

Christa Martin exemplifies the volunteer spirit. She was born and raised in Maury County and continues to serve the community she cherishes so deeply. Growing up on a farm instilled in Dr. Martin the three main focuses of her life: education, public service, and faith. Through her humble beginnings, Dr. Martin said she learned from her surroundings, “the farm . . . the road . . . and the community,” and believes, “you didn’t have to have letters behind your name to be educated.”

Through various chapters of learning, Dr. Martin has never stalled in her intellectual journey. She graduated from Columbia State Community College in 1975 with a degree in Data Processing. A year later, she received a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems from Middle Tennessee State University. She then received a doctorate of Higher Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

Dr. Martin not only earned her degrees from these institutions, but also chose to give back. From 1979 to 2003, she worked in the Computer Science Department at Columbia State Community College. Since 2003, Dr. Martin has worked in a promoted role as an Assistant to the President, specializing in Access and Diversity.

Dr. Martin has also served her community well. She served on the Columbia City Council for over 22 years and is finishing her last term as the Vice Mayor of Columbia, where she is the first African American female to hold that position. Dr. Martin also serves on the Board of Directors for Columbia Power & Water, Blood Assurance, and Public Entity Partners. She serves non-profit organizations such as the Boys & Girls Club of South-Central Tennessee, Columbia Miracle League, Maury County NAACP, and many more.

Dr. Martin continues to be involved at New Smyrna Cumberland Presbyterian Church as a teacher, missionary, clerk, elder, and choir member.

Dr. Martin is a pillar of the community who is dedicated to leaving it a better place than she found it. Her life shows how passion and commitment can create a causal chain that benefits whole cities, counties, and, indeed, the state. I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging this great American’s unwavering devotion toward education, her community, and her faith.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JULIA REICHERT

#### HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Julia Reichert, an Academy Award winning documentarian from my district in Southwest Ohio. Julia passed away earlier this month at her home in Yellow Springs after a battle with cancer. I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to her life and legacy.

Julia came to the Miami Valley to attend college and eventually settled there where she would spend the next 50 years producing films and documentaries that challenged viewers’ preconceptions on gender, class, race, and economics. Julia debuted her first documen-

tary, *Growing Up Female*, in 1971 and it is widely recognized as one of the first films from the Women’s liberation movement. The Library of Congress honored Julia’s work on *Growing Up Female* by selecting the film for preservation in the United States National Film Registry.

Julia would continue her passion and work in film making, receiving Oscar nominations in 1976, 1984, and 2010 before finally breaking through to win the 2020 Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature for her film, *American Factory*. Julia’s film captures the arrival of Fuyao, a Chinese glass manufacturer, that comes to the United States and reopens a shuttered GM plant in Moraine, Ohio, employing 2,000 workers in the Miami Valley. She captured the tumultuous journey between high-tech Chinese employers and working-class Americans with a creative style that showcases the stark contrasts in the two cultures, invoking empathy for both parties.

Her films and documentaries are not the only legacy that Julia will leave behind. As a professor of Film Production at Wright State University for the past 28 years, she influenced hundreds of lives in the classroom. Julia’s impact on the Miami Valley and her country will not soon be forgotten and her legacy as a storyteller, advocate, and teacher will live on for generations to come, both in her work and in the lives she touched.

#### HONORING JAMIE MILLER FOR HIS SERVICE TO MISSISSIPPI

#### HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my former staff, Jamie Miller, for his dedication to the state of Mississippi.

Jamie was born in Gulfport, MS, and graduated from Gulfport High School. He has an associate degree from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, where he attended on a baseball scholarship, and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. Jamie has been married to his wife, Kelli, for 25 years, and they have 3 children. Their oldest daughter, Maddison Miller Cuevas, is a University of Southern Mississippi graduate and lives in Birmingham, AL. Their second daughter, Carson Miller, attends Mississippi State University in Starkville, and their youngest son, Landon Miller, is a freshman at Stanford University.

Jamie began his career as a coastal ecologist working for the Department of Marine Resources in 1997. The City of Pascagoula hired him in 1999 as a planning coordinator and grant administrator, focused on downtown development and hazard mitigation. He worked his way to the position of Deputy City Manager before leaving for the private sector. After Katrina, Jamie worked with the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency to assist local communities with recovery efforts but joined Governor Haley Barbour’s Office of Recovery and Renewal in April 2006.

