

marginalized communities. He was a founding member of the University of Washington's Black Student Union and Seattle Chapter of the Black Panther Party in 1968, focusing on providing necessities and education to African American families and workers. He also worked for the City of Seattle's Department of Neighborhoods for 24 years as one of the first community organizers who helped the city with their outreach to underrepresented regions. He later became the manager for the Neighborhood Matching Fund, providing support to specific community projects.

In addition, he joined the Legacy of Equality Leadership and Organizing board in 1991 and traveled to serve as an agent of solidarity in Cuba, Canada, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, and throughout the United States. He focused on community organizing, popular political education, and international networking to empower workers of color to have a voice and speak for themselves.

My office and I were pleased to have worked with Garry through his advocacy and are saddened to hear of his passing. He and his contributions to our community will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to remember Garry Owens for the achievements he made during his lifetime.

**RECOGNIZING COCOA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S K-9 BEAR FOR HIS YEARS OF BRAVE SERVICE TO RESIDENTS OF COCOA, FLORIDA**

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement and brave service of K-9 Bear to the Cocoa Police Department and to our Congressional District. K-9 Bear, the 9-year-old German Shepherd, not only fulfilled his duty to protect his partner, K-9 Officer Dan Rhoades, but protected his community for more than eight years.

K-9 Bear started in 2014 working as a dual-certified patrol K-9 at the Cocoa Police Department. There he underwent comprehensive trainings in everything from tracking fleeing suspects to locating missing persons, as well as finding illegal drugs and other evidence in criminal cases. K-9 Bear also served alongside the elite Cocoa Police Department's SWAT team.

During his career, K-9 Bear worked to recover illegal drugs, taking them off the streets, keeping our families and neighborhoods safe. Many say fleeing suspects gave up the fight at just the sound of K-9 Bear's ferocious bawl. K-9 Bear and K-9 Officer Dan Rhoades' close relationship produced results, and K-9 Bear's exemplary skills and dedication proved to be a valuable asset to the department and the community.

America's Top Dog, on A&E Network, a show where the most elite police K-9 teams compete, even highlighted K-9 Bear and Officer Rhoades' special partnership. Team Bear, demonstrating their most excellent skills, won the competition and brought home a \$10,000 prize to donate to the Cocoa High Athletics Department for an improvement project. Because of K-9 Bear's efforts, America's Top

Dog made an additional \$5,000 donation to the charity of their choice, the Space Coast K-9 Competition, presented by the Cocoa Police Department in partnership with Space Coast Police K-9 Foundation.

K-9 Bear was not just a tool to help his human police officer. K-9 Bear was, and will always be, a loyal friend. Today we celebrate K-9 Bear's tenure at the Cocoa Police Department and commend him for always doing his duty to protect our community. I urge my colleagues to join me as we wish K-9 Bear well in retirement.

**HONORING CHASE MOORE**

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Chase Moore, my fellow who dedicated his time to the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Chase has proven to be a very capable and adaptable young man. He shows great promise for his future endeavors.

Chase provided support for my education, labor, transportation, and infrastructure portfolios. He has shown a great understanding of the legislative process and his ability to quickly grasp new concepts.

The son of Calynn Moore, Chase attended the University of Texas as a player for the Texas Longhorns. He received his bachelor's degree in Sociology and his Master's degree in Educational Policy and Planning. During his time at the University of Texas, he founded a mentorship program for inner-city youth and took part in various study abroad programs. He is motivated to ensuring equity amongst Black men and boys, eradicating the school-to-prison pipeline, and improving education policy directly affecting inner city and marginalized youth.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Chase Moore for his present and future accomplishments.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE FLOATING HOSPITAL**

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize The Floating Hospital for its incredible work to provide healthcare services to medically underserved people living in New York City's Twelfth Congressional District, which I have the privilege to represent.

Founded in 1866, The Floating Hospital was one of the first healthcare charities in New York City and was originally dedicated to caring for the sick children of families living in tenement homes. Today, The Floating Hospital remains committed to the mission of providing healthcare to those in need and provides primary medical, dental, specialty, behavioral health, infectious disease, and reproductive health services to families living in

shelters and domestic violence safe houses throughout the city, as well as the medically underserved community of Northwest Queens.

