

our Arab allies, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco, and Sudan. Unlike the Palestinian leadership, I am encouraged to see these Arab nations suspend their continued rejection of Israel and work to integrate it into the region.

While we continue to see the UN's deplorable efforts to isolate, condemn and excessively attack Israel, I celebrate one of the few positive things it has done in the Middle East—the historic 75th anniversary of the UN Partition Plan vote, guided by strong U.S. leadership.

May the U.S.-Israel relationship continue to flourish for the next 75 years and beyond, and may we continue to promote our shared interests supporting democracy, peace, and co-operation throughout the region.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK P. HOFACKER

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending the Salem Community College Foundation Veterans Dinner. At the event, Frank Hofacker was honored for his service to our nation in the United States Army from 1966 to 1969. He was ranked as a sergeant and received many awards and decorations for his exemplary service. Frank earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. He also was honored with the Bronze Star Medal, which is a decoration for heroic achievement and heroic service, as well as meritorious achievement and service in a combat zone. I want to personally thank Frank for his brave service to our great nation and it was truly an honor to attend the Veterans Dinner honoring him. God Bless Frank, and God Bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE VSC LUNAR ALLIANCE AND FOUNDER DAVID H. VAN DE VELDE

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize VSC Lunar Alliance and Founder David H. van de Velde of The Villages, Florida, along with the Leesburg Noon Rotary Club for their Pledge Not to Bully Movement.

The Pledge Against Bullying Program was established in 2018 with the Interact Club at Leesburg High School with Principal Michael Randolph and has influenced numerous teenagers to make the Pledge. The VSC Lunar Alliance has drawn interest to the Pledge Against Bullying Program by allowing the participants to be a part of an exciting night program.

Moon Mission No. 1 is the first space rocket mission of VSC Lunar Alliance in a series of three missions. VSC Lunar Alliance has arranged to have a micro-SD card placed in a capsule aboard a space rocket ship at Space

Port America in New Mexico. Students have their pledges, pictures, and essays on the micro-SD card along with memorabilia from the Leesburg Rotary Club and community organization. Moon Mission No. 1 is a test flight scheduled to launch November 30th and will go into space and return to the Earth.

Moon Mission No. 2 and Moon Mission No. 3 are scheduled for 2023. Moon Mission No. 2 will launch from the Kennedy Space Centre at Cape Canaveral in Florida. Moon Mission No. 2 will also carry the capsule with the micro-SD card and this time will remain on the moon. VSC Lunar Alliance and the Leesburg Noon Rotary Club will be the first to place the Leesburg High School students and participants of the Pledge Against Bullying Program on the moon along with the Leesburg Noon Rotary Club.

Founder David H. van de Velde has personally monetarily invested in support of this program to join in the three space rocket ship launches. David H. van de Velde has a vast knowledge and experience in space technology. As part owner of Quality Materials Inspection in Southern California from 1988 to 1990, Mr. van de Velde began his great interest in space technology.

I am honored to recognize Mr. van de Velde for his passion for space science and his love for children and their success. It is commendable that through Mr. van de Velde's vision and the Leesburg Noon Rotary Club students can choose not to bully through the participation and education of science space technology.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND FRANK E. WILLIAMS, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a devoted preacher, trusted funeral director, and beloved community leader, Reverend Frank E. Williams, Jr. Affectionately known as Frank, Jr., Rev. Williams transitioned on October 12, 2022, in his hometown of Sumter, South Carolina. His lifelong commitment to his community was deeply felt and will be sorely missed.

Reverend Frank E. Williams, Jr. was born on October 8, 1952, in Sumter, South Carolina to the late Reverend Frank E. Williams, Sr. and Magnolia Robinson Williams. He attended public schools in Sumter County before pursuing a bachelor's degree in Sociology at Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina. He later attended the Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was a member of the National Morticians Fraternity, Pi Sigma Eta. He graduated in 1976 with a diploma in Funeral Service Sciences.

Frank, Jr. returned to Sumter to begin work at his family's funeral home. He became the youngest funeral director and embalmer in Sumter, South Carolina. Throughout the next 46 years, he would touch the lives of hundreds of families in this role as he guided them through some of their most difficult times.

Rev. Williams, a Godfearing man, recognized his calling to preach the gospel during his membership at Rafting Creek Missionary

Baptist Church. He received his license to preach on June 8, 2003 and was ordained on May 30, 2004. Shortly thereafter, he founded Faith Missionary Baptist Church, which he faithfully pastored until his health declined.

