

the call to duty in our Nation's military. He was a member of the Military Officers Association of America and served as Chairman of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, a significant leadership role for Veterans in the State of Delaware. In these roles, Col. Sarg pushed for national and state-level policies that helped Veterans and active-duty service members access affordable housing, receive high-quality mental health care, and gain opportunities for a good education and career.

To Col. Sarg's family, please accept my heartfelt and sincerest condolences. Ron was a true friend and a pillar of our community in the First State. He will be greatly missed but not forgotten.

MOURNING DR. JIM CITTY

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of Dr. Jim Citty, a longtime physician in Searcy.

Dr. Citty first moved to Searcy in 1957 to play basketball and football for Harding University, where he would later serve as team physician for Bison Athletics.

Upon graduating from herding, Jim attended medical school at the University of Tennessee and later enlisted in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Dr. Citty returned to Searcy to settle down in 1975. Throughout his career, Dr. Citty delivered over 10,000 babies in the White County area.

Known and loved by Searcy residents, many of whom he helped deliver, his loss is felt deeply. "Doc's" impact within the community will not be forgotten.

My prayers go out to Dr. Citty's family, friends, and all who knew and loved him.

RECOGNIZING LANA ABBASI FOR HER DUTIFUL SERVICE IN CONGRESS ON BEHALF OF THE 41ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lana Abbasi, a dedicated member of my team who has recently announced her plans to return home to California to join the private sector. Since October 2017, Lana has loyally served the constituents of the 41st Congressional District, where she has worn many hats as a field representative, press secretary, and now communications director for my office.

Lana has been an invaluable asset to the institution of Congress and my team, and we are deeply saddened by her departure. During her tenure, Lana has elevated the values of my constituents and their needs through influential media strategies on numerous topics that have brought national recognition to the Inland Empire.

Lana's work to deliver timely information to constituents regarding COVID-19 in the face

of a global pandemic was vitally important to the health and well-being of thousands of people in the Inland Empire. Her messaging and outreach on other issues such as the treatment of our veterans, the future of work, and federal investments in local projects were also imperative.

Madam Speaker, I am incredibly honored to have had Lana as a member of my team. Her contributions to my office and the constituents of California's 41st District will be forever celebrated through her service and her work. Lana's quick wit and impeccable fashion sense will be missed in the office each day, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING RODRIGO "ROD" GARCIA

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and celebrate the life of Rod Garcia, a respected visionary, leader, and advocate in Southern California. Rod dedicated his life to empowering the Latino community in educational excellence, economic opportunity, and social equity through the science, technology, engineering, and math fields. He was a trailblazer for Latinos in STEM, and his work to continue diversifying this essential workforce lives on.

Rod graduated from California State University in Los Angeles with a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Engineering. During the tech boom in California in 1973, Rod became one of the few Hispanic engineers to be a leader in the STEM field.

Seeing the lack of Latino representation in STEM, Rod founded the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE). He sought to diversify the field by offering networking and educational opportunities for Hispanic students and professionals in the Southern California region.

Rod had the unique ability to unite community partners and leaders around the country in the commitment to closing the STEM gap among Latinos.

Over the course of five decades, Rod propelled the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers to reach 13,000 members and 286 chapters nationwide.

Today, Latinos continue to experience some of the most noticeable disparities in representation within the STEM field.

But Rod's legacy will live on through his devotion and work to close that gap. His work will continue to help future generations of Latinos realize their fullest potential to positively impact the world.

HARDING ACADEMY BASEBALL

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gavin Alveti, a 2022 graduate from Harding Academy and distinguished member

of the Wildcat baseball team, who was recently named the Arkansas Democrat Gazette All-Arkansas Preps Baseball Player of the Year.

Gavin suffered a broken orbital bone during a game in April after being hit by a fastball. Despite these injuries, Gavin returned to the mound within a week and was able to finish out his senior season.

The Harding Academy baseball team went on to win the AAA Arkansas State Championship, under the leadership of Coach Shane Fullerton.

Despite obstacles throughout the season, I am pleased to recognize Gavin, Coach Fullerton, and the Harding Academy baseball team on a strong, hard-fought season.

I congratulate them on their achievements.

HOMETOWN HERO—AVERY HILL

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero of the week, Avery Hill, an avid reader and young woman who has gone above and beyond to better our community.

Avery began volunteering with Exodus Ministries, a nonprofit designed to transform the lives of previously incarcerated mothers and their children. While volunteering at the Exodus House—a transitional house for the mothers and their children—she noticed the children's library shelves were bare. Inspired to share her passion for reading with underprivileged children, Avery took action.

During the onset of the COVID pandemic, Avery began organizing book drives. She spread the word around her community to leave any books, games, or elementary school supplies on their doorsteps, where she would then go door to door to pick them up.

After organizing all the donations, Avery not only stocked the library's shelves with 600 new books, but revamped it by adding a mural, new curtains, 300 building blocks, and 50 games.

Avery's story should serve as an inspiration to all of us to not only give back to our community but leave it better than when we found it.

I wish Avery the best of luck as she heads off to college this fall, and thank her for her dedication to helping our fellow North Texans.

HONORING DARCY J. DAVIS

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Darcy J. Davis, a distinguished health care advocate, to congratulate her on being named to Florida's Top 100 Women-Led Businesses by the Commonwealth Institute of Florida. For more than 30 years, Darcy has empowered women by promoting gender equity and diversity within the health care system, and she is among the 15 percent of health care CEOs nationwide who are women.

As CEO of the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, Darcy has ensured that the residents of our county have access to comprehensive primary care, specialty care, and dental services. The Health Care District serves such an important role in our community, often assisting those without insurance, and has administered over 200,000 COVID-19 vaccinations throughout the pandemic.