Throughout my time in Congress, I have worked with The Floating Hospital to ensure that the public housing communities of Astoria, Ravenswood, and Queensbridge Houses in Northwest Queens have access to the healthcare that they need. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, in 2012, The Floating Hospital received a \$920,833 federal grant to operate a community health center at Queensbridge Houses, which is the largest public housing development in the nation. Since then, The Floating Hospital has provided lifesaving care to the residents of Queensbridge Houses, including tests for COVID-19.

Earlier this year, I also partnered with The Floating Hospital to bring a temporary medical care unit to public housing residents living at Astoria Houses. Since April, staff from The Floating Hospital have provided COVID-19 tests and vaccines to hundreds of residents, which were greatly needed given how few COVID-19 testing and vaccine sites were located within a walkable distance of Astoria Houses.

Healthcare is and should always be a human right, and The Floating Hospital is helping to make that a reality for so many New Yorkers. I commend The Floating Hospital for its work in my district, under the leadership of the great Sean Granahan, and look forward to following their work to provide this critical resource those who need it.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the amazing work being done by The Floating Hospital and to wish them all the best success as they continue to expand health care options to the most underserved New Yorkers.

**RECOGNIZING DIRT COFFEE**

**HON. JASON CROW**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize DIRT Coffee in Littleton, Colorado for creating an inclusive work environment for neurodiverse Coloradans and those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDDS).

DIRT, which stands for Divergent, Inclusive, Representation, Transform, is committed to disability justice and transforming hiring practices to include more equitable opportunities in the workplace for neurodivergent individuals. Currently, DIRT Coffee works to hire, train, and empower neurodivergent individuals through their Inclusive Workforce Employer Program.

After recognizing that neurodivergent people are underrepresented in the workforce and lack equitable opportunities for an integrated workforce experience, DIRT launched their coffee truck in 2013 to target the hearts and minds of the community. They quickly became a leader in providing inclusive employment opportunities for neurodivergent Coloradans, and in 2018, DIRT opened its first location in Littleton—providing internships and long-term employment for neurodivergent individuals.

In 2021, DIRT provided more than 1,000 hours of job training to over 30 neurodivergent

individuals, bringing the total people helped to over 140 across the community. DIRT doesn't stop there, they have also provided more than \$50,000 in scholarships to families who need it the most. In 2022, DIRT opened its second location in Denver to try to expand its reach and community impact.

DIRT Coffee aims to create a more equitable and inclusive workforce. It goes without saying that they've had not only a tremendous impact on the lives of neurodivergent individuals who they have employed, but also our community as a whole. DIRT works tirelessly to cultivate a culture of acceptance, and I am proud to recognize and thank them for being an inspiration to us all.

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#### SPINA BIFIDA AWARENESS MONTH

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##### HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I recognize today as National Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Day, and additionally October as National Spina Bifida Month. Spina Bifida impacts families across our great nation, including my own; many in my family have suffered with Spina Bifida.

Spina Bifida is a birth defect which forms from a hole in the spiral cord where it fails to close properly, allowing nerves and fluid to form a sac outside the body. To correct this, the child must undergo dozens of surgeries before they become adults, and even then, they face a myriad of physical and mental health issues. No two children will be affected the same way, as each condition is unique.

In a testament to the innovation and research of our American scientific ingenuity, we currently have the first generation of adults to live with Spina Bifida. Still, there is much work to do. It is our responsibility to ensure proper funding for Spina Bifida care and research so that both treatment and quality of life improve for all Americans with the condition.

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#### HONORING CHEZNEY CUNNINGHAM

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##### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Chezney Cunningham, my fellow who has completed her congressional fellowship serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Chezney has proven to be a very intelligent and passionate young woman and shows great promise for her future endeavors.

Chezney has assisted my office in legislative research, writing memos and proposals, and constituent and community engagement. She has shown a great understanding of the legislative process, a passion for giving back to the community, and a willingness to learn something outside of her intellectual comfort zone.

