

degree in military operational arts and sciences at the Air Command and Staff College. Continuing to diversify his education, the Colonel received a master's in national resource strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington, D.C., and a master's in human relations from the University of Oklahoma.

Beginning his career in the military as a Second Lieutenant in 1989, Colonel Mooney quickly moved up the ranks, becoming a First Lieutenant by 1991 and a Captain by 1993. Assuming the positions of Major in 2001 and Lieutenant Colonel in 2006, he has dutifully served as Colonel for the past 11 years.

Throughout his extensive career, Colonel Mooney has held a variety of logistics positions at the wing level and has extensive staff experience at the major command level, Headquarters Air Force and Joint Staff Levels, including Assistant Director of Global Logistics Strategy at the Pentagon, Director of Operations and Logistics Alaskan Command Headquarters and Senior Operations Manager at Luke Air Force Base. Before assuming his current position as Department Chair and Assistant Professor at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C., Colonel Mooney served as the Vice President of Logistics and Engineering and Force Protection Air Force Space Command Headquarters at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado. In this position, he led a 100-member logistics and engineering team and spearheaded the policy and guidance for a 9 billion space lift and satellite program, which supported 38,000 space professionals and 130 space systems located at over 100 sites worldwide.

Using his plethora of leadership experience from his previous roles, Colonel Mooney now serves our country in a different way in his role as an assistant professor at the National Defense University. He has remained dedicated to preparing his students for success following graduation teaching graduate-level courses to 300 high-performing senior military officers, international fellows, and Department of Defense and Agency civilians annually.

As the Deputy Director, he led military and civilian personnel responsible for the maintenance and lifecycle sustainment of 130 space and cyber systems through the executing a \$1.5B Weapon System Sustainment budget. He oversaw the programming and policy implementation for the command's \$23B physical plants, which includes 29 million square feet of facilities, seven major installations and two coastal Space launch ranges. In addition, he directed policy development for the command's integrated defense, resource protection and physical security activities in support of 2,100 security forces members and 20 high priority resources.

Colonel Mooney's extensive military career has earned him multiple awards and decorations throughout the years, including the Legion of Merit Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Southwest Asia Service Medal with bronze star, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

On a personal note, Nathan is a childhood friend from Selma and a dear personal friend who grew up in the same neighborhood as me and my brothers. Nathan has always been a smart, focused, and purpose-driven individual. Through hard work, natural abilities, faith, and the loving support of his wife, Chevette, Na-

than has been a valued member of our military and a tremendous patriot. Words cannot express how proud I am of Nathan and his meritorious service to this nation, and I wish him the very best in his future endeavors. We are a safer and more secure nation because of his exemplary service.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District and a grateful Nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary leadership and service of Colonel Nathan Mooney II and his contributions to this Nation as a distinguished member of the United States Air Force.

#### HONORING THE TERRELL COUNTY NAACP

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 15, 2022*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Terrell County NAACP under the leadership of its President, The Reverend Ezekiel Holley as it prepares to celebrate its 27th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 5:00 pm at Terrell County High School in Dawson, Georgia.

The theme for the National NAACP Organization for this year is "This is Power." For many years, the Terrell County Branch of the NAACP has asserted its power on behalf of freedom and justice in Southwest Georgia. This power has been asserted through voter registration, advocacy on behalf of minority groups and supporting young people as they have gone on to pursue their educational dreams at various colleges and universities across our Nation.

The Terrell County NAACP has long been at the forefront of voter education and mobilization. They truly understand that a "voteless people is a hopeless people." Their voter efforts have helped to register thousands of voters in the Terrell County area who have exercised their power through the ballot.

The Terrell County Branch has also been a leader and an advocate on behalf of those who have been discriminated against by various entities in the surrounding communities. The Branch has held marches and demonstrations on behalf of the voiceless in their fight for justice and equality. Moreover, the organization has not been afraid to take on any entity that they believe has not been fair in its dealings with individuals or groups. The organization has exemplified the words articulated by Dr. King when he said that "The time is always right to do what is right."

Education has been at the forefront of the mission of this branch as well. The Branch is keenly aware that "Education is the passport to the future; it belongs to those who prepare for it today." This organization knows that our young people are our future doctors, lawyers, scientists, engineers, mayors, governors, congress people and civil rights activists. The Branch understands that we must invest in our future. And that is why over the years, they have given out thousands of scholarships to deserving young people to pursue their dreams of improving the quality of life for themselves, their families, and our communities.

