

HONORING THE LIFE OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF EARL BUTLER

HON. DAVID ROUZER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Cumberland County's longtime former Sheriff, Earl Butler. Following a battle with leukemia, Sheriff Butler passed away while surrounded by his family at the age of 84 years old.

Butler served as sheriff of Cumberland County for 22 years before retiring in 2016. He was beloved by his community, his family and friends, and his law enforcement colleagues. He believed in his work, and he was passionate about giving back to his community and keeping its citizens safe.

He helped make the Sheriff's office a fully accredited law enforcement agency, increasing their ability to fight crime and protect the community. He also led the building and development of a new detention center, and he was the founder of the Shop with A Sheriff Program which helps provide a memorable Christmas to less fortunate children within Cumberland County. Sheriff Butler and his wife, Julia, were dedicated members of Massey Hill Baptist Church where they attended every Sunday and he taught Sunday school.

The contributions Sheriff Butler made to Cumberland County were numerous. He made Cumberland County a better place to live leaving behind a great legacy that will be felt for years to come.

Sheriff Butler's was a life very well-lived, and I extend my deepest condolences to his family and friends. He will be long remembered and cherished in the hearts of all who knew him and those for whom his influence touched.

LAILANI AGUIRRE

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 Lailani Aguirre for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Lailani Aguirre is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lailani Aguirre 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 Lailani Aguirre for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING WES WAGESTER FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE ALMONT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a distinguished public servant of the Almont Township community, Wes Wagester.

For over 30 years, Wes has served his community with honor and selflessness. He has served as a member of the Almont Township Parks and Recreation board, and since October 1991, has been a dedicated member of the Almont Michigan Lions Club. Recently he assisted in the installation of new playground equipment at Almont Community Park, which will be enjoyed by families of the community for years to come.

It is really no surprise that Wes dedicated decades of his life to his community. In the first part of his life, he served his country as a member of the United States Navy.

Our country and state have been honored to have him as our own. I applaud Wes for the service he has given to his beloved community. He has been a pillar, and the example he set will be hard to follow. I know Wes will continue to give his time to Almont whenever he can, and I wish him the best in whatever endeavors he next takes.

MARCH CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH KAILLIE HUMPHRIES

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Carlsbad resident and Olympic athlete Kaillie Humphries as my Constituent of the Month for March. Kaillie has had a long and extraordinarily successful career as a bobsled athlete, including four Olympic medals and five championships in the International Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation (IBSF) World Championships, making her the most decorated woman in bobsled history. She had won two gold and one bronze medal for Team Canada in previous Olympic competitions, and this year, she won gold in the monobob event for Team USA. She is the only female athlete in Olympic history to have earned Olympic gold medals for two nations.

Kaillie had to overcome significant adversity during her journey to the 2022 Winter Olympics. After leaving the Canadian team due to abuse and harassment she endured, Kaillie began the arduous process of becoming a United States citizen with little time to spare before the games, all while continuing to train vigorously for the competition. As a Carlsbad resident and constituent of mine, Kaillie reached out to my office for help. With assistance from my staff, Kaillie became a United States citizen just two months before the Olympics began, allowing her to compete for Team USA. It is hard to overstate the stress and pressure Kaillie experienced, but she persevered and ultimately made our CA-49 community and our entire country very proud.

Kaillie is not only an extraordinary athlete, she is a person of integrity and upstanding

character who is an excellent role model for all of us. It is my honor to recognize her as our Constituent of the Month, particularly during Women's History Month.

HONORING INMAN AND NELLIE MOORE

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of Reverend Inman Moore, who passed away on January 26, 2022, at the age of 96, and his wife, Nellie Moore, who passed away on February 6, 2021, at the age of 95. Inman and Nellie were stalwarts in the San Gabriel Valley, dedicated to leaving their community better than they found it. And they did just that.

Nellie Moore was born in rural Southern Mississippi in 1926 as an only child to a single mother after her father died of pneumonia right before her birth. Nellie married Inman Moore in 1947, and she dedicated herself to being a minister's wife, becoming an active member of the church communities that she and her husband joined. After settling in Pasadena in 1970 with her husband and children, Nellie served as an administrative assistant at the famous Jet Propulsion Laboratory and later started and ran two successful businesses in Pasadena alongside her husband.

Inman Moore was born on September 8, 1925, in southern Mississippi. While he intended on attending medical school, Inman's plan changed following his service in the Navy during World War II. Upon returning home, he enrolled in Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi and decided to follow in the footsteps of his father, a Methodist minister, by receiving a graduate degree in theology from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Inman went on to serve in various churches in Mississippi, a segregated state, during the rising civil rights movement of the 1960s. He was a founding member of the Mississippi Human Relations Council, an interracial organization dedicated to improving race relations through educational programs. Additionally, while serving as pastor at the renowned Leggett Memorial United Methodist Church in Biloxi, Mississippi in 1963, Inman was one of 28 Mississippi Methodist ministers who signed a "Born of Conviction" statement opposing the perpetuation of a segregated society.

Inman, Nellie and their children then relocated to California in 1963 where Inman became a pastor at the Palmdale United Methodist Church and later became a minister at the Crescenta Valley United Methodist in La Crescenta. In 1970, Inman retired from the ministry and started two successful Pasadena companies with Nellie: Moore Vending and Tournament Souvenirs. After nearly 30 years in business, Inman and Nellie sold their companies and retired in 1997.

