

HONORING WILLIAM “BILL”
COTTER

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, today I recognize William “Bill” Cotter, who will retire this year after 23 years of service to the economic development authority for Hancock County, Mississippi—home to Port Bienville, Stennis International Airport, and NASA’s Stennis Space Center.

Bill has served with the Port and Harbor Commission for over two decades in various roles, including Stennis International Airport Director, agency chief operations officer, and Chief Executive Officer since 2021.

During his tenure as airport director, Cotter helped guide Stennis Airport’s recovery from Hurricane Katrina and coordinated the airfield activities during the BP Deepwater Horizon response. Since 2005, he has overseen nearly \$40 million in capital improvements at the airport, including the construction of the air traffic control tower, aircraft hangars, and the terminal building. As COO, Port Bienville Industrial Park’s existing docks were refurbished and improved, and construction began on a new 600-foot dock, which will be completed later this year.

Among other accomplishments, Cotter was instrumental in attracting a line of companies that resulted in Tyonek Service Group’s operation in Hancock County. This Department of Defense contractor performs maintenance, repair, and overhaul operations for military aircraft. It is one of 30 companies at Port Bienville and the Stennis International Airport that together employ nearly 1,000 people.

Upon retirement after a lifelong career in aviation and economic development, he and his wife, Suzanne Corso, plan on spending time with their three children William “Billy”, Melissa “Mimi” and Nicholas “Nick,” and their seven grandchildren, Mera, Gencie, Graysion, William, Mia, Micah, and Kiara.

Bill has continuously gone above and beyond to leave things better than he found them. Please join me in thanking him for his outstanding accomplishments and dedication to making Hancock County one of Mississippi’s most treasured counties. On behalf of South Mississippi, we wish you and Suzanne a long and healthy retirement.

CONGRATULATING THE ROCK ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY ON 150 YEARS OF ENRICHING AND CONNECTING THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rock Island Public Library on its 150th year of serving residents of Rock Island, Illinois, and the Quad-Cities region.

Founded on November 25, 1872, upon the passage of the Illinois Library Act, the Rock Island Public Library has been a core institution and forum for learning for all to utilize and

enjoy. This crucial public resource prides itself on its longevity and positive impact on its surroundings, and it has always helped to connect residents to information, services, events and each other. The renewed commitment of the Rock Island Public Library to offer equitable access to facilities and vibrant spaces where all are welcome, as well as a mandate to foster lifelong learning and education, aids in driving innovation across our region. It is a valuable member of Illinois’ exemplary public library system.

It is because of vital pillars of the community, such as the Rock Island Public Library, that I am especially proud to represent Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again, formally recognize the Rock Island Public Library on its 150th anniversary.

CONGRATULATING THE BULLDOGS
ON THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Ft. Zumwalt South Bulldogs on their victory in the Class 3 Girls Soccer State Championship.

The Bulldogs took home their second consecutive Class 3 title. The Bulldogs should be commended for all their hard work throughout the past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

Please join me in recognizing the Bulldogs for a job well done.

HONORING COLONEL (RET) ROY
GEORGE PLUMMER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a loving husband, dedicated father, distinguished Army Chaplain, humble pastor, veterans advocate, tireless community servant and my friend of longstanding, Colonel (Ret) Roy George Plummer. Sadly, Colonel Plummer transitioned from labor to reward on Sunday, October 23, 2022. A celebration of his life was held on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at the Columbus, Georgia Civic Center.

Roy George Plummer was born on February 6, 1938 in Saint Andrew Parish, Jamaica in the West Indies to the late Wilfred Plummer and Lucille Annita Plummer. He was reared by his grandmother, “Mama”, in May Pen, Jamaica, attended school there and became a lightweight boxer in his youth before traveling to England and then to the United States. He attended Azusa Pacific University in California where he studied pre-law, but during his undergraduate studies he heard the Lord’s call to Christian ministry which took him to the Phillips School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia where he earned a Master of Divinity in 1969.

