

Deacon Holloway was educated in the Terrell County School System. He received his Auto Body and Frame Construction certification from the Albany Vocational Technical College in Albany, Georgia.

He was married to his beloved wife and life partner, the late Emma Kate Holloway, for 60 years and they built a life of service and advocacy for humankind.

Armed with a servant's heart, Deacon Holloway gave of himself to serve our country for three years of active duty in the United States Army during the Korean War. He retired as a Staff Sergeant after serving 22 years in the Army National Guard. His professional journey also took him to Delco Remy and Delphi, where he retired after 18 years of service.

Deacon Holloway was a committed freedom fighter for the cause of justice and equality. He truly believed in the words that Dr. King penned from the Birmingham Jail: "Injustice anywhere is threat to justice everywhere." Deacon Holloway was one of Terrell County's most influential Civil Rights activists, always speaking up for the voiceless and the hopeless. He was always concerned about African Americans exercising their rights as American citizens through the ballot box. Deacon Holloway engaged in many voter registration drives and mass meetings during his lifetime.

His advocacy did not come without great cost to him and his family. Deacon Holloway had to endure many challenges during his Civil Rights advocacy, including having the gas line at his house cut during a cold day in the 1960s because he housed Freedom Riders and members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee at his home. He was also arrested; he and his family were threatened, and a cross was burned in his front yard. But through all these indignities, he never wavered in his support for the cause of Civil and Human Rights.

His relationship with the NAACP is long and storied. Deacon Holloway became the first Vice President of the Terrell County Branch in 1955. He served as Vice President for 65 years and President for one year. Deacon Holloway cemented his commitment by becoming a lifetime member of the organization that he had given so much to for so long.

Deacon Holloway was also a committed public servant. He served on the Terrell County Board of Commissioners for 27 years, retiring in January of this year. Deacon Holloway was a tireless advocate for his constituents, constantly pushing to do the right thing for those that he represented.

Most importantly, Deacon Holloway was a man of God who allowed Him to order his steps. He began his walk with Christ at an early age, first fellowshipping with the saints at County Line Missionary Baptist Church in Sasser, Georgia. In 1956, his Christian journey continued when he became a member of Sardis Missionary Baptist Church in Dawson, Georgia where he served faithfully in many capacities, including as Ordained Deacon, Chairman of the Deacon Board, Sunday School Superintendent, Youth Sunday School Teacher, Adult Sunday School Teacher and Vice Treasurer of Finance.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh once said that "Only when a tree has fallen can you take the measure of it. It is the same with a man." A great tree has fallen, and we can all agree that we can take the measure of this great man for the great things he has done to uplift humanity.

Deacon Lucius Holloway, Sr. achieved countless successes in his life. But none would have been possible with the grace of God and love and support of his dearly departed wife of 60 years, Emma Kate Holloway, his five children, one of whom preceded him in death, and his eleven grandchildren.

On a personal note, Deacon Holloway was my friend. He always supported and encouraged me with his wise counsel and sage advice. He will be sorely missed, but the world is better because of him.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of the 2nd District in honoring and celebrating the life and legacy of Deacon Lucius Holloway, Sr. for his service to God, his country and humanity and in extending our deepest condolences to his family, 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 MR. GEORGE HOLLAND, SR.

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary work of George Holland, Sr., and his indispensable contributions as an advocate in the fight for equal rights and racial justice, as the President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Oakland.

Mr. Holland was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and raised in California, where he resided in segregated housing projects until his early adulthood, experiencing the impacts of institutional racism firsthand. In South San Francisco, Mr. Holland's family resided in the Lindenville Housing Project. The Lindenville Housing Project had a "Colored Section," where he, his family, and 71 other Black families lived. Mr. Holland's experience living in segregated housing continued in 1955, when his family relocated to the Sunnydale Housing Project, which had only desegregated earlier that year.

Mr. Holland was a trailblazer from a young age, he was the first member of his family to attend college, earning his Bachelor of Arts from San Francisco State College. He then earned his Juris Doctorate from the Golden Gate University School of Law. Mr. Holland went on to serve as a board member for several legal associations, including the Bar Association of San Francisco and the Bar Association of Alameda County.