I knew Frank, Jr. well through his civic endeavors throughout the Sumter community, the state of South Carolina and beyond. At one time he was the youngest person to serve on the Sumter County Council representing District 5, a position which he held honorably for 12 years. He spearheaded the effort to erect a statue in honor of Dr. Luns C. Richardson of Morris College, who became the longest-serving college President in South Carolina. The statue was erected on Morris College's campus in 2021.

Throughout his life, Frank, Jr. was an active member of several social organizations. He was 33 Grand Inspector General of the C.C. Johnson Consistory No. 136 and served as Worshipful Master of Catchall Masonic Lodge No. 425. He was also a lifelong member of the NAACP and participated in several civil rights actions, including the 1995 "Million Man March" in Washington, D.C.

Frank, Jr. is survived by his wife of 40 years, Mrs. Thoma Lewis Williams and 4 children, Marcus Evans, M. Brooke Williams, Frank E. Williams, III, and Thomas Wesley Williams, and 2 grandchildren, Nova Imani Williams, and Malik Rivers.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring the remarkable life led by Reverend Frank E. Williams, Jr. His work as a minister, funeral director and county council member cemented him in the bedrock of his community. He has left an indelible mark on those around him and was an inspiration to us all.

TRIBUTE TO CORDELL CARR

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending the Salem Community College Foundation Veterans Dinner. At the event, Cordell Carr was honored. Cordell served in the United States Marine Corps from September of 1967 to September of 1969. During his service, he earned the rank of Corporal within the Marine Corps. Cordell also was awarded numerous medals and badges in honor of his heroic service. These awards include the National Defense Service Medal, the Rifle Expert Badge, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. Cordell should be proud of his military achievements and brave service to our nation, and I want to sincerely thank him for all he has done to keep our country safe. God Bless Cordell, and God Bless America.

HONORING WARREN C. DOCKUM

HON. LAUREN BOEBERT

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mrs. BOEBERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the work of a group of

veterans from Pueblo, Colorado for their act of service restoring the grave of a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient, Warren C. Dockum. Pueblo is the "Home of Heroes," and it is only proper that it should honor Warren C. Dockum, the only known Medal of Honor recipient buried in this great American city.

Warren C. Dockum earned the Medal of Honor during the Civil War at the Battle of Saylor's Creek where he showed exemplary bravery in service of the Union. After two other soldiers were killed, Dockum charged forward and captured a key position. Dockum was recognized for his heroism and received the Medal of Honor from President Andrew Johnson who assumed office after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

The Medal of Honor is the United States' highest award for military valor in action. While over 150 years have passed since the Medal of Honor's inception, the meaning behind the Medal has never been tarnished or diminished. A distinguished award presented only to the most deserving, the Medal of Honor tells a story of its own. Etched into the history of the Medal of Honor are the values that each recipient has displayed: bravery, courage, sacrifice, integrity, a deep love of country, and a desire to always do what is right.

The Medal of Honor reminds us that freedom isn't free. It's bought by patriots who pay the ultimate price. It reminds us to love our country and to remember that united we stand but divided we fall.

After the Civil War, Dockum eventually moved to Colorado and lived near Pueblo for the rest of his life. To honor this American hero's place of rest in Pueblo, local veterans volunteered to restore his gravesite. I thank the veterans in Pueblo for their magnificent work honoring Warren C. Dockum and highlighting yet another hometown hero who is associated with Pueblo's long and storied history of patriotism.

HONORING DR. CHARLES E. ANDERSON, SR. AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Dr. Charles E. Anderson, Sr. is the Senior Pastor and Founder of Trinity Church—one church in several locations. Dr. Anderson has served over 25 years in pastoral ministry and has had the opportunity to serve in various capacities in the International, National, State, and Local arenas. He is the President of Unity in the Community in Haines City, Florida, which is a group of local pastors, local businesses, and community leaders who work together to promote unity in the Haines City community and other surrounding areas throughout Polk County. UIC promotes and develops economic empowerment for businesses and fosters positive relationships between city government, law enforcement, and citizens.

Through Dr. Anderson's leadership, UIC and Trinity Church have championed several annual community projects and programs such as hosting a testing site for COVID-19 vaccines, a community feeding program, con-

structing affordable housing in the East Polk County area, a work readiness program that educates youth and prepares them for success, a back-to-school bash which continues to serve more than 2,000 families with backpacks and school supplies, and a Miracle Christmas serving over 250 families with bicycles, toys, and gift cards.

