

Joe Campos Torres was taken from his family and our community too soon, but his legacy was the light shone on violent police incidents plaguing Latinos and minorities in 1977. This set a new course of police reform for HPD. In 2021, Houston Police Chief Troy Finner issued a public apology for the brutal murder at the hands of HPD officers more than 40 years ago. Following sincere attempts to address racism within their ranks, today, HPD reflects the diversity of the city and is committed to building powerful relationships with minority communities. Joe Campos Torres' sacrifice sparked this movement and continues to protect countless numbers of Latino and minority community members.

Madam Speaker, let the record show Jose "Joe" Campos Torres is a national and local hero. With this plaza dedication in honor of his life, residents across Houston and the State of Texas will welcome a permanent memorial worthy of his legacy.

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RECOGNIZING THE VIETNAM ERA VETERANS

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**HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to commemorate Vietnam veteran alumni from Bel Air High School who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

On March 29, 2022, we commemorate the 49th anniversary of the last United States combat units leaving South Vietnam. Every year on this day, we observe National Vietnam War Veterans Day to honor the service that veterans made and gain a deeper understanding of their sacrifice. Additionally, the Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) students and staff at Bel Air High School spend countless hours learning about the war and work to find ways to honor the Vietnam veterans.

I would like to recognize the Bel Air Vietnam veteran alumni who gave their life in honor of their service. The veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice are:

CPL Charles Peter Barnes, CPL Luis Carlos Borrego, SP4 Roberto Dominguez, SGT Bobby W. Jobe, SP4 Fred V. Jurado, PFC Daniel Leon Navarro, PFC James Wayne Parham, SPC4 Thomas Edward Ross, CPL Hugo H. Ulloa, CPT. James Robert Valtr.

Our Vietnam veterans fought bravely for our country, and we are eternally grateful. Upon their return home, they continued their service in other capacities by continuing their military careers or reentering the workforce. Because of these veterans, America is a stronger nation for generations to come. I am also humbled to recognize the Bel Air High School JROTC cadets in their work to memorialize Vietnam veterans.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing our Vietnam veterans everywhere. We are forever grateful for their service.

DON YOUNG COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2022

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SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Ms JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6865 the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard.

For the last 230 years, the Coast Guard has played a vital role in protecting the marine environment, guarding our nations extensive coastline, and has performed crucial life saving missions.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to see the Coast Guard in action leading up to and following hurricanes like Ike and Harvey that impacted the Houston area.

I convey thanks and appreciation from Houstonians to the members of the Coast Guard for their service to our great Nation.

The history of the United States Coast Guard can be traced to the United States Revenue Cutter Service, which was founded on August 4, 1790, as part of the Department of the Treasury.

The Coast Guard has protected the United States throughout its long history and served proudly in every one of the Nation's conflicts.

The Coast Guard served as the nation's only armed force on the sea until Congress launched the Navy Department in 1798.

On January 28, 1915, the Revenue Cutter Service and the United States Life-Saving Service were merged to become the Coast Guard.

The U.S. Coast Guard conducts operations that ensure the safety of our nation's waterways and provides humanitarian assistance during national disasters.

The Coast Guard conducted critical search and rescue missions in response to Hurricane Harvey, which devastated my home district in Houston, Texas.

The Coast Guard's response included 2,600 active duty, reserve, civil servant, and auxiliary personnel: 50 rotary and fixed-wing aircraft, 75 shallow-water boats, and 29 coast guard cutters.

The efforts from the Coast Guard resulted in the rescue of over 11,000 people along the Texas and Louisiana coast during and after Hurricane Harvey.

During and in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey 51 members of the Coast Guard suffered catastrophic property loss and 124 others reported property damage in the impacted areas of Texas during Harvey.

This authorization will ensure that our country's devoted naval personnel have the means to effectively protect and defend our borders as well as expand our sea and land capabilities.

Authorizing funding for the Coast Guard is essential to sustaining our place in the international system as the world's most powerful naval force.

