

States Navy during World War II, and return after the end of the war. After graduating, John would go on to our nation's capital and complete his graduate studies from Georgetown; he would major in International Law while there. Later on, he would attend the Army War College and complete his studies in International Relations.

In 1948, John married his beloved wife, Janet (Carpenter) Elliker of Detroit, Michigan who also attended Miami University and preceded John in death in 2014 and was known in Washington, D.C. and in Ohio as a dedicated Bible Study leader and as a sports-woman. They were married 66 years.

John subsequently served with the National Security Agency (NSA). During his years with NSA, he undertook assignments across the world, with specific ties to Asia and Europe, and at the National Headquarters and Processing Center in the Washington, D.C. area. His journey would take him to the highest executive levels of the agency. His senior positions included Director of Foreign Relations, Director of Field Activity, and Assistant NSA Deputy Director for Policy. Following retirement, John and Jan moved to New Philadelphia in 1988.

John was active in community affairs in various capacities. He served with the Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce, the Tuscarawas Philharmonic, and the local Kiwanis Club. He was active as a member of the Dover Alliance Church serving over the years in several positions such as elder, church governing board and board secretary as well as musical activities. John frequently lectured on foreign affairs for local organizations. He was a member of the Union Country Club where both he and Jan were ardent golfers.

John is survived by four children, John Jr. (Susan) of Virginia Beach, VA, James (Roula) of Fleetwood, PA, Jody (Bill) Weisgarber of New Philadelphia, OH, and Jeffry (Marcia) of Durham, NC, 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife, John is preceded in death by two brothers, Richard of Cable, WI, and Bernard of Ellicott City, MD.

#### HONORING DON LEMON

### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Don Lemon on his accomplishments and to congratulate him on receiving the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom and Justice Award.

Don Lemon is a multiple Emmy and Edward R. Murrow award-winning CNN Anchor. He has worked for news stations across the country and has reported for NBC News' New York Operations as a correspondent for Today, Weekend Today, NBC Nightly News, and MSNBC.

Born on March 1, 1966, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Don Lemon graduated from Baton Rouge public schools and attended Louisiana State University, later graduating from Brooklyn College. The best-selling author moderates CNN political town halls and co-hosted the

Color of Covid special that addressed the pandemic's impact on communities of color.

During the 116th Congress, I worked to pass historic, bipartisan legislation creating the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys. Mr. Lemon will always be remembered as a leading network voice following the death of George Floyd and subsequent protests and riots.

Mr. Lemon was honored for being a champion for males of color at the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project's 29th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast, and it is an honor to call him a friend.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. CHEN CHING YING

### HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2022*

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Dr. Chen Ching Ying, who passed away on October 2, 2022. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather and an outstanding leader for the professional world of medicine.

Chen Ching was born on May 6, 1930, in Qingdao, China, to Mr. Gua Ying and Mrs. De Zhen Li. After graduating from the National Defense Medical Center in Taipei, he served for 10 years in the Taiwanese military. After two years of service as a general medical officer, Chen Ching completed his residency training in Pediatrics for three years at Taichung Hospital.

Following the completion of his residency in 1966, Chen Ching became a staff physician at the Taipei Veterans General Hospital. On May 6, 1967, Chen Ching married his wife, Lily Fan. In 1968, their first son, Steve, was born. Chen Ching soon began studying for the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates and passed the infamously difficult exam. In 1972 their second son, Alan, was born. In 1973, Chen Ching began his internship in Internal Medicine at the University of Miami in Miami, Florida. After various residency programs, Chen Ching obtained his license to practice medicine and was able to settle down with his family in Ohio. His life is an excellent example of achieving the American dream.

Chen Ching dedicated his life to the medical profession and his family. His upbringing and life in Taiwan brought forth an ethic of perseverance and service. With 63 years of experience under his belt, Chen Ching proved to be an essential asset to the medical world. While his passion for treating and healing patients drove him, Chen Ching was known for his love of family and a passion for table tennis, history and music. He was loved by so many people and touched so many lives with his giving spirit and caring heart. The loss of Chen Ching will be felt by his friends, family, and the many communities he has treated and served.

Chen Ching is survived by his sisters, Lai-Ching and Ching-Ehr; brother, Chen-Zhe; and sons, Steve and Alan; and his grandchildren. May Chen Ching's memory live on in his many contributions to his community and family.

