

HONORING BRUCE DAGGY

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 28, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow Hoosier, Mr. Bruce Daggy, who will be retiring after a four-decade career with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

After graduating from Indiana University in 1981 with a degree in recreational programming and leadership, Bruce became an invaluable member of the community by leading the Boys & Girls club in Wayne County.

Bruce has been a true public servant leading the Wayne County Boys & Girls Club to greatness. Under his leadership, the Wayne County Boys & Girls Club received the Merit Award for Best Overall Programs in 2010 and 2019.

The youth of Wayne County are better off for having such a dedicated public Servant. I congratulate Bruce on a wonderful career.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DISTINGUISHED VETERAN, LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES EDWARD DRAKE, SR.

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Life of Lieutenant Colonel Charles Edward Drake, Sr. who selflessly served the United States Army for 26 years.

Lt. Col. Drake was born in DeFuniak Springs, Florida, on January 26, 1930. In 1948, Lt. Col. Drake attended Florida State University where he met his wife, Anne. After graduation, the couple were schoolteachers in Panama City, Florida. Lt. Col. Drake was drafted to the Army in 1951. He served for twenty-six years as an officer in the Corp of Engineers, a fixed and rotary wing master aviator, and an instructor pilot. His service included a tour in Korea and two tours in Vietnam. For his achievements and service, Lt. Col. Drake was awarded the Bronze Star, with a V for Valor and an Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Army Commendation Medal.

Lt. Col. Drake retired from the Army in 1975, but his dedication to service and his country was far from over. Upon retiring in Greenwood, South Carolina, Lt. Col. Drake served as the head of the business department at Piedmont Technical College, opened a life insurance company, and was active in several community and church organizations. Lt. Col. Drake also spent many hours mentoring aspiring pilots and officers. It is difficult to put into words how impactful Lt. Col. Drake was, but I am reminded of 1 Peter 4:10: "Each one of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

In 2011, I had the privilege of escorting the Drake family on a private tour of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum where we viewed a Huey Helicopter that Lt. Col. Drake flew during the war in Vietnam. Seeing

this helicopter displayed reminds me of the bravery Lt. Col. Drake and many others had in serving our great nation. I am continually inspired by the selflessness and dedication Lt. Col. Drake demonstrated not only in his service to our country but his service to the community in Greenwood.

Lt. Col. Drake passed away on November 25, 2020 and will soon be interred at Arlington National Cemetery with thousands of other American heroes. His legacy will live on in his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren as well as the countless lives he touched in his community. Lt. Col. Drake's example of sacrifice and dedication to country and community is something we should all strive to attain.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to serve the Third District of South Carolina and to honor our veterans, like Lt. Col. Drake, who have dedicated their lives to the safety and prosperity of the United States. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this time.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF PAUL CAIRNEY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tremendous contributions of outgoing Argyle ISD Police Chief Paul Cairney, who has served with the school district since October 2014. He was named Police Chief in May 2015. Under his capable direction, the stated mission of the AISD Police Department to protect and serve Eagle students, staff and the community has been fulfilled as Chief Cairney and his staff have provided a safe educational environment for students and staff.

Chief Cairney is a 1992 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and holds masters degrees from Liberty University in Religious Studies and from Colorado State University Global in Criminal Justice. In addition, he attained a PhD in Leadership from Louisiana Baptist University and Theological Seminary.

After two decades serving in the U.S. Air Force, Chief Cairney retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. During his extensive military service overseeing security forces at more than ten Air Force bases in both the United States and abroad in the United Kingdom, Turkey, Germany, and Iraq, he served in multiple leadership positions in law enforcement and emergency preparedness.

His last duty assignment was as Commander/Police Chief of a 400-plus police force which included U.S. military members and U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) and United Kingdom Ministry of Defense civilians. He worked closely with DoD schools to improve classroom safety and was instrumental in developing training for active shooter scenarios on DoD school campuses.

Within Argyle ISD, Chief Cairney has developed a robust and proactive security program that has garnered positive national attention. The AISD Police Department engaged in crucial partnerships with local police and fire departments to force multiply the district's ability to prepare and respond to emergency haz-

ards, both natural and man-made. To prepare staff, they have hosted large active shooter training exercises and deployed updated communications technology across all campuses. This has afforded the district the capability to identify concerns and address potential problem situations as well as alert staff to rapidly respond to crisis events and emergencies.