The Terrell County NAACP has served as a leader in the community and across the state in fighting for justice and equality. For decades it has been under the fearless and stellar leadership of Reverend Ezekiel Holley. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District in honoring and commending the Terrell County NAACP and its tireless president, Reverend Ezekiel Holley, on the occasion of their 27th Freedom Fund Banquet and for their achievements, service, and public distinction.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND FAITHFUL SERVICE OF DR. PAUL CHINCHEN

**HON. MICHAEL GUEST**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 15, 2022*

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, the Lord calls us all for His purpose according to his plan. Some are called to heal, such as doctors and nurses; others are called to instruct, such as teachers and professors; and some are called by God to dedicate their lives to spread the Gospel to the world, such as ministers and missionaries. Each of us has a purpose in God's plan and that small role is monumentally important in our service to our Heavenly Father and our family in Christ.

When I met Paul Chinchén, I knew his role in God's plan was different. I met a man whose role was not simply as one who cared for others, as a missionary, or as a leader. His role in God's plan was bigger. God had chosen him to do all of these things and much more, and in our meeting I could see that the Lord worked through Paul to accomplish His mission. In working to expand the African Bible College to Malawi and Uganda, the Lord worked through Paul to develop a place for thousands to learn in order to better themselves and their communities. By developing the ABC Mission Hospital in Malawi, Paul built a facility where doctors and nurses could work to heal and comfort those who had fallen ill. As a missionary, Paul worked to spread the Word of God to Africa. I am inspired by Paul's words that exemplify his work so well. "Do something you love, do something engaging, and do something now."

1 Chronicles 16:24 calls us to "declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples." Paul's life was a testimony to people across the world of the greatness of our Heavenly Father. In the New Testament, John encourages the Church not to love with words or speech but with actions. Paul's life is an example to everyone who knew him of how to serve through our actions.

The great state of Mississippi is proud to call Paul one of its own. I am honored to have known Paul. Although his mission on this earth is complete, I have faith that the Lord will continue to use Paul's life and his example as a part of His divine plan. I will continue to be humbled by his incredible service to our Lord and grateful for his life. Paul's life is an example of how to serve others, boldly sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, and of the great deeds that men can accomplish when the Lord works through those that He has chosen for His plan.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF  
HERSHEL “WOODY” WILLIAMS

**HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 15, 2022*

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Hershel “Woody” Williams. Williams was born the youngest of 11 children on a dairy farm in 1923 in Quiet Dell, West Virginia. In 1943, Williams enlisted in the Marine Corps and was sent to train at Camp Elliott in San Diego, California as a demolition man in the use of flamethrowers.

He served at the Battle of Iwo Jima with the 21st Marines, 3d Marine Division. During the battle, Chief Warrant Officer 4 (Ret.) Williams displayed a “valiant devotion to duty” and service above self as he “enabled his company to reach its objective” by charging enemy fortifications 5 separate times with his flamethrower.

On October 5, 1945, President Truman awarded Williams with the Medal of Honor for his actions, stating in his citation “Cpl. Williams’ aggressive fighting spirit and valiant devotion to duty throughout this fiercely contested action sustain and enhance the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.”

After World War II, he spent the rest of his life giving back to veterans and Gold Star Families, he worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for 33 years as a Veterans Service Representative, allowing him to continue serving veterans and their families.

Williams also established the Woody Williams Foundation to continue to serve Gold Star Families, and to date, the Woody Williams Foundation is responsible for establishing 104 Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments across the United States with more than 69 additional monuments underway in 50 states and 1 U.S. Territory.

Woody Williams’ selfless sacrifice as a World War II veteran, champion of service to Gold Star families, and was the last surviving Marine from World War II to wear the Medal of Honor. The Nation mourns the passing of this proud son of West Virginia.

He is a true embodiment of “The Greatest Generation.”

HONORING THE COURAGEOUS  
CUBAN PEOPLE ON THE FIRST  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE JULY  
11TH PROTESTS ON THE ISLAND

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 15, 2022*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I rise today in praise of the brave Cuban people who, one year ago, risked everything to demand freedom in every city and every province in Cuba. They did this knowing the consequences, and knowing that they were risking their lives, livelihoods, and would likely end up in prison. Much of the world remains in awe of their dedication and courage.

