

REMEMBERING THE 2ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE AUGUST 4, 2020 BEIRUT PORT EXPLOSION

HON. DARIN LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mr. LaHOOD. Madam Speaker, on August 4, 2020, a large amount of ammonium nitrate stored at the Port of Beirut in the capital city of Lebanon exploded, causing more than 220 deaths, 7,000 injuries, at least \$15 billion in property damage, and leaving an estimated 300,000 people homeless. Two years have passed and yet there is no closure for the families of the victims, and many are left behind to bear the burden of rebuilding their lives and their communities.

The United States Congress, the Administration, the Lebanese-American community, and many others worldwide responded with significant food, and humanitarian assistance, medical equipment, and reconstruction supplies. Today the need has only magnified given the continued obstruction by corruption and political instability—preventing an open judicial investigation.

The Lebanese diaspora community, the families of the victims, and the international donors urge the Lebanese government to enforce the calls from the United Nations, the International Support Group, and the American government, to move swiftly and effectively to complete the investigation and bring those guilty to justice. Lebanon needs a free, independent, and legitimate judicial system and government. Committing to conclude the investigation will serve as a major step in freeing the courts from the political entanglements and pressures that have for too long impeded justice and fairness in Lebanese society.

As the co-chair of the U.S.-Lebanon Friendship Caucus, which allows members of Congress to learn and engage on important issues related to the U.S.-Lebanon relationship, I ask all Members to join me in remembering those who died in the tragic blast as well as those survivors who depend on the comfort and support of others to maintain hope for the future of Lebanon. We urge the caretaker Lebanese government to remove the political impediments brought by others so that a complete and thorough investigation can be concluded, and that justice will prevail.

HONORING MIKE JORDAN

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, today we honor the hard work and dedication of Illinoisan Mike Jordan.

Whereas, Mike Jordan is retiring from his position on July 31, 2022 after serving as a State Farm Insurance agent for 43 years in Chicago's South Suburbs;

Whereas, Mike Jordan has been uplifted throughout his career by his wife, Patricia, and daughter Allison;

Whereas, Mike Jordan always greets people with a smile on his face, a bounce in his step, and an eagerness to offer whatever help he can;

Whereas, Mike Jordan is active in his local community of Park Forest, striving to improve the village by serving on the community's Economic Development Advisory Group as the Vice Chairperson and as a member of the St. Irenaeus Catholic Parish Finance Committee;

Whereas, Mike Jordan's relationship with former President Barack Obama led him to encourage the former President to pursue the Presidency; and was active in former President Barack Obama's campaigns for U.S. Senator and his two runs for the Presidency;

Whereas, he has always sought to exceed his clients' highest expectations, including by visiting a business owner's business to inquire about storm and rain damage before the business owner had time to initiate a request for service;

Whereas, Mike Jordan kindly offered a ride home to a client after the client was involved in a late-night automobile accident; and the client said "It's not the policy. I just have the best insurance agent in the world!";

Whereas, Mike Jordan is humble about his widespread influence on his community and his church, and serves as a mentor and advisor to many fortunate people across the United States;

Whereas, he has positively impacted so many people's lives and helped countless families;

Whereas, Mike Jordan ends every conversation in which he is engaged with an expression of gratitude; and now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the United States of America that the hard work and service of Mike Jordan be remembered and honored.

OBSERVING THE PASSING OF DR. LOUISE BERRY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a mother to her community, Dr. Louise Berry of Danielson, Connecticut. Throughout her long life, Louise trail blazed a new standard of what it means to be a model citizen. Her impact on Eastern Connecticut is outsized and her legacy has been woven into the very fabric of our region.

Born in November 1927, to Frances and Jacob Spaulding, Louise was raised within a family with a centuries-long history and just as deep roots tied to Northeastern Connecticut. Also raised among six brothers, she of course from a young age was instilled with the strength of self-advocacy. In 1945, Louise graduated from Killingly High School and attended school at Adelphi University, earning her Nursing degree in 1948. Louise continued her education at the University of Connecticut, earning a bachelor's degree in Zoology in 1952 and a Master's in Guidance and Counseling in 1961. Ever a hard worker with a penchant for learning, Louise returned to school in the late 1970's, and by 1980 she had earned her Juris Doctor from the UConn School of Law.

