

Glenn also served his community and state outside of the Armed Services. For nearly three decades, he officiated football at the high school and collegiate level. Most recently, he officiated with the Mississippi Community College, Gulf South, and Great American Conferences.

LTC Adams celebrates one of the most storied careers in the Mississippi National Guard, and I am grateful for his 32 years of service to our state and this Nation. I have the upmost respect and admiration for Glenn and am happy to call him a friend and brother in arms.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE CEREBRAL PALSY RESEARCH PROGRAM ACT

### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2022*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize March as Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month and to urge my colleagues to support federal funding for cerebral palsy research.

Cerebral palsy is the most common life-long physical disability, occurring in approximately 1 out of 345 children in the United States. It is also the most common disability that has no dedicated federal funding.

No dedicated federal funding for cerebral palsy means there are fewer treatment options, less prevention, less education, and a lack of standards of care across the lifespan. Additionally, there is not a reliable system to count how many people in the U.S. have cerebral palsy, so the estimates on cerebral palsy prevalence are just that—estimates.

I am working to change that and urge my colleagues to join me. Today, I introduced a bipartisan bill with Congressmen BRIAN FITZPATRICK and EMANUEL CLEAVER to create a Cerebral Palsy Research Program within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support research on the diagnosis, treatment, mitigation, health care costs, and societal costs of cerebral palsy. It also directs the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to update and publish their Strategic Plan on Cerebral Palsy.

I hope my colleagues will join me in this effort to support more research on cerebral palsy—a disability that affects approximately 1 million people in the United States, has few reliable treatments, and no cure.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF EVA GARCIA

### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2022*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize contributions of Eva Garcia to the Contra Costa community and congratulate her on her retirement.

Eva Garcia was born in Argentina and immigrated to the United States in 1971. Through her many positions throughout her career, it has been clear that Eva has worked hard and works in service of others. In 1998, Eva joined the staff at Contra Costa County Service Inte-

gration Program, which is now SparkPoint Contra Costa. In 2000, Eva advanced to the top leadership position at SparkPoint's Career Center thanks to her hard work and dedication.

In this role, Eva has assisted so many in the area with job training and mentoring. Eva has also been appointed to the Bay Point Municipal Advisory, serving on the advisory board to Supervisor Federal Glover, and is a member of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Bay Point Ad/Hoc Committee, Vice President of the Bay Point Historical Society, and Secretary of the Bay Point Association. Eva's leadership is commendable and Contra Costa has benefited greatly thanks to her work.

In her personal life, Eva is a mother to her twin children and has been a proud resident of Bay Point for the past 30 years. Her love for her family and her community is clear to all who know her.

We thank Eva for her 24 years of service and for her passion for Bay Point and its residents. Please join me in honoring Eva and congratulating her on her retirement.

#### DOMINIC CHAVEZ

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dominic Chavez for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Dominic Chavez is a 12th grader at Riverdale Ridge High School and received this award because their determination and hard work have allowed them to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dominic Chavez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dominic Chavez for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt they will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of their future accomplishments.

#### TRIBUTE TO BISHOP FREDERICK C. JAMES

### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2022*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend, legendary faith leader, consummate community activist and astute political observer.

Bishop Frederick C. James, a stalwart of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC) and civil rights activities, will celebrate his 100th birthday on April 7, 2022. He was born in Prosperity, South Carolina, to Rosa Lee Gray and Edward James in 1922. His father, a mechanic with a 7th grade education, died when he was just 10 years old, and his moth-

er, instilled in him the desire to see the good in everyone.

Bishop James graduated from Drayton Street High School in Newberry, South Carolina. He earned a bachelor's degree in history and English from Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina in 1943 and answered a call to the ministry at an early age. In 1947 he graduated from the Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, D.C. and furthered his studies at Dickerson Theological Seminary in Columbia and Union Theological Seminary in New York, New York.

Bishop James began his ministerial career as pastor of Friendship AME Church in 1945 and Bishop Memorial AME Church in 1946, both in Columbia, and added Wayman AME Church in Winnsboro South Carolina to his charge in 1947. In 1949, James became Dean of Dickerson Theological Seminary and pastor of Chappelle Memorial AME Church in Columbia in 1950.

In 1953, Bishop James moved to my hometown of Sumter, South Carolina, to become pastor of Mt. Pisgah AME Church, which is when I came to know him. He was very active in the activities that led to Briggs v. Elliott the initial federal court case that resulted in the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision. I was serving as President of the NAACP Youth Council at the time, and we went on to have a lifelong friendship and close bond.

In 1960, James was elected director of social action for the AME Church, and became close with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His career was dedicated to faith and social activism, and he rose to great heights in both arenas.

Beloved among those in the AME movement, he was elected the 93rd Bishop of the AME Church in 1972. He served the 18th and 15th Episcopal Districts from 1972 to 1976, the 12th from 1976 to 1984, the 7th from 1984 to 1992, and the 2nd from 1993 to 1996. Among his many accomplishments, Bishop James led AME-sponsored colleges Shorter College, in Little Rock, Arkansas to full accreditation in 1981 and Allen University to full accreditation in 1992. He also served as Ecumenical Bishop and Chaplaincy Endorsement Officer of the AME Church in 1992. In 1996, Bishop James retired from leadership in the AME Church.

Bishop James' interest in civic engagement began while he was very young. He joined the NAACP as a teenager and actively became involved in voter registration efforts. He was very active in the student movement while on the campus of Allen University.

