

HONORING CORNERSTONE  
INDUCTEE JEROME DUNKLIN

### HON. CONNIE CONWAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Ms. CONWAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Jerome (Jerry) Dunklin, M.D., for his induction into the Fresno City College Football Wall of Fame.

A lifelong Fresnan and football fan, Dr. Dunklin was born and raised in Fresno, California, where he graduated from San Joaquin Memorial High School and was a member of the 1974 Valley Champion football team. He attended Fresno City College and Santa Clara University before graduating from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

Upon completing his undergraduate education, Jerry attended medical school at Creighton University and graduated in 1985. After medical school, he continued his study of medicine as a transitional intern at the Michigan State University Kalamazoo Center. Jerry was accepted into the orthopedic surgery residency program at the University of Missouri in Kansas City where he trained under the surgeon known for developing the modern technique for ACL reconstruction. While completing his residency, he also worked with the team physicians for the Kansas City Royals and the Kansas City Chiefs as well as on the faculty of the University of Missouri in Kansas City. He eventually made his way back to his home state of California and completed a fellowship in sports medicine and ski trauma at the Tahoe Fracture and Orthopedic Medical Clinic.

In 1992, Dr. Dunklin returned to his hometown of Fresno and founded a solo practice in orthopedic surgery. In 2001, he became a founding member of Sierra Pacific Orthopedic Center. Dr. Dunklin enjoys practicing general orthopedics and specializes in sports-related injuries, fractures, total joint replacement, work-related injuries, and trauma.

Since returning to Fresno, Dr. Dunklin has volunteered as the team doctor for his alma maters, San Joaquin Memorial High School and Fresno City College and continues to do so today.

In 2020, Dr. Dunklin answered the call of duty and joined the United States Navy as a Reserve Officer. As Lieutenant Commander in the Medical Corps, Dr. Dunklin takes seriously his responsibility to impart leadership skills and medical expertise on to the next generation of our nation's military.

In his free time Jerry enjoys traveling, hiking, water and snow skiing, golf, and spending time with his wife of 40 years, Marianne, and their 3 children.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Dr. Jerome Dunklin on his many years of service to his patients, his community, and his country and congratulating him on his induction into the Fresno City College Football Program's Wall of Fame.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEVE RHEA

### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I want to recognize Steve Rhea, a seventeen-year veteran of the Garden City, Michigan Fire Department on his recent promotion to Captain.

Captain Rhea has served the Garden City Fire Department since 2005 and has held the rank of Lieutenant since 2018. He began his training and became a firefighter with the Novi Fire department in 1993 and became an EMT in 1994 and a paramedic in 1998. In 2010, Captain Rhea completed the training to become a paramedic and shoulders the responsibility for ensuring Fire Department members are up to date on their training.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Captain Rhea has an associate degree in Fire science, a bachelor's degree in Public Safety Management with a minor in Healthcare Management. He also earned a master's degree in Organizational Leadership. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University's School of Fire Staff and Command and the National Fire Academy's Managing Officer Program.

Capitalizing on his passion for public education and lifelong learning, Captain Rhea enjoys his role as the Fire Department's training officer, sharing his vast knowledge and experience with his team. He also engages with the community by serving as the organizer of the Department's annual open house and hosting public education events, including CPR classes. Beyond his work on behalf of the public, Captain Rhea teaches paramedic classes for Dorsey College and works as an axe throwing coach. He enjoys spending time with his wife Heather, his daughter Miranda, and son Alexander.

Please join me in recognizing Captain Steve Rhea for his outstanding service to the people of Garden City in Michigan's 13th District Strong.

### HONORING PHILIP BRYCE OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Philip Bryce of the New Hampshire Division of Parks and Recreation who is retiring after 25 years of service to the community. Prior to his most recent service as the Director of the Division of Parks and Recreation for the past 11 years, Philip served his community as the Director of the Division of Forest and Lands.

Philip has dedicated his distinguished career to preserving our state's public lands. His love of nature began when he spent summers with his grandparents in Ontario and continued to grow as he studied forestry at the University of Maine. During his tenure as Director of the Division of Parks and Recreation Philip managed nearly 100 parks, including lakes, beaches, trails, and forests, and oversaw a \$30 mil-

lion operating budget that is entirely self-funded.