In 2011, Jamie joined my team, initially as the District Director but became Chief of Staff in my Washington, D.C. office. During his tenure, he worked to connect federal resources

and legislative solutions to South Mississippi communities, businesses, and individual constituents. Jamie participated in the drafting and the RESTORE Act, which paved the way for billions of dollars to be directed to the Gulf States for recovery from the Deep-Water Horizon Oil Spill. He also worked on National Flood Insurance Program, Defense, and Commercial Space policy.

Following his time as a federal employee, Jamie continued to serve the state of Mississippi. In 2013, Governor Bryant appointed Jamie as Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Marine resources. Then in 2018, Jamie received another Governor appointed leadership role as the Deputy Director of the Mississippi Development Agency. Jamie is currently the Chief Operations Officer at MDA and is responsible for all aspects of the agency’s administrative, technology, and financial divisions. Jamie directly coordinates the staff assigned to the administration of the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund.

Madam Speaker, it is with gratitude and appreciation that I honor this Mississippi native and my friend, Jamie Miller.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF WALT JORDAN

#### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to salute the 40-year career of Walt Jordan, Vice President of Governmental Affairs for Oncor Electric Delivery, as he celebrates his well-deserved retirement at the end of December. This native Texan has made lasting impacts on one of our nations most critical industries and has played a key role in ensuring Texas continues to lead in energy innovation and delivery.

With his “can-do” spirit, genuine personality, and high-minded vision, Walt has been a trusted leader and a fierce advocate for common-sense energy policies not only in Texas but also in Washington, D.C. During his four decades with Oncor, the largest transmission and distribution electric utility in Texas, he brought his tremendous work ethic and commitment to excellence to every challenge his company and state encountered.

Heavily involved in the Texas utility industry since 1982, Walt made critical contributions to restructure the Texas electricity market, support renewable energy generation, and enhance infrastructure investments. With a “no task too big” approach, Walt shouldered a variety of responsibilities across his illustrious career and has made lasting impacts on this critical industry for the next generation of Texans.

Retirement is meant to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but the beginning of a new adventure. It is my honor to recognize the service of Walt Jordan as he starts this new chapter of his life alongside his beloved wife Kim and son Luke. On behalf of Central Texas, I thank him for his superb work and wish him the very best.

HONORING MONICA RICHARDSON

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Monica R. Richardson, executive editor of the Miami Herald. Richardson, who is the first black person to serve in this role in the publication's 117 year history. She also oversees el Nuevo Herald and the Bradenton Herald, and serves as McClatchy's Florida regional editor. Ms. Richardson is the recipient of the 2022 5000 Role Models of Excellence Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award.

Her historic January 1, 2021 appointment as executive editor was made during a critical period in American history when, in the aftermath of the cruel and senseless murder of George Floyd, millions of people across the nation experienced a racial reckoning that led to cries for diversity, equity, and inclusion in all facets of life. Nearly 6 months after Mr. Floyd's death, she received a racist email from a reader that included derogatory and misogynistic slurs targeting her. Rather than sweep it under the rug, Richardson chose to address the email in a column and open a dialogue with Miami. "Miami, who are we in times of challenge? Who are we right now? How are you using your voice?" she wrote.

A native of Charlottesville, Virginia, Richardson is a seasoned journalist and editor. Over the course of her 30-year career, she has worked at the Charlottesville Observer, Florida Times-Union, and the Lexington Herald-Leader. She joined McClatchy after spending 15 years at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution as the newspaper's digital managing editor and senior managing editor. In a statement announcing Richardson's appointment as the Miami Herald's top editor, Kristin Roberts, McClatchy's senior vice president of news, praised her "strong record of leadership in local journalism at one the great metro newsrooms in the country."

Richardson has been a champion for diversity and inclusion in newsrooms. She has served as a leader for various journalism industry associations and as a juror to the national Pulitzer Prize board. A graduate of Old Dominion University, Richardson enjoys mentoring young journalists and seasoned professionals. She also is an advocate for foster care and adoption and adopted her daughter in 2014.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Monica Richardson for using her position as executive editor to give voice to stories that might otherwise not be told.