While living in Sumter, he helped organize and chair the Sumter Citizens Committee. He also served as president of the Effective Sumter Movement. These groups organized demonstrations, raised bail to get protestors out of jail, and met with local white organizations and government officials in the effort to change hearts and minds.

In addition to his civil rights activism, Bishop James served as chair of Allen University's Board of Trustees and of the Howard Junior High School Center in Prosperity, South Carolina. He was also a board member of the Columbia Housing Authority. In 1994, Bishop James was selected by his good friend, President Bill Clinton, to serve as a member of the delegation to attend the inauguration of South African President Nelson Mandela.

Bishop James is a former member of the White House Advisory Board on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and of the U.S. State Department's Advisory Board on Religious Freedom and served as National Vice President of the Interfaith Alliance. Bishop James is a life member of the NAACP and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and is a 33rd degree Mason. He was also the first African American to serve on the board of directors at the National Bank of South Carolina and as a member of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce.

Among his many honors, Bishop James holds an honorary doctorate of humanities from Monrovia College in Liberia. He received South Carolina's highest honor, the Order of the Palmetto, in 2003. In 2020, Bishop James received the Leon A. Love Lifetime Achievement Award from the South Carolina African American Heritage Foundation and "Columbia SC 63: Our Story Matters." He has been inducted into the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame and the Columbia Housing Authority Wall of Fame.

Bishop James married Theresa Gregg on December 30, 1944, and the couple enjoyed 76 years of marriage before she passed away on January 25, 2021.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in celebrating the centennial anniversary of Bishop Fred James' birth. He was a mentor to me and so many others as he preached the gospel and the need for equality and justice for all. This important milestone, is a good time to let Bishop James know that we all feel blessed by his efforts to fulfill the charge of Micah to, "act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly."

#### HONORING L.A. BLACK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD EARL "SKIP" COOPER II

##### HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2022*

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the legacy of Earl "Skip" Cooper II as he retires from the Black Business Association of Los Angeles.

For the last 50 years, Skip Cooper has fought tirelessly to break down barriers and uplift not only African American businesses, but all minority businesses. He has developed programs to assure that businesspeople, artists, and entrepreneurs had access to the financing, contracting, mentoring, and support that it takes to succeed, and he has served as an advisor to both the Latin and Asian business associations in Los Angeles prior to their formation. As a result, he has played a pivotal role in the success of countless businesses across the Los Angeles region.

Young Skip had a newspaper delivery route by age 10, and he never forgot the power of relationships and mentoring. Skip would go on to serve as a medic in the Vietnam War, and he returned home from service to study at Oakland's Merritt College, where he became one of the first in the country to earn an AA degree in African American Studies. He would later earn bachelor's and MBA degrees as well.

Early in his career, Skip interned at a Los Angeles area minority business resource cen-

ter where he saw the need to promote and support minority-owned businesses. At the end of Skip's internship, he joined the staff of what became the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp. where, as program manager, Skip oversaw a state initiative that helped minority owned businesses secure purchasing contracts with public and private sector organizations. That led him to join the BBA where, in 1976, he embarked on its first trade mission to Washington, D.C.

Over decades of advocacy, Skip has had a significant role in the passage and implementation of legislation and regulations at the federal, state and local levels. He worked closely with legislators, especially the late California Asm. Gwen Moore and the late U.S. Rep. Parren Mitchell, to pass laws to address the historic disadvantage of minority businesses that had been shut out of public and private programs and funding opportunities.

The BBA will continue its annual salutes to Black history, Black women and Black music, its twice-annual veterans' procurement conference, and its e-commerce venture: a Black business shopping guide, all of which will further Skip's legacy, and his lifelong commitment to economic empowerment for people of color.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF GRADY WIGGINTON

##### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Grady Wigginton, as he passed away on February 12, 2013.

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.

##### DOMINIC SANCHEZ

##### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dominic San-

chez for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Dominic Sanchez is a 12th grader at North Valley School for Young Adults and received this award because their determination and hard work have allowed them to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dominic Sanchez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dominic Sanchez for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt they will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of their future accomplishments.

#### HONORING CRAIG MCLEAN ON FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

##### HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2022*

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Assistant Administrator Craig McLean on his retirement after forty years of distinguished service in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This son of New Jersey grew up on the Passaic River and turned a childhood passion for ocean diving and exploration into a forty-year career that started as a commissioned NOAA Corps deck officer charting the ocean floor and culminated as a preeminent champion of NOAA's mission to understand and predict changes in climate, weather, ocean, and coasts.

Craig started working on diving boats as a teenager. As a college student at Rutgers University, where he earned his B.A. in Zoology in 1979, he investigated barges dumping toxic sludge into waterways. While serving as a NOAA Corps officer and, later as a senior executive of NOAA, Craig was instrumental to founding NOAA's Ocean Exploration and Research Program and its mapping of U.S. waters to advance oceanographic scientific knowledge and discover deep ocean secrets including new species, historical shipwrecks, and undersea mountains. With Craig's leadership, NOAA mapped two million square kilometers of the ocean floor, collected ocean data in the waters of sixteen countries and the high seas, and contributed to key conservation decisions for vital marine habitats such as establishment of new marine national monuments and deep sea protection areas.

Craig served as Assistant Administrator for NOAA Oceanic and Atmospheric Research for over six years. He expertly led an enterprise of ten federal laboratories across the country and six major programs. Under his tenure, NOAA Research achieved vital advancements for the benefit of the Nation, including improved forecasting of weather extremes such as hurricanes, winter storms, and excesses and deficits of precipitation, enabling society to be better prepared to reduce the severe impacts of these events on life and destruction