In addition to his military and law enforcement career, Chief Cairney is to be commended for the philanthropic contributions of time, talents, and funding as he and his wife, Lynn, established Thor and Athena's Promise Sanctuary. Through this effort they have rescued many neglected and abused horses and brought them to their ranch to provide rehabilitation and a safe refuge. Chief Cairney also honorably served as a member of my Service Academy Advisory Board.

I am pleased to join the students, families, staff and administration of Argyle ISD in saluting Chief Cairney's exemplary tenure and public service to the school district and community. We wish him all the best as he moves to Colorado to take another law enforcement position.

RECOGNIZING DR. RICHARD WOODRUFF, CITY MANAGER OF JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a devoted public servant in our community who will retire this upcoming May, Dr. Richard Woodruff of Jacksonville, North Carolina. A selfless and dedicated administrator and City Manager, Dr. Woodruff has been in the service of others for over 27 years.

With over 50,000 marines and sailors stationed at Camp Lejeune and New River Air Station, Jacksonville is truly the home of the Marines. Jacksonville strives to provide quality services and a safe environment in which the marines, sailors and their families can live a peaceful life and work in recognition of their dignity. The services of the city provide support to the military families as their loved ones are deployed.

Operating under the Council Manager form of City government, the City Manager is appointed by the Mayor and City Council and is the chief administrative officer of the city. Working with a team of professional department directors, the City Manager is responsible for the daily operations of city government, the preparation of the annual budget and the hiring and, when necessary, the removal of city employees. Jacksonville is a full-service city, with an annual operating and capital budget of approximately \$100 million including general government services. Managing the City of Jacksonville is no easy task and Dr. Woodruff has shown exemplary leadership ability in his role as City Manager.

After a 27-year career in public and private sector employment, Dr. Woodruff accepted the position of City Manager for the City of Jacksonville in 2010. Working with the Mayor and Council, the City Manager is leading a major renaissance in the historic downtown area of Jacksonville, including a new multi-purpose

downtown waterfront park and the development of the “Freedom Fountain” located adjacent to City Hall. These projects will have a tremendous impact in developing and rejuvenating the downtown area.

Dr. Woodruff is a graduate of Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina and earned a master's degree and Doctorate in Public Administration from Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He and his wife Gwendolyn have three sons and six grandchildren. He served on Governor Perdue's Military Land Compatibility Task Force, which identified methods of land use to help protect the training mission of the military bases throughout North Carolina.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the retirement of this incredible and noble man and wishing Dr. Woodruff a happy retirement from his life of public service.

IN MEMORY OF MS. LINDA BAILEY
JOHNSON

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of the extraordinary life of Ms. Linda Bailey Johnson who peacefully passed away on August 30, 2020. Linda was an incredible friend, spouse, mother, and mentor to many and is greatly missed.

It was an honor to have spent many years learning from Ms. Johnson. Linda was known as a strong, compassionate, and loving soul with an infectious laugh, characteristics that so many fondly recall. Those of us who were fortunate enough to spend time with Linda know that she was full of life and joy, an endearing persona that she maintained through the end of her life. Her quick wit and wisdom made a profound impact on me and all those around her, showing each person in her life that she truly cared.

The example that Linda set is imprinted on those who survive her, continuing to inspire others to live a life of kindness and connection. This legacy continues through her devoted husband, Carl Eugene Johnson, and beloved daughters, Elizabeth Bailey Johnson and Jessica Reid Dunevant (Robert). Linda would have also been proud of her new grandchild, Lilia Elizabeth Dunevant, who joined the family since her passing, and would have mastered the role of grandmother. In addition to her family, Ms. Johnson will be fondly remembered and genuinely missed by the many friends and community members who knew her and were touched by her warm demeanor.

Madam Speaker, the scope of Ms. Linda Bailey Johnson's impact on her expansive community is endless, and we are fortunate to live in a world that was made better by her positive influences. Please join me in remembering the life of Ms. Linda Bailey Johnson and her many contributions.

SHERMAN RIOT OF 1930: AN IMPORTANT EVENT THAT CHANGED AMERICA

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solemn remembrance of the Sherman Riot of 1930. Many may be unfamiliar with the Sherman Riot, as it is all too often overlooked in the teaching of Texas history.