The daughter of Deatrice Williams, Chezney is a proud graduate of North Carolina A&T State University and Florida A&M University College of Law. She was a member of the

Student Union Activities Board at NC A&T SU and during her time in law school, she was a member of the Women's Law Caucus and the National Black Law Students Association, where she served as the Community Service Chair.

Upon transitioning from her fellowship, Chezney will become congressional staff for a Floridian colleague of mine.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Chezney Cunningham for her present and future accomplishments.

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#### HONORING RITA JEANNE HEBERT DOMINGUE ON 100 YEARS OF LIFE

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##### HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rita Jeanne Hebert Domingue of Lafayette, Louisiana, on 100 years of life. Jeanne, as she is known to loved ones, is a hardworking wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Jeanne was born in Parks, Louisiana on October 22, 1922. Her family moved to Lafayette in the late 1920s, where she attended Mount Carmel High School. After graduation, Jeanne continued her education at Southern Louisiana Institute and earned a degree in secretarial science in 1944.

After graduating, Jeanne went on to work for Lafayette Power Utilities for three years until Robert Louis Domingue returned from overseas duty during World War II. She and Robert were married in 1946 and went on to have five children: Ron, Rita, Michael, Garry, and Clare.

At age 45, after the birth of her youngest child, Jeanne began working as a receptionist for a urology clinic in Lafayette. She excelled, using her degree to transcribe medical records. She impressed the office with her skill and discipline, and she was even tasked with taking X-rays for the doctors. After six years, she retired to spend more time with her family.

Jeanne is a devout Catholic. She has lived a life characterized by devotion to her faith, family, and friends. She is a loving wife to her late husband Robert, a caring mother to her five children, and a doting grandmother to her eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Louisiana's 3rd District, I honor Rita Jeanne Hebert Domingue for 100 years well lived. I wish her happiness and joy in the years to come. May God bless her and her loving friends and family.

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#### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTÉE LAUDER COMPANIES' BREAST CANCER CAMPAIGN

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##### HON. KATHLEEN M. RICE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Miss RICE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of The Estée Lauder Compa-

nies' critical Breast Cancer Campaign. I am proud to join my colleagues in Congress and individuals around the world in recognizing those fighting breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer for women in the United States, with an estimated 280,000 women, as well as thousands of men, diagnosed with the disease each year according to the National Cancer Institute. With so many people around the world at risk for breast cancer, it is crucial to raise awareness so that the disease can be diagnosed and treated as early as possible.

Through its Breast Cancer Campaign, The Estée Lauder Companies have made great progress towards this goal. Whether it is in funding lifesaving research, improving healthcare access for disadvantaged people, supporting patients and their families through difficult diagnoses, or raising the public's awareness with the pink ribbon, the campaign is closer to realizing a world without breast cancer.

However, despite the significant progress over the past thirty years, we cannot rest until we are rid of breast cancer. That is why I am proud to support the ongoing work done by the Estée Lauder Companies' Breast Cancer Campaign. Please join me in recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month to further spread awareness of this disease and sustain those affected by it.

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#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE HOLSTON ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT

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##### HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of the Holston Army Ammunition Plant.

For the last eight decades, The Holston Army Ammunition Plant (HSAAP) and the great patriots of the Tri-Cities area have played a significant role in defending our homeland. The HSAAP was established in 1942 after Tennessee Eastman revolutionized the production of RDX at the Wexler Bend Pilot Plant. Due to their success, the US government would assign Holston the mammoth mission of mass producing Composition B.

As the Battle of the Atlantic was raging, The US military and its allies needed as much Composition B as they could get their hands on. This new war compound was needed due to previous munitions being too weak to penetrate U-Boat armor. No time could be wasted, as German U-boats were sinking the American merchant ships at the rate of five to six per day. Without hesitation, Holston operated 24 hours a day, seven days a week to meet its mission. Before mid-1943, one U-boat was lost for every 100,000 tons of shipping sunk; afterward, one U-boat was lost to 10,000 tons of shipping. This massive shift could not have occurred without the large-scale use of Torpex munitions.

The HSAAP's contribution to World War II is incalculable. Holston's mass production of Composition B saved countless American lives and helped end the war much sooner.

Except for a four-year standby period immediately following V-J Day, HSAAP has been in