

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL COURT REPORTERS AND CAPTIONERS WEEK

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Court Reporters and Captioners Week. Court reporters and captioners are highly trained professionals who have the unique ability to convert spoken word into text that can be read, broadcasted and archived. This profession provides a vital service to our Nation. Their work results in real-time translation services for people who are deaf and hard of hearing in addition to providing near instant translations in other settings. Our Nation's captioners ensure all Americans have equal access to news and other critical information.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention my wife, Tawni, and her work as a court reporter. Tawni has been a fearless champion and advocate for real-time writers. Most notably, she developed a program to transcribe the Veterans History Project recordings. Now the Library of Congress has a written record of these stories. I want to extend my sincerest thanks to the real-time writers who have given their time to do this.

In the 117th Congress, I reintroduced the Training for Realtime Writers Act, which would reauthorize the Training for Realtime Writers Grant program and encourage careers in real-time writing and court reporting, provide scholarships for students, and modernize curriculum to adapt to our changing world.

The Training for Realtime Writers Grant Program has been successful in training the current generation of captioners and court reporters and has aided in the rapid growth of these professions. By reauthorizing the Training for Realtime Writers grants, students will have the opportunity to enter a technical, well-paid, and highly skilled career that will allow them to become court reporters and captioners immediately upon graduation.

From maintaining the integrity of our democracy to ensuring every citizen stays up to date on today's 24-hour news cycle, real-time writers are vital to Americans in all communities. Over the past decade, this program has encouraged a new generation of real-time writers to enter this important field. I want to acknowledge the court reporters and captioners in the House of Representatives, especially those who were on the House floor on January 6, 2021, when insurrectionists breached the Capitol. Their work is crucial to the sustained function of our government, and I thank them for their service and dedication to our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, I missed a Previous Question vote on February 8. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 35.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MAJOR GENERAL GARY WAYNE JOHNSTON

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Major General Gary Wayne Johnston who passed away on January 20, 2022. My deepest condolences are with his family, friends, and loved ones during this time of mourning.

Gary Johnston was born on October 21, 1964 in Russellville, Arkansas. He served in the U.S. Army for over 34 years. He served overseas in Germany, the first Gulf War and Afghanistan and commanded the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Additionally, he was a director of intelligence of the United States Special Operations Command and the deputy chief of staff for intelligence for Resolute Support Mission. After retiring from the Army in 2021, Gary joined Touchstone Futures as the executive Vice President for Intelligence, Security, and Risk. He served on the advisory board for Leyden Solutions.

Left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife, Brigadier General Amy Johnston; his mother, Bonnie; and children, Lauren, Blake, and Parker.

The Johnston family, and all those who had the opportunity to know and serve with him, are in my thoughts and prayers.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CURTIS HAYES MUHAMMAD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a remarkable individual, Curtis Hayes Muhammad.

Curtis Hayes Muhammad spent his entire life participating in various struggles for human rights and civil rights. His activism began in the fall of 1961. Only 18 years old, he was one of five young people from McComb, Mississippi, brave enough to respond to Bob

Moses's call to begin direct action and community organizing there. He was a key member of SNCC's dangerous and groundbreaking efforts all over Mississippi throughout the sixties. Jailed many times for civil rights work, Curtis kept the principles of bottom up organizing learned from Moses and Ella Baker as the guiding foundation to subsequent efforts of union and community organizing and struggles for African Liberation. These beliefs in a cooperative society and bottom up organizing led by poor and dark-skinned people have been embraced by many contemporary movements for social justice today.

Curtis's early life experiences made him responsive to these movement ideals. He grew up in a family of sharecroppers in Chisolm Mission, Mississippi who had joined with 26 other sharecropping families and purchased a plot of land which they worked together. Raised by his grandmother, a midwife, he was taught principles of black independence and strength. Learning that his father had to flee Mississippi after killing several Ku Klux Klansmen in a gun fight, Curtis was determined to find ways to fight against Mississippi segregationists. He began preaching as a child and was encouraged by his grandmother that he had an important role to play in the liberation of black people.

Curtis's post-civil rights activism included helping to organize the 1963 Chicago School Boycott when 225,000 students walked out demanding an end to racial segregation and the disparate treatment of Black students. He was an organizer for the New Politics Convention that ran Dr. Benjamin Spock and Dick Gregory in the 1968 presidential election as third-party candidates. Curtis helped establish a radical Black bookstore in Washington, D.C. and helped create an early version of a Community Supported Agriculture project, bringing produce from Black farmers in the South to northern progressive communities in D.C. and NYC. He also worked on housing issues for poor people with the Harlem Reclamation Project which urged homeless people to take over abandoned brownstones and rehabilitate them, and thus extract ownership from the City. In Jersey City, NJ, following the same model, he assisted in the handing over of more than 60 brownstones to poor folks.

Later he worked as a union organizer for Unite in Monroe, LA. He successfully organized several dozen locals, mostly of Black women garment workers, using the Ella Baker model of organizing. As a result, the organized workers sometimes made decisions independent of and criticized by national union leaders such as calling for and enacting wildcat strikes. He went on with the now federated Unite-HERE to New Orleans organizing hotel and restaurant workers there and mentoring young folks in Union Summer. He also joined local New Orleans community members in Community Labor United, which worked on improving public education in New Orleans as the laboratory for a national Quality Education as a Civil Right Campaign.

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Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of Mr. Curtis Hayes Muhammad.

RECOGNIZING DR. ROBERT ALLEN SHANKERMAN

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Dr. Robert Shankerman as United Health Centers of the San Joaquin Valley unveils a memorial display in his honor.

