

voice which closed off our weekends with highlights, insights, and the sports stories which not only gave us the score but let us in on so much more: a look at the athletes and a look at ourselves. I thank Bruce Cunningham for all the memories, as our grateful city and state will miss him dearly.

HONORING NATIONAL CENTER FOR FAMILIES LEARNING PRESIDENT SHARON DARLING ON HER RETIREMENT

### HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 17, 2022*

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sharon Darling, President and Founder of the National Center for Families Learning and former Kentucky Director of Adult and Community Education, as she begins her well-earned and much-deserved retirement after years of dedication to the advancement of education policy and family literacy.

For decades, Sharon has served as a national leader in family learning, making NCFL a go-to resource for all who are working to make adult literacy not only a priority, but a powerful tool for breaking the cycles of poverty that limit far too many families. Without her pioneering work, the very definition of family literacy that our federal government relies on to steer the policies that help countless Americans would not exist. It is not an exaggeration to say that Sharon Darling helped write the lesson plan for America's comprehensive approach to intergenerational learning, because that's exactly what she did.

Her day-to-day presence will be sorely missed by her colleagues and all whose lives she has touched, but I'm thrilled to know that Sharon is staying on to serve as an active member of NCFL's Board of Directors and will continue to support the organization in a variety of ways. Even in retirement, she will help continue the success of NCFL in the years ahead as they continue under the leadership of Dr. Felicia C. Smith.

When asked about her upcoming retirement, Sharon said, "Never did I expect my life to unfold how it has, but each day I am grateful to all those who believe in the tremendous power of multigenerational learning." On behalf of the people of Kentucky's Third Congressional District and all who know Sharon Darling, let me say that we are all incredibly grateful that her life unfolded as it did, and that millions of Americans—including the more than 4.5 million parents and children across the 150 communities in 39 states and Washington, D.C. served by NCFL—are all better for her life's work.

I thank Sharon for her selfless dedication to improving the lives of others through learning. I wish her nothing but the best in her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO LAWANDA LYONS-PRUITT—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

### HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 17, 2022*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt of Santa Maria, California.

A longtime resident of Santa Maria, Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt has been a leader on behalf of communities of color in Santa Maria and Lompoc for over two decades.

Lawanda has been the President of the Santa Maria-Lompoc NAACP chapter for more than 14 years. Inspired by her early childhood experiences in segregated Mississippi before eventually moving to Santa Maria after high school, Lawanda has long served as a record-keeper for Black families in the area and organizer of community events that emphasize the importance of honoring Black history.

In her longstanding commitment to resolving racial injustice like she experienced as a child, Lawanda worked in the Santa Barbara County Public Defender's Office for over three decades. After earning her degree in criminology from Cal State Long Beach, Lawanda became an investigator for the Public Defender's Office in 1984. Eleven years later, she was named the department's Chief Investigator, making her the first African American woman in California to serve in that position. Lawanda made a career of treating people with compassion and respect, working to ensure that each defendant received their constitutional right to a good defense.

Where Lawanda sees a need, she takes action. After the murder of George Floyd, she used her position on the Santa Maria Police Department's police advisory board to call for the creation of a civilian review board to investigate officers accused of abuse and help rebuild trust between the police and community.

With the many daunting challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, her leadership has guided many in the community to safely face those challenges. In the destructive wake of COVID-19, Lawanda became a trusted source for information about the virus and the vaccine. She is a strong advocate for COVID-19 vaccination within the BIPOC community, taking the time to talk through questions and fears, helping to ease vaccine hesitancy and encourage individuals to protect themselves and those around them. She gives so much of her time, energy, and resources to serve our community.

Lawanda's openness and commitment to her community is a testament to her selflessness. She is a worthy candidate for this honor and a role model for community leaders of all kinds.

I am honored to recognize Lawanda for her continued commitment to uplifting and advocating for Black communities across the Central Coast. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Lawanda

Lyons-Pruitt, for her incredible service to her community.

HONORING DAVID McBRIDE'S SERVICE TO THE NASA ARMSTRONG FLIGHT RESEARCH CENTER

### HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 17, 2022*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Armstrong Flight Research Center, David McBride, on his retirement after many years of service to the scientific community.

Pursuing his passion for aeronautics research, David kicked off his career with NASA as a cooperative education student in 1982. Specializing in digital flight control systems analysis, he explored the way in which aircraft perform under an array of flight test conditions. Wanting to continue his interest in the field, David received both an undergraduate and graduate degree from the University of New Mexico, earning his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1985 and Executive Master of Business Administration in 1998.

