

Theological Seminary. He has contributed to many organizations through membership, leadership (President, Supervisor), door to door evangelism, helping the needy, broadcast ministry, Instructor for 20 plus years with the Copiah County Alliance and a Pastor of four churches during his Pastorage.

Rev. Robert Daniel Wells is a born-again believer, preaching 50 years and pastoring 45 years in December 2022. Reverend and Mrs. R.D. Wells are in a united effort to bring about a spiritual change to the Glory of God.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Reverend Robert D. Wells for his outstanding services in Crystal Springs, Mississippi.

#### RECOGNIZING CJS ARCHITECTS ON FIVE DECADES AS A FIRM

##### 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 CJS Architects of Buffalo on the celebration of their 50th year in business. CJS Architects is one of New York's leading architectural design firms. Throughout the Western New York region, they have been responsible for the creation of countless development projects that have contributed to the resurgence of our community. Some of which include the Buffalo Central Terminal Rehabilitation, Graycliff Restoration, 500 Seneca, and The Sinclair.

Over the past fifty years, CJS Architects has received over 100 awards for their work. Throughout the years, I have had the opportunity to partake in many of these award ceremonies in addition to being present for numerous groundbreaking and ribbon cutting events. I have seen first-hand how much time and creative design is placed into each of their projects. CJS Architects has already done so much for Buffalo's restoration efforts, and they show no sign of stopping.

This firm's awards include the Residential Award through IIDA Buffalo, Outstanding Commercial Project from Preservation Buffalo Niagara, and multiple Merit and Design Awards by the American Institute of Architects. This represents only a few of the honors for which they have been recognized over the last five decades.

Every CJS project is not only approached as an opportunity to complete a client's objectives, but also as an opportunity to add value to our community. Because of this, each of their plans is unique and individualized by the firm. CJS Architects continue to work on Buffalo River Landing, 301 Ohio Street, and Westside Bazaar on Niagara Street. Furthermore, CJS has been the visionary behind the Broadway Market Master Planning and the African American Cultural Center Visioning. All these works have given Buffalo the opportunity to highlight local restaurants and merchants.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize this firm and to commend them for their preservation and restoration of many of Buffalo's historic buildings. All of us in the Western New York community look forward to their future endeavors, and we wish to thank them for 50 years of their efforts.

#### CONGRATULATING THE LADY INDIANS ON THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

##### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2022*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the School of Osage Lady Indians on their victory in the Class 2 Girls Golf Championship.

The Lady Indians made history, taking home the first state title in the history of School of the Osage. The Lady Indians 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 Lady Indians for a job well done.

#### RECOGNIZING ANNIE "ANN" H. FLOWERS

##### 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 devoted wife, dedicated mother, outstanding educator, and friend to humankind, Mrs. Annie "Ann" H. Flowers. An event celebrating her 80th birthday was held on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at 2 p.m. at the New Grady Baptist Association meeting in Cairo, Georgia.

Mrs. Flowers is a native of Decatur County, Georgia. She has used her life's work to uplift humanity through selfless service. She dedicated thirty-two years of her life to molding and shaping our most precious resources, our young people. Her career in education is indeed a storied one. During her career in education with the Grady County School system, she served in numerous capacities to include Classroom Teacher, Math Coordinator, Title V. Director, Assistant Principal, and Principal. Never one to rest on her laurels after retirement, she came back to serve as an Interim Principal for one year.

It has been said that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Mrs. Flowers has paid her rent and she has paid it well. Her commitment to service is evident in all of the different professional causes that she has given her time and treasures. Those include: The Grady County Retired Educators, Georgia Association of Education Leaders, Georgia and National Associations of Education, National Middle School Association, National Executive Female Organization, Southwest Regional Director of Middle School Principals, Governor's School Leadership Institute, Georgia Council of School performance and Georgia Department of School Improvement Specialists.

