As an unrivaled conservationist, Johnny Morris has long recognized the need for citizens to take a strong position in the careful management and use of our natural resources for future generations to enjoy. Using his entrepreneurial success as a platform for that cause, he has contributed heavily both in time and resources to many significant conservation causes and initiatives.

Through his leadership with Bass Pro Shops, and now with Cabela's, Johnny has been a long-standing partner of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus through his work with the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) and his advocacy for the great outdoors. Johnny also served as a co-chair of the Blue-Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources to advance solutions for funding a 21st century model of conservation to develop the landmark Recovering America's Wildlife Act.

Johnny's legacy begins with that of a true American success story. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Bass Pro Shops' Founding. What started as a tiny bait shop in the back of his father's Brown Derby gas station in Springfield, has grown into the world's largest outdoor merchandiser with more than 200 stores and 200 million visits annually. Today, Johnny and his companies continue to impact communities and the future of conservation with a mission to inspire everyone to enjoy, love and conserve the great outdoors. Key initiatives such as 'Conserving Wildlife and Habitat,' 'Connecting Kids and Families to Nature,' 'Protecting Sportsmen's Rights Through Access and Advocacy Efforts,' and 'Honoring Military and Veterans,' are just some of the ways Johnny is helping to protect and advance our great outdoor traditions.

A true conservation champion, Johnny has received two of the most prestigious awards in the world of conservation, honored with the Audubon Medal in 2019 and the Teddy Roosevelt Conservation Award in 1990, presented by President George H.W. Bush. Today, he is one of the country's leaders working to ensure natural habitats, wildlife and the outdoors remain healthy and abundant for future generations to protect and enjoy, having established a significant personal legacy that spans national initiatives and extensive partnerships supporting conservation organizations.

Arguably more inspiring than his dedication to conservation is Johnny's dedication to recruiting America's next generation of sportsmen and women. Johnny is often quoted saying "Take a kid fishing. You'll be happy you did." This simple but powerful quote eloquently conveys Johnny's passion for our sporting heritage.

In recognition of Mr. Morris' service to conservation and sportsmen and women—both on the ground and in the policy arena—the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation has elected Mr. Morris to the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation Honorary Board of Directors as an Honorary Life Director, marking the first individual to receive this impressive award. This board designation was created by CSF to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to conservation and hunting and fishing, and who strongly supports the mission of CSF which is to work with congress, governors, and state legislatures to protect and advance hunting, angling, recreational shooting, and trapping.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank Mr. Morris for his many contributions to America's outdoor heritage and congratulate him for the well-deserved CSF Honorary Life Director designation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REV-
EREND GAMALIEL MANSFIELD
COLLINS

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, today I celebrate the life and legacy of civil rights activist and Tuskegee Airman G. Mansfield Collins.

Collins was a key figure in the civil rights movement on the west coast. Under his leadership as executive director, the Western Christian Leadership Conference (WCLC) raised more than \$6 million in the struggle for civil rights, mostly through fundraisers at the homes of stars like Burt Lancaster, Charlton Heston, and Sammy Davis, Jr., and through events that attracted the likes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Dick Van Dyke and Mahalia Jackson.

In 1963, Collins played a key role in organizing and coordinating the "Los Angeles Freedom Rally," which drew nearly 40,000 people including many celebrities to hear Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In 1965, Collins personally chartered four airliners to the Selma-to-Montgomery marches. On one occasion, Dr. King asked him to organize a singing tour for his wife, Coretta Scott King. In August of 1965 during the Watts uprising, an LA Times account credited him with saving the life of a white man targeted by a group of rioters.

Born 102 years ago to Reverend H. Mansfield Collins, a pastor in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, and Amelia Davis Collins, a former schoolteacher, Gamaliel Mansfield Collins moved to Los Angeles, California at age 15 when his father was appointed to lead at what is now known as First AME Church. Collins attended high school with Tom Bradley, who would become Los Angeles' first Black mayor.

During World War II, Collins was drafted, and assigned to the 2044th Quartermaster Unit. With recommendations from a Congressman and an army general, Collins tested for the segregated Air Force Flight School and became one of the renowned Tuskegee Airmen. Collins' lifelong fight against racism began when, in 1945, he and members of the 447th Bombardment Group attempted to integrate an all-white officers club. This action led to the arrest of 162 black officers.

Honorably discharged, Collins returned to L.A. and his father's church, serving as assistant pastor and musical director, and singing with famed actor and composer Jester Hairston. This led to bit parts in the films *Mighty Joe Young*, *Imitation of Life* and *Porgy and Bess*. By 1961 he had worked with Rev. Maurice Dawkins, Rev. Larry Odom, Bishop H. Hartford Brookins, Rev. John Doggett, Rev. E.V. Hill, and Rev. James Hargett to establish the WCLC.

Some years later, Collins became an AME minister and served out his years with pastorates in Tacoma, Washington; Perris, California; St. Louis, Missouri; and Oakland, California. In 1995, he served as a founding board member and advisor to his daughter, Lisa Collins, in the establishment of L.A. Focus Newspaper, which has become a significant outlet serving the African-American community. I am proud to honor his memory and to share the story of his century of contributions.

HONORING J.R. ROWELL

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor J.R. Rowell, an exemplary public servant in North Carolina. J.R. is retiring after 36 years of dedicated service to his community as a state trooper and the Union County Superior Court Clerk. J.R. began his career as a state trooper in the N.C. State Highway Patrol. He then continued to bravely serve North Carolinians as a 1st Sergeant for 20 years. Following his law enforcement career, J.R. was elected to serve as the Union County Superior Court Clerk in 2006. Since assuming this position, he's sworn in nearly every elected official and judge in Union County over the past 16 years.

