

fun, delicious, and makes the community come alive in support of our local growers and makers.

From here in D.C., I can easily recall the smell of green chile roasting in the fall, the crisp apples turned into cider, the fresh snap peas in the spring, and ah, the unforgettable taste of that first full big juicy tomato in the summer. Then there are those beautiful flowers, first as seedlings in the spring, and then as bouquets of sunflowers or garlands of marigolds to be used for Dia de Los Muertos in November.

The market brings to life not only our senses of smell, taste, and vision, but we are often serenaded as we parade through the vendors with marimbas or violins.

I am proud to have the Santa Fe Farmers' Market Institute in my congressional district. Congratulations on two decades of serving farmers, ranchers, families, and the entire community with such bountiful products.

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HONORING EBISMENIA HASSELE  
FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE  
MONTH

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**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Ebismenia Hassele is a professional Latino woman who obtained her master's degree in criminal justice and police science. This led to her work for the New York City Police Department and to currently volunteer for the Polk County Sheriff's office.

Ms. Hassele is a member of Lion Club in Auburndale, Florida. Previously, she was the president of the association for Inwood Community, Inc. for 11 years.

Ms. Hassele established a festival of unity—the Multicultural Unity Festival—within a community that was divided. The event was co-ordinated with the help of the Polk County Sheriff's Office, the fire department, and several county commissioners and brought the community and law enforcement together.

The event is held every other month. Many members and residents of Inwood bring home-made food to a segment of the event known as "Cop's Night Out."

Ms. Hassele has also organized a black-tie fundraising event with the help of Lieutenant Navarro as well as several health fairs and yard sales to help educate and give back to the Central Florida community.

Throughout the years, Ms. Hassele has assisted with free food distribution and put much of her focus on the needs of elders in her community to help bridge gaps in ages and move her community forward.

Ms. Hassele's community is one of three certified as a Green Dot Agent community, which use a curriculum to help those who have been victims of any type of violence. They work together to stop apathy and inspire the community to reconnect with the renewed possibility that violence is not inevitable.

Ms. Hassele draws her indomitable strength from her family, chiefly her three supportive daughters, Jessica, Love and Candy; three grandchildren; and her late husband, Guy R. Hassele, who was a disabled veteran.

HONORING MONICA MORREY

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Monica Morrey. Monica Morrey is an exceptional woman who won the award for Emerging Leader from the YWCA St. Joseph Awards Program.

Monica has dedicated herself to advocacy and service to others. While in college, she worked at a crisis hotline serving survivors of domestic violence. Since then, she has dedicated herself continually to advocate for victims of crime, especially domestic abuse. She has worked for Legal Aid of Western Missouri assisting victims of domestic violence and acquiring orders of protection for them. Her dedication to these victims and their defense is extraordinary and commendable.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking and congratulating Monica for winning the Emerging Leader award as well as her excellence in serving the people of the Sixth Congressional District. I am proud to represent Monica Morrey in the United States House of Representatives.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
RALPH GROENER

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**HON. KURT SCHRADER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Ralph Groener. Ralph served Oregonians as a Clackamas County Commissioner, state legislator and was a leader in Oregon's labor movement with AFSCME, helping make Oregon one of the most union states in the country.

Ralph was a Christmas baby, born Dec. 25, 1941, to George and Mary Groener in Oregon City, Oregon. He attended local schools and graduated from West Linn High School in 1960. He spent four years in the U.S. Air Force and was awarded the Airman's medal for heroism.

In 1965 he married Sharon Rich, of Oregon City. Initially attending Portland Community College, they moved to Eugene where Ralph attended and graduated from the University of Oregon. While in college, Ralph worked part-time at a local Safeway, and became a member of the retail clerk's union. Upon graduation in 1969 he worked as a community organizer for the war on poverty, taking his first steps on a lifelong pathway fighting for the underprivileged and working families.

Ralph was elected to the state legislature in 1972, where he served two terms in the Oregon House of Representatives. In 1973 Ralph was an original co-sponsor of the first Gay Rights Legislation to be introduced in the nation. He was also instrumental in the passage of SB 100, Oregon's landmark land conservation legislation, as the bill's carrier on the House Floor. Ralph was then elected to the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, where he served tirelessly for eight years advocating for children and senior citizens.

