

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

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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 TECHNICAL 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

Monday, November 14, 2022

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

to industry leaders, elected officials and the business community by utilizing his rich experience and knowledge of issues involving economic development to create opportunities that benefit all.

He has received several honors including the Philip Randolph Institute's Labor Award, the Alliance for Action's coveted Eagle Award for Leadership, Construction Man of the Year by the Building Contractors Association of New Jersey, Labor Leader of the Year by American ORT, New York City Chapter, as well as Labor Leader Honoree by the Newark Catholic Archdiocese.

Throughout his career Mr. Pocino served as a member of several boards including Choose New Jersey, where he consistently advocated for New Jersey as an investment location, while also serving as a member of the board for both the New York Building Congress, the New Jersey Alliance for Action, and Commissioner to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. As well, he's served as a trustee of the Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust, and the Laborers Health and Safety Trust.

We honor Mr. Raymond M. Pocino's commitment to workers and his service of five terms as Vice President and Eastern Regional Manager of the Laborers' International Union of North America.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the career of Raymond M. Pocino and extend the greatest appreciation for his lifetime of service to organized labor.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ROBERT L. GRAYSON

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 tenacious and self-motivated leader, Robert L. Grayson. Robert has been a champion of service and dedication to the great state of Mississippi and his community.

Robert L. Grayson, of Tutwiler, born on May 10, 1941, is remembered as a trailblazer. He graduated from West District High School in Tallahatchie County. He enlisted in the U.S. Army, served in Vietnam and 8 years in the Army Reserve. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and a recipient of the Bronze, Silver Star, and the Purple Heart.

A three-decade employee with the Mississippi Department of Corrections at Parchman, MS, Mr. Grayson successfully entered the political arena in 1989 when he defeated the incumbent Ward 1 alderman in Tutwiler. He was reelected to that position in 1993. After 7 years as alderman, during which time he was elected vice mayor by his peers, in 1996 Mr. Grayson resigned to compete in a June special election for mayor. He received 53 percent of the vote in a three-man field to earn an historic first-ballot victory. As the first African American chief executive of Tutwiler, Mr. Grayson completed the remaining year of the former mayor's term, was reelected, and went on to serve 3 full terms, ending in 2009.

Mr. Grayson dedicated his life to public service, serving in multiple positions—vice chairman of the Tallahatchie Housing Board,

Council Board of Alderman of Tutwiler, Aaron E. Henry Health Center Board, and the National Conference of Black Mayors. Mr. Grayson was a founding member of the Emmett Till Memorial Commission (ETMC) of Tallahatchie County and one of the first co-chairs of that organization. In October 2007, he and fellow ETMC co-chair Betty Pearson read the "Resolution of Regret" to family members of Emmett Till during the dedication of a historical marker on the grounds of the Tallahatchie County Courthouse in Sumner.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of Robert L. Grayson for his passion and dedication to serving the Mississippi Delta and his desire to make a difference in the community, state and Nation.

RECOGNIZING LAWRENCE BACKLAS ON HIS EXCEPTIONAL COMMITMENT TO BCTGM LOCAL 36G

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lawrence Backlas. Larry has long been a steadfast supporter of unions and labor management, and he dedicated 38 years to Milkbone Bakery and the 36G Union. I am pleased to honor a man who dedicated so much of his life to improving the Western New York workforce.

Hired in 1970, Larry began his career in packaging. This included packing and transporting goods to local bakeshops for consumers to purchase. During this time, he was a part of the safety committee ensuring that all employees were cared for and protected when they came to work. He also served on the production B&R committee.

Ultimately, it was Larry's hard work and commitment to Milkbone Bakery that allowed him to progress in his career. He soon became the steward at the bakeshop before his promotion to head shop steward for the entire bakery. In this position, he was also the lead force behind the union's training committee from 1997 to 1998. Larry would go on to become the Financial Secretary and Vice President of the General Executive Board, and he took on the role of union negotiator for many critical deals in the early 2000s.

While Larry may have retired in June of 2009, he never lost his spirit and advocacy for the BCTGM Union. Today we are honoring Larry for paying 50 years of union dues—a full 13 years more than the requirement.

Since retirement, Larry has had more time to spend with his wife (and high school sweetheart), Patricia. The two are now into their 48th year of marriage. Him and his son, Lawrence, Jr., continue to share their love of martial arts. And undoubtedly, nothing will stop Larry from enjoying the outdoors, fishing, and hunting for many years to come.

I am honored to join the BCTGM Local 36G in recognizing and congratulating Lawrence Backlas on his storied career with Milkbone Bakery and his dedication to organized labor.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE J. KEVIN CHASON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished jurist who has served as the Chief Superior Court Judge of the South Georgia Judicial Circuit for the past fourteen years, The Honorable J. Kevin Chason. His retirement as Chief Judge for the South Georgia Judicial Circuit was celebrated on October 20, 2022, at five p.m. at the United National Bank in Cairo, Georgia.

The Honorable J. Kevin Chason was born on August 15, 1962, in Grady County, Georgia, to the union of the late Judge Willard H. Chason and Carolyn H. Chason. Judge Chason began his educational journey at Georgia Southwestern College (now university) earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1984. He interned with the Georgia Supreme Court in the summer of 1985. In 1987, he would follow in his father's footsteps by earning his Juris Doctorate from the Mercer University School of Law. He would be admitted to the Superior Courts of Georgia on July 3, 1987.

After being admitted to the Superior Courts of Georgia, Kevin continued to pursue servant leadership within the legal profession as a practicing attorney before serving as Solicitor General for the State Court of Grady County from 1997 through 2008. In 2008 he ran for and was elected to the Superior Court for the South Georgia Circuit. Throughout his lifetime, Judge Chason has been revered as a steadfast mentor and has had a positive impact on his community. His stellar career on the bench has always been modeled by the motto of our great state—"Wisdom, Justice, and Moderation."

Because of his adherence to these principles, in 2017, he was appointed as Chief Judge of The South Georgia Judicial Circuit.

He also leads by example outside of the courtroom serving on the Board of Directors for the Grady Chapter of the American Heart Association, and a member of the Bainbridge College Foundation. Judge Chason also served as President and a member of the Board of Directors of Cairo Rotary Club, the Cairo and Grady County Chamber of Commerce and the American Heart Association. A man of faith, Judge Chason also serves as a member of the Administrative Board of the First United Methodist Church of Cairo.

It is because of Judge Chason's commitment to his craft and the betterment of his community that he has been recognized with numerous awards and distinctions to include the 1995 Grady County Young Professional of the Year and best judge in Grady County from 2018 through 2022 as selected by the readers of the Cairo Messenger. A Visionary leader, he was one of the founders of the United National Bank in Cairo, Georgia.

Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisolm once said that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Judge Chason has paid his rent many times over and continues to give back to the community that molded and shaped him.

Judge Chason has served countless people and accomplished many things throughout his