Donald Edwin Young was a dear colleague of mine. For the past 49 years, he represented Alaska's at-large congressional district and made a significant impact on his constituency,

I urge all my colleagues to support the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMAICA'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of sixty years of independence of the nation of Jamaica, and over sixty years of cooperative and friendly relations between Jamaica and the United States.

The United States was among the first countries to recognize Jamaica's independence in 1962 and has enjoyed strong diplomatic and cultural ties with the stalwart island nation since. This diplomatic support has expressed itself through the work of organizations like USAID and direct commercial links between our nations for six decades. And in the last year alone, the United States has demonstrated its strong support for Jamaica through its fight against COVID-19. The United States has sent hundreds of thousands of COVID-19 vaccines to Jamaica to combat the pandemic, and as of December 2021 we have shipped over 400,000 vaccines to the island. But the effects of this crisis expand beyond public health; Jamaica has relied heavily on tourism for its economic successes, and the COVID-19 pandemic hit the nation extraordinarily hard.

To help alleviate those pains, Vice President HARRIS met Prime Minister Andrew Holness at the White House this week. There she announced \$30 million in economic assistance to further augment Jamaica's economic recovery from the pandemic, including investments in human capital and violence reduction. These essential investments were capped by the announcement of even more investments to help Jamaica survive a rapidly changing Caribbean climate, as evidenced by the ever-stronger storm systems and hurricanes that ravage the region every year.

The United States and Jamaica also cooperate proactively on Caribbean security. Under the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, the United States provides Jamaica with support in tackling trafficking, including training, equipment, and technical assistance on maritime security procedures and more. Our cooperative efforts help to counter public corruption and enhances the Jamaican justice system's efforts to fight crime across the country.

But good relations between our nations goes beyond diplomatic ties, as Jamaicans have emigrated in droves over the decades to the United States. In New York City we are able to enjoy such cultural staples such as Jamaican jerk chicken and ox tails, live Reggae music and more as a result of our neighbor's cultural heritage. Even the highest levels of government enjoy cultural links to Jamaica, where the father of our Vice President was born.

Congratulations to Jamaica for six decades of independent governance, and for being such a longstanding and firm partner of the United States.

LEONARDO DOMINGUEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

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

Leonardo Dominguez 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 Leonardo Dominguez 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 Leonardo Dominguez 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 THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF A FIERCE EDUCATION ADVOCATE, DR. WALTER LEE SMITH**

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and contributions of Dr. Walter Lee Smith, seventh president of Florida A&M University (FAMU) and outstanding citizen of Tampa and Hillsborough County, who passed away on Thursday, November 25, 2021 at the age of 86. A scholar, historian, advocate and educational leader, Dr. Smith was a native of Tampa, Florida, but the impact of his great work reached far beyond our community, having touched the lives of those across Florida, our nation and the world.

Dr. Walter Lee Smith was born in Tampa, Florida on May 13, 1935, to the late Eva Smith (Reynolds). Raised by his mother and stepfather, Rubin Reynolds, a strong work ethic was instilled in Smith from a very young age and applied throughout his childhood raised in Florida, Georgia and New York. He excelled both academically and in sports, all while living through firsthand experiences of racism and segregation within his communities. Smith's perseverance during these instances not only showed signs of his strong character but would go on to influence his professional interests and achievements. Years down the line, Smith would go on to work for the federal government and help to develop Titles IV and VI programs for school desegregation.

As a young adult, Dr. Walter Lee Smith worked pushing clothing racks in the New York Garment district before he went on to enlist in the U.S. Army, having served his nation during the Korean war. Following his military service, Smith returned to Tampa Bay where he enrolled at Gibbs Junior College, the first of

Florida's junior colleges for African American students. Smith was elected as the first student body president during his time at Gibbs. Following this, he went on to attend Florida A&M University and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Chemistry and subsequently a Masters of Education. Smith completed his education by earning a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from The Florida State University.

Before becoming FAMU's seventh president, Smith worked in various roles throughout Tampa as: a 7-Eleven Store manager in Progress Village, a science teacher at Marshall High School in Plant City, assistant director of the Florida Education Association and provost at Hillsborough Community College. From 1974 to 1977, he served as president of Roxbury Community College in Boston, Massachusetts.