The violence began at the Grayson County Courthouse in Sherman, Texas on May 9, 1930 and spread throughout the town, devastating the Black community. The riot began in response to the trial of George Hughes, a Black farm laborer, accused of allegedly assaulting his white employer's wife. In the middle of Hughes' trial, a white mob gathered and attempted to take over the county courthouse. The crowd eventually made its way into the courtroom, forcing law enforcement to relocate Hughes to a vault in order to protect him from the mob. However, protesters set the courthouse on fire and, despite efforts to rescue Hughes, it burned to the ground with Hughes still inside. After the fire was put out, Hughes' corpse was pulled from the rubble and dragged by automobile to the center of Sherman's Black business district where it was mutilated, then hanged from a tree, and a fire was subsequently set beneath it. The rioting continued and culminated in the burning and looting of many Black-owned businesses. The Sherman Black community was terrorized by angry white mobs. The National Guard was deployed and ultimately martial law was declared by the Texas Governor. Among those victimized included noted civil rights lawyer William J. Durham, whose office was destroyed. Despite the attack, Durham would go on to work with Thurgood Marshall on the cases that led to the integration of the University of Texas School of Law and the end of white primaries in the State of Texas, and ultimately throughout our Nation.

In February of 2022, the Texas Historical Commission approved plans to place a State of Texas Historical Marker on the grounds of the current Grayson County Courthouse to finally commemorate the riot, with an expected unveiling date of May 9, 2023.

Madam Speaker, tragically the lynching of George Hughes was only one of many incidents like these that occurred in Texas and throughout the South during the Great Depression era. Now, nearly 92 years later, the fight for equality continues. Today, we remember and reflect upon the heinous violence of the Sherman Riot. Americans everywhere must remain vigilant in our efforts to combat racism and hatred everywhere it may occur.

HONORING THE EMPLOYEES OF
THE IDAHO CLEANUP PROJECT

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, the Cold War began in 1947 with the Truman Doctrine

and ended in 1991 with the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Who can forget the momentous sights and sounds of East Germans defiantly climbing the Berlin Wall in 1989 and then knocking down sections of that very wall as a statement that they would no longer be held captive by their Communist leaders?

Through the leadership of Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Herbert Walker Bush, the United States won the Cold War. Our great nation did so through our military strength and by showing the world what is possible in a free nation of free people.

Although not officially part of the weapons complex, the Idaho National Laboratory in my district in eastern Idaho, reprocessed spent nuclear fuel to recover unused uranium. That uranium was then refabricated into nuclear fuel rods and used in production reactors near the east coast.

Also during the Cold War, the INL became the Nation's repository for nuclear weapons waste. Thousands of truckloads of plutonium-contaminated wastes were sent to the INL from the Rocky Flats Plant near Denver, the Mound Site in Ohio, and other waste generators throughout the country. During the 1950s and 1960s, the waste was disposed of in an unlined landfill in the southcentral portion of the INL. That landfill also sits 585 feet above the Snake River Plain Aquifer, the second-largest continuous aquifer in the U.S. that is relied upon by farmers and municipalities throughout eastern Idaho. More than 130,000 people in my district get their water exclusively from that aquifer.

Over the years, barrels and boxes of waste deteriorated, leaching their contents into the surrounding soil. Rain and snowmelt then moved those contaminants toward the underlying aquifer.

Former Idaho Governor Cecil Andrus recognized this impending environmental threat and put pressure on the Atomic Energy Commission to remove the buried waste from the landfill and ultimately the state of Idaho. Up until 1979, thousands of drums and boxes of material were removed. Then, as priorities changed, waste removal stopped. Subsequent Idaho governors kept pressure on the AEC and then its predecessor agency the Department of Energy.

Several agreements were signed by the state of Idaho and the DOE, but a lawsuit over the word “all” stalled further progress.

Luckily, science won out over politics. An environmental investigation that lasted more than a decade determined it was safer and more cost effective to remove only the worst of the radioactive and hazardous wastes rather than all. The DOE, state of Idaho, and Environmental Protection Agency all agreed. This proposed cleanup approach was demonstrated and proven by the Accelerated Retrieval Project, which used highly specialized backhoes to dig through and visually remove the so-called bad actor wastes. After removing more than 10,000 cubic meters of waste material from a combined area of 5.69 acres, the first phase of the project is complete.

Madam Speaker, I want to personally thank the cleanup contractors and most importantly the dedicated employees who made this happen. They achieved this milestone more than 18 months ahead of schedule. On behalf of myself, my constituents, and the citizens of Idaho, I applaud their hard work and thank