Returning to 1952, however, Louise then picked up work within her community, serving as a school nurse at Killingly Memorial School until 1955. After bringing the first two of five

children into the world, she returned to school nursing at Brooklyn School in 1958, sparking a career which would forever reshape the trajectory of Brooklyn, Eastern Connecticut and our Nation as a whole. With her characteristic can-do attitude and determination, Louise set out on a path to become the most diversified and experienced staff in the Brooklyn school system, serving as a Guidance Counselor, Director of Instruction, and finally as Superintendent. Louise would serve as Superintendent for 36 years, the longest serving Superintendent in Connecticut history.

Though it is of course difficult to encapsulate the entirety of her tenure as superintendent, Louise used her position to pioneer programs and mold the field of education to her vision, for the better. Specific examples include her creating the first rural Head-Start program in the country and initiating one of the first preschool-for-all programs before it became the national norm. Such is why the Louise S. Berry Early Childhood Center at the Brooklyn School was dedicated in her name. Even the road leading into the schools of Brooklyn is named after her legacy, a reminder of just how important a community-based education was to Louise.

As if the impact of her leadership within Brooklyn schools was not impressive enough in its own right, Louise was of course also very active in her town's community up to the very end. Her long record of civic involvement existed as a dual track next to her career in public education, beginning with her election to the Town of Killingly Board of Education in 1966. Just a few short years later, her capacity for leadership earned her the position of chairwoman of the local board of education in the 1970s. She served on countless additional boards impacting the community in Northeastern Connecticut, including Day Kimball Hospital, Eastern Connecticut Development Council, Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, and the UConn Board of Trustees, to name a few.

Louise also played a crucial role in the establishment of Quinebaug Valley Community College, lobbying with her husband Richard to bring the college into existence in 1971—just more than 50 years ago today. Over the past half-century, Quinebaug has grown to exist as an epicenter of education in the Northeastern part of the state, having accredited thousands of students in higher education, regardless of age. With this well-developed record of advocacy on behalf of her community, Louise unknowingly put herself on a path to serving the region in a higher official capacity, particularly after volunteering on the discovery committee to recruit a 29th State Senate District candidate for the 1972 election. Little did Louise know at that moment that the exact same committee would end up choosing her as their recruit, ultimately causing her to run, win, and serve as one of three women in the Connecticut General Assembly's 36-seat State Senate. Madam Speaker, having chaired and sat as a member on several Connecticut General Assembly Committees including the Public Health and Safety Committee and the Education Committee, State Senator Berry at that moment was once again operating as a trail-blazer—a successful woman in leadership—breaking some of the glass in the ceiling so that others could follow in her footsteps to leave their community better than they found it.

Louise's excellence came from her being able to tackle multiple projects at once. Between all her many professional commitments, she made certain to stay dedicated to her family. A world traveler, Louise loved to vacation with her family in New Hampshire, Asia and everywhere in between. Though her legacy clearly would do fine on its own, we have her five surviving children including Donald, Pamela, Robin, Christopher and Robin to extend her memory and example of community service into future Spaulding-Berry generations.

Madam Speaker, Louise remains a towering figure in the history of Eastern Connecticut. It is for that very reason that, just like her children, we in Congress also have a responsibility to solidify the power of her life record. Though we are saddened by the void left by her passing, we know the region will continue to honor her as countless new leaders of both current and future generations continue to step into positions of action in her name. Those positions will exist in boundless form; from new state senators to new teachers, or even to those who base a life, career and family in Eastern Connecticut after gaining their foundations from the region—regardless, they will all contribute to their community in part because of Louise's life work. To these ends, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Dr. Louise Berry, a steward to her community and model citizen, setting her name further into stone.

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING
THE SERVICE OF LT. COL. TIMOTHY S. SULLIVAN

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Lieutenant Colonel Timothy S. Sullivan and congratulate him on his retirement from the United States Air Force. Lt. Col. Sullivan serves as the Force Support Squadron Commander for the 131st Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base. As the lead evaluator pilot in both the B-2 and T-38 aircraft, Lt. Col. Sullivan is responsible for the development and implementation of the B-2 Operations Group yearly flying and ground training programs for both active duty and Air National Guard. His outstanding effort on a wide variety of projects and major programs have greatly impacted the United States Air Force, and the great state of Missouri.