Smith was appointed the seventh president of FAMU in 1977, serving in this role until 1985. Under his leadership, FAMU as an educational institution was positively impacted in innumerable ways. The university grew to eleven schools and colleges. Among those added were the School of Allied Health Science, School of General Studies, the School of Journalism & Graphic Communication, the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering and a Division of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education. Various Graduate and Doctorate programs were established under Smith's administration, with the university having offered its first Doctor of Philosophy degree, a Ph.D. in Pharmacology, in 1984. Beyond academics, FAMU's athletic department was greatly developed during Smith's tenure and a \$10-million Centennial Celebration Fund endowment was established, having since grown to more than \$150 million.

But Dr. Smith's educational efforts did not stop there. Following his departure from FAMU, Smith was appointed as a senior Fulbright Scholar and worked abroad with the University of Malawi. In 1994 through 1995, he founded FUNDA, an American style two-year college, specifically in Malawi and South Africa. After his time abroad, Smith worked as a professor at the University of Florida until his retirement in 2000. In 2002, he opened a privately held community library in his hometown of Tampa.

Dr. Smith is survived by his wife, Barbara Abrams Smith; children: Col. John L. Smith (ret.), Andre Smith, Salesia Smith-Gordon, Walter Lee Smith II, Tracey Abrams Butler; grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other members of their extended family.

Along with his family, Smith's lifelong commitment to education will be carried on in a legacy across the various institutions he worked with. In 2007, FAMU named its School of Architecture and Engineering Technology building in honor of Dr. Smith. At the University of Florida, colleagues and former students of Smith's funded the creation of the Walter L. Smith Scholarship to support minority graduate students in educational administration. The Florida State University also holds a scholarship in Dr. Smith's name and in 2015, Hillsborough County Libraries named a reading room at the Robert Saunders Library in his honor as well.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Florida and my neighbors across Tampa Bay, I am proud to honor Dr. Walter Lee Smith and his selfless devotion of strengthening edu-

cation institutions and expanding their accessibility in Tampa, Florida, the United States and beyond. Dr. Smith's legacy is cemented into the history of our community and will live on and inspire others for many years to come.

**HONORING SCOTT BUSBOOM'S RETIREMENT**

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Scott Busboom of Decatur, Illinois.

Scott has worked in the radio industry for more than 30 years. Most recently, he has spent over 20 plus years broadcasting in Decatur. He spent the past 10 years waking up Decatur with the "Busboom and Wolfe" morning show, which he hosted with long-time television reporter and friend, Doug Wolfe.

Scott was an avid fan and supporter of local high school and college athletics. He has broadcast more than 350 boys' and girls' high school basketball games and more than 325 Millikin University men's and women's games. He broadcast the first Decatur High School girls' game on the radio and was at the microphone for the Millikin women's 2005 NCAA Division III National Championship victory.

Scott helped form the Decatur Thanksgiving Tournament and was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2013.

As a monthly guest on "Busboom and Wolfe" for many years, I will miss our conversations and his presence on Talk 101 FM. I want to congratulate Scott on a long and accomplished career, and I wish him a restful retirement. He truly deserves it.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF LYNN MARIE HAMSTRA**

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the life and service of Lynn Marie Hamstra. Lynn, with great courage and vigor, lived a full life of loving service to her family and her community. After four and a half years of fighting a fierce battle against an aggressive form of pancreatic cancer, Lynn peacefully passed into the arms of the Lord on March 26, 2022, surrounded by her loved ones. Lynn is survived by her husband, Daniel Hamstra; her daughter, Rachel Hamstra LeMier; her son-in-law, Ryan LeMier; her granddaughter, Olivia Lynn LeMier; her sons, Timothy Hamstra and Zachariah Hamstra; her mother, Adeline Coffey; her sisters, Laura (Coffey) Giris and Lee Ellen (Coffey) Wilson; and her brothers, Larry and Tony Coffey.

Lynn was born in Chicago on April 19, 1961 to Lawrence Raymond Coffey, Jr., and Adeline Frances Coffey. She was the oldest of five children and excelled in her role as the big sister. During her high school years at Hinsdale Central, Lynn was a world class