

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, Reverend Caroline Hall of Los Osos, California.

The Reverend Doctor Caroline J. Addington Hall is a tireless advocate for the homeless, for the LGBTQ+ community, for the environment, for social justice, for children, and for our furry and feathered friends. She doesn't just talk; she DOES.

Caroline Hall was the Executive Director of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for San Luis Obispo County before being called to the ministry. She now serves as Rector at St. Benedict's Episcopal Church, a vibrant and welcoming faith community with deep roots in social and environmental justice and community organizing in Los Osos. She ministers to the members of St. Benedict's with her usual dedication as the Rector, as well as to individuals in the community who are unhoused or struggling with major life challenges. People know her kind and loving dedication, making St. Benedict's the place for anyone in trouble, needing a motel, gas for their car, or just a ride.

An advocate for the unhoused and underserved, Rev. Hall is vocal about the need for increased homeless services. She served as Executive Director and later President of People of Faith for Justice (PFJ) within San Luis Obispo County, which advocates for social justice for the underserved and marginalized, as well as for peace and nonviolence. She currently serves on the County's Homeless Services Oversight Council. Rev. Hall has spent many nights at the local warming shelter for unhoused people during cold and rainy weather and developed a pilot safe parking program. She has taken many unhoused to doctor appointments, vet appointments for their animals, and bought them food and clothing. As Chair of the nonprofit Los Osos Cares, she oversees the assistance programs for vulnerable residents in Los Osos, Cayucos, and Morro Bay.

Rev. Hall has served on the GALA board, was a founding member of the Coalition of Welcoming Congregations, advocating for the LGBTQ+ community—especially in faith communities—and for social justice. She has served as a board member and president of Integrity USA, the national Episcopal ministry for LGBTQ+ persons, helping to pass national resolutions supporting the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, same-gender marriage, and addressing gender identity and advocating for legislation protecting transgender individuals. She is also the author of *A Thorn in the Flesh*, presenting the history of LGBTQ inclusion in the Episcopal Church.

Rev. Hall encourages others to be good stewards of our earth through her work with the Social Justice team of the Episcopal diocese of El Camino Real, as a member of the Earth Care Team at St. Benedict's, and has given innumerable volunteer hours to organizations dedicated to the preserving our environment and helping animals.

Rev. Hall is tireless, fearless, an incredible communicator, and even a published author. She truly is a woman that believes being part of the solution is required for all of us to make our community, country, and world a better place for everyone. Her positive impact on the community is beyond measure.

I am honored to recognize Reverend Caroline Hall for her continued commitment to San Luis Obispo County. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Reverend Caroline Hall, for her incredible service to her community.

HONORING QUINLAN-HAMMOND HALL OF HONOR

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, today, we celebrate the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Quinlan-Hammond Hall of Honor at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The Quinlan-Hammond Hall of Honor is a state-of-the-art facility that represents the University of Southern Mississippi's commitment to honor our nation's heroes. The dedication ceremony will honor Joe Quinlan, USM alumnus and lead benefactor for the Hall of Honor, as well as U.S. Army Major General (Retired) Jeff Hammond, USM alumnus and former Golden Eagles Football Team Captain and Quarterback. These two gentlemen have earned this recognition for their service to the Golden Eagle community.

The University's Center for Military Veterans, Service Members and Families provides guidance and support to Student-Veterans in their academic and professional pursuits. Major General Jeff Hammond, who serves as the Center's Director, has led the University of Southern Mississippi to earn numerous prestigious recognitions, including the top Military Caring University across the State of Mississippi, designation as a Purple Heart Institution, and ranking No. 1 in the Southeast by Military Times in its "Best for Vets: Colleges 2021 Rankings."

The new Quinlan-Hammond Hall of Honor will provide more than 1,700 USM Military Students and Student-Veterans with a home of their own that is commensurate with the honor of which they are deserving.

Today is a special day. The dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Quinlan-Hammond Hall of Honor symbolizes the University of Southern Mississippi's continued commitment and gratitude to our nation's heroes for their unwavering dedication to our country. As a Marine veteran and USM alumnus, I want to thank the University's Administration, the USM Foundation, and the more than 150 USM alumni donors who made the construction of the new Quinlan-Hammond Hall of Honor possible for their commitment to honor those who serve.

