

In an effort to provide a better life for her son, Mr. DiMaggio's mother, Maria Radiatti, worked tirelessly to send him to the United States before he was conscripted into the fascist dictator Benito Mussolini's military. Leaving his home country of Italy behind, Mr. DiMaggio joined his extended family in Monterey and worked to turn the fishing hobby of his childhood into a career.

Mr. DiMaggio relocated to Alaska to pursue his fishing career, and for the next 50 years after returning home to Monterey, Mr. DiMaggio captained many vessels, including the *Tommy D*, the *Ronnie F*, the *Sockeye*, the *Swan*, and the *Sea Queen*. Throughout his career, Mr. DiMaggio was a well-known and respected figure in the Alaska and Monterey fishing communities.

Outside his distinguished fishing career, Mr. DiMaggio is a dedicated family man and active community member. On April 24, 1949, Mr. DiMaggio and Eva DiMecurio married, and together, they raised three children: Tommy, Marilyn, and Sal, as well as one granddaughter, Meredith. In 2019, the couple celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. Throughout their lifetime together, Tom and Eva have proven their dedication to our community by donating their time and talents to the Sanctuary Bible Church in Carmel Valley and as members of the "Giovanottis," a charitable group that provides dinners to the community. Currently, Mr. DiMaggio is an active member of the Italian Catholic Federation, the Compare Club, the Elks Lodge, and Festa Italia, of which he was named the Grand Marshal for the 2010 parade.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Tom DiMaggio for his extraordinary and celebrated life. As he celebrates his 100th birthday, Mr. DiMaggio continues to inspire the Central Coast for generations to come. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him today.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO REQUIRE THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TO INSTALL THE D.C. SEAL IN THE MAIN READING ROOM ON THE THOMAS JEFFERSON BUILDING

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to require the installation of the District of Columbia's seal on the stained-glass windows in the Main Reading Room of the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress, where the seals of all the states and territories that existed when the building was constructed, except for the District, are depicted. D.C.'s seal was readily available at that time and should have been included.

The seals of Hawaii and Alaska are not included in the display because they were not states or territories when the building was constructed. This fact argues for the inclusion of the District, which, after all, was the nation's capital at the time of construction. The omission of D.C. was brought to my attention by a District resident, Luis Landau, a former docent at the Library.

The residents of the District have always had all the obligations of American citizenship, including paying federal taxes and serving in all the nation's wars, including the War of 1812, during which the Capitol building, which then housed the Library of Congress, was burned, prompting construction of the current Library building with the state and territory seals. It is, therefore, without question that the District and its residents should receive equal treatment among the stained-glass windows that portray the history of the United States. D.C. residents deserve to have their history and American citizenship recognized.

There is existing evidence that the D.C. seal should have been depicted. The Members of Congress room in the Jefferson Building, which is not open to the public, has a painted depiction of the D.C. seal included with state seals on its ceiling. This precedent reinforces our request to be represented among the stained-glass windows in the Main Reading Room, which is open to the public.

Congress already often includes D.C., or has corrected the omission of it, when honoring the states. For example, D.C. now has two statues in the Capitol alongside two statues from each of the 50 states. The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 requires the armed services to display the District flag whenever the flags of the states are displayed. Legislation was also enacted to give D.C. a coin after it was omitted from legislation creating coins for the 50 states. We also successfully worked with the U.S. Postal Service to create a D.C. stamp, like the stamps for the 50 states, and worked with the National Park Service to add the D.C. flag alongside the state flags across from Union Station. It is long overdue to display the D.C. seal with the seals of the states in the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING OF THE 98TH BIRTHDAY OF THOMAS CLEVELAND

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 98th birthday of Thomas Cleveland.

Thomas was born on October 6, 1923. He spent most of his life in Coosa County, Alabama, but was drafted in April of 1943 at the age of 18. He went to basic training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. While there he was trained in demolition and experienced his first injury. The soldiers were training with TNT and a detonation cap exploded in his hand.

After Camp Shelby, he was off to Camp Kilby, New Jersey, where he boarded a troop ship and headed to Birmingham, England. The trip across the ocean was 14 days and he was seasick for seven of those days recalling the ship rocking back and forth sending him to the deck to hang his head.

