

Dakota. Christopher and Thomas are currently serving in the United States Marine Corps. Mr. Voyvodich's family describes him as a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. His tireless dedication has resonated with his family, his co-workers, and his community.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Mr. Voyvodich has dedicated his life for the betterment and safety of the Martinez community through his service. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

TRIBUTE TO GLEN AND KERRY FLETCHER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Glen and Kerry Fletcher, who are jointly being honored as the 2021 Citizen of the Year by the Corona Chamber of Commerce. Glen and Kerry have been true leaders in my hometown of Corona for more than three decades, and residents throughout our community deeply appreciate their many contributions.

Glen and Kerry first met in high school where Kerry was a song leader and Glen was president of the Future Farmers of America. After a few dates, Kerry was introduced to the family business, Pete's Road Service, which was run by Pete and Clara Fletcher. Soon after, Kerry would join Glen by working at the business and contributing to its success. Eventually they would marry, and after living for stretches in Fullerton and Norco, the Fletcher family moved to Corona in 1986. In addition to expanding Pete's Road Service, the Fletcher family grew with the additions of their children, Amanda, Melissa, and Nathan.

Over the past 30 years, the Fletchers have volunteered their time and resources into the Corona community in many ways. With children active in youth athletics, the Fletchers recognized a need for additional soccer development opportunities in the region. In 1992, they founded the Corona United Soccer Club, and Glen served as its President for 12 years. Not to be outdone, Kerry contributed in a variety of roles over the years, including as a coach, Board Treasurer, and Registrar. In 2005, Glen joined the Corona Rotary where he chaired the club's Lobsterfest fundraiser in 2011 and served as President in the 2011/2012 year. Glen and Kerry have also been members of the Navy League and a number of other local clubs and organizations benefiting our city.

Today, Glen and Kerry enjoy another treasured role—being grandparents. With their incredible record of service, the Fletchers are incredibly deserving of the Citizen of the Year award from the Corona Chamber of Commerce. I would like to thank Glen and Kerry for their dedication to our community and wish them the very best in the future.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT TITLE EQUALITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Government Title Equality Act. This bill would amend the D.C. Home Rule Act to redesignate the Mayor of the District of Columbia as the Governor, the D.C. Council as the Legislative Assembly, the D.C. Councilmembers as Representatives and the Chair of the Council as the Speaker. The new titles are the ones used in the State of Washington, Douglass Commonwealth constitution, which the District adopted in 2016 in anticipation of passage of the Washington, D.C. Admission Act, which would make D.C. the 51st state.

I introduce this bill to highlight to the American people and Members of Congress that there would be a seamless transition to D.C. statehood because D.C. already operates as the functional equivalent of a state, providing state-, county- and city-level services, despite being denied voting representation in Congress and full local self-government.

This bill would not change any D.C. legal authorities.

This is an important step to provide greater equality for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

REMEMBERING WILLIAM J. WOOD

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, my wife Roxanne, the Wilson family, and I would like to express our condolences to the family of William J. Wood. He, his late wife, Nancy, and his daughter, Lou, have been greatly appreciated civic and business leaders of the Midlands of South Carolina. With Eastman Chemicals, Midlands Technical College, and Nephron Pharmaceuticals, the Kennedy Family has provided innumerable people with meaningful jobs. I am grateful to include in the RECORD his obituary in fond remembrance.

WILLIAM J. WOOD

(June 23, 1937–January 16, 2022)

OBITUARY OF WILLIAM J. WOOD

William Jerry Wood, of Lexington, passed away on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at his home.

The son of the late Oscar Benjamin and Faye Hooper Wood, Mr. Wood was born in Commerce, GA, started his career at Eastman Chemical Company in Kingsport, TN, and made Lexington his home for more than a half century. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

As a young man, Mr. Wood's family moved around Appalachia. During this period, Mr. Wood's father was following his calling to serve Baptist congregations around the region, as a minister. His father also owned a dry cleaning business, in which the entire family pitched in. At the age of 18, Mr. Wood started his career at Eastman in Kingsport, TN, where the family had settled.

Mr. Wood devoted more than four decades in leadership and management to Eastman Chemical Company. With the exception of his family, Mr. Wood did not take more pride in anything than his work. He left an indelible mark on the company and its employees, many of whom continue to pass down the lessons they learned working with Mr. Wood. He taught a Machine, Tool, Technology class to local technical college students for more than 15 years.

