

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* (Marshalls, 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.

HONORING HENRY HUERTA

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to honor the life of the late Henry Perez Huerta. Henry was one of the most important voices in the labor movement in California. He led an incredible life protecting the rights of working families in Southern and Northern California and inspired other leaders to follow in his footsteps.

Henry was a child of the farm worker movement. At 16, Henry watched his father organize a massive rally in Gonzales, California where Cesar Chavez spoke to farmworkers. From that moment, Henry was inspired to live a life where he fought for workers. Outraged by the disenfranchisement of farmworker families like his own, Henry became the youngest deputy registrar in the state of California. He registered countless farm workers to vote and make their voices heard.

After graduating from the University of Oregon, where Henry was one of the very few Mexican-Americans on campus, he worked for the State of California's Department of Industrial Relations for 31 years. His work was so impactful to so many—often acting as a one-person investigation team for the Labor Commission. Thinking of his own family's experience, Henry felt a deep sense of fulfillment helping farm workers receive wages they were unfairly denied.

While working in San Francisco, Henry quickly ascended to Senior Deputy Labor Commissioner, investigating the workplace conditions of sweat shops, agricultural companies, car washes and construction sites. Henry always understood the importance of empowering workers, which led him to lead the charge in unionizing carwash workers in LA.

Henry and his wife, Martha, eventually settled down in Whittier, California, but Henry's passion for political change and empowering working families never faded.

In his final months of life, Henry continued to register voters, and volunteer countless hours to get out the vote. As a result of his tireless activism, Henry was honored by the Los Angeles County Democratic Party as "Democrat of the Year."

Henry was such a great activist not just because of the time he spent on work, but also the time he invested in mentorship, friendship, and guidance to local leaders. I am proud to have called Henry a friend and a role model.

Henry Huerta left us too soon. His absence is greatly felt by my community, but his legacy as a voice for the disenfranchised will be remembered for generations. I join Henry's wife, Martha, his 2 children, Enrique Jr., and Zenaida, and all his family and friends in celebrating the difference he made in our community through a full and meaningful life.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT
GENERAL STEVE GILLAND**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant General Steve Gilland

on having taken command as the 61st Superintendent in the history of the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Born in Rock Island and a graduate of Sherrard High School, LT GEN Gilland earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy and later, a Master's degree in military operational art and science from the Air Force's Air Command and Staff College. He was commissioned from West Point in 1990, which marked the official start of his service in the U.S. Army. Since then, LT GEN Gilland has deployed numerous times and supported multiple operations across the Middle East and Northern Africa. Most recently, he was the Deputy Commander of III Corps at Fort Hood in Texas from July 2021, until June 2022. LT GEN Gilland has received many awards and decorations throughout his service including the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with V Device, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Badge, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He was confirmed for promotion to Lieutenant General in June 2022. On June 27, 2022, he assumed his duties as Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy. LT GEN Steve Gilland is a hero and will perform admirably in his new capacity.

It is because of honorable and dedicated leaders such as LT GEN Steve Gilland of the U.S. Military Academy that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally congratulate him as the newest Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy.

HONORING MR. EARL TILLMAN

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend Mr. Earl Tillman, an accomplished business and community leader, civilian flight instructor, and long-time member of the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

Mr. Tillman has been an icon of the Rome and Floyd County community for decades. As an avid aviation enthusiast, he has operated the Tillman Aviation University at Richard B. Russell Regional Airport in Rome for over twenty-five years and has made countless contributions to the operations and advancement of the airport. As a long-time member of the Civil Air Patrol myself, as well as being a fellow aviator, I can personally attest to Mr. Tillman's unwavering dedication to the airport and the entire community.

Hailing from Pierce County, Georgia, Earl graduated from Mt. Berry School for the Boys in 1952. He later attended Jacksonville University and the University of Florida. After college, Earl proudly served our nation in the United States Army. Mr. Tillman then returned to the private sector where he took a position at State Mutual Insurance, until 1999, when he returned to his alma-mater, Mt. Berry School, to serve as Special Assistant to the President.

Outside of his professional careers, Mr. Tillman's passion has been to share his knowl-

edge of aviation, especially to the youth of the community. When my family served as volunteers in the Civil Air Patrol, Mr. Tillman gave my daughter her first official flight lesson. Throughout the years, Mr. Tillman has used his passion, knowledge, and experience in aviation to serve others. As an influential member of the Civil Air Patrol for more than fifty years, he conducted numerous aerial search-and-rescue missions, as well as teaching aviation and leadership skills to young cadets and adult volunteers. He also worked with local Boy Scout Troops to help young men earn their aviation merit badges and inspire them to serve their communities.

The impact Mr. Tillman has had on this community is immeasurable, from the number of people he helped to pursue careers in aviation, to his service as a Deacon at the First Baptist Church, he has touched, encouraged, and inspired so many.

His selfless dedication and commitment to Rome, Floyd County, and the state of Georgia, have made our community and state better and stronger. I am happy to call him a friend; and, on behalf of all Georgians, and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, I am honored to acknowledge and thank him for his lifetime of service.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIE B. OWENS, SR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant, highly respected educator and a longtime personal friend. Recently retired Orangeburg County Councilman Willie B. Owens, Sr. transitioned from this life on August 5, 2022. He has left an indelible mark on his community and all of those who were fortunate to know him.

Willie B. Owens, Sr. was born on November 8, 1938, in Branchville, South Carolina to the late Bennie C. Owens and Lillie Ruth Warren Owens. Willie B., as he was always affectionately known, graduated from Wilkinson High School in 1956. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture in 1960 and a Master of Education Degree in 1966 from South Carolina State College. He went on to earn his E.D. from the Citadel and did further study at Clemson University and the University of South Carolina.

I knew Willie B. from our days together on the campus of South Carolina State where we both were active as students in campus activities and civil rights protests in Orangeburg County. He continued his activism throughout his life participating in voter registration drives and taking people to the polls to vote. He was also a Life Member of the NAACP, and always stood up against injustices.

Willie B. spent his professional career working in education. He began in the public schools serving as an agriculture teacher at Richard Carroll High School and Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School. He served as Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School's Director of Transportation and then Principal. He also had a stint as Director of the Future Farmers of America Camp in Orangeburg, and as Director of Vocational Programs for Bamberg School District One.