CONGRATULATING MEMPHIS BROADCAST JOURNALIST MEARL PURVIS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a television reporter and an-

chor Mearl Purvis, revered throughout the Memphis area. After more than 30 years on television and 18 years on the Fox 13 news desk, Mearl Purvis will anchor her final newscasts on July 29. I first met Mearl as a state senator, and I found her thoughtful and tenacious reporting useful to the public's understanding of important issues. Mearl graduated from Jackson State University and worked as a reporter and anchor in Charlotte, North Carolina; New Haven, Connecticut; Jackson, Mississippi, and Nashville before moving to Memphis in 1992. On her first day at WMC, she was thoughtfully covering a proposed state income tax and major improvements to Memphis International Airport. In 2004, Mearl moved across town to the Fox 13 anchor desk, where she has been involved in major local news. As a reporter and speaker, she has shared a stage with world leaders including Desmond Tutu, Mikhail Gorbachev, and U.S. presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton. Mearl has won eight Regional Emmy Awards, the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award, the equally prestigious George Foster Peabody Award and J.C. Penney Missouri Award. A standout supporter in private life for her community, Mearl is an active volunteer for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis, a supporter of Porter Leath and Bridges USA. She is also a Board of Visitors member of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. As a mother, Mearl also has invested quality time in Memphis elementary schools reading to children, a cause about which she is passionate. I commend my friend Mearl for her service to our community and wish her all the best in retirement.

HONORING HENRY CHAPMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Henry Chapman. Henry is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 120, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Henry has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities, such as camping for a total of 58 nights, hiking more than 24 miles, and serving 35 hours of community service. Over the many years Henry has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 59 merit badges and 7 Eagle Palms, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Henry has achieved much as a scout, having achieved the ranks of Quartermaster, Troop Guide, and Den Chief. He also earned his Totin' Chip, Den Chief Service Award, Emergency Preparedness BSA Award, and the National Achievement Award for Camping. Henry has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Henry's project saw him build an outdoor deposit box that allows the public to honorably retire flags that are a symbol to our country. There is also a donation bin on the box where people can donate to a veteran's charity.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Henry Chapman for his

accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America, and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING HERMAN MACK
WOODEN

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an influential member of the Philadelphia community, a leader and staunch advocate for employee rights. In 1989, Mr. Herman Wooden was elected to the position of Secretary Treasurer of Local 1776, making him the first African American constitutional officer and the chief financial officer of the union. Mr. Wooden held that position for 17 years, until his retirement in 2006. Mr. Wooden dedicated his life and career to improving the lives of working families.

Mr. Herman Mack Wooden was born on ay 31, 1945, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was the son of the late James Wooden and Josephine Pierce. Herman was educated in the Philadelphia public school system. He graduated from Simon Gratz High School and completed some college courses. Herman enlisted in the Army in September 1963. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in January 1966.

Mr. Wooden began his career with United Food Workers (UFCW) 1357, now Local 1776, in 1966 working as a clerk at the Wine & Spirit Shoppes, formerly known as the State Liquor Stores in Philadelphia, PA. While working as a clerk, he became heavily involved in the organizing effort to unionize the State store employees across the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In addition to working as a clerk, Mr. Wooden worked at the Philadelphia Parking Authority which ultimately led to him serving as Chair of the Philadelphia Parking Authority. Focusing on his passion, in 1971, Herman's effort to unionize state liquor store, pharmacy and supermarket employees was successful. He was very instrumental to the success of these industry workers campaigning to join Local 1357.

In 1975, Mr. Wooden was hired as a full-time staff member of Local 1357 as an organizer/representative. During his long career with the union, he held numerous positions that included Organizer, Representative, Political Representative and Lobbyist, Lead Representative, Servicing Director, and Executive Assistant to the President just to name a few. Furthermore, with all those positions, Herman continued to advocate for the rights of all working people and championed more diversity and inclusion in the labor movement. As noted above, in 1989, Mr. Wooden was elected to the position of Secretary Treasurer of Local 1776. In appreciation of his years of service and contribution to laborers' rights, Mr. Wooden was recognized by the Senate of Pennsylvania.

In retirement, Mr. Wooden continued his work as a board member for the UFCW Minority Coalition, United Latinos, and Women's Network. These are all constituency groups, with the UFCW, that advocate for more diversity and inclusion in the labor movement;

which are two areas that were very important to Herman throughout his entire life. He continued to assist in the efforts to protect the jobs of those same liquor store union members, that he originally helped organize over 50 years ago, right up until his last days. Herman Wooden was a real-life example of what it meant to be a trade unionist.