New Hampshire's state parks provide Granite Staters with outstanding educational and inspirational experiences. They provide vital services in the conservation of our natural lands and are special places of cultural and natural significance. Philip's leadership and dedication has been integral to the continued success of these parks.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Philip for his continued dedication to the Granite State. I congratulate him again on his incredible career and wish him the best in retirement.

HONORING DR. JOHN M. PERKINS

### 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 gentleman, Dr. John M. Perkins.

Dr. John Perkins (91–June 16, 1930) has been married to his wife, Dr. Vera Mae, for over 71 years (1951). In 1983, while in California, John and Vera Mae, along with his family and a few friends and other major supporters, established the John M. Perkins Foundation for Reconciliation & Development (now called John and Vera Mae Perkins Foundation) for the sole purpose of supporting their mission of advancing the principles of Christian community development (CCD) and Reconciliation throughout the world. The Foundation is now headed by his three daughters, Elizabeth, Priscilla and Deborah Perkins, who function as Co-Presidents. The Foundation is committed to spreading the wholistic Gospel of Jesus Christ.

John M. Perkins was born in 1930, a sharecropper's son who grew up in New Hebron, Mississippi amidst dire poverty. His mother died of a malnutrition disease called Pellagra when John was only 7 months old. Fleeing to California at age 17 after his older brother's murder at the hands of a town marshal, he vowed never to return. However after his conversion to Christianity in 1957 and three-year discipleship, he and his young family returned to his home State of Mississippi in 1960 to share the Good News of God's love. While in Mississippi, his outspoken nature, as well as his support and leadership in Civil Rights demonstrations and voter registrations, resulted in repeated harassments, beatings and imprisonments.

Drs. John and Vera Mae Perkins, with the support of friends, have founded many ministries, which focus on Christian community development, multi-ethnic church planting, health care, education, leadership development, legal assistant, thrift stores, low-income housing development, and training centers.

1960—Voice of Calvary Ministries (Now Mendenhall Ministries in Mendenhall, MS)

1972—Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS

1978—Christian Community Health Fellowship (CCHF) Memphis, TN

1982—Harambee Christian Family Center, Pasadena, CA (now Harambee Ministries)

1983—John M. Perkins Foundation (now John & Vera Mae Perkins Foundation)

1989—Christian Community Development Association (CCDA), Chicago, IL

1995—Harambee Preparatory School, Pasadena, CA

1999—Spencer Perkins Center, Jackson, MS (now the home of The John & Vera Mae Perkins Foundation)

In 1982, the Perkins family returned to California and lived in the city of Pasadena where Perkins and his wife founded Harambee Ministries in Northwest Pasadena, a neighborhood that had one of the highest daytime crime rates in California. Harambee Ministries is yet standing, running numerous programs including after-school tutoring, Good News Bible Clubs, an award-winning technology center, summer day camp, youth internship programs, and a college scholarship program called Harambee Preparatory School (HPS).

In 1989, John Perkins called together a group of Christian leaders from across America that was bonded by one significant commitment—expressing the love of Christ in America's poor communities, not at arm's length, but at the grass-roots level. An association was formed and the Christian Community Development Association (CCDA) held its first annual national conference in Chicago in 1989. CCDA has grown from 37 founding members to 3,500 annual national conference attendees.

Despite being a third grade drop-out, Perkins has been recognized for his work with seventeen (17) honorary doctorates from colleges and universities across the country. Wheaton College bestowed his first Honorary Doctor of Law in 1980; Taylor University in 2015; Millsaps College in 2018; and Wesley Biblical Seminary being the most recent in 2022.

In 2005, Seattle Pacific University established. The John Perkins Center for Reconciliation & Justice. Since then, Dr. Perkins has been honored with Perkins Endowed Fellowships, Perkins Endowed Scholarships, Perkins Houses, Perkins Dorm Floor, and/or John M. Perkins Chair at: Calvin University, Northern Seminary, Wheaton College, University of Virginia, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, Indiana Wesleyan Seminary, Jackson State University, Wake Forest Divinity, and Moody Bible Institute.

Dr. Perkins is an international speaker and teacher on reconciliation, leadership, and the philosophy of ministry known as Christian Community Development (CCD). He has served under five (5) United States Presidents. He is proud to have honorably served his country in the Korean War.