Dr. Anderson serves on the Central Florida Health Care Board of Directors where he provides guidance for policies and strategic development. He also serves on the Advent Health Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion Council. Dr. Anderson has also worked with the State Attorney's office of the 10th Judicial Circuit to host several expungement seminars to allow citizens with criminal records to be sealed or expunged and live more productive lives.

Dr. Anderson received his Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, a Master of Theological Studies, and a Doctor of Divinity from Logos University Christian College in Jacksonville. He also received a second Master of Ministry from Warner University in Lake Wales. Dr. Anderson has been married to Dr. Judith F. Anderson for the past 42 years. He has two sons, Charles II (Shaelis) and Javier (Chassidee), nine grandchildren, and two great-grandkids.

HONORING JOE MOTTLOW

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share the story of a fellow Minnesotan, Joe Mottlow.

On Wednesday June 14, 2017, Joe, (aka-JoeJoe Tough as he's become known since his battle began), was admitted to the hospital with an enlarged spleen. Within the next few days Joe, a previously healthy 35-year-old, learned he had a type of leukemia called ALL (b-cell) IGH which carried with it a measly 15 percent two-year survival rate for adults.

While he and his mom sat stunned after the doctor left the room, Joe said, "great news about Mark and Natalie!" That morning his cousin and wife announced they were pregnant with their first child. Joe's mom began to cry and Joe just consoled her saying, "let's just have fun with this." That's Joe. Always thinking about those he loves.

This was the beginning of a 5½ year rolling coaster ride full of laughs, fears, cries and camaraderie—a ride that still continues. Joe, a guy who has never met a stranger, is a different kind of fellow. The most unaverage average Joe you will ever meet—and if you do meet him, know this, he'll never forget YOU. Because not only will you learn his story, he'll learn your story as well.

Originally it was thought a bone marrow transplant was going to be his cure. Thankfully Joe's brother was a 100 percent match and the transplant seemed to do the trick and cure Joe. Unfortunately, this dreaded pest not only came back, but continued to come back 5 more times. Having a nearly incurable type of leukemia for an adult, Joe has willingly been a trailblazer, trying out new treatments and old treatments used in new ways, to help not only try to cure him, but hopefully open up the door

to curing many others. Joe has endured a grueling chemo regiment, two different newer immunotherapy treatments, an experimental CAR-T trial that brought him out to Seattle, another bone marrow transplant and yet another CAR-T trial right in our own backyard at the University of MN. Joe was only the 21st person to attempt this particular type of cure. This one worked for over a year, but this summer Joe learned the beast was back and his time was short. He was told that modern medicine could only hope to promise him three to six months. Joe's bucket list is now the priority—a list filled with connections to others.

Early on in this journey, his Aunt Allison took Joe to the clinic and observed that cancer does not discriminate. Looking around the waiting room there were rich and poor, young and old. If it wants you, it gets you. She also watched Joe connecting with those in the waiting room. So many stories have been told about Joe helping other patients get through their cancer nightmares. Get up. Get dressed. Smile. Live.

Joe's smile and inspiration have not gone unnoticed. Joe's doctors let the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society know about this amazing guy their patients kept talking about. How this guy just started talking to them while they sat in the clinic, full of anxiety and sadness, and the next thing they knew they are laughing, talking the uncomfortable conversations of their cancer journey, and finding camaraderie. Joe has started group outings and text chains bringing cancer warriors together to support and love one another. These groups brought diverse unlikely people together and have made all their lives richer for having cancer and learning to dig deep to find friendship and grace in the process.

Accolades have come Joe's way. The Leukemia/Lymphoma Society nominated Joe for "Man of the Year" 2020, and recently honored him with their prized "Lifetime Achievement" award. One of Joe's clinic buddies wanted to thank the U of M for saving his life, but realized science was only part of his success. This buddy felt JoeJoe Tough gave him the fight and positivity that pushed him over the finish line and is now working with the U to develop a virtual workout motivational program that will soon be available to patients. When completed, it will be named in Joe's honor.

Accolades are wonderful, but it's the love and support Joe has received from his army of JoeJoe Toughens that has humbled and inspired him. Who has over 2000 friends? Friends, not donors, wanting something from you—but ride or die type friends? Joe does. Why? Because he is "that" friend we all want and is so hard to find. Joe listens and hears others, and that is what makes Joe an unaverage average Joe.

TRIBUTE TO WAYNE T. CARTER

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending the Salem Community College Foundation Veterans Dinner. At the event, Wayne T. Carter was honored for his 21 years of service in the United States Army, where he earned the rank