

of Sergeant First Class. He earned six impressive decorations during his 21 years of military service. Wayne earned the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Republic Vietnam Medal, and Meritorious Unit Citation. He performed outstanding service in warlike operations and should serve as a role model to many young men and women in South Jersey who hope to serve our country in the Army. I want to sincerely thank Wayne for his exemplary service to our nation, and it was my pleasure to attend the Veterans Dinner honoring him. God Bless Wayne, and God Bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING GERMAIN HARDEN'S REMARKABLE CAREER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Germain Harden and her remarkable 42-year career.

Germain has dedicated her career to safety, health training, education, and advocacy for workers. For the last decade, she has served as the executive director of WNYCOSH.

Before beginning her career at WNYCOSH, Germain studied at the University of Buffalo. She worked as an editor of the Humanist Magazine at the Center of Inquiry, and she would go onto enroll in the Cornell Cooperative Extension Labor Studies program, where she took several courses on collective bargaining, labor history, and mediation. Germain worked as a certified mediator and volunteered in numerous community mediation cases.

In 1978 and 1979, Germain participated with Cornell Extension staff and other labor activists in the formation of what would become the WNY Council on Occupational Safety & Health. She helped organize the first kick-off event of WNYCOSH at a winter safety and health conference, which drew over 300 labor union participants. Germain took an official staff position at WNYCOSH in 1979 and was instrumental in creating safety and health training under OSHA's New Direction grant program.

In 1980, she also worked on advocating for the Right-to-Know legislation, which would become the nation's first law in the country to require employers to provide workers with information on the chemicals they were working with and protective measures to reduce or eliminate hazardous exposures. Throughout the 1980s, Germain organized safety workshops and seminars.

Germain served as WNYCOSH Program Director from 1986 until 2012. Germain wrote all WNYCOSH grants, including the annual contributions, and organized worker training which regularly draws 6,000 participants each year. Her work as Executive Director allowed WNYCOSH to continue its significant presence in the Buffalo area.

Germain's career was focused on bettering the lives of workers in our community, and I will always be grateful to her for those efforts. On behalf of countless workers, I sincerely thank Germain Harden for being a dedicated community leader, advocate, and vital player in Western New York for over four decades.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for Roll Call vote No. 482, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 3369, I would have voted Yea. For Roll Call vote No. 483, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 4359, I would have voted Yea. For Roll Call vote No. 484, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 2250, I would have voted Yea. For Roll Call vote No. 485, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 3630, I would have voted Yea.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MR. ASA HARDISON

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Mr. Asa Hardison. Mr. Hardison served his community, state, and Nation and set an example for those who work to make the world around them a better place.

Mr. Hardison served the United States of America in the 101st Airborne Division during the Vietnam War. Following his service, he returned to the United States of America where he and his wife, Ruth Hardison, raised two daughters. As a civilian, Mr. Hardison served as Senior Vice President for Georgia Pacific and, in his free time, could often be found playing golf or tennis. Later in life, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

It is my honor to recognize the life of Mr. Asa Hardison for his service to our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL E. HOPKINS, JR.

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, Paul E. Hopkins, Jr. was honored for his service to our country in the United States Navy from May of 1969 to January of 1971. He earned the rank of Quarter Master 3rd class during his time in the Navy. Paul was decorated with three noteworthy medals including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. He should be very proud of his selfless devotion to the United States Navy, and I want to thank him sincerely for his service to our great nation, God Bless Paul, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING

WILLIAM
BRECKENRIDGE "BRECK" BOW-
DEN FOR HIS LONGTIME SERV-
ICE TO THE NORTH COUNTRY
COMMUNITY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William Breckenridge Bowden, the Director of the Lake Champlain Sea Grant Institute, for his years of service to protecting our lakes and native aquatic life.

Since 2012, Dr. Bowden has served as the Director of the Lake Champlain Sea Grant Institute. Under his leadership, the Lake Champlain Sea Grant has grown and was even awarded institute status in 2018. This redesignation came with a 150 percent increase in its base budget in federal support for research, outreach, and education to improve the environment and economy in the Lake Champlain Basin. Thanks to Dr. Bowden's leadership, the Lake Champlain Sea Grant earned the institute designation for demonstrating excellence in research, education, and public service dedicated to environmental responsibility and outreach. Dr. Bowden was instrumental in getting the program to the level necessary to receive this prestigious designation, which has allowed the Institute to expand its educational outreach program to New York State schools and has increased support for combatting invasive species.