According to human rights groups such as CubaLex and Freedom House, more than 1,400 Cubans were detained, including approximately 45 children, in the wake of these

protests. At least 700 remain in prison since the July 11 protests began. To date, more than 550 protesters have been sentenced to more than 4,000 combined years in prison. Some have been sentenced to forced labor. Many, including children, were handed multi-year prison sentences for 6 to 30 years, and remain in prison to this day. Some of those in prison today include:

Jose Daniel Ferrer of UNPACU; Luis Manuel Otero Alcantara and Maykel “Osorbo” Castillo of the San Isidro Movement; Jose Diaz Silva of the Opposition Movement for a New Republic; Arianna Lopez Roque of the Julio Machado Academy; 17-year-old Emiyosian Roman Rodriguez who shouted “Patria Y Vida,” and was sent to a forced labor camp for five years; Duannis Dabel Leon Taboada, a 22-year-old barber who was sentenced to 14 years; Young women such as Lisandra Gongora Espinosa, and the Garrido sisters; Loreto Hernandez and Donaida Perez; along with hundreds of others.

I have been appalled by the Biden Administration’s lack of response to this historic upswell of support for democratic change inside totalitarian Cuba. Instead of unequivocal solidarity with the protesters, the Biden Administration instead has barreled ahead with failed policies to increase revenue to the regime. It has lifted restrictions on remittances, increased travel, and permitted support for “independent” and “semi-independent” businesses, which do not exist in closed Communist economies. For this reason, we know that weakened sanctions will only increase revenue to the Cuban military, which runs much of the Cuban economy including the tourism industry, and enrich the Cuban people’s oppressors.

Shamefully, the Biden Administration has requested, and is in the process of implementing, draconian cuts to the Office of Cuba Broadcasting at a time when the Cuban people need access to outside, independent information more than ever. And the administration has yet to attempt to provide internet access, and expand democracy programs, to assist the Cuban people achieve freedom.

Nonetheless, the United States will continue to stand with the Cuban people, and find ways to cut off revenue to their oppressors. We must ensure that the broadcasts continue, and that critical support to political prisoners, their families, and the democratic opposition continues. Despite the Biden Administration’s best efforts to appease and embolden the murderous regime in Cuba, the Cuban people will be free.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RODRIGO  
“ROD” GARCIA

**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 15, 2022*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, achievements, and legacy of Rodrigo “Rod” Garcia, a respected visionary, leader, and advocate, for his lifelong dedication to empowering the Hispanic community to achieve educational excellence, economic opportunity, and social equity.

Rodrigo “Rod” Garcia was born on March 29, 1943, in Los Angeles, California to Gene-

vieve Hernandez and Rodrigo Garcia. He earned an Associate’s Degree in Engineering from East Los Angeles College, and a Bachelor’s Degree of Science in Engineering from California State University, Los Angeles.

Rod served as a civil engineer for the City of Los Angeles and worked in Public Works, Building and Safety, and at the Port of Los Angeles. Additionally, Rod chaired the City of Monterey Park Planning Commission, and served on the Advisory Board for the Dean of Engineering at California State University.

Rod was one of the few Hispanic engineers amidst a tech boom in California in the early seventies. Despite being in the minority in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) field, he gathered a cohort of fellow Hispanic engineers determined to contribute and diversify the STEM industry.

In 1974, Rod founded and incorporated the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) with the mission of ensuring networking and education opportunities for Hispanic students and professionals in the Southern California region. Not too long after and with the collaboration of Administrators, professors, and students at California State University, East Los Angeles College, and the University of Southern California, the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers established its first collegiate chapters.

The result of five decades of Rod’s high-spirited and fearless leadership propelled the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers to reach 13,000 members and 286 chapters nationwide. His unique ability of uniting community partners and leaders around the country will serve as evidence that closing the STEM education gap and increasing the number of Hispanics in STEM can and will be done.

Rod is remembered by his colleagues and thousands of current and former SHPE students and professionals for his devotion and service to expanding awareness, access, support, and development opportunities to Hispanics in STEM to realize their fullest potential and positively impact society. His legacy of empowering the Hispanic community to achieve educational excellence, economic opportunity, and social equity will guide many generations to come.

Mr. Garcia is survived by his wife, Cynthia Cathy Wong, and his children Marlene Tomasina Zamora, Marianne Pilar Garcia, and Rodrick Fitzgerald Garcia.

Madam Speaker, I extend my deepest sympathies to the family, colleagues, and friends of Rodrigo “Rod” Garcia, and I urge all my colleagues to join me in recognizing his incredibly life of service for others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 15, 2022*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I missed one roll call vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call No. 338, Speier of California Part A Amendment No. 395.

I was proud to vote for final passage of H.R. 7900, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 that included Rep. Speier’s Amendment No. 395.