

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF JOHNNIE LEE
PATRICK II

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 25, 2022

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of a patriotic American, Johnnie Lee Patrick II. Mr. Patrick lived in Estill County, Kentucky and passed away on January 10, 2022, at the age of 46.

Mr. Patrick served our nation proudly in the Kentucky National Guard for more than twenty years. Following the terrorist attacks on our nation on September 11, 2001, Mr. Patrick joined the 149th Infantry "Charlie Company" in Ravenna. He was attached to posts in Louisville, Burlington, Richmond, and Jackson. He was deployed for two tours in the Middle East.

Mr. Patrick attained the rank of Sgt. 1st Class and was a member of the 207th Engineer Company in Jackson, Kentucky. While on active duty with the Southwest Border Mission in El Paso, Texas, he passed away on January 10, 2022. He was laid to rest with full military honors.

Mr. Patrick is survived by his wife, Jackie Lynn Bowling Patrick, his sons Alexander Matthew Patrick and Ryan Alan Patrick, and a large, loving, extended family.

Sgt. 1st Class Johnnie Lee Patrick II was a true patriot and a great American. His service and sacrifice are greatly appreciated and must never be forgotten. It is my honor to lift up the life of Johnnie Lee Patrick II.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 25, 2022

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to National Children's Dental Health Month. Each February, the American Dental Association sponsors National Children's Dental Health Month to raise awareness about the importance of oral health. As a part of their awareness efforts, dentists and dental team members from across the country and in my home State of Idaho join together and volunteer their time to provide free care to children. As co-chair of the Congressional Oral Health Caucus, I am pleased to support National Children's Dental Health Month and any related activities taking place throughout the month of February that promote good oral health for children.

Give Kids A Smile, a program sponsored by the ADA Foundation which this year celebrates 20 years of helping children, is at the center of National Children's Dental Health Month. Give Kids a Smile Day is an important event for all children and dentists throughout the country. Because of this program, the ADA

Foundation is able to provide assistance to more than 6,500 dentists and 25,000 dental team member volunteers who proudly give their time and expertise to make a difference in the health of children. Since this program started, volunteers have graciously provided services to over 7 million kids across the country, and in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. They have truly made a huge impact in their communities and improved the oral health of so many children.

Throughout National Children's Dental Health Month, dentists and dental team members across the country will be providing oral health services for children in need, and this will continue throughout the year. These services will include oral health education, screenings, preventive care and restorative services. Some will provide this in their own dental practice, others will go right into schools and the community to reach the kids that need it most. There are also many major events at dental hygiene schools where hundreds of kids may receive oral health services.

Continued public awareness on this issue is critical. On behalf of the Congressional Oral Health Caucus, I would once again like to state our full endorsement for National Children's Dental Health Month, and push for continued care for the excellent oral health of children.

HONORING THE BLACK STUDENTS' ALLIANCE AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 25, 2022

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a student organization that gives the Black community at Michigan State University a platform to let their voices be heard: The Black Students' Alliance.

Founded in 1967 in the basement of MSU's, then associate professor, Dr. Robert L. Green's home, the Black Students' Alliance was created as a way to voice support for those protesting racial injustice and increase representation of black students on campus. Green's mentee and co-founder, Barry D. Amis, was frustrated that he could only see what seemed to be about 400 black students in a campus population of over 40,000, not at all reflective of Michigan's 10 percent African-American population.

When Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on April 4th, 1968, Amis and other members of the Black Students' Association organized a protest on MSU's campus. Student groups came together and demanded that they do more to integrate the history and culture of the Black community onto campus. Not only did the students request courses on African American studies, they challenged the university's lack of Black residence hall staff, counselors, and professors. They wanted to

be represented. They wanted to be seen. They wanted to be heard.

Today, more than 50 years after its founding, the Black Students' Alliance continues to be the main voice for Black students on MSU's campus. With enrollment for Black students now close to 8 percent of the student population, the BSA's main focus is on supporting academic growth and increasing graduation rates for black students.