Founded in 1999, the Lake Champlain Sea Grant Institute aims to raise awareness to benefit the environmental health of Lake Champlain, Lake George, and their respective watersheds, and encourage sustainable economic development. Dr. Bowden has led the Institute in building resilient communities and economies in the Lake Champlain basin, improving environmental literacy, and promoting healthy coastal ecosystems.

Dr. Bowden has committed his life to educating the next generation on environmental sustainability and is currently a professor in Watershed Science and Planning in the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Dr. Bowden for his contributions to the Lake Champlain basin and congratulate him on his retirement. I wish him well in this next chapter of his life.

TRIBUTE TO LAVEL NORMAN DAVIS, 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 brilliant student and gifted athlete. Lavel Norman Davis, Jr., affectionately known as Tyler, was called too soon to his heavenly home on November 13, 2022, in Charlottesville, Virginia. Although he is no longer with us, memory of his unbreakable spirit will remain a beacon for all who knew him.

Tyler Davis was born on January 7, 2002, in Ridgeville, South Carolina to Thaddeus Lavel

Davis and Fallom Simone Davis. Tyler attended Harleyville-Ridgeville Elementary, Clay Hill Elementary, Harleyville-Ridgeville Middle School and Woodland High School in Dorchester, South Carolina. Throughout his primary education, Tyler established his excellence both on and off the field. He maintained a 3.577 GPA, A-B Honor Roll status, and concurrently earned certification as a Nursing Assistant through the Dorchester County Career School. Tyler was also a dedicated multi-sport athlete, playing football, soccer, basketball, and running track. Tyler graduated from Woodland in June of 2020.

After receiving several football scholarship offers, Tyler selected the University of Virginia in Charlottesville in order to benefit from both their rigorous academic and athletic programs. He immediately rose to the occasion and would finish his freshman season ranked second in the nation and first in the ACC for wide receivers. Even after suffering a knee injury that sidelined him for his sophomore season, he remained a force of inspiration and motivation to his teammates. He was anticipated to graduate in December of 2023 with a bachelor's degree in African American Studies, after which he aspired to play football professionally and give back to the community by opening a local Boys and Girls Club.

As a giant on the field, Tyler was recognized with several athletic honors. After just his first game with the Cavaliers, he was named the ACC's "Receiver of the Week." Tyler was an All-American and became two-time "Rookie of the Year." His persistent leadership throughout his athletic injury in 2021 earned him the 2022–2023 Danny Lee Fassio

Family Bicentennial Scholarship. He was also nominated by the College Sports Communicators, the Associated Press, and the Fiesta Bowl Organization to the "Come Back Player of the Year" Watch List for the 2022 season, as he was projected to thrive in his return from his injury. His high school jersey, #13, was also retired in his honor.

Tyler was an active member of several social organizations. In high school, he was a proud member of the National Technical Honor Society and the Athletics Leading in Literacy (ALL) Program. He used his Nursing Assistant certification to volunteer with the elderly in his community. In college, Tyler was a participant of the UVA Football Thursday's Heroes Program, which supports local residents who are facing medical challenges. He was also an exemplary member of the "Groundskeepers," a group of fellow UVA football players who advocate for racial and social justice. Despite his busy social, academic, and athletic life in Charlottesville, Tyler never forgot his roots in South Carolina and returned regularly to Woodland High School to mentor and motivate students to pursue their dreams.

Tyler was a devout Christian, and his love of God was fostered at Bethel AME Church. The principles of his faith guided him throughout his life and shaped his resilient character. He is lovingly remembered by his parents, Thaddeus and Fallom, his two younger siblings, Taniya Skylar and Teigan Jeremiah Hollins Davis, his grandparents, Monroe and Cynthia Lampkin, Thaddeus (Deloris) Davis and Linda Varner, and his great grandfather, Herman Davis.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring the life of Lavel "Tyler" Norman Davis, Jr. Despite his youth, he touched the lives of many and will be sorely missed. As we remember him and mourn his loss, may we draw strength from the very resilience and kindness that led Tyler to live such an impactful life.

TRIBUTE TO LESTER R. SUTTON

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, Lester R. Sutton was honored. Lester served our nation in the United States Coast Guard and held the rank of Storekeeper Third Class. He was awarded with the National Defense Service Medal, First Coast Guard Good Conduct Award, Vietnam Service Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal during his time serving in the Coast Guard. Lester retired from the Coast Guard in 1973 after 8 years of exemplary service. I am so proud of Lester for his time in the United States Coast Guard, and I want to thank him for his dedication to our great nation. God Bless Lester, and God Bless our America.