

made history as Copiah County's first elected African American supervisor since Reconstruction and retired on December 31, 2007. In addition to being supervisor, Mr. Welch served on the Mississippi Association of Supervisors board and was elected to represent seven counties on the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District legislative committee. Since retiring, Supervisor Welch spends most of his time outdoors, hunting and fishing. Though his joy is participating in outdoor activities, he is known for always willing to be a wise counsel and lend a helping hand.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Manuel Welch for his outstanding service in Crystal Springs, Mississippi.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I am not recorded for Roll Call vote No. 418, Roll Call vote No. 419, and Roll Call vote No. 420 on Friday, August 12, 2022. Since my first day in office, I have been squarely focused on what I was sent here to do: Represent Hoosiers of the 6th Congressional District of Indiana. Unfortunately, the out-of-control spending bill being rammed through Congress is wrong for Hoosiers and wrong for America. Our Nation does not need more taxes, does not need more spending, and certainly does not need more liberal pet-projects being forced upon us by the radical left.

I am wholeheartedly opposed to H.R. 5376, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022—this tax and spending spree will push our country further into a recession, fuel our rampant inflation, and slow economic growth to a halt. Democrats in Washington are intent on crushing the American dream with out-of-control wasteful government spending. Instead, we should be focusing our efforts on reining in inflation for hardworking families, lowering the costs of energy through domestic energy production, and incentivizing common sense free market solutions to spur economic prosperity in our communities.

Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 1316 (Roll Call No. 418), Nay on Adoption of H. Res. 1316 (Roll Call No. 419), and Nay on Final Passage of H.R. 5376 (Roll Call No. 420).

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL MORRISON

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Michael Morrison. Michael was a contributor to the common good in a myriad of ways. He served his country in the Army and the Navy. He continued his career in law enforcement at the Monterey County Sheriff's Department and returned overseas to work in the securing of U.S. Embassies in Afri-

ca. After seven years in Africa, he founded a very successful security company in Arizona that still exists to this day—Lionheart Security Services.

I got to know Michael at numerous roundtables and town halls throughout the years. He was a very sharp guy, who even helped me draft legislation shoring up security at U.S. Embassies. From my first interactions with him, I understood that nothing would stop this man from accomplishing the thing he sets his mind out to do. I am not at all surprised by the enormous success that Lionheart Security Services enjoys.

I do not think that I have ever witnessed a resume that screamed patriot more than Michael—veteran, protector of U.S. government officials abroad, dabbler in legislation. When I imagine a modern-day pioneer, I think of Michael. To his family and friends, I offer my sincerest condolences and prayers. This America we love is what it is thanks to generous servants like Michael.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. CORLETTA VAUGHN

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I would like to acknowledge and celebrate the exemplary leadership and faith-based work of Dr. Corletta J. Vaughn as Senior Pastor of Holy Ghost Cathedral in Michigan's 13th District Strong for thirty-six years.

Dr. Vaughn is a trailblazer among women in the ministry through her notable accomplishments. She began her journey in 1974, was named bishop in 1995 in Nigeria, and was elected to the Office of Presiding Bishop over International Outreach Go Tell It Ministry Worldwide Network and Churches in 1999. Throughout this time, she has ministered in more than twenty-eight countries.

Beyond serving the spiritual needs of her congregation, Dr. Vaughn has dedicated herself to serving the community by organizing food drives, clothing drives, sponsoring community day events, and has even opened her doors of the church as a COVID vaccination site. She has showcased a drive to uplift the community through her proactive efforts to strengthen leadership among members. She is the president of the International Institute of Expansion; Women who Soar and the founder and chancellor of Kingdom and Faith Bible College in Detroit, which trains school ministers to become leaders.

In short, Dr. Corletta Vaughn has become a pillar in the community and internationally. Her work has demonstrated her passion for teaching, preaching, and leadership development which strives to create a better future for our communities. Please join me in recognition of her outstanding achievement.

HONORING EARL "SKIP" COOPER II

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Earl "Skip" Cooper II for his outstanding service over many decades to the African American business community in the United States.

On August 20, 2022, fifty years to the day after Mr. Cooper moved to Los Angeles from Oakland, CA, he will be honored by the Black Business Association (BBA) in a celebration of his 50 years of activism and service.

