

Willie B. went on to work in higher education. He held two different positions at Voorhees College, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Executive Director of the South Carolina Regional Community Development Corporation on the Denmark campus. He also served as Assistant Vice President for Academic Administration and Director for Professional and Continuing Studies at Claflin University.

In 2007, Willie B. was elected to the Orangeburg County Council to represent the citizens of District 7, a position he held for 15 years. He stepped down in June 2022, due to health concerns. Willie B. was a leader on the Council and an outspoken advocate for the people. His outstanding accomplishments were numerous. He led the effort to create a Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. monument outside the Orangeburg County Courthouse. The monument serves to honor the great civil rights leader and County residents that have distinguished themselves in the areas of justice, community, government and first responders. The distinctive monument was unveiled in 2021 and was constructed using Capital Project Sales Tax funds. He also spearheaded the building of Whittaker Community Center, which was dedicated just 2-days before he retired from Council.

Willie B. was very active in the community. He was a member of the South Carolina Association for Community Developers, the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals, the South Carolina Task Force for the Study of School Incentive Programs, the South Carolina Department of Education Advanced Placement Advisory Committee, and served as an Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College Area Commissioner. Other leadership positions included President of South Carolina AA Athletic Association, Chairman of the Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees, and Chairman of Orangeburg County Peoples Assault on Drugs. He was also a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

His outstanding contributions were recognized by numerous awards including the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award, the Outstanding Achievement Award in Education, the Excellence in Education Award, the Outstanding Service Award from Bamberg Job Corps, the Omega Man of the Year, the South Carolina Future Farmers of America Honorary Degree, the Outstanding Young Educator Award, the South Carolina Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association Outstanding Presidential Award, and the Star Teacher of the Year Award.

Willie B. was a man of faith and became a member of McBranch Baptist Church in Branchville, South Carolina at an early age. He was married to Arminta Owens for 59 years. They have three sons, Willie B. Owens, Jr., Derrick Owens, and Greg Nell and two granddaughters.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the life and legacy of Willie B. Owens, Sr. He spent his entire adult life serving Orangeburg County, South Carolina, and his contributions made a difference in countless lives. Many future generations will benefit from the leadership of Willie B., and that is a great testament to a life well lived.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MR. JAMES PAUL MASON

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 Paul Mason. Mr. Mason was a life-long resident of Neshoba County, Mississippi. His parents, Mrs. Mary Ethel Graham Mason, and Mr. James (Jim) Presley Mason, both advanced education in their home county; his mother as a teacher, and his father as a member of the school board.

James Paul was a star athlete at Neshoba Central High School and was recruited to play football at the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) by the legendary John Howard Vaught.

Upon graduating from Ole Miss, Mr. Mason returned to his high school alma mater as an assistant football coach for 5 years, then embarked upon a distinguished career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency.

Mr. Mason is recognized for his long service to his county, state, and Nation as executive director of the USDA's Farm Service Agency for Neshoba and Kemper counties until his retirement in December 2018. His service was exemplary.

Outside his role with the USDA, Mr. Mason was a dedicated husband to his wife of 49 years, Judy Clark Mason, and a loving father to his 2 daughters, Yancey and Corby.

James Paul was a proud member of the Ole Miss "M Club," a club for athletic letter winners at the University of Mississippi. He was a loyal supporter of the University, attending an untold number of sporting events as a season ticket holder for football, basketball, and baseball. There was not a bigger Rebel fan.

James Paul was generous to his friends. He also had a "Never-met-a-stranger" personality which endeared him to those who met him. He was loved and admired by a multitude of family, friends, and colleagues. Mr. James Paul Mason will always be remembered as a husband, father, and friend. There was none finer.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, we commend and thank Mr. James Paul Mason for his decades of service to his country.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF REGIONS HOSPITAL

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Regions Hospital in Saint Paul, Minnesota on the momentous occasion of its 150th anniversary of service to the East Metro area. The dedication of the entire staff—nurses, doctors, technicians, support staff, administration and more—has made Regions a pillar of quality and innovative care in Minnesota.

Established as "City and County Hospital" in 1872 by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, the hospital's history began in a stone mansion with only two doctors in Saint Paul's West Seventh neighborhood. In 1965, it

moved to its current location in downtown Saint Paul, and twenty years later it was re-named Regions Hospital.