Upon graduation, David climbed the ranks at NASA Armstrong, eventually becoming Program Manager for the Flight Research Program, as well as Deputy Center Director and Associate Director for Programs and Projects. In these roles, David was integral in the study, development, and testing of groundbreaking technologies, including the Intelligent Flight Control System, X-53 Active Aeroelastic Wing flight research project, and solar-powered Helios aircraft.

In 2010, David was appointed Director of the Armstrong Flight Research Center, formerly the Hugh L. Dryden Flight Research Center. Under his leadership, NASA Armstrong remained the premier research center for aeronautics in the United States. In fact, NASA Armstrong conducted critical flight development tests over the years, including the notable testing of the X-48B/C hybrid wing body experimental aircraft and the testing of NASA Orion's launch and abort systems. Additionally, during David's tenure as Director, NASA Armstrong's Boeing 747SP SOFIA (Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy) project became fully operational—a feat that has allowed our nation's foremost scientists to further our nation's scientific understanding.

Throughout his career, David has devoted himself to exploring new frontiers and building upon NASA Armstrong's proud legacy of scientific discovery. Though he will be greatly missed at the Armstrong Flight Research Center, I am confident David will continue to be a force in the world of scientific development. On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of California, I would like to thank David for his service to our community, and I wish him and his family the very best as they enter this new chapter of their lives.

RECOGNIZING REV. PATRICK O.  
LINDSEY

**HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 17, 2022*

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Greater Bibleway Missionary Baptist Church upon the 30th Anniversary of their pastor, Rev. Patrick Oliver Lindsey, and the First Lady of the Church, Kathy Lindsey. Pastor Lindsey, the fourth of eight children born to John, Sr. (deceased), and Ida Lindsey, lived on the eastside of Detroit, MI, and were educated in Detroit and Highland Park Public School systems. Rev. Lindsey furthered his education at the University of Michigan and graduated in 1981 with a BA in Political Science. Throughout his professional career, Rev. Lindsey furthered his studies at various institutions, including the Center for Corporate Citizenship at Boston College, the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and DaimlerChrysler Corporate University in Lautenbach, Germany, and the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan.

After marrying the former Kathy Sanders of Brownsville, TN, in April 1992, the couple was blessed with two wonderful children: a son named Kendall, a 2018 graduate of the University of Michigan, and a daughter named Kaylyn, a 2021 graduate of Wayne State University. This year, Rev. Lindsey and his wife celebrated 30 years of wedded bliss.

Rev. Lindsey made a firm commitment to the church in December 1983, and he began a life of faithful service at the Samaritan Missionary Baptist Church, where his family has worshipped since 1952. Under the stellar leadership of the late Pastor Robert E. Starghill, Sr., Rev. Lindsey was ordained as a deacon in March 1984 and served in a variety of leadership and service roles, including financial clerk, board secretary, Bible teacher, van ministry, Pastor's Chorus, and Men's group president.

In June 1992, Rev. Lindsey served as Pastor of the Greater Bibleway Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. During his tenure, Rev. Lindsey has diligently cultivated the congregation's spiritual growth and development and prioritizes expository preaching, sound biblical teaching, and the practical application of scriptural principles. With the assistance of faithful deacons and trustees, Pastor Lindsey oversees the church's pastoral and business administration. For thirty years, Rev. Lindsey has faithfully performed the clerical duties of "feeding and tending the flock," including teaching and preaching the Word, christening newborns, baptizing new believers, providing spiritual counsel to individuals and couples, comforting the bereaved, visiting sick and infirmed members, and aiding congregants in times of need.

Under Pastor Lindsey's leadership, the church re-launched its weekly Bible studies and prayer ministries and established new ministries for men, women, and youth. He requires that all church ministries have evangelism as a core mission. Rev. Lindsey founded the Rev. CJ Henderson Memorial Scholarship to provide students with financial support

in pursuing higher education. Pastor Lindsey spearheaded Phase 1 of the church's building project—a complete renovation of the existing facilities. With plans for Phase 2 to include expanded worship and education facilities.