On January 4, 1971 Roy joined the United States Army as a Chaplain where for 23 years

he served the spiritual and pastoral needs of countless United States Army military and civilian personnel and their families, including at Atterberry Chapel in Frankfurt, Germany and Sightseeing Road Chapel at Fort Benning, Georgia. He attended and completed Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. In 1994 he completed his active duty career as Chief of Chaplains and Post Command Chaplain at Fort Benning, retiring at the rank of Colonel.

Also in 1994, always “pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus”, Colonel Plummer founded and became Senior Pastor and CEO of Faith Tabernacle Community Church, an active and growing congregation in Southeast Columbus.

Then, in 1998 while maintaining his pastoral ministry, he became Director of Army Instruction for the Muscogee County School District JROTC where he was responsible for 8 high school JROTC programs and 4 other County JROTC programs. He worked tirelessly to create a formidable program and under his leadership it grew from 400 to 1200 cadets and the Muscogee County School District JROTC program earned GHSA State Rifle Championships, State level awards in Drill Team and Raider competitions and honorable recognition in the annual JROTC Academic Bowl.

Known for his eloquent golden baritone voice with a pronounced British accent, Colonel Plummer was prolific in his community service. He was Chaplain for Rotary International District 6900; served on the boards of St. Francis Hospital Foundation; Columbus Hospice; United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley; Boy Scouts of America and the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce. He served as Assistant Professor in the Department of Graduate Studies at Columbus State University, holding Masters degrees in Human Relations and Group Process; Guidance and Counseling; Pastoral Care and a Doctorate of Divinity.

Colonel Plummer’s solid educational background, coupled with his compassion for “the least of these” inspired him to establish the Plummer Home for homeless and disenfranchised military veterans, providing support and resources to veterans who encountered severe challenges in their transition from military to civilian life. His legacy in the fight to eradicate homelessness among veterans and for expansion of veterans benefits will long be remembered.

Colonel Roy G. Plummer achieved countless successes in his life. But none would have been possible without the grace of God and the love and support of his Wife, Kenyetta, his 4 daughters and his 7 grandchildren.

On a personal note, Roy was my friend. He always supported and encouraged me with wise counsel and sage advice. His prayers were genuine. His friendship was golden. He will be sorely missed, but the world is better because of him.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join my wife, Vivian and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of the 2nd District in honoring and celebrating the life and legacy of Colonel (Ret) Roy George Plummer for his service to God, his Country and humanity and in extending our deepest condolences to his family,

friends and all who mourn his loss. May they be consoled and comforted by their faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

HONORING ST. MARY CATHOLIC
CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a staple of the City of Vicksburg and Warren County community, St. Mary Catholic Church. St. Mary Catholic Church and its members have shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to serve the Vicksburg/Warren community.

For 116 years, St. Mary Catholic Church has been a source of spiritual guidance and education for African American Catholics in Vicksburg and Warren County. Its importance to the community will be remembered on Oct. 16th with a ceremony dedicating two historic markers—one for the church and another for the elementary and high school. St. Mary's parish was founded in 1906 by the Rev. Aloysius Heick. The first church was on Holly Street. The Sisters of Mercy provided the altar for the first church, the candlesticks, and the priest's vestments; and the priests at St. Paul Catholic Church provided a place for Heick to stay until St. Mary's moved to its present location at Main and Second North streets later in 1906, which is when an elementary and high school was also started. The present church was built in 1923.

The congregation at St. Paul's collected \$279.80 that they donated to Heick to buy the land, and philanthropist Catherine Drexel, who was later canonized as a saint, provided half of the money necessary to get the property.

A two-story Greek revival building was built in 1908 and was later used for the high school. The nuns who taught the children at St. Mary's were members of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit.

The elementary school closed in 1970, and the high school closed in 1964. When the schools closed the children who wanted to continue attending Catholic school had to go to Yazoo City.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing St. Mary Catholic Church and its members for their passion and dedication to offer the spiritual and educational needs of the City of Vicksburg community.

RECOGNIZING CAROL TALlichET
AS THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OF TONAWANDAS' CITIZEN OF
THE YEAR

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize Carol Tallichet as the Chamber of Commerce of Tonawandas' Citizen of the Year. Carol is not only a distinct local business owner, but a dedicated leader in the Buffalo community.