The Midlands Technical College Life Skills Center is named in honor of Mr. Wood. Since opening in 2014, the center has helped Midlands Tech students prepare for life after school by honing essential skills needed to start a career.

The father of Lou Wood Kennedy, Mr. Wood embraced life in the Midlands of South Carolina when he relocated his family here, in 1965, as he continued to grow in management at Eastman. Mr. Wood was active in community endeavors, such as service organizations like the Lions Club, hobby-focused clubs, such as the Antique Car Club of America South Carolina Chapter, and in the Baptist church. His daughter, beaming with pride, called Mr. Wood the greatest man she has ever known, and he loved watching the role she plays in making her own mark today on the community he chose as their family home.

Mr. Wood met his wife, Nancy Thomas Wood, as a teenager. They dated as students at East Tennessee State University. His father married the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Wood celebrated 61 years of marriage last year.

Surviving Mr. Wood are his daughter, Lou Wood Kennedy of Lexington (Bill); granddaughter, Xanna Bailey of Lexington (Travis) and great-grandson, Lincoln Bailey. Mr. Wood is also survived by Paul Wood (Mildred), Sarah Benson, Daniel Wood (Cara), Rebecca (Chuck) and countless nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. The family wants to say a special thank you to Amya Bryant for the love and care she provided over the last five months.

HONORING MONTFORD POINT MARINE ROSCOE BROWN FOR HIS COURAGE, TRAILBLAZING DETERMINATION, AND SELFLESS SERVICE TO OUR GREAT NATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Roscoe Brown, a member of the Montford Point Marines, an elite team of men who bravely signed up to fight abroad for our nation's freedom even while they were being denied equal rights here at home. We will never forget his courage, trailblazing determination, and selfless service.

In 2011 I co-sponsored H.R. 2477, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal to the Montford Point Marines. The legislation was approved by Congress and signed by President Obama. In November of 2012 a ceremony was held to present many of the Marines with their medals, however Mr. Brown was unable to attend. In April of 2013 my office secured the medal and at Mr. Brown's request, I presented the honor in a special ceremony at Bethesda World Harvest International Church in Buffalo, where Brown served as a Deacon.

During the struggle of World War II, America called Mr. Brown and the Montford Point Marines to duty, and they answered with selfless service in defense of our freedoms. The 1941 Fair Employment Act prohibited racial discrimination by federal agencies; finally giving African-Americans the right to enlist in the Marine Corps. However, like the rest of America at the time, military training facilities were segregated. Camp Montford Point in Jacksonville, North Carolina served as the training site for African-American men eager to serve in the Marines. Over a 7 year period beginning in 1942, approximately 20,000 African Americans were trained at the Camp, many serving during World War II. In 1949 Montford Point Camp was deactivated and all recruits were trained side-by-side.

The Public Affairs office of the United States Marine Corps added, "The sacrifice of these men paved the way for other minorities and all women to be integrated into the Marine Corps. By their sacrifice, MPM's engineered social and cultural change in the Marine Corps that created a lasting impact and has contributed to the success of the Marine Corps today."

Born in 1927 in Texas, Roscoe Brown came to Buffalo in 1944 and resided in Williamsville, New York. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in July of 1945, was squad leader in boot camp and served as a personnel clerk in the United States Marine Corps before being honorably discharged on August 30, 1946.

After his military service, Mr. Brown briefly worked for the United States Postal Service in Chicago before returning Western New York to work at the Bethlehem Steel plant, where

he was employed for 33 years and rose to the rank of foreman. After retirement from the plant, Mr. Brown opened a Laundromat at 2116 Fillmore Avenue in Buffalo. He operated the small business, named "Thrif-T-Wash," from 1983 to 2005.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian award given by Congress. It is awarded to those who have performed an achievement that has impacted American history and culture. Others receiving the medal include, but are not limited to: George Washington in 1776, Rosa Parks in 1999, Pope John Paul II in 2000, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King in 2004, the Tuskegee Airmen in 2006 and the Victims of 9/11 in 2011. Mr. Brown will always be remembered as a hero alongside others who have received this high honor.