Mr. Holland's legacy lies in his championship of civil rights throughout his academic and professional career. As a young community activist, Mr. Holland participated in civil rights demonstrations in the 1960s throughout San Francisco, Oakland, and the greater Bay Area to advocate for racial equity. As an attorney, he contributed to the founding of the California Association of Black Lawyers, California's first legal association dedicated to addressing the needs and struggles of Black lawyers and to eradicating racism imbedded in our legal system. Since 2005, Mr. Holland has continued his service to our community as the President of the NAACP chapter in Oakland.

Throughout his exemplary tenure as President, Mr. Holland's efforts have distinguished the Oakland NAACP chapter for its engagement with the local community and for its leadership on national issues. Under his guidance, the organization collaborated with the Oakland Mayor and School Superintendent's "Oakland Promise" program, a community-based nonprofit that aims to triple the number of college graduates from Oakland within the next decade. Further, under Mr. Holland's leadership, the Oakland NAACP chapter partnered with the Chapel of Chimes to construct the Nelson Mandela Human Rights Memorial at Skylawn Memorial Park. Mr. Holland also oversaw the creation of a police commission in Oakland to improve police accountability and community trust in law enforcement.

George has been a dear friend and loyal supporter. Whenever I needed help, he was there for me and our community. If ever, I needed anyone to watch my back—there he was, generous and steady as always. For this, I am deeply grateful.

On behalf of the 13th Congressional district, I would like to congratulate Mr. Holland on his incredible achievements throughout his career. He has been a wonderful activist, attorney, and a fierce advocate for racial justice and equity for all people. I thank him for all his hard work, and congratulations again. I wish him the very best in his journey ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF LILLIAN C. OVERTON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of Lillian C. Overton.

Lillian was born October 29, 1922, to James Edwin and Esther Darnell Cooper in Franklin, Alabama. She was one of six children.

On January 29, 1944, she was married to Herman A. Overton in Tuskegee, Alabama, and remained married until his death on April 9, 1996. They were blessed with one daughter, Kathy O. Hadaway.

Mrs. Overton was part owner and operator of M & L Jewelers in Tuskegee in the 1950s and early 1960s.

After selling the jewelry store, she became account manager for Skinner's Furniture Store in Tuskegee until her retirement.

She was a member of Tuskegee First Baptist Church for over 50 years. As an active member, she taught Sunday School, Training Union, Bible Drill and was active in the Women's Missionary Union (WMU).

After her husband's death, Mrs. Overton moved to Opelika, Alabama, and became an active member at First Baptist Church of Opelika (in Sunday School, WMU, and in the Nursery Department). Due to a brief illness in early 2022, she had to relinquish her duties at church.

Prior to COVID, Mrs. Overton volunteered for 38 years at East Alabama Medical Center as a "Pink Lady" in Escort Services. This allowed her to meet numerous wonderful people and help others.

She fulfills her most important job by telling others about Jesus, inviting them to church

and talking about her faith and the importance of knowing Jesus Christ.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Lillian and wishing her a very happy 100th birthday.

REMEMBERING MR. JOHNNY
SIMMONS

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mr. Johnny Simmons, a lifelong servant to others and longtime resident of Oakland County, who passed away on August 29, 2022. As Mr. Simmons's family reflected upon their loved one's life, they affectionately recall him as a faithful, loving, and kind person to all. While Mr. Simmons will be missed by the many who had the honor of knowing him, there is no doubt that these qualities have been impressed upon those around him and continue to positively influence the community.

On September 4, 1936, Mr. Johnny B. Simmons was born in Highland, Mississippi, to Albert Simmons and Annie Bell Dantzler and was raised by a "village" of Simmons that cared for him as he grew. Early in his life, Mr. Simmons moved from his small community of "Sun-Side" in Mississippi to the South Side of Chicago, Illinois. As Mr. Simmons was earning his high school education, racial discrimination plagued the City of Chicago. He attended an integrated grammar school before then attending and graduating from the racially segregated DuSable High School.

Following completion of his studies, Mr. Simmons served his country for four years with the United States Marine Corp and was honorably discharged in 1961. Shortly after his return to civilian life, Mr. Simmons married the love of his life, Charlene "Chuck" Simmons. Years later, he was quoted saying, "My memory of love will be of Chuck Simmons. I thank God for the many outstanding years we shared." Their commitment was lifelong, enjoying 61 years of marriage together. At the age of 26, Mr. Simmons was also united with his father in what was described as "love at first sight," rounding out his young family.

