

Memorial will serve as a place to gather, remember, and inspire. It is a memorial designed with the desire to engage the community and educate future generations on the vision, values, and heroic efforts of the Greatest Generation.”

The organization chose Royal Oak as the location for the memorial because of its central location in the heart of Southeast Michigan, and with the strong support of the City of Royal Oak to host the memorial at Memorial Park on Woodward Avenue and Thirteen Mile Road. The memorial has been designed to be educational and interactive and as a center of community activities as well as serving as a place for contemplation and remembrance.

This week, after fifteen years of work, ground will be broken for the construction of this important tribute to a defining point in history and to the vital contributions millions of Americans made to the essential cause of winning World War II. So many people have played important roles in guiding this project to this significant day, and it would be impossible to name all of them. But I would like to recognize the Board of Directors of the Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial for their efforts: President John Maten, Vice-President Chris Graveline, Secretary Kim Jones, Treasurer J. Michael Mastantuono; board members Debi Hollis, Russell Levine, Judy Maten, Ryan Friedrichs and Molly Gale; and Honorary Director Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson who served in the legendary Tuskegee Airmen. I would also like to recognize two members of the board who sadly passed away before this occasion: Michael Cameron and former Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in celebrating the groundbreaking of the Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial, which I have no doubt will be viewed as a jewel in Southeast Michigan, and in congratulating all those who made vital contributions to this truly momentous occasion.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE LOTTERY

**HON. KATHERINE M. CLARK**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 6, 2022*

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Massachusetts State Lottery as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Since selling its first ticket on March 22, 1972, the Mass Lottery has generated over \$137 billion in revenues, returning over \$29 billion in net profit to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These funds have been distributed to all 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts as unrestricted local aid, supporting a wide range of initiatives, including public safety, snow removal, road improvements, school staffing and services, programs for seniors, and parks and recreation projects.

The Mass Lottery has awarded over \$96 billion in prizes to its loyal customers. Prize winners have been able to put their winnings toward the purchase of homes, sending their kids to college, opening their own businesses, covering medical expenses and making donations to charitable organizations.

The Mass Lottery has been a valuable source of additional income for thousands of businesses across the state, and collectively the Mass Lottery's retail partners have earned over \$7.8 billion in commissions and bonuses over the last fifty years.

Under the guidance of the Mass Lottery, Charitable Gaming events have given nonprofit organizations in Massachusetts opportunities to raise money to support their causes while providing social entertainment in their communities.

Over the last five decades, Mass Lottery employees have worked diligently to build the Mass Lottery into one of the most successful lotteries in the world. In turn, the Mass Lottery has been a valuable employer in the state, offering a wide range of career opportunities with pathways for advancement within the organization.

The Mass Lottery will be commemorating “50 Years of Winning” throughout 2022 by showing its appreciation for the customers, retailers, communities and employees who are a part of its amazing success story.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize the Massachusetts State Lottery as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

REMEMBERING ALCEE HASTINGS

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 6, 2022*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the one-year anniversary of the passing of Representative Alcee Hastings, a civil rights advocate and active leader of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (U.S. Helsinki Commission) for more than twenty years. His work included promoting principled foreign policy, human rights, strengthened democracy across Europe, domestic and international election observations, and diversity and inclusion at all levels of government and foreign policy decision making. Alcee Hastings passed away on April 6, 2021.

As a U.S. Helsinki Commissioner, Rep. Hastings served as Ranking Member, Co-Chairman, and twice as Chairman from 2007–2008 and 2019–2020. He was the first African American Chair of the Commission, and over the full span of his time on the Commission, visited all 57 participating States (pS) of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), 11 Asian and Mediterranean OSCE Partners for Co-operation countries, and attended over three dozen meetings of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA).

In addition to holding various leadership positions at the U.S. Helsinki Commission, Alcee Hastings also held offices with the OSCE PA, including Rapporteur of the First Committee on Political Affairs and Security, Vice Chair of the First Committee, Chair of the First Committee, Special Representative of Mediterranean Affairs, Vice President of the OSCE PA, President of the OSCE PA, and President Emeritus of the OSCE PA. Alcee remains the only American to hold the office of President of the 323-member body.