Darcy also serves our community as a member of the America's Essential Hospitals' Strategic Planning Committee, the United Way of Palm Beach County's Hunger Relief Advisory Council, and the County's Sober Home Task Force. She has received several other awards and has been honored by the Palm Beach County Medical Society as a "Hero in Medicine".

Darcy's dedication to health care access and her service to the people of South Florida is truly admirable. I am proud to celebrate her today and wish her continued success.

KASON "ROOSTER" LIPSMEYER

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate seventh grader Kason "Rooster" Lipsmeyer, of Vilonia, who has earned a position on the Arkansas National Junior High Rodeo team.

Rooster and his teammates will be competing in the 17th annual National Junior High Finals Rodeo in the light rifle competition in Perry, Georgia.

While it is only Rooster's first year competing, he won both the state championship and was the average champion in light rifle for the Arkansas Junior High School Rodeo Association.

The art of competitive shooting is a long-standing tradition. Gun safety and accuracy are vital skills for gun-owners and all who will be around firearms. I commend Rooster for his determination, precision, and good sportsmanship and look forward to rooting him on as he competes against over a thousand others in the national competition.

Congratulations and good luck to Rooster and the entire Arkansas National Junior High Rodeo team. We look forward to cheering them all on.

HONORING ELINA ZILBERBERG

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elina Zilberberg, a resident of Ann Arbor, Michigan, for her 25 years of service with the Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County. Her contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Born in Baku, Azerbaijan in the former Soviet Union, Elina immigrated to the Detroit area with her parents as a refugee in 1979. This experience sparked a deep interest in refugee advocacy, leading Elina to begin her career as a resettlement case worker in Metro

Detroit after earning a B.A. in Business Administration from Wayne State University. In the years since, Elina has dedicated her professional career to supporting others as they navigate the same challenging journey her family experienced decades ago.

From her humble beginnings as JFS's first employee in October 1997, Elina has become a pillar of the organization. She now serves as their Chief Operating Officer and is involved in coordinating employment services, the English as a Second Language program, and transportation services. As COO, she oversees HR, facilities management, as well as purchasing. Her leadership has been instrumental to the enormous growth that JFS of Washtenaw County has experienced over the last 25 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to join me in celebrating Elina Zilberberg. I join with our community to thank her for her tireless work in helping other families prosper and achieve the American Dream. I am proud to honor her work and the impact she has made on our community.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE JENNIFER VIDRINE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, AND NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD PRESIDENT OF THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION AS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding, cherished public servant from my home State of Louisiana. My dear friend and the mayor of the City of Ville Platte, Jennifer Vidrine, will soon take the top leadership position of the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA) as the first African-American woman Board President. The LMA was established in 1926 and is the strongest advocate for municipal government in my state. On July 30, it will become an even stronger and more effective organization with the installation of Mayor Vidrine as president.

This is one of many "firsts" she is known for. In 2011, she was elected the first woman and African-American mayor of her fine city where today she continues to provide sound and caring leadership. Mayor Vidrine is a skilled and dedicated municipal leader with a deep passion for the residents she serves. On any given day, you will find Mayor Vidrine meeting with constituents about an array of issues affecting the elderly and youth, inspecting city utilities, sharing ideas with business leaders, and visiting local schools. Her phone never stops ringing. She encourages residents to call her directly on her cell phone, and they do. She frequently utilizes a telephone messaging service to keep residents informed on issues ranging from severe weather warnings, boil advisories, local sporting events, and the all-important annual celebrations like the city's Smoked Meat and Louisiana Cotton festivals.

She was one of the first mayors to provide free testing and vaccinations during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. Working

with state and federal officials, Mayor Vidrine was steadfast in instituting sound local ordinances to keep her community safe and provided critical personal protection equipment. She is an eloquent speaker who knows how to educate and motivate those of us in positions that can help navigate the federal bureaucracy. She never hesitates to speak up on behalf of the smaller towns and villages of our state giving them a voice of care and concern. She is an absolute force to be reckoned with each time she travels to Capitol Hill as one of the LMA's chief advocates for local government issues.

Madam Speaker, it is a distinct honor for me to recognize this great leader and advocate for our great State of Louisiana, The Honorable Jennifer Vidrine in such a public way. I am confident she will have a significant and lasting impact on the LMA for years to come. I am extremely proud to call her my dear friend and now, Madam President.

MILDRED DAVIDSON 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Mildred Davidson of Sweet Home, Arkansas, in honor of her 100th birthday.

Ms. Mildred Davidson grew up as one of 11 children and went on to work when she was just nine years old, helping her mother with her work as a maid, laundress and raising her other siblings. Those who know her, and her life story will tell you, Ms. Davidson's dedication to serving others is clear.

She worked for 25 years at the Arkansas Confederate Home providing care to poverty-stricken veterans, their widows and their orphans.

She was later hired into her dream job as an employee at the Holiday Inn at Sixth and Broadway, where her work spanned nearly two decades and included assignments on the hotel's seventh floor, which was reserved for special guests. Ms. Davidson was known for being an exemplar worker, making certain to treat every guest with respect.

Today, she dedicated her time to being with her grandchildren and has plans to grow a vegetable garden this summer, just as she has done throughout her life.

I give my best wishes to Ms. Davidson and her family in celebration of her 100th birthday, and I commend her for her decades spent caring for others.

HONORING ERNEST MARVEL—WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND RECIPIENT OF THE LEGION OF HONOR

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Mr. Ernest B. Marvel, proud World War II Veteran