Dr. Shankerman began his medical career at Tulane Medical School where he was recognized as the 'Most Compassionate Physician.' He went on to complete his Internal Medicine residency at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. He practiced medicine in San Diego for eight years and served as associate clinical professor of medicine at UCSD Medical School. He was a diplomat for the American Board of Internal Medicine and was certified as an HIV specialist.

In 2000, Dr. Shankerman went to work at Clinica Sierra Vista in Bakersfield, California, where he served as Chief Medical Officer for ten years. For the last six years, he was responsible for supervising United Health Center's 70 primary care doctors, physician assistants and nurse practitioners, and the quality of care for almost 125,000 patients.

Dr. Shankerman was a valued member of our local health community, and it is with great pride that I recognize him for his service and dedication to the underserved communities of the Central Valley.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Dr. Robert Shankerman.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN NOLAN

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of John Nolan, a dedicated police investigator and beloved father and husband, who passed away on December 24, 2021.

John Nolan was a cherished member of the Central New York community, who attended Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School as well as Bishop Ludden High School. John was a classmate of mine at Bishop Ludden and we remained friends. From an early age, John aspired to be a Syracuse Police Officer and fulfilled his childhood dream after graduating from the Police Academy in 1986.

With the Syracuse Police Department, John Nolan served with the Syracuse Police SWAT/Hostage-Crisis Negotiation Team, the Criminal Investigations Division, Investigations Bureau, and Cold Case Investigation Unit. He also devoted much of his time to mentoring the next generation of police officers, holding positions at the Syracuse Police Academy and serving

as a guest lecturer at local universities and colleges. Following his retirement from the Syracuse Police Department, John continued his passion for investigative work by joining the Onondaga County District Attorney's office as a case investigator.

As a former organized prosecutor, I had the pleasure of working alongside John Nolan. John was a consummate professional and had a dogged determination for justice. For his work, John received a number of awards including the 1991 Syracuse Post 41 American Legion Police Officer of the Year, the 2001 Post-Standard Award, the 2002 and 2003 CNYCOP Law Enforcement Commendations, the 2004 PBA President's Award, the 2007 and 2016 Meritorious Service Awards, and the 2018 District Attorney's Distinguished Service Award.

Outside of his career in law enforcement, John was an engaged member of his community and a devoted husband to Patricia and father to Delaney. John championed an active lifestyle as an avid golfer, runner, and annual competitor at the Syracuse Mountain Goat Run, missing only one in over 35 years to attend his daughter's first communion.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring the life of John Nolan. A beloved member of Syracuse's law enforcement community, John will truly be missed. I ask my colleagues to keep him and his family in mind as we remember the contributions of this public servant.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF GRADY WIGGINTON

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Grady Wigginton, as he passed away on January 31, 2022.

Mr. Wigginton was born just west of Guntown, MS on June 30, 1937. Mr. Wigginton was proud to grow up in rural Mississippi where he was able to learn about the nature and creatures of God's creation. After graduating from High school, Mr. Wigginton decided to join the USMC. In his time serving the country he achieved the great accomplishment of being promoted to the rank of Sergeant (E-4) in just twenty-two months. He believed in God first, Country second, and family third. We thank him for his commitment to service.

After Mr. Wigginton's service to his country, he worked for CPI. At CPI he went on to become both a district and regional manager. He enjoyed hiring and working with new employees as he saw it was his responsibility to motivate them to do their jobs to the best of their ability. Due to his commitment to a hard-working staff, both his district and regional teams won multiple awards for sales and profit.

Mr. Wigginton will be greatly missed, and we thank him for his service to his country and community.

HONORING QUINLAN-HAMMOND HALL OF HONOR

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, today, we celebrate the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Quinlan-Hammond Hall of Honor at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The Quinlan-Hammond Hall of Honor is a state-of-the-art facility that represents the University of Southern Mississippi's commitment to honor our nation's heroes. The dedication ceremony will honor Joe Quinlan, USM alumnus and lead benefactor for the Hall of Honor, as well as U.S. Army Major General (Retired) Jeff Hammond, USM alumnus and former Golden Eagles Football Team Captain and Quarterback. These two gentlemen have earned this recognition for their service to the Golden Eagle community.

The University's Center for Military Veterans, Service Members and Families provides guidance and support to Student-Veterans in their academic and professional pursuits. Major General Jeff Hammond, who serves as the Center's Director, has led the University of Southern Mississippi to earn numerous prestigious recognitions, including the top Military Caring University across the State of Mississippi, designation as a Purple Heart Institution, and ranking No. 1 in the Southeast by Military Times in its "Best for Vets: Colleges 2021 Rankings."

The new Quinlan-Hammond Hall of Honor will provide more than 1,700 USM Military Students and Student-Veterans with a home of their own that is commensurate with the honor of which they are deserving.

Today is a special day. The dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Quinlan-Hammond Hall of Honor symbolizes the University of Southern Mississippi's continued commitment and gratitude to our nation's heroes for their unwavering dedication to our country. As a veteran and USM alumnus, I want to thank the University's Administration, the USM Foundation, and the more than 150 USM alumni donors who made the construction of the new Quinlan-Hammond Hall of Honor possible for their commitment to honor those who serve. SMTT.

Semper Fidelis.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT B. JACKSON OF NEW ORLEANS

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert B. Jackson, a public servant who has served the citizens of New Orleans with humility and professionalism for over forty-two years. He began as a Public Health Educator Supervisor with the New Orleans Department of Health from 1981 to 1988 where he served as a member of the department's grant writing team and the CPR instruction team.

I met Mr. Jackson in his most recent role as Director of Community and Intergovernmental