RECOGNIZING RON MARCHANT

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ron Marchant, a public servant now retiring after 34 honorable years of service. Marchant's career exemplifies the best of North Texas and the heart of determination which binds all Texans. Prior to his time as an

elected official, Marchant received a degree in Religious Education from Southern Nazarene University which he used to pursue a career in marketing and teaching as well as endeavors in art and music. The community of Carrollton recognized Marchant's leadership and skill by electing him to the City Council of Carrollton from 1987 to 1992. In 1993, Marchant was elected as Justice of the Peace in Precinct 6 of Denton County, where he served until 2006.

Throughout those 13 years, Marchant dedicated himself to learning the problems which impacted the daily lives of the people of Denton County. He applied these years of experience to his career when he began as Precinct 2 Commissioner in Denton County in 2007. In this role, Marchant walked alongside citizens of North Texas for 16 years and assisted with many projects which transformed their lives. Marchant has successfully protected the liberties of Denton residents by maintaining low property taxes. He also dedicated himself to the expansion of mental health services and crucial resources which offer the people of Denton County food and housing. He provided comfort in times of turmoil by helping open vaccination clinics at Texas Motor Speedway which would administer over 300,000 individuals their COVID-19 vaccines. Marchant deeply values his experience in organizing the employee wellness clinic which facilitates affordable services for employees and retirees and decreases their risk of long-term illness. Marchant also served on many boards and committees, including the Metrocrest Hospital Authority, the Denton County Environmental Task Force, and the Denton County Health Advisory Board.

In both his career and personal life, Marchant has dedicated himself to future generations of Texans. Starting in 2004, Marchant acted as the Carrollton Christian Academy Mock Trial coach, instructing students, and providing them access to his detailed knowledge of trial procedures and preparing them for success. He also prioritizes his time with his children and grandchildren and plans to continue his advocacy for Denton County in the interest of creating a strong and thriving community for the next generation. Marchant's advocacy for the people of Denton County has had a profound impact on the entire region and improved the quality of life for countless individuals in North Texas. I thank Ron Marchant for his years of public service and excellence in the role of Commissioner. I, along with the rest of North Texas, wish to follow his example and cultivate his legacy of selflessness and competence. I congratulate him on his retirement.

HONORING SENATOR RICHARD BARR FOR 28 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and colleague Senator RICHARD BARR for 28 years of public service to the people of North Carolina.

After earning his bachelor's degree from Wake Forest in 1978, Senator BARR first

worked as a businessman in the wholesale commercial products field. In 1995, he began his career in public service as the representative for North Carolina's Fifth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served on Energy and Commerce Committee, the Intelligence Committee, and the International Relations Committee. After five consecutive terms in the House, he was elected to represent North Carolina in the U.S. Senate for three consecutive terms in 2004, 2010, and 2016. Senator BARR will retire from Congress at the end of his term as the Ranking Member of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pension Committee. In the Senate, he also currently serves as a senior member of the Select Committee on Intelligence and as a member of both the Committee on Finance and the Special Committee on Aging. Perhaps most impressively, he previously held the position of Chairman on the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Senator BARR is one of the most consequential senators to ever represent North Carolina. His outstanding leadership was essential in ushering through many pieces of landmark legislation, including but not limited to the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA), the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act, the Stephen Beck, Jr. Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act, the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act, and the Great American Outdoors Act.

I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation to Senator BARR for his many years of dedicated service to North Carolina and our nation. Through his exceptional leadership and initiative, he has set an excellent example for all in public service to emulate. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve and represent the people of North Carolina by his side. On a personal note, since we first met at a Republican dinner in North Carolina in 1996, Senator BARR has been an inspiration, a mentor, and a friend. I am a better person and a better representative today because of his example and influence. I know I speak for our entire community in wishing he and his beloved wife, Brooke, continued success and happiness in retirement.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring and congratulating Senator RICHARD BARR for his exemplary service and unwavering commitment to North Carolina and our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, on December 13th, I was speaking with constituents and unintentionally missed the vote on Roll Call No. 519, the Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to the Quantum Computing Cybersecurity Preparedness Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 519.