

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2022
LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL
OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor the 2022 Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame inductees. This year's class of sports superstars and coaching legends includes a famed sports field technician, collegiate standouts, high school MVPs, and a two-time Olympian.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors. The John Louis Popple Chapter is one of the 31 sanctioned chapters in Pennsylvania and has inducted over 600 members from their five-county region over the past three decades.

This year's inductees include:

Amy Mantush Filanowski, athlete and coach—track and field and cross country.

Dr. Pamela A. Hughes, DO, athlete—volleyball, basketball, and track and field.

Edward S. Kopec, Jr., athlete and coach—cross country and track and field.

Megan Krebs Kriso, athlete—field hockey, soccer, basketball; coach—field hockey.

Shelley Black Leap, athlete—track and field.

Timothy M. McGinley, coach and official—wrestling.

Linda Messner, athlete—track and field, basketball, and golf; coach—volleyball, softball, and swimming.

Rosalyn Polacek, athlete—basketball, soccer, and field hockey; coach—field hockey.

Joshua M. Richmond SFC, athlete and two-time Olympian—shooting.

Brea Lynn Seabrook, athlete—basketball, field hockey, track, soccer, and softball.

Christopher J. Shovlin, athlete and coach—basketball.

Charles Robert Suppon, Jr., athlete—basketball, track and field, and football.

George P. Toma, sports turf manager.

Dr. Gary Thomas Verazin, MD, athlete—basketball, baseball, and track and field.

Each person honored has made local sports history, through their outstanding feats of athletic achievement or by leading their teams to victory as coaches. They have left an indelible mark on regional athletics, and I am pleased to celebrate their contributions to sports.

It is an honor to recognize these 14 talented individuals on their induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May their stories and impressive careers inspire the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

HONORING ANNA MARIE COLE

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations and birthday wishes to one of my constituents, Anna Marie Cole, who celebrated her 102th birthday on Friday, July 1, 2022.

Anna Marie Cole served our country as a Navy Nurse during World War II. As the representative of a region that is home to many active-duty families and veterans, I am tremendously grateful for the dedication of our service members. I thank Ms. Cole for her dedication to serving our country.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to celebrate Anna Marie Cole on her 102th birthday, whose love for her community has never wavered and whose service to her country and community is greatly appreciated and will be long remembered.

HONORING PEMBROKE HIGH
SCHOOL CLASS OF 1972 ON THEIR
50TH CLASS REUNION

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Pembroke High School Class of 1972 which will be holding its 50th reunion next week.

Located in the City of Hampton in Virginia's 3rd District, Pembroke High School, originally named the George P. Phenix High School, was opened in 1940 to educate African Americans living in the area. In 1954, the Supreme Court issued its landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling which struck down segregation in public education. The high school was moved to a new building in 1962 but was not fully integrated until 1967.

In 1968, George P. Phenix High School was renamed Pembroke High School as part of the Hampton School Board's efforts to integrate all public schools. The school would continue to serve the Hampton area, including students from Fort Monroe and Langley Air Force Base, until 1980 when Pembroke High School would be forced to close its doors due to low enrollment and low capacity.

Now, the former Pembroke High School building continues to serve the Hampton community by housing the Hampton City Social Services office as well as the Hampton Family YMCA.

Madam Speaker, as the Pembroke High School Class of 1972 gathers to celebrate a truly momentous anniversary, I want to congratulate the members of this historic class and the work they have done to serve the City of Hampton and the 3rd District of Virginia. I thank Pembroke High School Class of 1972 for their service, and congratulate them on their 50-year reunion.

HONORING HARRY BAUMGARTEN
AND DEEPIKA MURALA

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Mr. Harry William Baumgarten and Dr. Deepika Kennedy Murala on their wedding on June 10, 2022. This special day is worthy of recognition and commendation.

A former voting rights litigator, Mr. Baumgarten spent three years working in my

office, where he served as an advisor on foreign policy, judiciary, as well as a plethora of other matters. Serving in roles as Legislative Counsel and Legislative Director, Mr. Baumgarten showed great skill in leading our team to best serve the interests of the people in New York's Ninth Congressional District. His dedication to serving this country is worthy of praise, and our team is exceptionally grateful for his work and contributions.