The great Agricultural Chemist George Washington Carver once said that "How far one goes in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the strong and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Mrs. Flowers has used her life's work both profes-

sionally and socially to minister to people from all walks of life. She is the Founder of the Boys to Men Mentoring Programs, a member of the Board of Directors for Grady County United Way, Friends of Roddenberry Memorial Library, The Thomas Grady Service Center Board, Southwest Georgia Board of Easter Seals of Grady County, and Georgia Pines Community Service Board. She has also served on the Advisory Board for the Head Start of Grady County. Mrs. Flowers is also a life member of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 36.

Mrs. Flowers has also received numerous awards and honors during her life, most notably the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major for Peace Award and has the distinction of being the First African American Principal in Grady County, Georgia after integration.

Mrs. Flowers is a woman after God's own heart. She is a member of the Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Cairo, Georgia, where she is a Deaconess, a member of the Minister's wives Ministry and Pastor's Aide Ministry. She truly embodies the words of Acts 9:36: "She was abounding in good deeds and acts of charity."

Mrs. Flowers has accomplished many things in her life, but none of these would have been possible without her faith, the love and support of her husband, The Reverend Henry C. Flowers, Jr. and their three children.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian and me along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Mrs. Annie "Ann" H. Flowers on the occasion of her 80th Birthday and her phenomenal service to God and Humankind. May God continue to bless her and her family.

#### HONORING TOM ECOFF

##### HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2022*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a fearless and courageous Hoosier and American Hero, Tom Ecoff.

Born on October 23, 1922, Mr. Ecoff enlisted in the United States Armed Forces at just 19-years old. He served in the 82nd Airborne as a paratrooper.

Mr. Ecoff jumped into Saint-Mere-Eglise on June 6, 1944—parachuting into Normandy on D-Day and fought in several integral battles across Europe that decided the course of the war. Mr. Ecoff ran into gunfire to save his fellow soldiers on the battlefield.

Mr. Ecoff is both a Bronze Star and Purple Heart Recipient for his bravery during World War II.

After being honorably discharged from the United States Army, Mr. Ecoff continued to chase the American Dream—creating a highly-successful trucking company back at home in Indiana.

This year, Mr. Ecoff celebrated his one-hundredth Birthday. He attributes this longevity to his loving family of four children, seven grandchildren and great-grandchildren, stating "I live every day for my family. That's the reason I'm here. If I didn't have them, life would not be interesting enough to continue. I give them all the credit for my hundred years."

Madam Speaker, our nation is forever indebted to veterans of the Greatest Generation, like Tom Ecoff, for their service and sacrifice.

On behalf of Indiana's Sixth Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives—I thank Tom Ecoff for his service. May God Bless him and God Bless America.

#### RECOGNIZING DOROTHY “DOT” THEODORE

#### HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2022*

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dot Theodore, who concluded her service as a trustee on the board of the Castro Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) on November 9, 2022, after 8 years of service.

After receiving her Bachelor of Science in Biology from San Francisco State University in 1998, Dot began to work in biotech research in the Bay Area. In 2004, Dot and her husband chose to lay down roots in Castro Valley. Dot then continued her education and obtained a Master's in Public Health in 2013 from the University of California, Berkeley. Currently, she serves as the interim director for the Alameda County Public Health Department's Office of HIV Care, where she provides support for local organizations that serve low-income individuals living with HIV.

With 2 children attending Castro Valley Unified schools, Dot became heavily involved in school affairs. From 2011 to 2016, Dot served as PTA President for Castro Valley Elementary. In 2012, she served as an executive board member for Creekside Middle School Parents Club. Dot has also served on CVUSD's Local Control Accountability Plan Steering Committee and recently served as the Head of the Safe Routes to School program at Castro Valley Elementary. In that role, she coordinated events promoting active transportation and safety for students. She also participates with Bike/Walk CV to add more sidewalks in Castro Valley.

In 2014, Dot was elected as a board trustee for CVUSD and re-elected in 2018, serving as board president until her departure. While on the board, Dot worked to embrace the growing diversity of the district and ensure students could access a high-quality education at all grade levels.

She has overseen new dual immersion programs, the creation of an Engineering pathway for students, placement of social workers and counseling support for elementary students, and the implementation of culturally responsive curricula for educators. Dot was also instrumental in creating wellness centers for students at Castro Valley High School and both Canyon and Creekside middle schools through Measure G Bond funds.