#### HONORING REPRESENTATIVE ALBIO SIREs

### HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2022*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of our colleague and dear friend, ALBIO SIREs. Chairman SIREs is retiring after ten years of admirable service in the U.S. Congress. In that time, he has been a steadfast advocate for human rights, democracy, and for those struggling for freedom in the most repressed places in the world.

As Chairman of the Subcommittee of the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Chairman SIREs worked tirelessly on behalf of the American people to manifest our American values and interests abroad.

If you were to compare our voting records, you might conclude that we have little in common. That would be wrong. Like my family, Chairman SIREs' family was forced into exile to escape the tyranny of the Castro dictatorship. We share the gratitude of being warmly welcomed into freedom, while also feeling compelled to help those still languishing in their island prison. So when it came to pressing for freedom for the people of Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Communist China, Iran, and elsewhere, Chairman SIREs was a fierce and adept advocate.

Chairman SIREs and I also co-chaired the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, a bipartisan congressional organization that focuses on preserving freedom and self-government for the people of Taiwan, providing Taiwan with the tools it needs to defend itself, and strengthening the U.S.-Taiwan relationship. We also co-chaired the Colombia Caucus, which built on the success since Plan Colombia to ensure that the country did not backslide into the violence and narcoterrorism of the 1990s. No one could be a better ally in the struggle for democracy and human rights than my friend, Chairman SIREs.

I thank him for his service, and will always be proud of the accomplishments we achieved together to advance freedom in the Pacific and our hemisphere. He has left a lasting legacy befitting the foundational values of freedom, self-rule, and fundamental rights.

Chairman SIREs is a friend, patriot, and a beloved brother in the cause for freedom. I am grateful that our country has been blessed by his leadership. Indeed, his example represents the best of America, and the best of this body.

#### RECOGNIZING KEVIN COUNTIE

### HON. TROY E. NEHLS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2022*

Mr. NEHLS. Madam Speaker, I am honored to celebrate and recognize the extraordinary work of my Deputy Chief of Staff and National Security Advisor, Kevin Countie. Kevin has proven to be a true American patriot and devoted public servant through his 32-plus years of active reserve, and national guard service, 20 years of service with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and having

served the people of TX-22 for the last two years.

Having achieved the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Army, Kevin served across various units including Long Range Surveillance, Aviation, Signal, Airborne Infantry, Civil Affairs, and Information Operations. He also supported the Pentagon and the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence with several top-secret security programs and served a tour in Baghdad, Iraq.

With the DEA, he spearheaded the first detailed area survey of Austin's illicit drug trade by collaborating with local, state, and other federal law enforcement partners, successfully resulting in an in-depth assessment disseminated to partner agencies to further mitigate illegal drug trade activity.

In my congressional office, Kevin was a trusted advisor who brought his wealth of experience and a commitment to excellence to every task he worked on.

While Kevin prepares for the next steps in his career, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service of my friend, Kevin Countie. On behalf of Texas' 22nd Congressional District, I thank him for his service and wish him the very best.

HONORING ROBERT E. SALZMAN  
OF THE L.E. JONES COMPANY

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2022*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Robert E. Salzman. A lifelong resident of the Menominee area, Robert Salzman was a retired U.S. Army Veteran of World War II and served a remarkable 44-year career with the L.E. Jones Company. His passing at the age of 99 on September 6, 2022, has greatly affected the communities of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and the impact of his life cannot be overstated.

Robert Salzman lived a life of commitment to his community and his peers. First starting his time with the L.E. Jones Company in 1942, Robert soon enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943, where he was assigned to the 602nd Army Engineers Battalion in Europe. Shortly after his military career, he returned to the L.E. Jones Company. During his 44-year career, Salzman worked as a machinist in the company's engineering department, and later served in the sales department until his retirement in 1986. Continually contributing to the company, he served a pivotal role in the company's success and longevity. Accompanying his achievements in his professional career and as a soldier, Robert was a respected and beloved father. His legacy lives on among his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Robert Salzman for his lifelong commitment to our country and his community. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my condolences to Robert's family and wish them best in their future endeavors. Michigan's First District is saddened by the passing of Robert and offer our prayers to his family and friends.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF MASTER  
SERGEANT TERRY MICKENS

**HON. RICK LARSEN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2022*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Chief Master Sergeant Terry Mickens, United States Air Force, and her work as the Department of Defense legislative fellow detailed to my office for 2022.