I am so proud of the way BSA President Kenneth Franklin, and his board of directors, advocate for and support the black student population by connecting them with the local black community in all aspects of campus life: socially, academically, and through mentorship programs. By focusing their efforts on results-driven actions to create a diverse support system, the Black Students' Alliance is working to redefine the Black experience at Michigan State University.

For its steadfast support for generations of Black students at MSU, and for its lasting contributions to the entire MSU community, I submit the story of the Black Students' Alliance so that it may be remembered forever.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
BISHOP CALVIN W. WOODS, SR.
AS-PRESIDENT OF THE BIRMINGHAM CHAPTER OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 25, 2022

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the leadership of Bishop Calvin W. Woods, Sr., the president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Birmingham Chapter, who is retiring after 15 wonderful years of service to the Birmingham community.

Bishop Woods obtained his Bachelor of Arts from Miles College before continuing his education at Birmingham Baptist College. He went on to complete multiple degrees at the Universal Bible Institute, Union Baptist Seminary, and the School of Truth. Diversifying his education, Bishop Woods is also a graduate of the Urban Training Center for Christian Missions and obtained a certificate for police communications from Samford University.

In 1956, Bishop Woods joined his brother Reverend Abraham L. Woods, Jr., and Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth to co-found the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR). Through this, Bishop Wood began the journey of what would become six decades of courageous leadership throughout the Civil Rights Movement. Working closely with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Bishop Woods was an audacious leader during the Civil Rights Movement. Supporting the work of Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth, Bishop Woods challenged segregation directly, participating in numerous demonstrations, including

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

the Birmingham Campaign and the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963. Though his participation in the movement resulted in him being beaten, arrested, and fired from his job, he continued to fight for justice and equality for all, planning strategies for public protests following the shooting of five African Americans who had been protesting at a supermarket during the 1960s and filing a lawsuit on behalf of the youth suspended from school during the demonstration to ensure that they could be re-instated.

As a result of his tenacity and dedication, Bishop Woods was appointed by Dr. King as the SCLC City Convener for the Birmingham Ministers Leadership Conference. In this position, Bishop Woods was responsible for educating ministers concerning Black history, picketing, housing, direct non-violent protesting, voter registration, and negotiations to ensure that they were fully equipped to continue leading their congregations throughout the movement.

Apart from his work as a Civil Rights leader, Bishop Woods has continued to play a vital role in the Birmingham community through his various community affiliations and as the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, where he has led the congregation for the past 34 years. Bishop Woods has served in multiple capacities including, board member of the Birmingham Board of Education at Parker High School in Discipline and Administration; evening supervisor for the Park High Community School; counselor, group worker, and center director for the Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity; and board member of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. His additional community affiliations include former president of the New Era Baptist State Convention of Alabama; former ViceChair of the Board of Trustees of the Birmingham Easonian Baptist Bible College; and former National Chaplain of the SCLC. Today, at the age of 80, he continues to champion the cause for human rights serving currently as Vice President of the National Southern Christian Leadership Conference and as a member of the National Board of Directors of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. On a personal note, the contributions that Bishop Woods made to ensure the equal rights of all Americans during the Civil Rights Movement are truly exemplary. To call him an icon of the movement is an understatement. His unwavering commitment to improving the lives of Black Alabamians has earned him a unique place in history. It was because of his courage, sacrifice, and conviction that so many of us now have the leadership positions we do today. We owe Bishop Woods a debt that we cannot repay. I hope the knowledge that his legacy of extraordinary service will live on and the many people he has impacted will be and a source of great pride during his retirement. Thank you for being such a powerful agent for change. On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary leadership and service of Bishop Calvin W. Woods, Sr., and his contributions to not only the community of Birmingham as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Birmingham Chapter but to the world as a Civil Rights leader.

IN HONOR OF THE MARRIAGE OF
NICOLE YADON AND KYLE SMITH

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 25, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nicole Yadon and Kyle Smith on the occasion of their marriage. This special day is worthy of commendation.

Nicole (Nikki) Yadon is a Michigan native and University of Michigan graduate. She met her husband, Kyle Smith, in 2013 while both were students at the University of Michigan. They had their first official date at The Prickly Pear in Ann Arbor. After Kyle graduated from Michigan in 2015, Kyle and Nikki dated long distance for a year and a half while Nikki was still in school. They travelled back and forth from Ann Arbor to San Francisco, Columbus, San Antonio, and Washington, D.C. to be together—they made sure to visit all of the best diners in each city along the way.