For 8 years, Dot has remained a fierce advocate for the students of CVUSD and worked to ensure that the district lived up to its “All means all” motto. Her presence will be missed on the board, but I am sure she will continue to fight for our children. I join the community in celebrating her numerous achievements on the board and wish her rest and relaxation with her children, Ben, and Daphne, as she starts her new chapter.

#### CONGRATULATING THE CRU- SADERS ON THEIR STATE CHAM- PIONSHIP

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2022*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the St. Dominic Crusaders on their victory in the Class 4 Girls Soccer State Championship.

The Crusaders took home their second consecutive Class 4 title. The Crusaders 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 Crusaders for a job well done.

#### HONORING THE MISSISSIPPI RAPID RESPONSE COALITION

#### 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 the Mississippi Rapid Response Coalition. The coalition has gone beyond the call of duty to ensure that communities in Mississippi are taken care of during critical times.

The Mississippi Rapid Response Coalition was formed in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. MRRC has since responded to crises caused by climate change and failing infrastructure across the state of Mississippi. The Mississippi Rapid Response Coalition, also called “The Coalition,” is comprised of over 30 organizations around the state of Mississippi. The organizations that make up the Coalition were 1st responders during COVID and after the Winter Storm of 2021, providing needed resources to Mississippians in need.

The Coalition has continued to be a rapid response provider during this latest crisis affecting Jackson, MS, providing drinking water across Jackson's 7 wards and assisting those in need. MRRC has distributed thousands of cases of water to Jackson residents and provided other necessary services, and I am forever grateful for their work.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Mississippi Rapid Response Coalition for their service to the citizens of Mississippi during their time of distress.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. VICTOR MARVAR, SR.

#### HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2022*

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the outstanding life and legacy of Mr. Victor Vadrian Marvar, Sr. who passed away on September 3rd, 2022, at 96 years old. This

great man left behind a powerful legacy as a businessman, philanthropist, and founder of the Mississippi Republican Party on the Gulf Coast.

Born on July 27, 1926 in Biloxi, Mississippi. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Merchant Marine Academy. He received a Commission as a second Lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve. In 1950, he was called into the U.S. Navy to serve in the Korean War aboard the USS *Paricutin*. After his military service career ended in 1952, he began working the family seafood processing business. He was even elected President of the American Shrimp Processors Association.

Mr. Marvar was dedicated to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Republican party and served three terms as Harrison County Republican Party Chairman and one term representing the State of Mississippi on the Republican National Committee. He was a delegate to several county, state and national Republican conventions and was a Mississippi Presidential Elector for President Richard M. Nixon and President George W. Bush. Former Governor Haley Barbour awarded him the Mississippi Medal of Service in recognition of his work to improve the community and the state.

Mr. Marvar was elected to the Hancock Bank Board of Directors where he served on several committees for 25 years.

Victor was married to his wife, Gayle, for 64 years and together they had 6 children. He and his wife established a scholarship at the University of Southern Mississippi, School of Nursing. They also established scholarships at the Mississippi College School of Law, Vanderbilt University MBA School, and West Virginia Wesleyan University. They established a fund to support the operation of the Learning Disability Department at Nativity B.V.M. Elementary School in Biloxi.

Mr. Marvar spent a great many years contributing to his community as a businessman, philanthropist, and family man. He was an outstanding citizen of the Biloxi, Mississippi, and the United States, and his contributions stand as a reminder to all of us that it is better to serve than to be served. It is my honor and privilege to recognize Mr. Victor Vadrian Marvar, Sr.

God Bless and Semper Fi.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE JUSTICE FOR SHIREEN ACT

#### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2022*

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce the Justice for Shireen Act today. I thank my House and Senate colleagues that joined me to call on the FBI and State Department, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and Director of National Intelligence, to submit a report to Congress on the death of American-Palestinian Journalist, Shireen Abu Akleh. I send my deep condolences to the Abu Akleh family for this terrible killing and stand with them to demand justice and accountability.

Shireen Abu Akleh, an American-Palestinian journalist, was killed on May 11, 2022. She was killed wearing a clearly marked press vest