

## CONGRATULATING

HUCKLEBERRY'S PIZZA ON 30  
YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE  
QUAD CITIES COMMUNITY

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Huckleberry's Pizza in Rock Island, Illinois for having provided excellent customer service, delicious pizza and calzones and lasting memories to residents of the Quad Cities community for 30 years.

Located in downtown Rock Island, Huckleberry's Pizza has been a staple in the Quad Cities region since it opened. The restaurant's owner, Jon Keim, has been instrumental in growing the popular eatery into what it is today. He purchased the restaurant's current building three decades ago, and despite it not originally being a restaurant, he built a kitchen, knocked down interior walls, and worked tirelessly to make his vision a reality. As it continued to grow, so did his dedication to his business and his desire to forge a dining environment that would unify the region. When the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing labor shortage challenged small businesses like Huckleberry's Pizza, it forced the iconic dining room to close. But once again, Mr. Keim did not relent. Thirty years later, his restaurant is still serving customers. I look forward to Huckleberry's Pizza's continued presence in downtown Rock Island for many years to come.

It is because of seminal establishments such as Huckleberry's Pizza that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally congratulate Huckleberry's Pizza in Rock Island for their contributions to the Quad Cities community for over 30 years.

## HONORING LATISHA RUDD BOOTHE

**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 self-motivated leader, Latisha Rudd Boothe.

Latisha Rudd Boothe, born LaTisha Lasha Rudd, on May 30, 1977, in Batesville, Mississippi, to Mr. Clarence Leon Rudd, Jr. and Mrs. Mary Frances Rudd.

She is the wife of Leonard Boothe; mother of Tyler Douglass Rudd and Kyla Maree Rudd; stepmother to Anderson Boothe and Christopher Boothe; sister of Darryl Leon Rudd, Wayne Dupree Rudd and the late Derrick Demoyne Rudd; and the granddaughter of the late Mr. Clarence Rudd, Sr. and Mrs. Betty Jean Rudd, and the late Mr. Frank Douglass Oliver and Mrs. Marie Towns Oliver.

Latisha attended grade school in the South Panola School District, where she graduated in May 1996. She then attended Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia, MS, where she received an Associate of Arts Degree. She graduated with honors (Phi Theta Kappa) in May 1998. Next, Latisha attended Mississippi State University in Mississippi

State, MS, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree. She graduated with honors (Magna Cum Laude) in May 2000. She received her Master of Education degree from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ, where she graduated with honors in October 2010. Latisha is also overwhelmingly thankful that she was not born in a time in which she was privy to segregation and the harsh realities of poverty and extreme racial tensions as her parents and grandparents were. The stories were so powerful and impactful to Latisha that she and her grandmother, Marie Towns Oliver, decided to write a biography entitled, 83 Years in the South, which is a compilation of her grandmother's history and experiences living in Mississippi. Once Latisha graduated from Mississippi State University, she moved to North Hollywood, CA, where she was hired as an Extra on the television sitcom, My Wife and Kids. Although the role of an Extra did not afford her the airtime in which she desired, she had the privilege to meet and consistently share the same spaces with well-known entertainers and actors.

In 2002, Latisha was sitting in her living room, in her apartment in North Hollywood, when she began to think of home and of moving back home, so that she could have a consistent hand in raising her son, as he was still living in Mississippi with her mother. After months of pondering the move, she made the decision to return to Mississippi. It seemed as if it was instantaneous that her mother began to have on-going conversations with Latisha about securing a job in the field of education. She would also remind Latisha of how she believes that Latisha is meant to be a teacher. Latisha's mother's words eventually sparked a fire inside of Latisha, and in 2003, Latisha applied for and was given the opportunity to serve as Biology teacher in the North Panola School District in Sardis, MS, where 99 percent of her students were African American and over 85 percent of them were poverty stricken. Due to Latisha's unique teaching styles and unorthodox teaching methods, her students scored amongst the highest, annually, on the Biology state test. Something that had never been accomplished before in this school district. Indeed, Latisha's mother was right; teaching was Latisha's calling and career niche.

In 2010, Latisha transitioned to the Quitman County School District in Marks, MS, where she served as Special Education Itinerant/Inclusion teacher until 2016, where she began her tenure as the school district's Special Education Director. Working with students with disabilities has proven to be a humbling yet meaningful experience for Latisha. Her plans to continue to ensure that students with disabilities have a fair chance at meeting their goals in life is one of Latisha's career commitments. In 2018, Quitman County School District ranked No. 3 in the State of Mississippi for producing the highest number of students with disabilities to graduate with a Traditional High School Diploma. This is quite an accomplishment and one of the first of its kind for this school district.