Dr. Deepika Murala is a pediatric critical care doctor from Southern India. She has been committed to providing health care to underserved communities, both in India and the United States. She has shown great dedication to this cause, and continues to work tirelessly supporting this effort. Her current contributions help fill a critical doctor shortage in Lewes, Delaware.

Dr. Murala and Mr. Baumgarten met on June 14, 2020, while living in Philadelphia. They share a mutual love for traveling and cooking, and serve as an example of the character, capability and professionalism that serves our Nation well. Mr. Baumgarten proposed in front of Independence Hall in December of 2021. Independence Hall serves as the founding site of this country and additionally, the founding site of their marriage.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Deepika and Harry. I join with the couple's family and friends in extending my best wishes to them and celebrating this wonderful milestone. I wish them happiness and blessings in the years to come.

4-H FOUNDATION

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last week, I had the pleasure of attending the 2022 Cape May County Fair, which is a major fundraising effort for the 4-H Foundation, the largest youth development program in America. The 4-H Foundation in South Jersey supports young people from elementary school through high school by providing programs that are designed to shape leadership and innovation skills. This foundation collects donations and contributions, as well as operates and supervises various fundraising and business enterprises. The 4-H Foundation truly creates wonderful opportunities and community-wide benefits for our nation's youth. Everyone involved in this organization should be proud of their contributions to South Jersey, and it was my honor to attend the Cape May County 4-H Fair. God Bless the 4-H Foundation, and God Bless our America.

HONORING DR. NORMAN ARTHUR
JOHANSON

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Norman Arthur Johanson, a gifted and esteemed surgeon, with over 44 years of experience in the field of medicine, specializing in orthopedic surgery in Philadelphia, PA.

By all accounts, Dr. Johanson was an even better husband, father, colleague, friend and faith leader.

In 2000, Dr. Johanson assumed the position of Chairman of Orthopedics at Hahnemann University Hospital, where he worked until the hospital closed in 2019. There, he became a beloved surgeon to thousands of patients and mentor to hundreds of residents and medical students. Patients, administrators and understudies described Dr. Johanson as a technically gifted surgeon with a compassionate bedside manner and down-to-earth demeanor, despite being named Philadelphia Magazine "Best of Philadelphia" for orthopedic surgery for more than a decade and winning numerous awards, such as the: T. Campbell Thompson Prize in Orthopedic Surgery from Cornell University Medical College; Lewis Wagner Award for Best Paper by a resident and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Hospital for Special Surgery; and Sir John Charnley Award from the Philadelphia Arthritis Foundation.

According to those that worked closely with him, Dr. Johanson was one of the most technically gifted surgeons they had ever seen—machine-like, in fact. According to former residents Ross Green and Kevin Denehy, in 2014 a salesman from a company selling robotic systems for knee replacements once called on Hahnemann. During the sales visit, the rep asked him to do a manual one to demonstrate how much more precise the robot was than a human. Dr. Johanson "nailed every cut within a degree," recalled Denehy. "The rep threw up his hands and said he couldn't sell him the robot—because he was better." He had been selling the robot for several years and had never seen anything like it.

Today, we mourn the passing of Dr. Norman Arthur Johanson.

PASTOR RONALD K. MOUTON, SR.

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, we mourn the loss of a pillar in the Houston community: Reverend Ronald K. Mouton, Sr., Pastor of the East Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, who was tragically murdered on Friday, June 24, 2022. Pastor Ronald K. Mouton, Sr., was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, on August 2, 1963, to Pastor Roland E. Mouton, Sr., and Mary Mouton. Pastor Mouton's parents impressed upon their son the values of service and devotion, setting him on the path that would ultimately lead him to East Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. Pastor Ronald Mouton was a proud alumnus of the Houston public school system, graduating with honors from the Ross Shaw Sterling High School in 1981. Pastor Mouton went on to study at Baylor University before transferring to Stephen F. Austin State University, where he studied Criminal Justice and Business Law. In 1983, Ronald K. Mouton, Sr. married Ms. Suzanne Poullard, his high school sweetheart with whom he attended his Senior Prom. His career in the ministry began at the urging of his father, who encouraged him to preach to those incarcerated at Houston's Prison Farm on Sundays. He did so for more