Mr. Cooper and I have known each other and worked together on numerous projects for more than 45 years. We first met when I was the Chief of Staff for Los Angeles City Councilman David Cunningham, and we developed an excellent working relationship. Mr. Cooper continued to be a trusted advisor when I was elected to the California State Assembly and then to the United States Congress.

Before joining the BBA, Mr. Cooper served his country in the Vietnam War, was an instructor at California State University Los Angeles and earned a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern California (USC), with an emphasis on entrepreneurship. Mr. Cooper's primary focus all these years, has been assisting Black businesses survive and grow.

Founded in 1970, the Black Business Association, headquartered in Los Angeles, is the oldest active ethnic business support organization in the state of California. Originally named the Black Businessmen's Association of Los Angeles, the BBA was one of the first business groups of any ethnicity to recognize and honor the contributions of female entrepreneurs. Mr. Cooper joined the BBA in 1974, became its President/CEO in 1976 and was named Executive Director in 1992.

Always an innovator, Mr. Cooper has continued to be an effective advocate for the advancement of minority business enterprise on a local, state, and national level. He led the first "trade mission" of African Americans to meet with the Congressional Black Caucus and the White House in the 1970s. He has been a close ally and advisor to African American leaders, from Mayor Tom Bradley to Congresswoman Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke, from California Speaker Willie Brown to Congresswoman BARBARA LEE. He is the publisher/editor of the award-winning Black Business News magazine and is quick to assist policy makers in crafting legislation that makes it easier for minority businesses to succeed. A 100 percent Disabled Vietnam Veteran, Mr. Cooper is known to most community leaders for his sense of humor, his cultural pride, and his unabashed devotion to God. He is a savvy and intelligent observer of culture, politics, economics, and business. His positive, selfless, and inspiring energy has contributed much to California's Black community for more than half a century.

I salute Earl "Skip" Cooper II upon BBA's celebration of his 50th anniversary in Los Angeles and look forward to more opportunities to work together in his role as President Emeritus and Chairman of BBA's Board of Directors.

HONORING MR. AND MRS. FRANK LOUELLA WILLIAMS FAMILY TREE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the family legacy of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Louella Williams' family tree.

The recorded history of Doc and Rebecca Williams and Frank and Louella Williams, sons, and daughters of Mississippi soil with roots in Yazoo County emanates from the Phillip Plantation, now known as the Phillip Farm, located in Yazoo County in Mississippi's Second Congressional District. Their descendants, Tommie, "Doc James, Frank, Jr., Magnolia, Randolph, Laura, Lillie, and Adam (A.C.) and their sons and daughters have borne fruit up to the 7th generation of progeny with Mississippi ties.

The Williams Family descendants from Mississippi, Illinois, Indiana, New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Texas gathered in Washington, D.C., our Nation's Capital, to celebrate family and history in the month of July 2022.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the family legacy of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Louella Williams.

HONORING THE TAHOE FIRE AND FUELS TEAM

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the groundbreaking work of the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

The Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team is a group of dedicated professionals who have protected the homes and businesses of the Tahoe community for over a decade. Since its founding in 2008, they have treated over 65,000 acres in the Lake Tahoe Basin's wildland-urban interface. This includes forest thinning by both hand and machine, as well as prescribed burns. Over twelve years, they have invested \$133 million into forest health community projects to reduce fuels in the forests and protect the Lake Tahoe region from wildfires.

Most importantly, the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team played an integral part on the evening of August 30, 2021, when the Caldor Fire reached the Tahoe Basin with a destruction path of 200,000 burned acres and 1,000 destroyed structures left behind it. On this day, this team sprang into action to defend the communities of Christmas Valley, Meyers, and South Lake Tahoe. Remarkably, they successfully saved all structures in South Lake Tahoe from the destruction of the fire. This was all made possible because of their prior efforts to reduce forest fuels and increase defenses around homes and community buildings. Without their past and present efforts, the totality of the destruction in these Lake Tahoe communities would be unimaginable.

The Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team understands, and has demonstrated for years, the

importance of proactive forest management in preventing wildfires. These efforts have protected communities in the Tahoe Basin and significantly improved the resilience of the surrounding landscape.