Dr. Perkins is a best-selling author who has authored 17 books including his classic autobiography *Let Justice Roll Down* (Baker Books, 2012, revised update), *With Justice For All* (Baker Books, 2011, revised update), *Leadership Revolution: Developing the Vision & Practice of Freedom & Justice* (Baker Books, 2012), *A Quiet Revolution* (Marshall, 1985, revised update), *Making Neighborhoods Whole: a Handbook for Christian Community Development* (IVP Books, 2013), and *Do All Lives Matter* (Baker Books, 2017), *Dream With Me* (Baker Books, 2017). His 3-part manifesto, *One Blood* (Moody Publications, 2018) is an Amazon #1 Best Seller-Christian Leadership; *He Calls Me Friend* (Moody Publications, 2019); and most recent release is *Count It All Joy* (Moody Publications, 2021).

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. John M. Perkins for his remarkable work.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MR. JAMES C. ALLGOOD, JR.

#### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. James C. Allgood, Jr. of Lafayette County. His family describes James as loving, caring, considerate, and loyal. He enjoyed fishing and tinkering in his shop, but his passion was cooking.

Christmas was James favorite holiday. He spent countless hours planning and putting together a spectacular light show. Everyone from the community would drive out each year to watch the light show he designed, and to admire his talented, hard work. Above all things, his family and the Lafayette County community were most important to him. His legacy is absolute in all the lives he touched.

James was the epitome of Lafayette County citizenship. He served his community faithfully, proudly, and confidently for over 30 years, most recently being the Emergency Management Director for the city of Oxford. James' guidance, counsel, and competence were reassuring in the wake of many crises, including the COVID Pandemic of 2020. James stated in April of 2020, "This is a team effort, and we will not win this as individuals but as a community that is not only a team but a family. We all pull together, or we all fall apart. The city, county, and university are all part of one big family, and working together as a team, we keep that family together and safe." His actions during the pandemic resulted in him being named an "Oxford Hero" by the Ole Miss Pix.

James is survived by his wife, Linda Musick Allgood, of Oxford; his daughter, Angie (Jesse) Crouse, of Oxford; his sisters, Patti Reedy, of Gore Springs, MS, Penny (Keith) Henley, of Banner, MS, and Pamela Barnett, of Sanford, FL; a host of nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

#### V-J DAY ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 77th anniversary of V-J Day on August 14, 2022. Without the sacrifices of our service members on that day, and on the horrific days of World War II leading up to it, we would not be a free people.

Victory over Japan Day, V-J Day, marked the triumph of American forces and the end of the most consequential war in modern history. This day commemorates the signing of Japan's surrender aboard the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay in 1945.

Our veteran community in Oklahoma esteems this day as all Americans should. Fewer

and fewer members of the greatest generation are with us today, and those we have left are American treasures to admire.

Frank Reisinger, a veteran himself, is one such treasure who has coordinated the remembrance of this historic moment in Broken Arrow for many years. Frank still remembers celebrating the initial V-J Day in downtown Tulsa with his father 77 years ago as an 18-year-old young man. This memory is forever seared into Frank's mind and the inspiration of that glorious moment has lasted him a lifetime. Now he inspires countless others to revere our great American flag and the freedoms it represents.

I am thankful for this event and the work of Frank Reisinger, and the city of Broken Arrow to honor this day.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF GREG AND CHERYL POTTS

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th wedding anniversary of Greg and Cheryl Potts.

Miss Cheryl Lee Kriner and 2LT Gregory F. Potts were married on August 2, 1972, at Central United Methodist Church in Richmond, Indiana.

The honeymoon was spent en route to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, where 2LT Potts reported for active duty in the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps 3 days later.

After more than 28 years of U.S. Army active military service for Greg and over 20 years of DoD civilian service for Cheryl, they decided in the autumn of 2000 to settle in retirement in Alabama, in great part because of the warm welcome and exceptional hospitality they experienced during their 2-year assignment at Anniston Army Depot in the late 1990s.

Retirement has been anything but quiet for them as Cheryl continues to be very active in her church, Jacksonville First United Methodist, and on the Advisory Board for OPAC (Oxford Performing Arts Center) after having served in various capacities in other community organizations. Greg is also active in the same church and serves as Chairman of the Farley L. Berman Foundation after also being active on several other local entities.

After retiring from BAE Systems in 2008, Greg and Cheryl decided to create GFP Consulting, a niche business development advisory and consulting firm focused on assisting small and other businesses in the national security space. They are proud to be entering GFP Consulting's 15th year of continuous operation.

Cheryl and Greg consider themselves richly blessed to be part of the life and fabric of East Central Alabama.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing my friends, Greg and Cheryl, and wishing them a happy 50th anniversary.