

Committee; and the Make It Moorestown Celebration Committee. In addition, John was an active member of the Moorestown Rotary Club and the Knights of Columbus Council 1082.

Similarly impressive, Kathy served as Vice President, Planning Board Alternate, and a member of the Appearance Committee for the Moorestown School Board for more than a decade. Kathy was also a Board Member and Secretary of the Moorestown Business Association from 2006 to 2009. Her most recent community work involves her contributions to Percheron Park and her involvement on the Moorestown Tree Planting and Preservation Committee.

For almost five decades, whether they were together or apart, John and Kathy they have been integral participants in Moorestown's volunteer community and have been described as an inspiration to everyone around them. I am proud to congratulate them both for winning this award and thank them for their continued service to our community.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR.
JOHNNIE ANDERSON JONES, SR.,
ESQ.

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, today, I want to recognize the extraordinary life of Dr. Johnnie Anderson Jones, Sr., Esq. of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a Civil Rights Lawyer, and World War II Veteran, at the tender age of 102 on April 23, 2022.

Dr. Jones was born November 30, 1919, in Laurel Hill, Louisiana and raised on Rosemound Plantation by his parents, who farmed 73 acres of land but insisted that their son get an education. He attended a two-room schoolhouse and became interested in the law, he said, when a teacher gave him a book by Charles Evans Hughes, then the Chief Justice of the United States.

"While we were out in the fields picking cotton, I would be thinking about what I read in that book," Mr. Jones told the Advocate of Baton Rouge. "I couldn't stand the sight of people picking cotton . . . Everything it represented."

Mr. Jones enrolled at Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, planning to major in industrial education. He was 24 years old, a future civil rights lawyer not yet graduated from college, when he landed on the beaches of Normandy in the D-Day invasion of 1944. He was tasked with unloading equipment during the Normandy invasion.

He became the Army's first African-American warrant officer. He was assigned to a unit responsible for unloading equipment and supplies onto Normandy.

He nearly died before his ship reached the shore, when the explosion of a mine sent him flying "sky high into the air," he recalled, and onto an upper deck. He again almost died when he came under German sniper fire on Omaha Beach.

When Mr. Jones returned home to Louisiana, he was greeted not with a hero's welcome, but rather with all the indignities of segregation in the Jim Crow South.

Riding a bus with fellow U.S. servicemen, Mr. Jones, who was African

American, was forced to sit in the back of the coach. He was driving to New Orleans to have shrapnel removed from his neck when a White police officer, entirely unprovoked, pulled him over and began assaulting him.

"He knocked me down and started kicking me," he said. "Things weren't right. 'Separate but equal' was unconstitutional, and I wanted to fight it and make it better."

Mr. Jones did so by enrolling in law school and becoming a lawyer in the early years of the civil rights movement. Mr. Jones was credited with fighting legal battles on multiple fronts of the movement for racial equality.

He worked with voter leagues and with civil rights organizations; including the NAACP and the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). He assisted demonstrators who participated in lunch-counter sit-ins. During that time, his car was bombed on two separate occasions.

After the 1954 Supreme Court ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education*, which outlawed segregation in public schools, he helped accompany about 30 Black children to a White elementary school in Baton Rouge, historian Adam Fairclough wrote in the volume "Race and Democracy: The Civil Rights Struggle in Louisiana, 1915–1972."

But Mr. Jones played perhaps his most significant role in the 1953 Baton Rouge bus boycott, a long-overlooked event that helped inspire the landmark boycott two years later in Montgomery, Ala., prompted by the arrest of Rosa Parks. Mr. Jones was only two weeks out of law school in June 1953 when the Rev. T.J. Jemison, a founding member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, invited him to represent the organizers of the effort in Baton Rouge.

"I told him, 'That's an awfully big suit to fill,'" Mr. Jones recalled to a reporter in 2015. "But he said, 'Nonsense, Brother Jones, you can do it.'"

The Baton Rouge demonstration was touched off when Martha White, an African-American housekeeper, ignited a controversy by taking a seat in a section of a public bus reserved for White riders. During the eight-day boycott that followed, activists organized carpools that allowed participants to travel to and from work without riding city buses. Eighty percent of the city's bus ridership at the time was African American. The boycott ended with the partial desegregation of city buses, with the front two rows of seats reserved for White people and the last two rows for Black people. While some protesters had hoped for a more dramatic outcome, historians today describe the Baton Rouge boycott as a prototype of others to come.

"Almost unnoticed at the time," the Baton Rouge protest "was a direct precursor of the Montgomery bus boycott," Fairclough wrote, "and an event of major significance in the evolution of the civil rights movement."

Upon his return to the United States, he resumed his studies and changed his major to psychology, receiving a bachelor's degree in 1949. He received a law degree, also from Southern University, in 1953.