Today, we mourn the passing of Mr. Herman Wooden which occurred on July 22, 2022.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK
OF MRS. MATTIE MCALISTER

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to a one-of-a-kind woman in Toledo, Mrs. Mattie McAlister, who passed from this life at the age of 98 years on July 7, 2022. Mattie McAlister was a giant in the education of the young people of Toledo.

Mattie McAlister was born in Benton, South Carolina, the youngest of eleven children born to Pearl and Arthur Garrison, he a teacher and she a midwife. Her father started a school for Black children in their rural county and taught adults in the evening in the Garrison home. Mattie graduated high school at age fourteen, obtained her bachelor's degree and began teaching high school math and science. She went on to study at Detroit's Wayne State University, the former Mary Manse College in Toledo, and earned her master's degree from the University of Toledo.

Upon her arrival in Toledo in 1960, Mattie McAlister took employment with Toledo Public Schools, teaching at several elementary schools until her retirement from Fulton School in 1991. After that, she worked with children at Grace Community Center and developed a curriculum there. She researched and developed methods to address the uniqueness of "Summer's Child," a term she coined for those children born in the summer who were often the youngest of their peers in school.

Her obituary in the Toledo Blade makes clear the influence Mrs. McAlister had on her young charges and the educational system:

"Mrs. McAlister retired in 2014 from Grace Community Center, where she developed a curriculum and worked with children, from kindergarten through eighth grade. She also shared pearls of wisdom that have become part of Grace's culture. Her sayings 'had to do with how you treat one another in this world,' said Elaine Taite Page, Grace executive director since 2012.

"She told students, 'Nurture your mind with great thoughts, for you will never go higher than you think,' and 'The nicest words I know are, 'Excuse me,' 'Thank you,' 'If you please,'" Ms. Page said. Students energetically chanted, "Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Your good becomes better, and your better becomes best."

"Those sayings are on display at the Center.

"There was never a student she could not reach," Ms. Page said. "She made people understand, I see you, I value you, and you are somebody."

"The one word that epitomizes what was driving her is a four-letter word. Love. Love supreme," Ms. Page said.

"In the Center's after-school programs, she arranged children in a circle. Sitting on an

African-style chair of carved wood, she opened with, 'How was your day?'" Ms. Page said.

"She could glean needs that had to be heard, to be recognized. She had a positive affirmation to leave with every child," Ms. Page said.

"Mrs. McAlister worked to reinforce reading and math skills during the Center's summer program and guided high schoolers who had returned to be youth leaders.

"In one of several autobiographical sketches, Mrs. McAlister wrote that at Grace, "my greatest joy was creating learning games, successfully teaching language arts and math, along with character-building exercises. I enjoyed sharing parenting tips for parents who had precocious children who challenged authority."

"My greatest pride," Mrs. McAlister wrote, "was teaching children to read and managing my children's behavior in a kind and caring way. I did not send them to the principal to be controlled. I dearly loved my students. Each one of them was my pet!"

Mattie McAlister's lessons for life for anyone who struggled; indeed for everyone, showed that what you lived, how you contributed, is what matters. She never lost patience. She had a teacher's cadence when she spoke, and people listened. Her lessons on life should be on billboards for all to learn.

Spiritual, poet, teacher, mentor, matriarch, activist, all are words which describe Mattie McAlister, and her legacy is writ large. Yet, as profound as her impact has been for the near century of her life, Mattie McAlister's greatest achievement is her family. To her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, we pray for peace in the memory of the priceless gift of Mattie Garrison McAlister's life well lived.

HONORING CITY OF
DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI ON
THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Diamondhead, Mississippi on the 10th anniversary of its incorporation.

Diamondhead received its charter as the 111th city in Mississippi by Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann on February 6, 2012. Much of the land that would ultimately become Diamondhead was purchased by Walter Gex Sr., in 1937 from the Gulf State Paper Company and the Easy Opener Bag Company. In the late 1960s, the Diamondhead Corporation, with interests in resort developments, developed Diamondhead on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, with Diamondhead as its first project because the land is the highest point of elevation in the area. Therefore, the project was named "Diamondhead" after an iconic volcanic cone on the Hawaiian island of Oahu.

On October 25, 1961, NASA announced the formation of the Mississippi Test Facility, now the John C. Stennis Space Center. The center would border the Pearl River in Hancock County. Along with the center's construction an influx of government workers and contractors moved into the area. The community experienced additional growth as other enterprises arrived including the Naval Oceanographic Office at Stennis Space Center and