

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

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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

cheerleader who not only found the time to cheer at her brother's games but also coach her sisters in cheer. After graduating from high school, she went on to attend Purdue University where she studied electrical engineering. During her collegiate years she met the love of her life Daniel Lee Hamstra who played baseball with her brother Larry at the University of Illinois. On the same night of their first meeting Dan pitched a no-hitter, the only one of his baseball career. Needless to say, it was a match made in heaven and just a few years later Dan and Lynn were married on July 26, 1986.

Lynn and Dan thrived together, and their marriage was a model of fidelity, love, and devotion to all they encountered. Even in the midst of their busy lives Lynn and Dan managed, for over ten years, to make it to ballroom dancing classes. During the course of their thirty-five years of marriage Lynn and Dan had three beautiful children: Rachel Marie Hamstra, Timothy Lee Hamstra, and Zachariah Andrew Hamstra. Each of Lynn's children are uniquely gifted and had their own precious relationship with their mom. Each of the kids have a little bit of their mother that they will carry on. From her boisterous laugh and keen intuition to her strong convictions and creative streak.

Lynn continued her education later in life and obtained a Master of Liberal Studies with a concentration in Art History from the Southern Methodist University in 2017. One of the proudest accomplishments of her life was her development of the "Focused Looking" program which was designed to help doctors to increase observation skills by taking a deeper look at a single piece of art for one hour. Lynn's graduate work was influential in both the art and medical fields. She leaves behind a legacy from this work that has blessed many patients and doctors alike.

There is no doubt in my mind that this very special woman will be dearly missed. She lived a life full of joy in her marriage, her motherhood, professional and academic spheres. Lynn's husband, children, and family will carry all of her exemplary virtues as a little piece of Lynn lives on in each of their hearts.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capital to recognize Lynn Hamstra's well-lived and beautiful life. Furthermore, Madam Speaker, I extend my personal condolences to the Hamstra family for the loss of such an extraordinarily brave and loving woman. May God rest the soul of this great American.

HONORING EARL G. GRAVES,
FOUNDER OF BLACK ENTERPRISE MAGAZINE

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. MFUME. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an icon in the civil rights movement, business world, and political landscape, Mr. Earl G. Graves, who passed away on April 6, 2020.

Mr. Graves founded Black Enterprise magazine in 1970, a publishing company dedicated to lifting up and recognizing Black entrepreneurship. Over the next 50 years, Mr. Graves

took Black Enterprise from a single-magazine publishing company to a diversified multi-media business that spread the message of financial empowerment to more than 6 million African Americans through print, digital, broadcast, and live-event platforms. He wrote a New York Times bestselling book in 1997, titled "How to Succeed in Business Without Being White," that discussed the strategies he used to achieve such success, and was selected as a finalist for the 1997 Financial Times/Booz-Allen & Hamilton Global Business Book Award.

As a champion for Black excellence, Mr. Graves received numerous awards. Two years after launching Black Enterprise, he received the National Award of Excellence and was named one of the 10 most outstanding minority businessmen in the country by President Richard Nixon. He was named by Time magazine as one of 200 future leaders of the country in 1974 and became part of the National Black College Hall of Fame in 1987. Mr. Graves has lectured at Yale University as a Poynter Fellow and received honorary degrees from more than 65 colleges and universities, including his alma mater, Morgan State University. In recognition of Mr. Graves's staunch advocacy for higher education and equal opportunity, Morgan State renamed its school of business and management the Earl G. Graves School of Business and Management in 1995. In 2002, Fortune magazine named Mr. Graves one of the 50 most powerful and influential African Americans in corporate America.

Mr. Graves threw himself into causes and projects that supported and empowered his communities in New York and the Black community at large. He held a seat on the board of selectors of the American Institute for Public Service, the Advisory Council of the Character Education Partnership, the board of the Steadman-Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation, the board of The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, and the national advisory board of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. He was also a trustee of Howard University, the Committee for Economic Development, the Special Contributions Fund of the NAACP, and the New York Economic Club. He was appointed to serve on the presidential commission for the National Museum of African American History and Culture by the George W. Bush Administration and was a vice president on the national executive board and a member of the marketing committee for the national office of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Graves's wife of 51 years, Mrs. Barbara Graves, was his closest companion. You didn't see one without the other. She lived for him, he lived for her, and they both lived for their three children. All three sons, Earl "Butch" Jr., Johnny, and Michael, worked at Black Enterprise throughout their lives, developing their business acumen under the watchful eye of Mrs. Graves, who served as a mentor and guide to several generations of employees. Butch took over as CEO of Black Enterprise in 2006, after spending decades growing the company together with his father.

Earl G. Graves was raised in the Bedford Stuyvesant neighborhood of New York, where he learned hard work and perseverance from his parents, Earl Godwin and Winifred Sealay Graves. After receiving a B.A. in economics from Morgan State University, he served two years in the Army, followed by a three-year

stint as Senator Robert F. Kennedy's administrative assistant. After Kennedy's assassination, Graves entered the business arena, where he realized his unprecedented success as a public servant, intellectual, and businessman.

It is my honor to stand today, Madam Speaker, in recognition of Earl G. Graves, a successful entrepreneur, caring father, dedicated philanthropist, and friend.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
HUEL PERKINS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Huel Perkins on the occasion of his retirement from FOX 2 Detroit after thirty-three years. His significant contributions to our Metro Detroit community are worthy of commendation.

A native of Louisiana, Mr. Perkins first started working as an anchor in Baton Rouge. He planned on continuing law school until a new career path appeared in the form of a phone call and he moved to work at a local station in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1989, he joined TV 2 in Detroit and has since then become a household name here in Metro Detroit. Along with his co-anchor, Monica Gayle, he is a part of one of the longest running anchor teams in Metro Detroit and has spent the last twenty-five years keeping the people of Southeastern Michigan informed on the issues of the day. Together they've covered the stories that define us—9/11, the inauguration of President Obama, Kwame Kilpatrick, and the memorable implosion of the Hudson Building in Downtown Detroit.

The sharp and larger than life host of Let It Rip, Mr. Perkins has received two Emmy Awards for reporting and four nominations for Best Anchor. Known for his boundless optimism, he has delivered the news that matters to Southeast Michigan with integrity and compassion. Mr. Perkins has traveled the world reporting on figures like Nelson Mandela and Pope, but this hasn't stopped him from being engaged in the community he calls home. Over the years he has made a difference in the lives of so many Metro Detroiters and in return, Michigan has adopted him as of our own. Even as he leaves FOX 2, his words of wisdom will not be forgotten. Mr. Perkins resides in Michigan with his wife Priscilla and together they have two sons, Jared and Vincent.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Huel Perkins for an exemplary career at FOX 2 Detroit. I join with Mr. Perkins's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my gratitude to him for his tireless commitment to our community and to thank him for his role in keeping the people of Michigan informed for over three decades. Though we will miss his skilled reporting and seeing the familiar faces of Huel and co-anchor Monica on FOX 2, we wish him the very best in retirement.