than two years. In so doing he developed his ministry at the Prison Farm. In August 1991, Reverend Mouton, Sr. accepted the call to Pastor East Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. In the subsequent years, Pastor Mouton's sermons and preaching style became well known, and he established himself as one of Houston's most renowned pastors. As his prominence grew, Pastor Mouton became an area coordinator for the WHW Expository Preaching Conference, and he also received an honorary Doctorate Degree from Elbon Solutions of Studies in Apple Valley California. Pastor Mouton's explosive sermons continuously stressed the importance of fostering community with love for each other. The East Bethel Missionary Baptist Church declared the month of August as PASTOR MOUTON month as an expression of appreciation for his stellar service to the community. Pastor Mouton's tragic passing is an immense loss, as we will never again experience his inspiring oratory. He faithfully served East Bethel Missionary Baptist Church for almost 32 years, the longest tenure of any Pastor in the Church's history. Pastor Mouton, Sr. is survived by his wife of 38 years Suzanne Poullard Mouton; his brothers, Pastor Roland Mouton Jr., John Edward Mouton, and Wilton Enard; his sister Jacqueline Mouton Factor; four children, Ronald Keith Mouton Jr., Ryan Keith Mouton, Glenn Edward Poullard, and Tamika Shante Johnson; ten grandchildren; and a loving and heartbroken community. He will be dearly missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, my flight was delayed for more than five hours due to technical difficulties and then inclement weather on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, causing me to depart Florida after the vote series began.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

NO on Roll Call No. 386;
NO on Roll Call No. 387;
YES on Roll Call No. 388;
YES on Roll Call No. 389;
NO on Roll Call No. 390;
NO on Roll Call No. 391;
NO on Roll Call No. 392; and
YES on Roll Call No. 393.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES SHIPLEY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great man who served his country valiantly during World War II. Mr. James Shipley sadly passed away on July 21st at the age of 99. At only 19 years of age, Mr. Shipley made the decision to go to his local recruiting station and serve his country during a time of war. Little did Mr. Shipley know this decision would have him in one of the most respected military organizations from World War II which would pave the way for African Americans service in the armed forces.

Prior to his enlistment Mr. Shipley had worked as a mechanic. With that experience he was selected to serve as a mechanic for military aircraft. He completed his basic training at the Tuskegee Institute, the exact site selected to train the primarily black squadrons that would later be known as the Tuskegee Airmen.

Once his preparatory training had completed, he and the rest of his squadron boarded ships bound for overseas service. In January of 1944, Mr. Shipley was assigned to the 332nd Fighter Group based in Italy. For 21 months, he and his fellow mechanics kept many aircrafts such as the P-39s, P-40s, P-47s, and P-51s in top condition. During this time the Tuskegee Pilots flew nearly twice as many missions as their fellow pilots due to the shortage of pilots in the 332nd Fighter Group. The group escorted over 200 bombing missions and during that time they logged over 15,500 sorties which destroyed over 400 enemy aircraft and ammunition sites.

After the Surrender of Germany, Mr. Shipley would soon return home to Tipton, Missouri where he spent time at various jobs until he became a mechanic for a local electric cooperative until he retired in 1985. In 2007, he, alongside other Tuskegee Airmen received their replicas of the Congressional Gold Medal for their valiant efforts in defeating the Axis powers in World War II.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring an American hero, Mr. James Shipley, for the life he lived and the thousands of lives he changed.

CELEBRATING AURORA'S PUERTO RICAN CULTURAL COUNCIL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Aurora Puerto Rican Cultural Council's 50 years of incredible service to the Aurora community, as well as the leadership of Ms. Iris Miller, board president.

Through two years of loss and hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council, under Ms. Miller's excellent leadership, managed to maintain their position as a pillar of the Aurora community. The council has continued promoting their Puerto Rican heritage through civic activities and cultural education despite the circumstances. Today, as we celebrate both the return of the Puerto Rican festival and the 50th anniversary of the Council, this organization continues to serve their community through the \$20,000 in multicultural educational scholarships they are awarding.

These achievements have happened under the guidance of Iris Miller, Board President of the Aurora Puerto Rican Council. Born and raised in Yabucoa, Puerto Rico, Ms. Miller has shown exemplary leadership and commitment to the Council since she began her term in 2017. Ms. Miller is an avid community servant and has consistently gone above and beyond to provide humanitarian aid to Puerto Rico and Mexico during recent natural disasters. In Aurora, she has acted as a supporter and volunteer for multiple non-profit organizations, as well as the City of Aurora.