

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

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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 MLConnect. 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF
RUFUS C. GREEN, II

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a loving husband, dedicated father, outstanding educator, tireless community leader, and dear of friend of long-standing, Rufus Cullen Green, II. Sadly, he passed away on July 28, 2022. A homegoing service to celebrate his extraordinary life will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at 10:00 am on the campus of Fort Valley State University in the University's Heath and Physical Education Complex.

Mr. Green was born to the union of Lottie Hicks Green McCoy and Rufus C. Green, Sr. A highly learned man, Mr. Green received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Fort Valley State College (now university) and a Master of Science Degree from the University of Georgia. He also did further studies at Brown University.

Mr. Green made a difference in the lives of our most precious resources, our young people. He knew that "Young people may be forty percent of our population, but they are one hundred percent of our futures." He began his storied career in education as a teacher of science and later as the principal of D.F. Douglas High School. His final position in his educational administration journey was as the Assistant Superintendent of the Taylor County School System.

His career in educational administration may have ended, but his love of helping people did not. Throughout his life he gave his all to causes that he loved, and in which he believed. He epitomized "manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind as a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He was also a member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, the Georgia High School Accrediting Commission, and the Georgia Kiwanis Club.

Commissioner Green also served as an elected official, serving both on the Taylor County Board of Education and the Board of Commissioners.

He loved Fort Valley State University and was a member of the Fort Valley State University Foundation. He gave so much to the University and the Wildcat family will miss him immensely.

But most importantly, Mr. Green was a man of faith who put God first in his life. And in turn, God blessed him with a wonderful life. He was a dedicated member of the St. Phillip AME Church.

Shirley Chisholm once said that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Rufus Green paid his rent, and he paid it well. Mr. Green also treated people how they deserved to be treated. George Washington Carver once said that "How far you go in life depends on tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Rufus Green went far in life because he never swayed from this philosophy in dealing with people.

Mr. Green led a wonderful life but none of this would have been possible without the love

of God and his wonderful family to include his loving wife, Bernice S. Green, and his children; Rufus C. Green, III, Marcus, and Dr. Lori Green. I know that his entire family will miss him dearly.

On a personal note, Mr. Green was my friend for many years. He has never told me only what I wanted to hear, but he always told me what he felt I needed to hear. I will be forever grateful for his wise advice and sage counsel. I will miss him dearly.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the people of the Second Congressional District of Georgia, in paying tribute to the life of Mr. Rufus Cullen Green, II and in extending our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement. Moreover, we pray that we will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

HONORING LATAISHA JACKSON

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 a tenacious and innovative woman, Representative Lataisha Jackson.

Lataisha Jackson was born August 4, 1983, in Fort Ord, California. At birth, her young parents Ernest Jackson, Sr. and Jennette Jackson, and her only sibling Ernest Jackson, were stationed at former United States Army post on Monterey Bay of the Pacific Ocean. Most of the family's military life was in Berlin, Germany, and where her parents began instilling into her and her brother the importance of family, faith, and fortitude. The family moved to Como, Mississippi, after her father was honorably discharged from the army due to a service-connected injury. Representative Jackson recalls her mother and father's greatest exemplary measures of the importance of family, faith, and fortitude during this time. Rep. Jackson credits her strong faith and fortitude of her late father and her mother.

She graduated from North Panola High School in 2001. After graduating high school, she attended Northwest Community College during the summer and then started Alabama State University in Montgomery, AL, in August. A month after starting college Rep. Jackson's father died at the age of 37 from cancer. Jackson honored her father and his sacrifices by graduating from Alabama State University in 2005 with a B.S. in English Language Arts Education, and in 2007 with her Master's in Educational Leadership.

Rep. Jackson's grandmother Elnora Lee Jackson, a longtime educator, encouraged her to teach. So, Jackson taught middle and high school students in Troy and Montgomery, AL. During her time in the classroom, she often reflected on educational inequities that she experienced as a student herself and as an educator. After working with the City Colleges of Chicago and the City of Chicago providing summer learning enrichment, Jackson decided to return to Mississippi and provide educational support services to students in rural communities to aid them in escaping poverty

through educational opportunities. Her efforts began in 2009 with Back-to-School rallies. Then, in September 2010, she founded EDUCATE Social and Public Policy, Inc. with her brother, Ernest Jackson; Jessica Fitzhugh; Paige Dugger; Pedres Finley; and Alvin Jackson, Jr. As CEO of EDUCATE, Inc., she has led many efforts to provide after school, summer enrichment, college and career readiness opportunities, AAU Basketball, food and transportation security, and other community engagement opportunities.

In 2013, Mississippi House of Representatives, District 11 seat was vacated by the death of former Representative Joe Gardner, Jackson ran a successful campaign while grieving the death of her maternal grandmother Bessie Eppenger. She was sworn into the Mississippi House of Representatives on April 26, 2013.

She currently serves as the Vice Chair of Investigate State Offices and serves on Appropriations, Judiciary B, Universities and Colleges, Local and Private Legislation, and Public Property committees. After joining her colleagues in legislative efforts to enhance the quality of life for Mississippians, Representative Jackson realize how important it was for her to fulfill her childhood dream and become an attorney. So, Rep. Jackson enrolled in the summer of 2014 at the University of Mississippi School of Law and graduated in December 2017 with her juris doctor degree.

In 2014, the National Foundation of Women Legislation recognized Rep. Jackson as an Elected Woman of Excellence, and she currently serves as the Mississippi State Director for the organization. In 2018, the American Council of Young Political Leaders chose her as a member of their seven-member delegation to travel to China and Taiwan, and to join a network of over 8,500 alumni in 128 countries and territories. Rep. Jackson tenure includes legislative effort to increase dignity for incarcerated women, infrastructure improvement and development specifically for low tax base communities, economic and workforce development, and education reform. She has collaborated with several advocates and organizations to elevate conversations and awareness of the needs of incarcerated women by providing a Hope Luncheon for Incarcerated Women in Central Correctional Facility in Pearl, MS, for the past four years. In 2021, she traveled to Ghana, then to Nigeria in 2022 to encourage trade and business efforts between those in diaspora. Jackson is currently working with German leaders to consider Mississippi for German American industries.

Rep. Jackson enjoys gleaning wisdom from her grandfather, Mack Holt, and being an orator while encouraging others through spoken words. She has used the power of words and faith during her commencement speeches at her alma maters Alabama State University in 2019 and North Panola High School, at several churches and events, and she looking to be in the commencement speaker for Northwest Community College's Summer Graduation on August 1, 2022.

Rep. Jackson is the proud godmother of two amazingly gifted and talented godchildren—Cedquavious Hunter and Lauren Perry, that she loves dearly. She is an active member of Askew Grove M.B. Baptist Church in Sarah, MS. As a Beta Pi initiated member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, she continues her service to all mankind as a member