Mr. Jones served briefly in the Louisiana House of Representatives in the 1970s. He continued practicing law into his 90s.

Mr. Jones was predeceased by his four children, Johnnie A. Jones Jr., Adal Jones, Adair Jones and Ann Jones. Survivors include many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

During his service in World War II, Mr. Jones sustained shrapnel wounds that he would bear for the rest of his life.

"The doctor told me it would really hurt in 75 years, but I wouldn't have to worry about that," he bravely discussed. "I fooled him. It hurts, and I'm still picking it out of my head and arm. A piece came out just above my left eye yesterday."

He waited nearly eight decades for his service to be recognized with a Purple Heart, receiving the award only last year. The long delay was symbolic of what he saw as the slow move toward justice in the civil rights movement.

His heroism will be forever marked in our lives. I am proud to say the life he lived paved the way for me to enjoy the accomplishments I have endured following his footsteps. I will continue to work for the citizens of Louisiana, as Dr. Jones did, always striving to make life better in our community.

HONORING DAVID MCWILLIAM
RASER

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor David McWilliam Raser, a hardworking and dedicated staff member of the House Appropriations Committee, who suddenly passed away on February 5th of this year.

Son of David and Denise Raser, Dave was born in Long Island, New York on May 3, 1997. Just a few years later, the Rasers added another member to the family, Emily, who would become Dave's best friend. In the early 2000s, the family headed for warmer weather, moving from New York to Naples, Florida.

Dave grew to become an accomplished young man in his academic, athletic, and service endeavors. He spent much of his time outdoors, whether fishing, hiking, or playing team sports. In fact, Dave and his rugby team—the Naples Bears—went on to win State in 2014. He continued his pursuit of fitness into his professional life, running a marathon and surpassing his goal of running 1,000 miles in 2021.

In high school, he joined the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, where he rose to the rank of Battalion Commander. Because of his leadership and achievements, Congressman MARIO DIAZ-BALART nominated Dave to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

As fate would have it, Dave instead attended Louisiana State University, where he would receive a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, specializing in American government and politics. Before graduating, Dave served as a summer intern for Congressman Thomas Rooney, where he learned the legislative process firsthand, and shortly after receiving his diploma in 2019, Dave moved to Washington, D.C. with hopes of obtaining a full-time position in Congress.

Dave joined the House Appropriations Committee as an intern in 2019 and did such great work that he officially joined my committee staff in 2020. In his role, he served as the ultimate utility player, always willing and eager to assist when needed, regardless of the task at hand. Whether it was preparing materials for hearings and briefings or assisting staff with

reviewing legislation, he worked just as hard as anyone and did so with a heart of gratitude and service. Dave always had a smile on his face and a joyful spirit that uplifted others. He truly made a positive impact on everyone he interacted with.

At the age of 24, Dave passed away just days shy of his two-year work anniversary. Joined by family, friends, and committee staff, his funeral service was held at the same chapel he was baptized in as a child.

Today, May 3rd, would have been Dave's 25th birthday. In honor of his birthday, we celebrate his life and remember the incredible son, brother, and friend he was. Words cannot express how saddened we are at the loss of someone so young and so kind. Dave is dearly missed by his colleagues. On behalf of Congress and the Appropriations Committee, I offer my deepest condolences to Dave's family and friends.

HONORING OF JAMES MABE

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of James Mabe of Abingdon, Virginia, who passed away on April 10, 2022, at the age of 66. Mr. Mabe was a well-known voice in the community as a radio host for more than 30 years.

Mr. Mabe was born on April 30, 1955, to Eugene and Easter Mabe. He was educated at Fort Chiswell High School. He always held a great love for music. As a young man, he performed with many local bands and worked in his family's truck stop until he started in radio. His first on-air appearance was with a station in Pulaski, Virginia, in 1983. He went on to be a voice in radio for more than three decades but spent most of his career as the host of the "More Music Morning Show" in Marion, Virginia.

His voice was in the ears of community members in their homes, on their daily commutes, and during their workdays. His candor and lively personality made it easy for him to connect with his listeners. He was known for his witty one-liners. He loved his job and the ability to reach so much of the community. In 2020, the American Advertising Federation of Southwest Virginia awarded him the Silver Medal for Lifetime Achievement.

Mr. Mabe was predeceased in death by his parents; his sister, Janie Mabe; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, WR and Evangeline Humphreys. He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Annette Mabe; daughters, Kaci Willis and her husband, Jon; Stacey Burton and partner, Jesse Blevins; and Jenny Mabe; grandchildren Caleb, Jaden, Noah, Laine, Avery, Archer and Gunner; brother, Gerald Mabe and wife, Kathy; as well as many other beloved friends and family, including many listeners of his show. I offer my condolences to them on the loss of this great man.