Once across the English Channel, he landed on the beaches in Normandy, France, during the second wave of the invasion. It was there he was shot in the shoulder resulting in his first Purple Heart. When he went into the

U.S. Army, his mother had given him a small Bible with a metal cover to carry with him. Even today, the Bible has blood stains from the shoulder wound. The bullet is still in his shoulder.

During the Battle of the Bulge, he received another injury and the second Purple Heart.

When asked what he remembers most about War World II, he tells of constantly advancing on the enemy and being separated from his unit when they encountered Germans. Once reunited with his unit, only four soldiers were left in his squad. This is when he received a battle-field promotion from the rank of private first class to sergeant.

Three years after being drafted, the war was over for Thomas and he went back to the United States at Fort Lewis, Washington, to be discharged. After a train ride from Washington to Birmingham, Alabama, he took a taxi back to Hanover, Alabama, where he continues to live today.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Thomas and wishing him a very happy 98th birthday. I thank him for his service to our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was not able to be present for Roll Call No. 479 on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 1464. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 479.

HONORING MICHELLE WAITE

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michelle Waite for her lifetime of dedication to the Great State of Nebraska, the University of Nebraska—Lincoln, and our military and veteran community. After twenty-four remarkable years, Michelle is retiring after a career of incredible service to our university and the citizens of our state.

Michelle hails from Cody, a town in the beautiful Sand Hills of Nebraska and she completed her undergraduate education at Doane College in Crete. She also earned a Master of Legal Studies Degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law. In addition, Michelle is the proud mother of Cody and Logan, and we are grateful to Cody for his service in our Armed Forces.

Since 1998, Michelle Waite has served in the office of the chancellor where she currently works as the Assistant to the Chancellor for Government and Military Relations. In that role, she serves as the principal advisor to UNL Chancellor Ronnie Green. In 1987, Michelle went to work for former Speaker of the Legislator, Ron Witeman of Papillion, serving as his Legislative Assistant until his retirement in 1997. Following Speaker Witeman's retirement, Michelle went on to work for State Senator Ron Raikes until she was hired in

1998 as the Associate to UNL Chancellor James Moeser.

Michelle Waite has been an impactful and transformative leader during her tenure for our university and her work has changed the lives of people all over our state. She has worked for three different chancellors as their principal advisor, helping guide the University in its relationships with many different external constituencies, including federal, state, and local agencies. In that capacity, she has been responsible for the strategic management of the University's legislative agenda, and she has worked as the primary representative tasked with interfacing with our unique single house legislature, affectionately known by many as the Unicameral. I am also appreciative of the advice she has provided my team in the years since I first took office.

Considering that we just celebrated Veterans Day, I also want to highlight Michelle's outstanding contributions for our military and veteran community. As the school where General of the Armies John J. Pershing served as the Commandant of Cadets, the University of Nebraska—Lincoln has a proud and long military tradition that has produced countless men and women charged with leading our Armed Forces. During her tenure, Michelle Waite has been responsible for supervising the campus ROTC units and she has been liaison with all branches of the military, as well as with our veteran community. As a military parent, Michelle carries that unique perspective shared by countless military families and this has helped further inform her leadership over the course of many years.

From her efforts towards the adoption of academic regalia denoting military service to helming the Veterans Tribute to memorialize our veterans in the heart of campus, Michelle's impact on the campus military community will be long enduring. Michelle played a critical role in helping the University adopt a resident tuition program for non-resident service members and she has been a leader in the effort to provide enhanced benefits for disabled service members and their families. Under her guidance, UNL established the Military and Veteran Success Center in 2015 which has become a valuable resource providing professional, educational, and personal services for our entire student veteran population.

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium was built in honor of those Nebraskans who fought in the war to end all wars and originally the stadium displayed plaques recognizing those Nebraskans who paid the ultimate price. In order to ensure their memory never fades, Michelle led the effort to create replacements for the long-lost original plaques. Now, those new plaques honoring those Nebraskans who fought and died in World War I greet all visitors who enter this special monument for freedom. She also helped pave the way for veterans to be recognized during football games, with a video tribute for one veteran during the second quarter of every home game and she was the driving force behind the POW/MIA Chair now on display in Memorial Stadium. Finally, Michelle topped off her career by spearheading the multimillion-dollar Veterans Tribute monument dedicated on September 11th of this year in the heart of campus.