In 2018, Latisha also became one of the eight Mediators and IEP Facilitators for the state of Mississippi, a position in which she presently holds. In this position, she is afforded the opportunity to work with school districts, parents, and students with disabilities across the state of Mississippi in increasing their knowledge of Special Education.

Longing to become a part of a society much larger than herself in which she could work with other likeminded individuals in an effort to continue to make positive differences in the lives of others, was an opportunity in which Latisha searched far and wide. Then in 2007, she found just that. Latisha discovered an organization whose mission and purpose matched her very own, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Latisha Rudd Boothe may not have all of the accolades as many others; she may not have the acronyms in the front and in the back of her name; however, she is very proud of her past and her present, and she is excitedly looking forward to her future. She has made and is continuing to make positive and life changing differences in the lives of many, and in the words of encouragement that Latisha often shares with the young people in which she encounters, "The Best is Yet to Come."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Latisha Rudd Boothe for her dedication to serving her community and this great state.

## HOMETOWN HERO—GARLAND ISD

**HON. BETH VAN DUYN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Ms. VAN DUYN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Garland ISD for its dedication to ensure our North Texas veterans are set up for success when they return home.

Last month, after recognizing the statewide struggle to find employees, Garland ISD partnered with Soldiers to Sidelines—a non-profit aimed at helping soldiers get the training, credentialing, and even the networking needed to build post military careers in coaching.

I have met with several veterans' groups across North Texas, and they have all expressed the immense challenges they face transitioning into civilian life. By partnering with Soldiers to Sidelines, Garland ISD has affirmed its commitment to helping the heroes of North Texas overcome this obstacle.

It is imperative we lift up and support the veterans who have risked it all for our country. I'd like to thank Garland ISD for going above and beyond to do exactly that.

## HONORING JOE JOHNSON

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of former Delegate Joe Johnson of Abingdon, Virginia, who passed away at the age of 90 on August 4, 2022. My friend and former colleague was a true gentleman with a distinguished record of longtime service to Southwest Virginia.

Joseph Pickett Johnson, Jr., was born in Hayter's Gap, Virginia, on December 12, 1931, to Joseph Pickett Johnson, Sr., and Gray Henderson Johnson. He served in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1955, during which he spent a period in the Marshall

Islands while nuclear tests took place. After his service, Joe returned to Virginia to earn a bachelor's degree at Emory & Henry College, my alma mater as well, and a law degree at the University of Richmond.

In 1960, Joe started practicing law in Abingdon. Five years later, he was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates. Joe served on the House Police and Militia Committee and was a ranking member of the Roads Committee and the Insurance and Banking Committee. Traveling between Abingdon and Richmond was more time-consuming then than now, so in 1969 Joe chose not to run again in order to help his wife Ann raise their three children Mary Jo, Joe III, and Sage. From 1971 to 1989, he served as a substitute judge for the 28th General District Court.

Twenty years after leaving the House of Delegates, he was elected to it again and retained his seat until retiring in 2014. He served on the Finance, Courts of Justice, Commerce and Labor, and Rules Committees. As a delegate from 1994 to 2011, I saw firsthand how effective Joe could be. In his unfailingly friendly manner, he championed the needs of Southwest Virginia. He worked to set up and served as a member of the Virginia Tobacco Commission, was a major contributor to establishing the community college system, and helped establish the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon. Although a Democrat, he was well-liked by colleagues on both sides of the aisle, including me. After his passing, Republicans who served with him or succeeded him have been effusive in their tributes to this gentleman who did so much for our region.

In addition to his service as an elected official, Joe led or was involved in numerous civic and community organizations. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 12 in Abingdon and served as post commander. As a loyal alumnus of Emory & Henry, he served on its Board of Trustees for fourteen years, chairing the board for eight. At the Abingdon Baptist Church he devoutly worshipped at for more than 45 years, he taught Sunday school and served on the Council of Deacons. He was a president of the Washington County Bar Association and a member of the Virginia Bar Association. Other organizations he was a member of included the Abingdon Civitans, Abingdon Masonic Lodge No. 48, Kazim Shriners, Abingdon Chapter No. 182 Order of Eastern Star, and McCabe Lodge No. 56 Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mary Allison "Ann" Johnson, Joe's beloved wife of 64 years, passed away just weeks before her husband on July 19. He is survived by daughter Mary Jo Neal and husband Lewis of Abingdon; sons Joseph P. Johnson, III, and wife Kim of Charleston, South Carolina, and Judge Sage Brannon Johnson and wife Bethany of Abingdon; grandchildren Mary Lewis Huffman and husband Chad, Ashley Brooke Hemmer and husband Peter, Mary Catherine Clark and husband Justin, Joseph Zachary Johnson and wife Gracin, Finn Alexander Johnson, and William Pickett Johnson; great-grandchildren Emma Grace Clark, Isley Ann Clark, and Joseph Beckett Johnson; brother James S. Johnson and wife Diana of Abingdon; sister Louise Litwin of Abingdon; and nieces and nephews. I offer them my condolences on the loss of this kind and faithful servant of Southwest Virginia.

## CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF THE LAUREL HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### HON. GUY RESCENTIALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church and congratulate its congregation for 250 years of service to God and their community in southwestern Pennsylvania.

The Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church was built in 1772 by Scotch-Irish immigrants, and the original log structure was the first Presbyterian Church west of the Allegheny Mountains. The church was rebuilt in 1782, 1852, and 1898 as the congregation grew. Where the church once featured beeswax-coated windows, its sanctuary is now home to 110-year-old English stained-glass windows and an ornate chimney.

In 2012, Pittsburgh's Heinz History Center featured the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church for its profound influence on southwestern Pennsylvania. During the 19th and 20th centuries, the church funded the Laurel Hill Academy. William A. Clark attended this private school and later became a United States Senator from Montana.

The church's cemetery serves as a testament to the history of the region and our Nation. The 7-acre burial ground is the final resting place for veterans of the French and Indian War, with several graves belonging to Native Americans. Other headstones mark the resting places of those who joined the fight for independence during the American Revolution. The Laurel Hill Cemetery is also home to Americans who fought to preserve our Union during the Civil War. The headstones of these veterans serve as a reminder of the struggles that strengthened our great Nation.

Madam Speaker, the story of the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church is uniquely American. The church has stood as a testament to its faith for 250 years, and I look forward to what the next chapter has in store for its congregation and community.

## RECOGNIZING 100 YEARS OF SAN JACINTO GIRL SCOUTS

### HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize 100 years of the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council, in the 29th Texas Congressional District.

The Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council was founded in 1922 by Corinne Fonde and Frances Mann Law. This year, 2022, marks a full century of the council empowering girls across my district. The San Jacinto Council is a community-based organization and is one of the country's largest girl scout councils, with more than 35,000 girl members and 14,000 adult members. It serves 26 counties across Southwest Texas, including Houston and Harris counties and aims to build girls of "courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place."

The Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council provides girls of all backgrounds the opportunity to explore the outdoors, STEM-based learning, entrepreneurship, and valuable life skill lessons. Through these girl scout programs, Texan girls of all ages establish strong relationships and abilities that they will carry with them beyond their girl scout years. Girls are encouraged to find their passions, tackle a wide range of challenges, and express themselves through various activities and programs. The council is also committed to diversity and inclusion, and works to engage in critical conversations with members about how to ensure inclusivity through Girl Scout values.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council for 100 years of service to girls across local Texas communities, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

## HONORING STANLEY LANG

### 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 self-motivated leader, Stanley Lang.

Pastor Stanley Lang is the oldest son of 7 children. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rosie and Charlie Lang. Presently, he is the Industrial Training Coordinator for Coahoma Community College, in Clarksdale, MS, and Pastor of the local community church for the past 26 years. He has held other jobs in his career including Director of the Montessori School in Jonestown, MS; Lead counselor for offenders in the Mississippi's penitentiary; Supervising Social Worker for the Department of Children Services in Memphis; and 4th grade teacher at Norris Elementary in Memphis, TN. He was recently selected to serve as Board Alderman for the Town of Marks in the absence of a member who passed.

Stanley possesses (3) Master degrees- in Child Protection, Pre-school Education and Leadership. Recently, he completed a period as the Dislocated Workers Coordinator, where he worked with City Aldermen to get the city of Marks a grocery store, formerly a food desert; and provided the store with ready employee who completed his employment training two weeks program. He is recognized amongst family, his community, and his colleagues as a man of integrity, service, compassion, and outstanding spirit. He regularly attends, serve, and Minister at the Anderson Street Community Church of Christ, Marks, MS.

Stanley attended and graduated from the then Quitman County High school (1980).

He attended Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, MS, as a Sociology Major. For a few years after graduating from Mississippi Valley State University, Stanley worked as a manager for McDonalds, Pizza Hut, and Krystal's while simultaneously working for the Department of Correction in Parchman, MS.

Stanley enrolled in graduate school at Nova Southeastern University in 2009. He also worked as a teacher at Norris Elementary School in Memphis, TN. After 23 years in