In 2021, Chief Master Sergeant Mickens was selected to represent the Air Force as a Department of Defense legislative fellow.

The Department of Defense (DoD) legislative fellowship program provides superior service members with valuable legislative experience and DoD with an understanding of how congressional actions affect DoD's budget, roles and missions, force structure, military projects, and quality of life.

Over the past year, Chief Master Sergeant Mickens has been essential to my office and the defense portfolio. She has crafted and coordinated NDAA amendments in line with my priorities and the needs of Northwest Washington communities.

She worked to protect service members from online sexual harassment, strengthen the total force by providing access to advanced education for enlisted members, improve interoperability with partners and allies in the Pacific and she pressed the Department of Defense to strengthen service cohesion, transparency and force restructure in electromagnetic spectrum operations.

Chief Master Sergeant Mickens conducted research and provided comprehensive updates on DoD Arctic Strategy, DoD 5G Pilot Programs, AI/ML Education Strategy, and Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations to inform my policy agenda.

Chief Master Sergeant Mickens dedicates her time to her family, education and community.

Chief Master Sergeant Mickens hails from El Paso, Texas. She is the proud mother of Asia Mickens-Perez and is the daughter of Cynthia Mickens and Army veteran, Leonard Mickens.

She completed over 60 hours of professional development, was selected for the MIT AI/ML for Business Course and completed the Wilson AI and National Security six-week Fellowship program. She earned a certificate in Legislative Affairs from Georgetown University's Government Affairs Institute.

She and I share a love of soccer, and Chief Master Sergeant Mickens volunteers her free time to support regional soccer teams and raised \$4,000 for a soccer travel abroad program.

The Air Force recognized her hard work, leadership and dedication and promoted her to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant in October 2022.

I thank Chief Master Sergeant Mickens for her commitment and service to her community, Washington's Second Congressional District and the United States of America.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LEGACY OF DR. EDMUND WYATT GORDON OF POMONA, NEW YORK

**HON. MONDAIRE JONES**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2022*

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize renowned psychologist, scholar, research scientist, author, and professor, Dr. Edmund Wyatt Gordon of Pomona, New York. Professor Gordon, who turns 102 on June 13, 2023, is one of our nation's preeminent thinkers on improving the academic outcomes for children from marginalized and disenfranchised backgrounds. His decades of scholarship, leadership, and mentorship demonstrate his commitment to eliminating race-based discrimination and ensuring the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all Americans.

Dr. Gordon was born in 1921 in the segregated town of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Education was a core value in the Gordon family; his parents, an elementary school teacher and a Jamaican-born doctor, encouraged him to focus on school. After graduating high school, he studied at Howard University, where he earned bachelor's degrees in Zoology and in Social Ethics in Divinity. He then received a master's degree in Social Psychology from American University and a Doctor of Education in Child Development and Guidance from Teachers College at Columbia University, where he developed a friendship with W.E.B. Du Bois.

Through his years of education, Dr. Gordon became an expert in child development and devoted his career to uncovering and remedying the issues and challenges faced by non-white students in American schools. He was one of the first scholars to observe the "achievement gap," or the disparity in measurable academic performance among students from different socioeconomic and racial backgrounds. He was one of the first to argue for the importance of understanding students' unique perspectives and contexts to provide the best educational support possible, preemptively advocating for affirmative development in academic ability and supplementary education to improve the academic outcomes for diverse learners.

Professor Gordon has been widely recognized as one of the leading Black psychologists of his time. His work has shaped our current understanding of child psychology and education. He has authored 18 books, published more than 200 articles, and mentored countless professionals of color who today occupy leadership positions at top universities and social policy institutions.

Dr. Gordon's scholarship has been highly impactful on social policy to improve the educational outcomes for students of color. His early research was cited in the landmark case, *Brown v. Board of Education*, to prove to the Supreme Court that school segregation harmed children. President Lyndon B. Johnson commissioned Dr. Gordon to design the Head Start program, which provided childhood education and services to under-resourced families. Professor Gordon worked to ensure that Head Start also addressed societal factors that impeded the educational development of low-income and historically