Whether it is working with the military or serving as an advisor to collegiate organizations like UNL's Innocents Society, Michelle

Waite has had a positive impact on students, faculty, and citizens from every corner of our state. I thank Michelle for her faithful service and leadership for all of Nebraska and I congratulate her and her family on a well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING LISA KAPLAN,
NATOMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Lisa Kaplan as she retires as a member of the Natomas Unified School District Board of Trustees. Since she was first elected in 2002, Lisa has been an invaluable member of our community, especially as schools faced unprecedented challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, I ask my colleagues to stand with me to honor her legacy.

Lisa grew up in a small town in Oregon and regularly offered help to those in need throughout her life. Lisa's long history of volunteer work includes assisting in the children's ward at UC Davis Medical Center while attending law school as well as helping in local Natomas schools while working in the state legislature. Since 2010, ACC continues to operate Sacramento County's Meals on Wheels program. Not only do they provide meal delivery, but they have partnered with local restaurants and food trucks throughout the years to make diverse meals more accessible to seniors in our community, serving 2,000 homebound seniors and older adults each week.

During Lisa's tenure, Natomas Unified School District showed an increase in test scores that significantly narrowed the achievement gap, passed four school bonds to upgrade existing facilities and provide new tools for 21st century learning, and obtained the highest graduation rates in the county.

Madam Speaker, today we honor Lisa Kaplan for her commitment and dedication to the students of Natomas Unified School District.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DONALD O. ALLEN, SR.

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, friends and family are gathering to celebrate the life of Donald O. Allen, Sr. Born in Washington, D.C. in 1950, he made Buffalo his home after attending East High School, Bryant Stratton Business School, and SUNY Empire College. He began his 27-year career in public service in 1978 as the Assistant Director of the Summer Youth Program in the city of Buffalo. He also took on the role of Minority Recruiter, Human Resources Planner, and Senior Deputy Commissioner in 1978.

When he assumed these positions, he became an indispensable pillar within the Buffalo community, and he would remain as such for

the rest of his life. His efforts will continue to be felt by countless members of the community for many years to come. After retiring from his career in public service in 2005, he continued to serve the community for an additional 16 years by joining the Erie County Sheriff's Department. Furthermore, as a Zone Leader and City Democratic Chairman for the Erie County Democratic Committee, Donald had 4 terms to make his voice heard as a political leader.

In his spare time, he never missed an opportunity to engage with the community. And due to this commitment, he was honored at several points in his life for his service on the Buffalo Youth Board, at the Pratt-Willert Revitalization Corporation, and as the Buffalo Handicapped Chairman.

Married for 23 years to his loving wife, Lynette, there is an abundance of their children, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren that can continue their legacy and honor their memory. Donald Allen, Sr. will forever be a cherished community leader. While the place he holds in everyone's hearts can never be replaced, his dedication to others will continue to serve as an inspiration to us all.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BARBARA WILLIAMS JENKINS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a devoted librarian, avid researcher, and dedicated preservationist, as well as a longtime friend. Dr. Barbara Williams Jenkins transitioned from this life on October 27, 2022, in Sumter, South Carolina. Her work to preserve African American history in the state of South Carolina will have profound implications for generations to come.

Dr. Barbara Williams Jenkins was born on August 17, 1934, in Union, South Carolina to the late Ernest Nesbit Williams and Johncie Sartor Williams. She graduated from Wilkinson High School in Orangeburg, South Carolina in 1951. She attended Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina, and graduated in 1955 with her bachelor's degree in English Literature and minors in Library Science and French.

Dr. Jenkins then went on to get her Master of Science in Library Science at the University of Illinois in 1956. She later continued her studies at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, Atlanta University, and Clemson University, and received her Ph.D. in Library and Information Services from Rutgers University in 1980.

I knew Dr. Jenkins well through her transformational work in the state. She inherited her love of learning from her parents, who were both graduates of Claflin University. Despite facing adversity as a young Black woman in academia, she was unflinching in her pursuit of academic excellence.

Dr. Jenkins spent the first 40 years of her career at my alma mater, South Carolina State University, where she was a staunch advocate for the library science program and a mentor to many. She started as their Reserve and Circulation Librarian in 1956, and soon