Madam Speaker, it is impossible to overstate the necessity of fire protection or to measure the countless contributions this team has made to our community. It has been my privilege to represent such a dedicated group who continuously defends one of California's most remarkable natural treasures. I thank Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team for their extraordinary impact on the Lake Tahoe community, and the countless individuals they have protected due to their tireless efforts.

RECOGNIZING ADAM BERG ON HIS DEPARTURE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise as Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, and on behalf of the Members of the Committee and its staff, to pay tribute to Adam Berg as he concludes 15 years of service to the House of Representatives.

Adam began his career with the House Committee on Rules, serving under the late Chairwoman Louise Slaughter and current Chairman JIM MCGOVERN. Adam faithfully served the Rules Committee for 10 years, where he began his tenure as an Intern and eventually served as Deputy Staff Director and Counsel. Throughout his tenure there, he found time to attend Georgetown University Law Center and the McCourt School of Public Policy in the evenings, earning his Juris Doctor and Master of Public Policy in 2010.

Adam eventually saw the light and, in 2017, joined the Appropriations Committee under then Ranking Member Lowey. Adam has faithfully served as Chief Counsel to the Democratic staff in the minority and for the current majority of the Appropriations Committee for the last 5 years.

During this time, Adam has provided vital counsel to me and my colleagues, helping guide Floor procedure and shepherd numerous Appropriations bills through the legislative process.

I speak for myself, and I am sure his colleagues and other Members, when I say we will miss Adam upon his transition.

I am excited for what the future holds for Adam and wish him, his wife Erika, and his daughters Ariel and Leila all the best.

I extend my congratulations to Adam on an outstanding congressional career. His country thanks him for his hard work.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE JESSIE WALLACE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize County Executive

Jessie Wallace for his distinguished career in service to the people of Humphreys County, Tennessee.

Mr. Wallace was born to Harris Edwin Wallace and Sara Jane Pewitt Wallace in McEwen, Tennessee. Being born and raised with his three brothers in Humphreys County, he was truly connected to the community and well-situated for public service.

Prior to his tenure as the County Executive, Mr. Wallace rose through the ranks of the Humphreys County Telephone Company/TDS Telecom, starting as a technician and later becoming the West Tennessee District Manager. He worked hard for the Company for 36 years, proving himself to be a diligent and reliable worker.

His hard work and exemplary career did not go unnoticed. In 1998, he was elected by his community to represent the 4th District on the Humphreys County Commission. He served ten of his twelve years of commendable service on the commission as the Chairman of the Public Works and Safety Committee, which ensured that the County was a safe place for families and businesses to thrive.

Following his service on the Commission, Mr. Wallace was elected as the Humphreys County Executive in 2010. Having won the trust of his community, he was tasked with the duty leading the County toward greater prosperity and a higher quality of life, which he worked hard to achieve. In the space of only eight years, Mr. Wallace's leadership took the unemployment rate of 10.5 percent down to only 3.8 percent.

Having a vast array of skills, a drive for excellence, and a strong work ethic, Mr. Wallace wore many hats during his time as County Executive. He served as Vice Chairman of the Workforce Essentials Board of Directors and the Middle Tennessee Mayors' Caucus, and also as a member on the board of directors for the Meriwether Lewis Electric Cooperative and MLCconnect. He served on many other boards, councils, and corporations, sacrificing his time for the good of all Tennesseans.

Few have worked as hard and tirelessly as Mr. Wallace, and fewer still as public servants. His tenure as County Executive, however, was not without hardships. Mr. Wallace led the County through devastating floods in 2019 and 2021, which caused irreversible damage to the property and lives of Humphreys County constituents. In the recent 2021 flood, the County lost 20 precious lives.

But through his steadfast leadership and hard work, the County is recovering and rebuilding, and Mr. Wallace has ensured that the County is in a better place now than when he was born into it. He is an exemplar of public service, commitment, and capable leadership, so it is fitting that we honor him as he concludes his long career of service. On behalf of the United States Congress, I congratulate County Executive Jessie Wallace on the occasion of his retirement and thank him for his service to the people of Humphreys County and to all of Tennessee.