Years later, when Grace United Methodist—a predominantly Black congregation in Altadena, CA—lacked the funding to afford a full-time minister, Inman came out of retirement without hesitation to serve as their part-time minister for four years. Inman even came out of retirement a second time to serve as associate pastor at the First United Methodist in

Burbank, California for five years, and served as a guest pastor for several other churches throughout the Southern California region. At the age of 90, Inman penned his own autobiography, "On the Road to Civil Rights," sharing his incredible journey of activism and faith. When a need presented itself in the community, Inman was there.

Inman and Nellie were happily married for 73 years, and are survived by their children, Linda, Robert, and David Leon Moore, their grandchildren Saul, Marisa, Nate, Sarah, Anna, and Nellie, and four great-grandchildren. Inman was known as a force of nature for his powerful preaching abilities, his unyielding moral code and his commitment to racial justice and civil rights. Nellie will be remembered by kindness and humor, and her dedication to her community. Inman and Nellie Moore embody what it means to put the needs of others, whether that be family, parishioners, or community members, above their own. I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the lives of these two extraordinary individuals.

BLAKE ALBERTSON

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 Blake Albertson for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Blake Albertson is an 8th grader at Bennett Middle School and received this award because their determination and hard work have allowed them to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Blake Albertson 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 Blake Albertson 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.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MIKE HAINSEY

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mike Hainsey on his retirement from the Golden Triangle Regional Airport. He has greatly served as the executive director for the last 19 years. Under his command, many great projects took place to help better the airport operations.

I have witnessed personally the great expansions he has made in growing this business. In his time, he oversaw 30 million dollars' worth of total expansion. In the 30 million worth of expansion projects the highlights were runway expansion to help Air Force,

growth of two terminals, and an increase in passenger traffic which led to adding more parking. These are all viewed as important projects to help better the overall functionality of the airport.

Lastly, I want to thank Mr. Hainsey again for his hard work for the first district of Mississippi. The community and I are very grateful for what he has done. We are excited to welcome Matt Dowell as the new executive director, and we know he had a great teacher to learn from in Mr. Hainsey.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH MOSSA

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Mr. Joseph Mossa. Mr. Mossa will be honored by the Amerigo Vespucci Society of Long Branch, New Jersey as the 2022 Man of the Year, and I would like to join with its members in congratulating Mr. Mossa.

Joseph Mossa takes great pride in his family and heritage. The son of Carmine Anthony and Maryann (Cuccinello) Mossa, he was named after his maternal grandfather Joseph Cuccinello and can trace his lineage to various parts of Italy. He maintains his Italian heritage through his involvement with the Amerigo Vespucci Society and by sharing his travel experiences to Italy with others.

A member of the Amerigo Vespucci Society for more than a decade, Mr. Mossa has become an active and integral member. Currently serving as Vice President, Mr. Mossa has held several, executive positions on the board and has undertaken various projects and events, including the Saint Joseph's Dinner. Near and dear to his heart, Mr. Mossa brought back the annual dinner in honor of his late father, which he continues to chair today.

Mr. Mossa received his bachelor's degree in Marketing from King's College in Pennsylvania and has led a successful career in sales, receiving accolades for his performance. In addition to his work with the Amerigo Vespucci Society, Mr. Mossa is a member of the Business Advisory Council at King's College—McGowan School of Business and an usher at Saint Veronica's Parish, among other previous community service roles. Despite his active leadership in the community, Mr. Mossa devotes his life to his family. Together with his wife, Lindsay, he has three daughters and a son-in-law.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Mr. Joseph Mossa as he is honored by the Amerigo Vespucci Society and thanking him for his service to the community.

IN MEMORY OF JOAN BUSER

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mrs. Joan Buser, a very special person to me and all of Oakland County. She was an incredible community leader,

beloved wife, mother, and friend to many. I was fortunate enough to also call her my aunt and mentor. Joan passed away surrounded by her family on October 4, 2021 and is genuinely missed by the many who loved her.

Mrs. Buser was a dedicated public servant and trusted community leader in Oakland County, Michigan, and residents are better off because of her efforts. In 1988, Joan became Supervisor of Oakland Township, Michigan, being reelected multiple times and serving until 1999. She was beloved by the staff and community alike in this role, earning her many friends and confidantes. Upon her retirement in 1999, her staff presented her a sword to mimic that of Joan of Arc, on which was inscribed "Joan of Oakland." This unique and thoughtful gift served as a testament to the tireless work Joan did to bring the community together and lead by example.

Joan is also dearly missed by her beloved husband of 61 years, Donald Buser, and her sons Greg (Angie) and Steven (Megan). She was also a wonderful grandmother to her four grandchildren, Nicholas, Alexander, Brian, and Salla. She is also survived by her loving and adoring brother, James R. Stevens, who attests to the profound impact she made on his life as his older sister and protector.

Her legacy continues through the values she instilled in her community, including service to others, kindness, and hard work. The Oakland County community is stronger as a result of her efforts, and I am proud to channel the lessons learned from Joan of Oakland when representing Oakland County in Congress.

Madam Speaker, Mrs. Joan Buser was a champion for Oakland County, a faithful servant, and loving friend and family member. All of us are better off because of Joan's many years of leadership and mentorship that make our community stronger. Her legacy continues through the many people who pay her acts of kindness forward, and we all owe Joan our gratitude for the positive imprint she left on the world. Please join me in remembering the life of Mrs. Joan Buser and her legacy that survives.

DANIEL CERNA GARCIA

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 Daniel Cerna Garcia for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Daniel Cerna Garcia is a 10th grader at Thornton High School and Future Forward at Bollman and received this award because their determination and hard work have allowed them to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Daniel Cerna Garcia 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 Daniel Cerna Garcia 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.