Nikki has always had a love for politics and government. She interned at the Democratic Governors' Association in the summer of 2016, then for State Rep. Donna Lasinski's campaign in the fall of 2016, culminating with an internship in my office. After interning in the district office from January through May 2017 and graduating from the University of Michigan, Nikki moved to Washington, D.C. to continue her career in politics and worked for the people of Michigan's 12th District on Capitol Hill from June through August 2017. Since then, she has since worked for the Democratic Governors' Association in a variety of capacities, and currently serves as Director of Events.

In September 2019, two years after Nikki and Kyle moved in together and became dog parents to Bandit, their favorite border collie, Kyle proposed to Nikki at her parents' house in Troy, Michigan. Through working from home together during COVID in 2020, their love for each other continued to grow. Kyle and Nikki officially got married in a small, COVID-safe ceremony in Washington, D.C. on May 22, 2021. They are looking forward to spending their 11-month anniversary with friends and family at the rescheduled wedding celebration in Newport, RI on April 30, 2022.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Nicole and Kyle. I join with the couple's family and friends in extending my best wishes to them on this special day and wish them happiness and blessings in the years to come.

HONORING TRINITY AME CHURCH,
LANSING

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 25, 2022

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a pillar of Lansing's African-American faith community: Trinity AME Church. For over 150 years, the area's oldest black church has knit itself into the fabric of its community, serving folks in ways that are too many to count.

Trinity was founded in 1866 with only 21 members, and today it boasts a congregation

more than 400 strong. Its roots in the Lansing community run deep, having been cultivated by generations of devoted congregants. Take a look around the pews on a Sunday and you'll see folks who have been coming to Trinity for decades. They come to say a prayer or chat with an old friend—to enjoy those little moments of community and humanity.

Some have been members of Trinity AME for decades, like former MSU Athletic Director, and 2017 inductee into the MSU Hall of Fame, Clarence Underwood. He first joined in 1958 while studying at MSU, and never looked back.

Trinity's impact reaches far beyond the walls of the church building off West Holmes Road. From youth programs, scholarships, clothing drives and more, Trinity and its congregation are devoted to supporting the people of Lansing. The congregation has also reached out beyond their immediate community, like helping the residents of Flint during its water crisis.

With such a spirited and steadfast congregation, it is no surprise that Trinity is headed up by such a vibrant pastor. Pastor Lila Martin is the first woman to take the pulpit, and she has risen to the occasion.

From getting kids involved in the services, to returning the church to its role as a vital part of the community, she is shepherding her congregation into a new era in its long history.

Pastor Martin ends her sermons with, "Maybe you're without a church home, then I invite you to allow Trinity to be your church home, we will accept you." Her steadfast effort to open Trinity's doors to all who may need it is felt each and every week.

With in-person services returning and the congregation stronger than ever, the future looks bright for Trinity. Its history, members, and presence in the community is an essential part of Lansing, and I am proud that its impact will be forever known.

RECOGNIZING THE VICTIMS OF
THE BAKU AND SUMGAI PO-
GROMS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 25, 2022

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 34th anniversary of the Sumgait pogrom and the 32nd anniversary of the Baku pogrom.

Hundreds of Armenian civilians living in the city of Sumgait in Azerbaijan suffered horrific acts of violence when they were indiscriminately killed, raped, maimed, and burned alive in a pogrom that started on February 27, 1988. Almost two years later, a seven-day pogrom broke out in Baku during which Armenians were beaten, murdered, and expelled from the city beginning January 12, 1990. Over 90 Armenian civilians were killed, over 700 were injured, and countless other victims were permanently displaced by the ethnic violence that followed.

The Azerbaijani Government was complicit in each of these atrocities by using violent rhetoric in rallies leading up to the pogrom and by doing nothing to halt the ensuing violence against Armenian citizens. Azerbaijan has taken steps over the last two decades to cover up these crimes against humanity and dismiss