

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE
ALLEN MCNEILL FOR EXCEP-
TIONAL SERVICE AND LEADER-
SHIP

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor State Representative Allen McNeill for approximately 45 years of service to the people of Randolph and Moore County. A beloved member of our community, Representative McNeill has exhibited the highest level of commitment to protecting and serving others.

Prior to serving in the North Carolina House of Representatives, Representative McNeill worked for the Randolph County Sheriff's Office for approximately 30 years. His position with the office provided him with essential experience in law enforcement and public safety that has been integral to his accomplishments in the North Carolina House of Representatives. In 2012, Representative McNeill was first elected to the District 78 seat representing segments of Randolph and Moore County. He has represented this seat to this day and currently serves as the chair of the Justice and Public Safety Appropriations Committee as well as the vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and Judiciary 2 Committee. He is also a member of numerous other committees, including but not limited to the Election Law and Campaign Finance Committee and the Transportation Committee. As representative, his legislative initiative has affected essential funding for local government and institutional actors to ensure that his constituency is equipped with quality security and public safety measures. Perhaps most notably, his negotiations achieved indispensable funding that allowed Randolph Health to remain open and continue providing healthcare services for our community.

Representative McNeill will retire after his term expires at the end of the year. Through his outstanding service and leadership in the law enforcement and the North Carolina House of Representatives, he has set an exemplary standard for others in public service to emulate. I know I speak for all in our community in wishing him well as he begins the next chapter of his life.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring State Representative Allen McNeill for his career of commendable servitude to his community.

HONORING DELLIE C. ROBINSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and

self-motivated leader, Dellie C. Robinson. Dellie C. Robinson has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

Robinson, the longtime Vicksburg High School (VHS) boys' basketball coach, led the Gators to the 2003 MHSAA Class 5A Championship, and to the state championship game in 2011 and 2014, during a 25-year run.

Robinson won nearly 800 games in almost 30 years as a coach at VHS and Canton High School. He was at VHS from 1992 to 2017 and won more than 400 games there.

Robinson was known as one of the best basketball coaches in Mississippi, and he was inducted into the 2022 Vicksburg Warren School District Athletic Hall of Fame.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dellie C. Robinson for his passion and dedication to the Vicksburg Warren School District.

IN MEMORY OF DEBRA WALKER

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I rise in memory of Debra Walker, Detroit resident and community activist, whose bright light will live on in our hearts.

Debra was a remarkable and devoted resident of Detroit's Corktown neighborhood. She got her start in community organizing while she served as an Americorps volunteer following her retirement from a career in the automotive industry. Debra's service had no bounds, and she was a friend to many and a dedicated volunteer to countless organizations. Her commitments were deeply rooted in our community with Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium, Corktown Business Association, Corktown Experience, Alternatives for Girls, and People's Community Services, to name a few. She was especially proud of the organizations she founded, Black CAT, whose work focused on social justice issues and Women Achieving Victory and Esteem (WAVE), a support group for African American breast cancer patients and their families.

In addition to her work in the community, Debra was also an entrepreneur, artist, crafter, poet, and spoken word performer. She was passionate about the arts, which led her to found Power in Poetry Experience of Detroit, which created a platform for performing artists across Detroit. The community will always fondly remember Ladel's, the children's bookstore that Debra owned and ran. The store's selections, stories that exposed children to diverse cultures and representation of communities like their own, were truly reflective of the community Debra wanted to create. She truly embodied the generosity and warm-heartedness of Detroit.

Please join me in honoring the memory of Debra Walker as our community mourns her loss.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on November 30, 2022 due to bad weather. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 486, YEA on Roll Call No. 487, and NAY on Roll Call No. 488.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE PAT
HURLEY FOR EXCEPTIONAL
SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor North Carolina State Representative Pat Hurley for her 16 years of service to the people of Randolph County. A beloved member of our community, Representative Hurley has gone above and beyond to enact positive change for all in her community.

Since the beginning of her first term in 2007, Representative Hurley has worked diligently to become a conservative leader in the General Assembly. She currently holds leadership roles on many committees, including her role as chairwoman of the Appropriations and Education Committee. In addition to her educational priorities, Representative Hurley has long stood as a stalwart voice against legislation that would further enable or permit the use of alcohol, drugs, and gambling. As one of only 8 women in the 120-member North Carolina House of Representatives, she has exhibited outstanding initiative and courage that will help pave the way for increased female membership and leadership in the North Carolina General Assembly in years to come.

As a representative, she has demonstrated the highest level of commitment to her community through her hard work and leadership. She has served as a trailblazer for all women in public service, and I know I speak for many others as we honor her extraordinary career.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Representative Pat Hurley for her exemplary service to her community.

HONORING EMMANUEL FORBES,
JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable leader, Emmanuel Forbes, Jr.

Emmanuel Forbes, Jr. is a native from Grenada, MS. He is also a 2020 graduate of Grenada High School. Emmanuel was a dominant

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football player while in high school. After graduation, Emmanuel committed to Mississippi State University (MSU), where he is a member of the MSU Bulldogs football team. Emmanuel Forbes, Jr., who is a defensive back, has made himself into one of the top players at his position. He has caught the eyes of NFL scouts and ESPN draft experts. Mel Kiper, who is the head coach of the MSU Bulldogs football team, has Emmanuel projected to be taken in the middle of the second round in the 2023 NFL Draft, if he were to declare to go pro after the football season.