In 1990 Ralph found his way back to the Capitol, where he served as a political coordinator and lobbyist for AFSCME for nearly three decades. One of Ralph's favorite bible passages was Matthew 25:40—Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did it for Me. It is not hard to see this principle guided him for over three decades fighting on behalf of working Oregonians.

Ralph was a force of nature. He loved to talk. He could out-talk anyone, anytime, anywhere. A familiar sight and sound roaming the halls of the state capitol, he was rarely without his trademark smile or partner Mary Botkin. His son, Chris shared with me that he used to say—keep your chin up and never let them see you sweat. I never saw Ralph without his chin up. Ralph retired from AFSCME in 2018.

Ralph's career was filled with dozens of awards and accomplishments:

United States Air Force Airman's Medal, 1963; Oregon State Sheriffs Association Award of Valor—Three-time recipient; Outstanding Youth Leader of Clackamas County, 1972; Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Retired Persons, 1972; One of the Outstanding Young Men of America, 1973 and 1975; Oregon's Outstanding Educator—Statesman Award, 1975; Oregon League of Cities "Friend of Cities Award, 2005; NW Senior and Disability Services Advocacy Award, 2018

Ralph passed away on June 1, 2022, losing a dogged fight to cancer. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughter Hilary Groener; son Chris Groener; and granddaughter Cassidy Hedger and her husband, Corey Hedger. Ralph is also survived by hundreds of his union brothers and sisters, friends and colleagues from the political and legislative world. I mourn with them on his passing.

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HONORING GREGORY JOHNSON  
FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE  
MONTH

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**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Dr. Gregory K. Johnson is an educator, leader, and technologist in Central Florida. He was born in Montego Bay, Jamaica and currently serves as pro gram director and tenured professor for Digital Media Technology at Polk State College in Polk County, Florida. He earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Education from the University of Central Florida, a master's degree from Southern Illinois University, and bachelor's and associate degrees from Saint Louis Christian College.

At UCF, Johnson was a member of and served as historian for the AACTE Holmes Scholars® program, participated in the Summer Policy Institute in Washington, D.C., and received UCF's Graduate Provost's and Dean's Fellowships. As an instructional technologist, he created multimedia content for the U.S. Marines and course modules for a National Science Foundation grant.

At Polk State College, he overhauled the digital media program, created new degree and multimedia options, and hired lab staff to provide instructional support to students. For

his contributions to academic excellence, Dr. Johnson received the Distinguished New Faculty and the Endowed Teaching Chair awards. He has published articles in peer-reviewed journals and presented at conferences, including a workshop at the University of Macau, China, and an Adobe-sponsored Remote Production Conference.

He credits his achievements to personal ambition, resilience, support of his Jamaican family, rigorous academic preparation, teachers, mentors, and church. Dr. Johnson's wife, Ciara, is a teacher, and his son, Jermaine, is a student and graphic designer.

#### RECOGNIZING RANDY MARION

### HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Randy Marion, the owner of Randy Marion Automotive Group and a true titan of entrepreneurship in North Carolina.

Recently, Randy was selected as the recipient of the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award from the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association.

His automotive group is one of the largest car dealerships in the Carolinas, and he has built a reputation that is second to none.

This award is a testament to his entrepreneurial spirit, civic leadership, and commitment to furthering the automobile industry within the Tar Heel State, as well as his being a wonderful role model and citizen.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the generous, philanthropic efforts that he and his wonderful wife Betty continue to make within their community as well.

Congratulations, Randy, on this tremendous accomplishment.

I wish him many more years of serving the State of North Carolina and continuing to serve as the great role model that he is.

#### HONORING ASHLIN MCCAMY

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ashlin McCamy. Ashlin won the award for Future Leader from the YWCA St. Joseph Women of Excellence Awards program for her demonstration of leadership and ethics.