Alcee brought attention to several issues throughout the OSCE region and pushed to legitimize U.S. authority on human rights stand-

ards. He was a staunch opponent of Russian attempts to undermine security and stability in Europe and beyond, holding hearings as Chair on Russia's support for separatists and introducing legislation aiding Georgia following the 2008 invasion by Russia and supporting Ukraine's democratic gains since the 2004 Orange Revolution. He was an outspoken supporter of Europe's largest ethnic minority, the Roma, and he led efforts to address anti-Semitism and anti-Jewish violence in OSCE pS. Alcee was deeply engaged in the Middle East peace process, improving relations with Mediterranean partners, protections for minorities in the Kosovo independence plan, and strengthening democracy and expansion within the European Union. Thanks to his efforts stressing the importance of having election observers monitor U.S. elections, the OSCE PA held its first election observation mission in the U.S. in 2002.

Representative Hastings believed that diversity and inclusion in foreign policy was critical for upholding democratic values. This included equal representation across different racial, ethnic, gender identity, sexual orientation, religious and geographic communities, including youth participation. He held hearings, introduced legislation, supported programs at the State Department and fellowship programs geared towards promoting minority participation, and worked with European partners on initiatives to meet this end.

Alcee Hastings was born in Altamonte Springs, Florida and received his bachelor's degree from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee and his law degree from Florida A&M University. Prior to serving in government, he tirelessly fought racial injustice as a civil rights lawyer and activist. In 1979, Representative Hastings became the first African American Federal Judge in the State of Florida when President Jimmy Carter appointed him to the bench. When elected to Congress in 1992, he was one of the first three African Americans to represent Florida since the reconstruction era. He has long championed the rights of minorities, women, the elderly, children, and immigrants.

It was an honor to serve with Representative Alcee Hastings in Congress and to have the privilege to work with him on the Helsinki Commission. He was the reason I sought appointment. I am proud to have called him my friend and will be forever grateful to him for introducing me to the Commission on which I now serve as Co-Chairman. He is remembered by all here and at the OSCE PA. His was a life well-lived.

HONORING HAZEL A. WILSON AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 6, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Hazel Wilson, whom I have named the 2022 Woman of the Year in Solano County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Born in Bristow, Oklahoma, Mrs. Wilson graduated from Langston University, an historically Black university, with a bachelor's degree in business administration. After her graduation, she moved to Vallejo, California, in 1973, where she co-founded the Kappa Beta Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Kappa Beta Omega Chapter focuses on introducing students to the different options of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the benefits of attending these schools.

Mrs. Wilson also served on the Vallejo City Unified School District governing board for 14 years and still attends their meetings to support Vallejo students by addressing community concerns to the district and its board.

As a Community Liaison Volunteer for the CC and Amber Sabathia PitCCh-In Foundation, Mrs. Wilson has worked to provide free backpacks and school supplies to elementary school children and teachers in Vallejo. She also contributes to an annual scholarship for a high school senior who will be attending an historically Black college or university.

Mrs. Wilson is an advocate and a consensus builder for students across the city. Through her extensive work with the school district and other non-profits like the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the African American Alliance of Vallejo, and the Solano County Chapter of the Link, Inc., she has directly impacted the lives of so many children.

Her husband, a retired teacher, Michael Wilson and their two children, Michael Wilson III, a teacher, and Andrinee Wilson-Tucker, Ph.D., a psychologist, also graduated from Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Mrs. Wilson's family and the rest of the community describe her as incredibly compassionate, dignified, and motivated in supporting students with their education.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Hazel Wilson has dedicated her life to the students of Vallejo through her public service. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

RECOGNIZING LEE SYKES, OWNER OF TOW BOAT US BEAUFORT, AND CREW MEMBERS JOHNATHON EVANS, JAY BOONE, CROCKETT HENDERSON, LUIS HERRON AND JOHN WILSON

**HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 6, 2022*

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a tribute to the heroic crew members of Tow Boat US Beaufort (TBUS). On February 13, 2022, TBUS was alerted to a possible downed aircraft east of Cape Lookout shoals near Drum Inlet. This aircraft was comprised of eight individuals, including four high school students. The honorable crew quickly departed towards the vicinity of the last known position of the aircraft. At this time, weather conditions were deteriorating, and seas were a rough 3 to 5 feet.

The wreckage of the aircraft was found before dark, and it was clear that there were likely no possible survivors. The next morning, emergency services called TBUS seeking their assistance in locating the aircraft on the sea

floor. While local first responders focused on chasing floating debris offshore, the TBUS crew investigated where the plane struck the water using sonar to locate the wreckage. By 4:00 PM on February 14, 2022, TBUS confirmed they had found the crash site and had remotely operated vehicle footage of the debris on the bottom. That night, TBUS crews would be tasked with running the dive operations, while providing divers and surface support for body recovery.