Emmanuel is a semifinalist for both the Chuck Bednarik Award, which is awarded to the nation's top defensive player, and the Jim Thorpe Award, which is awarded to the nation's top defensive back. If Emmanuel makes the finalist list, he will travel to Orlando, FL, for the awards ceremony, which will be televised on ESPN on December 3, 2022.

Emmanuel led the Bulldogs with 5 interceptions through 10 games, which is tied for second-most in the nation and ranks second in MSU single-season history. Emmanuel has 13 career interceptions, which leads the nation since 2020, and is the most active among SEC players. Emmanuel set the MSU and Armed Forces Bowl record with a 90-yard interception return for a touchdown.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Emmanuel Forbes, Jr. for his dedication, passion for leadership, and desire to be an example for all.

RECOGNIZING MR. TOMMY STALNAKER

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of my good friend, Chairman Tommy Stalnaker, who is retiring after 50 years of service to Houston County, Georgia.

Mr. Stalnaker began his public service in 1972 and worked in various local government positions for 38 years until he was elected as chairman of the Houston County Board of Commissioners in 2010. Mr. Stalnaker started serving as Houston County's Chief Elected Official the following year and served three consecutive terms as chairman for 12 years.

During his tenure, Mr. Stalnaker was a champion for developing Houston County into the thriving community it is today and supporting the mission at Robins Air Force Base. While in office, he served on the Governing Council of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission and the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority.

Mr. Stalnaker worked for and with 30 Houston County Commissioners during his extensive career and is proud to see Houston County in positive financial standing with no debt.

I am honored to have the privilege of representing outstanding Georgians and servant leaders like Chairman Stalnaker. I thank him for his many years of service to our community, and I wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING COUNTY COMMISSIONER OTIS RITTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

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OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Otis Ritter for nearly 10 years of service as Moore County Commissioner and a lifetime of public service to our community.

Prior to serving on the Moore County Board of Commission, Commissioner Ritter served in the Navy and worked as a volunteer fireman for the Robbins and High Falls rescue squads. He also served 20 years as the chairman of the county's Emergency Services Advisory Committee. After being appointed to the Board of Commissioners to replace Commissioner Craig Kennedy in 2013, Commissioner Ritter was elected to hold the District III seat in 2014 and 2018. Given his experience as a first responder, he now serves as a member of the Fire Commission which recently replaced the Emergency Services Advisory Committee. He also currently serves as a member of Local Emergency Planning Committee, the Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee, and numerous other committees. Perhaps most impressively, Commissioner Ritter also previously served as vice chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Today, Commissioner Ritter is the longest serving member of the current Board of Commissioners. He will retire from his seat at the end of this year. Over the course of his career, he has extended the highest level of personal sacrifice in dedicating himself to the service of others. I know I speak for our entire community in thanking him for his hard work and wishing him well as he enters the next chapter of his life.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Commissioner Otis Ritter for his career of exemplary servitude to his community.

HONORING SAMUEL L. WASHINGTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, Samuel "Sam" Washington. Sam has had a fascination for aviation since he was young and had his sights set on the skies.

Sam grew up on a farm northwest of Yazoo City, MS. After being educated in the Humphreys County School System in Belzoni, he attended Mississippi Valley State University for two years before finishing his degree in management at Delta State University in 1986. After college, he spent a brief tour with the U.S. Air Force. After he persevered and pursued education, this prepared him for his current job as Director of the Greenville Mid-Delta Airport. In 2003, Sam took a job as director of purchasing at DSU. While there, he took the opportunity of free tuition for employees to earn two master's degrees, one in business

and the other in commercial aviation. In 2010, he left to open his own consulting firm.

Sam became a management instructor in the aviation department at DSU and worked part-time with the Vicksburg Municipal Airport. After that, he took his present job at the Greenville Mid-Delta Airport in 2018.

The other person, other than his wife, Barbara, that he respects most, is his father, Clinton Washington, Jr. He is who Sam aspire to be as a man.

Sam is Pastor of Cornerstone Christian Worship Center in Cleveland, MS, where he not only preaches, but takes care of the property. That combined with home projects does not leave a lot of time for other activities. Although he doesn't get to do a lot of flying, that is his number one hobby.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sam Washington for his dedication to advocacy for airport economic improvements and his selfless service to the Greenville Mid Delta Airport and the Mississippi Delta Region.

HONORING DR. ERIKA HENDEL AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Doctor Erika Hendel as Iowan of the Week. Erika is the co-chair of the Iowa Queer Communities of Color Coalition, board member of the Des Moines Pride Center, and in their free time manages to work as a veterinarian. June is Pride Month, and the purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally. Erika has been a tireless advocate for the LGBTQ community and truly encapsulates the meaning of Pride Month.

Erika was a founding member and now sits as co-chair of The Iowa Queer Communities of Color Coalition (IQCC). The Iowa Queer Communities of Color's mission is to use an intersectional lens to address the inequity of services, lack of support and space, socioeconomic disparities, and institutional racism experienced by our communities through education, advocacy, intentional inclusivity, and organizing. Erika has always been involved in LGBTQ advocacy but knew that visibility is important. As Asian American. Erika has lived in Iowa for 5½ years, but it was a difficult transition coming from some of the other diverse places that they have lived. This led Erika to get even more involved in the community and become the co-chair of the IQCC. Erika found that it made the most sense of community with the diversity that they have experienced in the queer organizations in the city. Erika is looking to address the question of how to create a system of support. That is a goal that Erika is looking to work towards in Des Moines through continued advocacy.

Additionally, Erika is a board member of the Des Moines Pride Center, an organization dedicated to supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals and their families