Rev. Lindsey's passions extend beyond his pastoral duties, as Rev. Lindsey also serves as Vice President, Government and Community Affairs at Wayne State University in Detroit. In this position, he oversees the federal and state affairs offices, which support the University's goals and strategic plan by working with federal, state, and local elected officials to ensure adequate funding for the institution. He also is responsible for the community affairs office, which actively engages the University in the Greater Detroit community by building partnerships with the diverse ethnic and cultural organizations to make deep and sustained impacts.

Before joining WSU in 2012, Rev. Lindsey was Director of External Affairs & Development for Focus: HOPE and enjoyed a 20-year career at Chrysler as Manager of Community Relations and Senior Manager of State Relations.

I am genuinely amazed by Rev. Lindsey's extended capacity for a true impact on the community, evident in his various leadership roles, organizational affiliations, and volunteer activities. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Urban League, board member and past Board Chair of the Urban League of Detroit and Southeast Michigan, Vice Moderator of the Pleasant Grove Baptist District Association, board member and Secretary of Detroit Community Health Connection, board and executive committee member of the Eastside Community Network, member of the committee advisory committee of Meridian Health, and board member and nomination committee chair of the Detroit Public Schools Foundation. He has also served in other organizations, including the City of Detroit Workforce Development Board, Black Family Development, Inc., Mack Alive, Wayne State University Human Investigation Committee, and the Eight Mile Boulevard Association, to name a few. He is a proud member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and a life member of the Detroit Branch NAACP and the University of Michigan Alumni Association.

I congratulate Rev., and First Lady Lindsey, on three decades of service to all.

CELEBRATING MR. JAY B.  
DILLINGHAM'S LASTING LEGACY  
IN THE GREATER KANSAS CITY  
AREA

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 17, 2022*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to rise on behalf of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, Kansas City, Missouri, and more specifically the Northland, to celebrate the lasting legacy of Jay B. Dillingham. A true local icon, one cannot tell the story of Kansas City without telling the story of Mr. Dillingham. Born on March 8, 1910, Mr. Dillingham served the Greater Kan-

sas City area and the States of Missouri and Kansas until his passing on August 13, 2007.

In 1935, Mr. Dillingham received his master's degree from the Kansas City School of Law, which would later become the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Nevertheless, soon after graduating, he was recruited to work at the Kansas City Stockyards and never practiced law. From 1948 through 1975, Mr. Dillingham served as president of the stockyards, one of Kansas City's greatest industries, where thousands of cattle, pigs, sheep, horses, and mules were auctioned in the West Bottoms each year. As president of the famed Kansas City Stockyards, a role he took on while only 38 years old, Mr. Dillingham helped turn the American Royal Livestock Show into a national institution. He once said about the stockyards: "There's nothing around here I haven't done . . . from shoveling manure to cleaning the sewers." In 1949, Mr. Dillingham founded the Golden Ox Steakhouse in the Kansas City Livestock Exchange Building, making it the city's oldest steakhouse and the birthplace of the Kansas City strip.

As part of his family's farming activities, Mr. Dillingham worked on 2,500 acres of beautiful Missouri River bottomland. He was also deeply engaged in developing lakes in the Kansas River basin along with Clay County's Smithville Lake. Following the Great Flood of 1951, he oversaw the cleanup and assisted in getting the town back to work. He was a member of the Missouri State Water Resource Board and assisted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the construction of massive reservoirs throughout Missouri and Kansas. In Genesis 2:15, one of the first things God asked of us was to be good stewards of the land: "The LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it." It is indisputable that Mr. Dillingham was a great steward of the land and gave most of his time on this earth looking after it.

Mr. Dillingham was the only person to ever serve as president of the Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas Chambers of Commerce. It's because of Mr. Dillingham's impactful work and public service that Governor Joe Teasdale and Governor Kit Bond appointed him as Chairman of the Missouri Department of Transportation's Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission from 1978 to 1983. It was in this position that he would be given the nickname of "Father of I-435". Interstate 670, running through both Missouri and Kansas, carries his name today. Indeed, Mr. Dillingham was a driving force behind Kansas City's growth, including the decision to locate the Kansas City International Airport in the Northland.

Mr. Dillingham, in addition to being a successful businessman and public servant, was also a generous philanthropist who donated land from the stockyards for worthy causes like the American Royal and the construction of Kemper Arena, now known as the Hy-Vee Arena. Many universities and organizations across Missouri and Kansas also bear awards in his name due to his astounding leadership.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Jay B. Dillingham. Though he may be gone, his impacts on agriculture and infrastructure will not be forgotten.