HONORING JEFF PRICE OF MILLIKEN AND COMPANY

HON. WILLIAM R. TIMMONS, IV

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Mr. TIMMONS. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor Jeff Price on his well-earned retirement from Milliken and Company, headquartered in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Milliken, a global leader in textiles and materials science, has a clear commitment to innovation, growth and leadership—which makes it a tough place to stand out. Yet, for 43 years, Jeff Price has done exactly that.

Jeff joined Milliken after graduating from the University of North Carolina in 1979. Jeff started in Milliken on the plant floor and worked as a business manager before he was selected to run an essential division at Milliken: the global airbag and non-woven automotive division. Think about that level of responsibility. Countless South Carolinians, countless Americans, rely on airbags every day to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe. We don't think about it when we get in our cars, to go to work or school or soccer practice, but we know we can do so with the highest level of safety because of the work of Jeff Price and his teams at Milliken.

Jeff's demonstrated success in airbags and non-woven automotive led him to serving as president of Milliken's textile business, where he continued to focus on innovation and solutions-driven leadership. In that role, he co-chaired the American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition (AMTAC) and was instrumental in the decision to merge AMTAC with the National Council of Textile Organizations (NCTO), where he also served as Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Board member.

In 2019, after Jeff had held 13 different roles at the company, Milliken CEO Halsey Cook tapped Jeff to stand up a new position—Executive Vice President of Operations—where he oversees corporate logistics and sourcing, environmental health and safety, corporate engineering and global security. If that sounds like a lot, that is because it is. Jeff's leadership in both manufacturing and general management make him an effective strategic leader in global operations for the company, and, by extension, for all communities in South Carolina and around the world where Milliken has locations.

Earlier this year, Jeff's decades of success at Milliken were recognized when he was awarded the Roger Milliken Award—an exclusive recognition that honors individuals who have created lasting and measurable differences within the company and have built a legacy of their own at Milliken.

Yet, greater than all the achievements and professional success I have shared, Jeff is the loving husband of Terri, proud father of Jennifer (husband Amine) and Christopher (wife Amanda), and grandfather of eight. I know his family joins me in celebrating his accomplishments for Milliken in and out of the manufacturing plant. Terri, pastor at Providence Presbyterian Church in Powdersville, South Carolina, is also retiring this year.

I am pleased to be joined by Representatives TOM RICE (SC–02), JEFF DUNCAN (SC–03), RALPH NORMAN (SC–05) in honoring Jeff Price as he prepares for his well-earned retire-

ment from Milliken and Company at the end of this year. Congratulations and Godspeed.

REMEMBERING ANDREW CRESCI

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Andrew Cresci, a remarkable man who recently passed away at the age of 82. Andy did what only a few souls dream to accomplish: He housed people, offering them a chance at the American Dream.

My district is populated by homes immortalized by Pete Seeger and Malvina Reynolds in the song "Little Boxes." Andy Cresci and his hearty employees built thousands of those "little boxes" on the hillsides of Daly City, along the streets of South San Francisco, and throughout Hercules. However, let's set the record straight: Pete Seeger and Malvina Reynolds were wrong. These homes were well built, beloved by their first owners, and are proudly owned by the current generation of homeowners.

The Standard Building Company/Sunstream Homes began in the 1920s and was a thriving company when Andy Cresci started as an architect in the 1960s. He eventually took over as CEO after the founders, Carl and Fred Gellert, retired. Sunstream built dreams. In the Serramonte neighborhood, in South San Francisco and Hercules, thousands of affordable homes ready-made for proud ownership were constructed. Andy Cresci required that homes be built to satisfy every customer. One former employee noted that while he was with the company—over decades—he and his team never set foot in a courtroom due to a customer complaint. They would often return after the warranty had expired to fix anything that was of concern. Every Sunstream home has a license plate-like piece of metal, typically in the garage, identifying its number in the long series of homes built by Sunstream. So, if you bought the 4,352nd Sunstream home, you knew that there were 4,351 satisfied customers who came before you.

We often hear today of companies that refuse to share their success with employees. Sunstream was different. Many employees made investments alongside management, even as little as \$600, and received significant returns on their investments. Andy ran a prudent operation that delivered value to both customers and employees. In later years, as opportunities to purchase large tracts of land dwindled, he had a sharp eye for infill development opportunities and looked for surplus public lands.

He wasn't all about work. Andy loved golf and for many years he belonged to the "Dew Sweepers," a group of fellow golfers who played courses very early in the morning, typically at Poplar Creek. The loser had to buy everyone else french fries. At home, his "man cave" included three TVs so that he could watch baseball, golf, and basketball, but especially the 49ers. He was a season ticket holder. He travelled widely, loved such disparate music as ABBA, Elvis Presley and Queen, and of course he enjoyed Italian classics.

Andy Cresci had a dry wit and a wet garden. A friend reports that he had five or six