J.R. is a Union County native and Parkwood High School alumnus. He studied social science and criminal justice at Gardner-Webb University before completing a master's degree in organizational management at Pfeiffer University. He's used these skills to help make Union County a truly great place to live and work.

I thank J.R. for his many years of selfless service to Union County and the state of North Carolina. I wish him a long and happy retirement spent with his two children, Kane and Melody, and three grandchildren. Once again, congratulations to him on his successful career.

HONORING EDWARD J. RYAN III
FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
FIELD OF SPORTS MEDICINE

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, a native of Salem, Massachusetts, Edward J. Ryan III is currently serving as the director of athletic medicine at The Andrews Institute providing service to the United States Tennis Association's players in Orlando, Florida. In 1980, he graduated from Northeastern University with his Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and completed a Master of Science in Exercise and Sports Sciences at the University of Arizona in 1985. He then spent many years with the U.S. Olympics in Colorado before relocating to Florida in 2016.

Mr. Ryan has been involved with USA Basketball teams for well over three decades for numerous national and international events. From 1995 to 1996, Mr. Ryan was the medical coordinator for the USA Basketball Women's National Team. He was also the medical director and head athletic trainer for numerous events, including the 2006 and 2002 Winter Olympics, the 2004, 1996, and 1992 Summer Olympics, the 1998 Winter Paralympics, and the 2011, 2003, 1999, 1995, and 1991 Pan American Games. He has also worked closely with USA Team Handball and U.S. Track & Field at various international competitions.

Edward Ryan leaves a legacy of progressive change in sports medicine that has impacted all athletes. His medical team model of

delivery has additionally translated to the better health and wellness of the general population in America and abroad. Mr. Ryan had a vision decades ago to diversify the inclusion of a multi-provider team approach in sports medicine that has since optimized healing and human performance throughout the wide world of sports.

INTRODUCTION OF THE IMPROVING
REENTRY FOR DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA RESIDENTS IN THE
BUREAU OF PRISONS ACT OF 2022

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Improving Reentry for District of Columbia Residents in the Bureau of Prisons Act of 2022. This bill would require the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to place D.C. residents serving sentences for D.C. Code felonies in BOP facilities within 250 miles of D.C. Under the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, individuals serving sentences for D.C. Code felonies are in BOP custody.

Currently, more than 2,000 D.C. residents are serving sentences for D.C. Code felonies, and they are in BOP facilities across the United States. While Congress will not provide funding to BOP to build a new facility for these D.C. residents, there are more than enough existing BOP facilities within 250 miles of D.C. to house all of these D.C. residents. Under this bill, BOP could place a D.C. resident outside 250 miles upon the request or consent of a resident, and BOP could place a D.C. resident outside 250 miles without consent in extraordinary circumstances.

Having D.C. residents closer to D.C. will help them maintain relationships with family and support networks and help them as they reenter society, which should be a priority of BOP.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

RECOGNIZING JOE PODLASEK AND
JANE STEVENS FOR THEIR DIS-
TINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE
TRICKSTER CULTURAL CENTER

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2022

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I wish to recognize the retirements of CEO of the Trickster Cultural Center Joseph Podlasek and Board Member Jane Stevens for their many years of service to our community. The Trickster Cultural Center is a uniquely Native American owned and operated arts institution in Illinois and provides a critical space for Native American Veterans and the arts at large.

Among its many important functions, the Trickster Cultural Center displays contemporary Native American art, provides educational workshops, and features multicultural exhibitions. Joe Podlasek has served as an

honorable leader of the institution for nearly a decade and has been a dedicated and determined advocate for Native American Veterans regarding local, state, and federal issues.

Jane Stevens is a deeply committed member of the Illinois arts community. Ms. Stevens curated countless exhibits for the Illinois State Museum and has worked closely with the Native American arts community for over 20 years.

Today, I express my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Podlasek and Ms. Stevens for their service to our community and for their work in uplifting the voices and important artistic contributions of Native American Veterans.

I also wish to welcome Julia Kelly as the new CEO and David Tepper as a new board member of the Trickster Cultural Center. Julia Kelly, "Baassáannee Xiassaa," served in the United States Army retiring at the rank of Command Sergeant Major after 28 years of honorable service. Ms. Kelly has worked tirelessly with Veterans, particularly Native American Veterans and Women Veterans, for decades at the Trickster Cultural Center and other government and nonprofit organizations. David Tepper has worked as a photographer and educator and will be a welcome addition to the Board. With the addition of these talented professionals, the future of the Trickster Cultural Center is bright, and I am confident the organization will continue to make tremendous contributions to our local community.

RECOGNIZING THE BOYS AND
GIRLS CLUB OF SANTA CLARITA

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2022

Mr. GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and recognize the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Clarita for their more than 30 years of continuous service to the youth of our community at their first full-time clubhouse. Since 1992, the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Clarita has provided invaluable resources and mentorship to countless children and young adults at the James T. Ventress Clubhouse.

The club's mission to inspire youth, especially those who need it most, would not be possible without the passion and dedication on display every day from the volunteers and employees of this important organization. The time and effort that they invest in our community's youth goes unnoticed far too often, but it is because of their tireless work and compassion that generations of today's adults possess the skills and lessons needed for success. This drive to help and mentor our youth was perhaps best exemplified by the man for whom the club's first full-time facility is named: Jim Ventress. When Jim became director of Santa Clarita's Boys and Girls Club in 1984, he set out to expand services to as many children as possible and was instrumental in the establishment of the first permanent clubhouse.

Years after Jim's retirement, it's in this same spirit of hard work and dedication that the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Clarita continues to serve the youth of our valley. They have since expanded to include another full-time clubhouse and 3 separate after-school programs available to thousands of children