The next day, February 15, 2022, TBUS had put together a dive plan and divers to try and access the aircraft. Water temperatures were around 52 degrees on the surface, the current was running approximately 3.9 knots on the bottom in 60 feet of water, and seas were rough at 3 to 5 feet, making this an extraordinarily difficult dive to achieve with limited bottom time. TBUS crews worked until the next day, when all the remains had been recovered for the families. While this was a strenuous job, the selfless heroes at TBUS thought it was a necessary mission to help the grieving families of the victims. Putting divers in during small craft conditions, 50-degree water, and heavy currents makes for very dangerous conditions that highlight the heroic actions of the TBUS crew.

TBUS crew members involved were Lee Sykes, Johnathon Evans, Jay Boone, Crockett Henderson, Luis Herron and John Wilson. None of this would have been possible were it not for the selflessness and servant attitude of the aforementioned members. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring these incredible and wonderful heroes.

RECOGNIZING MR. RONALD D'ARTENAY, Sr.

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 6, 2022*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Ronald "Ron" d'Artenay, Sr., who passed away on Sunday, January 23, 2022.

Mr. d'Artenay was born in Hanford, California on June 29, 1943. He was raised in nearby Kettleman City where he first began helping his father on the farm. His interest in farming and agriculture continued to grow while attending Avenal High School.

After graduation, Mr. d'Artenay chose to stay in the industry and started his first business, d'Artenay Hay Service, early in his career. In the 1980s, he started d'Artenay Farms in Coalinga, California, where he successfully grew pistachios for over thirty years.

Mr. d'Artenay was also a fixture in the local racing community. He served as a founding member and president of the Avenal Sand Drags Association. He became known for his sand drag race car, 'The Red Warrior.' Mr. d'Artenay was a valued member of our local community, and it is with great pride that I recognize him for his service to the Central Valley.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Ronald "Ron" d'Artenay, Sr.

IN MEMORIAM—ROBERT "BOB" FOOTE

**HON. TRACEY MANN**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 6, 2022*

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the memory of Bob Foote, a tremendous Kansan who passed away on March 25th. Bob was a man of many talents. He built one of the largest cattle operations in America, feeding 550,000 head a year and employing 400. He and his wife Gail also built an amazing family who will carry on his legacy and lead the Foote Cattle Company into the future.

Bob had tenacity, grit, confidence, and he wasn't afraid to embrace an aggressive approach to business. His motto was "Get It"—which he would say to remind those around him to never give up and keep pushing forward. Bob was a staunch conservative who could often be found giving one of his trademark "Bob Foote lectures" on politics. He was a true patriot, and most importantly, now that he has gone on to heaven, he was a man of great faith.

From the farm and headquarters in eastern Kansas, to rangeland in the Flint Hills, to feed yards in Western Kansas. I am hard pressed to think of any Ag producer who had such an impact on the entirety of Kansas agriculture. Whether he was buying cattle or sharing his faith and work ethic with his grandchildren, Bob believed that he should use the talents that God gave him to be the best man he could be. He is now able to reunite with his beloved Colleen and together watch over his legacy—the Foote Cattle Company—and gaze proudly on his spouse Gail and sons Scott, Brad, and Greg as they continue to lead the industry and Kansas Agriculture forward.

May Bob Foote rest in peace.

HONORING BLACK ORGANIZATION 100 BLACK MEN OF GRENADA, INC.

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 6, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a resilient organization that is doing great things in their community, 100 Black Men of Grenada, Inc.

The 100 Black Men of Grenada, Inc., received a charter from the 100 Black Men of America, Inc., in 2008 to serve the African American and other disadvantaged youth in Grenada and the contiguous counties.

Since organizing, the 100 Black Men of Grenada, Inc., has developed many strong partnerships with a diverse group of individuals, organizations, businesses, and agencies. This has resulted in many valuable services for youth and community.

Some of their key accomplishments of the chapter are: Establishing the "Eagles" Mentoring Program for the Grenada School District, sponsoring College Fairs and ACT preparation sessions for area high schools, sponsoring out of town educational and enrichment field trips for area youth, etc.

The services of the men of the 100 Black Men of Grenada have greatly benefited the