As a North Tonawanda native, Carol has made a lasting impact on her hometown through her community service and local outreach efforts. Her recent membership into the Erie-Niagara Sunrise Exchange Club has included involvement in campaigns such as "Give a Kid a Hug to Hold," which provides pillows to abused children. Carol's contributions also extend to the Meals on Wheels non-profit where she selflessly printed thank you gifts for volunteers and clients of the organization.

In addition to her community service efforts, Carol also serves 22 communities across New York and Florida through the restaurants she owns with her husband. Her entrepreneurial efforts are worth celebrating, as her local Tonawanda restaurant, Lumberjack's, celebrates its tenth anniversary. These family-owned restaurants are staffed by local students and teachers, two groups for which Carol continues to give back. Bottle returns from her local restaurants are donated to Cardinal O'Hara High School in Tonawanda, New York. Not only does this donation expand the arts budget at this high school, but it also provides enough money for their music department to purchase new instruments they otherwise could not afford.

Today, I ask that members of the Chamber of Commerce of Tonawanda and citizens, alike, join me in expressing our gratitude for Carol Tallichet and her unwavering commitment to her community. Her continual efforts are not only inspiring to the Buffalo community, but to all entrepreneurs and young individuals. Carol is undoubtedly deserving of the Citizen of the Year award, and I thank her for her commitment to the Western New York region.

HONORING CABARRUS COUNTY
COMMISSIONER DIANE
HONEYCUTT FOR EXCEPTIONAL
SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Cabarrus County Commissioner Diane Honeycutt for her many years of service to our community.

Commissioner Honeycutt has long provided exemplary leadership and initiative as an active member of our community. In addition to serving on the Cabarrus County Board of Commissions since 2014, she has held many other distinguished positions, including the prominent roles of former Chair of the Cabarrus County Chamber of Commerce in 2001 and former President of the Concord Rotary Club in 2004. On the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Honeycutt served as Vice Chair from 2016 to 2021. She currently serves on the Department of Health of Human Services Committee, the Senior Advisory Council, and the Emergency Management Committee. On account of her dedicated public service and success as a business leader in our community, Commissioner Honeycutt has received numerous awards and accolades. Perhaps most impressively, she was presented the Distinguished Rotarian of the Year award in 2001, the Cabarrus Chamber

Small Business of the Year award in 2017, and the Cabarrus Chamber Volunteer Business of the Year award in 2018.

Commissioner Honeycutt will retire from her current position on the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners at the end of the year. Over the course of her career, she has demonstrated the highest level of commitment to her community through her hard work and leadership. She stands as an exemplary figure for all in public service to emulate, and I join our entire community in gratitude as we honor her extraordinary career.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Commissioner Diane Honeycutt for her career of exemplary servitude to her community.

HONORING THE 2022 MARION TECH-
NICAL COLLEGE ALUMNI HALL
OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, Marion Technical College in Marion, Ohio, will hold a ceremony on Thursday, November 17, to mark the induction of its 2022 Alumni Hall of Fame class. I am honored to commend to the House this year's inductees:

Tammi Cowell, MTC Class of 1991, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer at Tri-Rivers Career Center.

John "Tom" Gleespen, MTC Class of 1975, President of Gleespen Engineering and Surveying.

Sue Jacob, MTC Class of 1981, retired River Valley School District educator.

Darl Snyder, MTC Class of 1983, Territory Manager for 2J Supply Company.

Selection for the Hall of Fame is a high honor accorded to only a small number of alumni each year. To be considered, alumni must demonstrate excellence in their respective professions and set a positive example for current and future MTC students.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I am pleased to join in the accolades for these four distinguished alumni as they are inducted into the Marion Technical College Alumni Hall of Fame.

RETIREMENT OF MR. RAYMOND M.
POCINO

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, on November 9, 2022, family, friends, and colleagues gathered at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township, New Jersey to celebrate and recognize the retirement of Raymond M. Pocino from the Laborers' International Union of North America.

In 1956, Raymond M. Pocino began his sixty-eight-year career as a general laborer. He has been steadfast in support of workers by developing innovative programs that support both members and their employers. Raymond M. Pocino has become a vital resource