Ashlin is an accomplished athlete who has participated in volleyball, basketball, soccer, and track, all the while serving in student government. She is the president and founder of the Women Empowerment Club, dedicated to the empowerment of women. She has demonstrated time and time again her ethical leadership, and in fact has won multiple awards while doing so.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking and congratulating Ashlin McCamy for winning the Future Leader award as well as her excellence in leadership and service to the people of the Sixth Congressional District. I am proud to represent Ashlin

McCamy in the United States House of Representatives.

#### RECOGNIZING THE DREXEL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' TRACK TEAM

### HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2022 Missouri Class I Girls' Track and Field Championship Team. Five outstanding athletes representing the Drexel High School girls' track and field team won the Missouri State Championship in Jefferson City, Missouri. The Lady Cats earned 46 points over nine events at the championship meet.

The 2022 Lady Cats track team is the first in the history of Drexel to win the state championship title. Olivia Shipp, Gracie Marks, Emily Wheeler, Josie Parks, and Izzy Richardson demonstrate remarkable determination and perseverance by earning this title for their school. Their coach, Jenny Wheeler, trained these young athletes and got to see firsthand how the effort they put into achieving this title stating, "the girls had these goals before the season and would talk about them constantly. To see them work so hard and to win the state meet is very special."

These girls serve as a reminder that hard work always pays off. Congratulations to the Lady Cats on an incredible season, and I thank the teachers, coaches, and parents for providing the opportunity for these young women to compete fairly. I can't wait to see what else the Drexel High School girls' track and field team accomplishes in the future.

#### CONGRATULATING THE RETIREMENT OF OFFICER ROBERT PEMBERTON

### HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding 26-year career of Officer Robert Pemberton and congratulate him on his retirement from the City of Greenville Police Department. Officer Pemberton is a remarkable example of the highest caliber of law enforcement professional and has demonstrated unwavering devotion to the department and community for over a quarter of a century.

For most of his career, Officer Pemberton did not serve alone, as he was a K-9 officer. Impressively, the K-9 partners he worked alongside were just as exceptional. Officer Pemberton's first K-9 partner was a German Shepherd named Ceiko. His next police-dog partner was the Belgian Malinois named Rex. And his third and final K-9 partner was the Dutch Shepherd named Trap, with whom he retired alongside. Officer Pemberton and these world class canines were repeatedly recognized for outstanding performance in the detection and prevention of crime.

Together, these duos worked tirelessly to protect and serve their community. Throughout

his career, Officer Pemberton with his K-9 partners seized of over \$2,000,000 in cash, with their largest single seizure being \$480,000. They were also responsible for recovering a myriad of drugs with a street value worth millions of dollars. The City of Greenville, Hunt County, and the North Texas area were undoubtedly safer with every shift Officer Pemberton worked.

On behalf of the great people of Texas' Fourth Congressional District, I thank Officer Pemberton for all he has done for our community.

#### HONORING BUTCHART FLOWERS AND GIFTS

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Butchart Flowers and Gifts. Butchart Flower and Gifts won the award for Employer of Excellence from the YWCA St. Joseph Women of Excellence Awards program for its honorable business practices.

Butchart Flowers and Gifts was purchased three years ago by John and Michelle Leimbach and has expanded to include a second location. To compensate for the added growth and responsibilities, the business increased employee wages and instituted a quarterly bonus system to encourage employees to take a personal role in ensuring the business's success. The business recognizes their important role in helping people celebrate the seasons of life and their employees take that responsibility seriously. In addition to meeting the floral needs of their customers, the business regularly gives back to the community through donations and partners with the nonprofit, Sisters of Solace.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking and congratulating Butchart Flower and Gifts for winning the Employer of Excellence award as well as their excellence in serving the people of the Sixth Congressional District. I am proud to represent Butchart Flowers and Gifts in the United States House of Representatives.

#### HONORING ALEX MORALES-HERNANDEZ FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Alex Morales-Hernandez is the CEO and president of EEC Solutions. EEC Solutions is a government service provider customized to the business sector by offering defense, security consulting, and education. Mr. Morales-Hernandez bases his work on years of military leadership, training, and decision-making experience in the defense, foreign service, and intelligence community.

Mr. Morales-Hernandez was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico where he lived until he enlisted in the United States Army.