Lt. Col. Sullivan is a distinguished graduate of the University of Missouri Reserve Officer Training Cadet (ROTC) program where he began his military career eighteen years ago. He is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School Instructor course and is a command pilot with more than 3,200 flying hours in the T-37, T-38, and B-2 aircraft. Lt. Col. Sullivan is also a B-2 instructor and evaluator pilot with combat experience in operation Odyssey Lightning. He and his wife are the parents of two sons.

As an officer in the U.S. Air Force, Lt. Col. Sullivan continues to serve this nation with integrity and honor, always giving back to his country, community, and family. He is a passionate advocate for ending the military sui-

cide epidemic and has gone above and beyond organizing events outside of work hours to connect those who are hurting with hope and healing through faith in Jesus Christ. His extraordinary talent and determination have led him to win various awards and recognition, including the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, and the Meritorious Service Medal, among many others. It is a great honor to recognize the dedicated service of Lt. Col. Timothy S. Sullivan. Please join me in congratulating him for many years of service to our Nation and to the United States Air Force.

HONORING CAM SHOLLY, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Cameron (Cam) Sholly and his staff for the outstanding leadership they demonstrated in the face of a crisis situation, and to recognize their tireless efforts to address the needs of Yellowstone National Park and the surrounding communities after the devastating flooding that took place there on June 13, 2022.

Cam and his staff went above and beyond in service to the communities surrounding the park, even those not directly affected by the flooding. During the weeks following the flood, they held public virtual meetings with community stakeholders, oftentimes daily, to ensure the health, safety, and requirements of the people and businesses were being met. These meetings served as an opportunity to collaborate on effective ways to reopen and provide admittance to the park. Cam and his team also worked closely with the Wyoming Congressional Delegation and with state officials to ensure transparency throughout the cleanup and reopening processes. They all continue to check in with businesses and chambers of commerce in the communities several times a week to ensure that any outstanding issues are being addressed.

Cam is a third-generation park service manager and began his National Park Service Career in 1990. He assumed duties as the Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park in October of 2018. Yellowstone is one of the largest national park operations in the world spanning 2.2 million acres and receiving over 4 million visits each year. The park has a team of over 1,000 employees and volunteers. Cam was awarded the Superintendent of the Year Award for the Southeast Region in 2011 and the Department of Interior's Meritorious Achievement Award in 2015 for his wide-ranging executive leadership actions. Cam is also a veteran of the U.S. Army and deployed to Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

I express my most sincere thanks and admiration to Cam and his staff for their responsiveness and dedication to Wyoming and the communities surrounding Yellowstone National Park. Their exemplary service should serve as the gold standard for all governmental agencies.

HONORING THE ANNIVERSARY OF
THE FOUNDING OF HUNTINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL IN NEWPORT
NEWS, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Huntington High School on the anniversary of its founding more than 100 years ago.

Located on the Virginia Peninsula, Huntington High School was opened in 1920 as the first public high school for African-American youth in the city of Newport News. The school was named in honor of Collis Potter Huntington, founder of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company and a developer of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, which he helped bring to Newport News.

Huntington High School began as a class of just 52 students with one teacher in a small room at John Marshall Elementary School. The school eventually moved to its own four-room building on 18th Street in Newport News. The school continued to expand adding four additional rooms, making the structure two stories high. Huntington High School's growth eventually required additional staff as well as the construction of a new campus on Orcutt Avenue that was completed in 1936. Additions were made to that new building in 1945, 1947, and 1949.

Huntington's "Mighty Vikings" excelled in academics, sports, and music and helped earn Huntington a reputation as one of the most outstanding schools in Virginia. The spirited marching bands were renowned for their famous "Viking Call," which could be heard throughout the neighborhood. The 48th and final class graduated in 1971, ending Huntington High School's five decades of fostering community hope, unity, and pride. It's proud name and tradition continued on as an intermediate school for eighth and ninth grades, and in 1981 the school's storied building on Orcutt Avenue became Huntington Middle School, serving students in sixth through eighth grade.

Madam Speaker, as the Newport News community gathers to celebrate over 100 years since Huntington's founding, I want to congratulate the alumni of this historic school and the work they have done to serve the City of Newport News and the greater Hampton Roads community.

IN MEMORY OF ZAHRA ABBAS

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 29, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, Michigan has lost an incredible human being. Zahra Abbas was brilliant, compassionate, and full of love for community. Please join me in honoring her memory.

Zahra lived with epilepsy, which she learned to control with the use of cannabis. Her epilepsy and her personal journey in advocating her herself inspired her work to educate others and advocate for access to health care and