While in Illinois, Mr. Simmons, was inducted into the Chicago police force. 1968 was a time of significant social change as black Americans continued to experience devastating racial discrimination throughout the country. Mr. Simmons witnessed the effects of this injustice as he performed his duties and was present for the unrest that resulted from the assassina-

tion of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968. After his time as an officer in Chicago, the family relocated to make Michigan their new home.

Mr. Simmons became active in his new community, joining the Southside Seventh-day Adventist Church and maintained his service to the church for the remainder of his life. He proudly served as the patriarch of his beloved family in Pontiac, Michigan. Helping others and contributing to his community was a way of life for him, and many were fortunate to benefit from his selfless acts.

Many are fortunate to carry on Mr. Simmons' wisdom, including his children, grandchildren, and the many who respect Mr. Simmons' life serving others. Continuing this legacy are three outstanding children—Jackie, Jon Eric, and Kelli Lyn. He also earned two "bonus daughters" with Jon Eric's marriage to his wife Michelle, welcoming her sisters, Paula and Candace, to the family and then gained an additional son with Kelli's marriage to Ladon. He will be truly missed by all.

Mr. Simmons' friends and family bid him farewell at his funeral on Friday, September 9th, at the Troy Seventh-day Adventist Church, following visitation services on September 8th. Mr. Simmons was given the great honor of receiving a military burial at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan, on September 12th, a fitting recognition to his years with the Marine Corps.

Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize the life of Mr. Johnny Simmons today, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his numerous contributions to our Nation. Mr. Simmons truly has lived a life worth celebrating and is owed a thanks for his life of service.

HONORING RICK ZIEGENFUSS,
CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF HOLLISTER, MO

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rick Ziegenfuss, the City Administrator of Hollister, MO.

Born and raised in Iowa, Rick enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 20 in 1970. He underwent basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri, before moving on to advanced individual training with the 11th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Carson Colorado, he was then assigned to the 1st Battalion 133rd Infantry in unit supply. In 1974 he graduated with honor from Infantry Officer Candidate School

at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He served as an anti-armor platoon leader and a rifle platoon leader with Company C, 1 Battalion 133d Infantry. He then was assigned as the Battalion Personnel Officer. He went on to command Company C 1st Battalion 133rd Infantry and later served as the S3 Operations Officer for the 2nd Brigade, 34th Infantry Division. He then attended the Army's Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas where he graduated with honors. He commanded the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized) 133rd Infantry, he also completed his BA Degree in Personnel Management from Mary Crest College. From there he became the State Operations and Training Officer for the State Area Command for Iowa. He was discharged from the military in 1992 after 22 years of service, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After the military, he started his own environmental company which he later sold to his partner. He then moved from Des Moines, Iowa to the Ozarks and began a career as a commercial printer. He did that for 10 years and was the Vice President of Operations for the Bech-LaRue Corporation. In 2002 he went to work for the City of Hollister as City Administrator, a position he remains in to this day.

Rick has been actively involved in the local community since moving to the Ozarks. He has served on many boards including Branson Veterans Task Force from 1995 to 2001, Downtown Branson Main Street Association from 2001 to 2002, Freedom Quest Corp from 1999 to 2001, Hollister Area Chamber of Commerce from 1999 to 2003, Campaign Committee Tri-Lakes United Way since 2011, Taney County Transportation Advisory Board since 2011, Public Sector co-chair Ozarks Regional Economic Partnership in 2007, Chairman of Tri-Lakes United Way Campaign in 2012, Chairman of the Board for the Taney County Partnership from 2012 to 2013, Chairman of the Tri-Lakes Bio Solids Partnership from 2010 to 2014 and Chairman of the Air Service Development Committee—Branson Regional Airport since 2014.

For his countless efforts, he has been recognized by the Branson Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, the Ozark Mountain Family YMCA, the Branson Veterans Taskforce and the Citizens of Hollister, MO, to name a few.

Madam Speaker, after nobly serving his country in the military, Rick Ziegenfuss moved to the Missouri Ozarks and has made this his home. Since coming here, he has become actively involved in a vast number of charities and local organizations and has served his local community as City Administrator for 20 years. His work is laudable, and I am honored to recognize his continued service to the local community today.