Throughout its 150 years, Regions has come to play a unique and life-saving role in our community as the East Metro safety net hospital and the only Level 1 Trauma Center. There are more than 26,000 hospital admissions per year, and more than 13,000 cases at the Surgery Center. Regions focuses on leading-edge treatments and ongoing research to continue to provide the best innovative care for their patients. The hospital is nationally recognized for many programs including the Approved Emergency Residency Program that is educating the next generation of emergency medicine physicians, the Cancer Research Center, which leads the way in equitable clinical trials and seeks to reduce barriers to clinical research opportunities to better serve the diverse Twin Cities community, and the Bum Center where patients receive the highest level of specialized care and the physical and emotional support needed to heal. And in 2020, the Regions Hospital Family Birth Center opened as a 160,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility for labor and delivery.

Regions is a hospital that consistently shows up for communities in need. One example of this is the Lee and Penny Anderson HeroCare Program which honors military families by providing medical services for veterans, members of the military and their families, connecting them to mental health services and medical resources specific to their needs. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Regions answered the call to serve by researching possible treatment options to offer hope and improve patient care.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to the incredible health care professionals and support staff of Regions Hospital as they celebrate 150 years of quality care, and as they continue to work to fulfill their mission of improving health and well-being in partnership with their patients and the community.

HONORING THOMAS SMITH OF BUFFALO, NY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Thomas "Tom" Smith, a committed public servant, devoted husband and father, and a trusted friend and advisor to so many in government and politics in his hometown of Buffalo, NY, who passed away last week.

A key advisor in the administration of Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown, Tom was known widely for his keen insight, his commitment to public service, his loyalty, and his kindness and decency. Through his long and distinguished career, Tom developed a deep and impressive understanding of all facets of municipal administration which he employed to benefit of all of the residents of the city of Buffalo. He will be dearly missed.

Tom Smith is survived by his beloved wife of 12 years, Jessica Maglietto Smith, his sons Jack and Drew, his parents Dennis and Shirley Smith; and his brothers Dennis and Doug.

We join them in mourning this terrible loss, and recalling his loyalty, his kindness and his fundamental goodness.

I count myself lucky, as so many do, to have known Tom and to have benefited from his expertise and sound judgement. Through sharing his gifts of time and talent, he made his city a better place, and untold future generations will be the beneficiaries of his efforts. Tom's good work touched every corner of his native City.

Madam Speaker, Tom Smith was a great man; he was an exemplary father, husband, son and brother to his family, and a loyal friend to so many and talented and dedicated public servant for the benefit of all Buffalonians. Those of us who were privileged to have known him are better for it.

HONORING MR. JUSTIN FURROW

**HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK"
FLEISCHMANN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Justin Furrow on his years of service to the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce.

For the past five years Justin has served as chair of the Chamber's public policy committee during a time of unprecedented transition. He helped stand up a new department within the organization, oversaw staff changes, and worked tirelessly to help guide the Chamber as it worked to improve the environment for the business community in Chattanooga and Hamilton County. He was also chair of the committee when the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce was named the ACCE National Chamber of the Year in 2017.

He has balanced his volunteer time with a full-time law practice, chairing the labor and employment law section at Chambliss, Bahner, & Stophel law firm in Chattanooga. A native of the area, he is a graduate of the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga and got his law degree at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Justin's service to the Chattanooga area is commendable and I am privileged to recognize his years of distinguished service. I look forward to seeing him continue to serve his community in the years to come.

HONORING THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ford Motor Company's luxury vehicle division Lincoln on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary. Their century of success is worthy of commendation.

In 1922, Henry Ford's son Edsel Ford bought the Lincoln Motor Company headquartered in Dearborn, Michigan, with the goal of manufacturing luxury cars. Throughout the years, the Lincoln Motor Company has grown to become one of the top luxury vehicle

brands. Lincoln's cars are nationally recognized for their elegance and have been the car of choice for many prominent figures such as President Calvin Coolidge and several other United States Presidents. The first to debut features such as center-opening coach doors, electric gauges, keyless entry, and symphonic chimes, Lincoln's new innovations have made a significant impact on the automotive industry.

To celebrate their 100 years of success, Lincoln is launching a year-long collection of events worldwide. As part of their celebration, Lincoln's cars will also be featured at the 71st Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance in California, where the brand's iconic designs dating back to 1922 will be put on public display, and they will unveil their vision for their second century of operation. Looking ahead to a cleaner future, Lincoln is also reimagining their brand in the 21st century by shifting their focus toward vehicle electrification and service connections. By 2030, Lincoln plans to have a fully electric global portfolio supported by their new zero-emission Lincoln Star Concept.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lincoln as they celebrate 100 years of excellence. We are grateful for their decades of service to our community, and wish Lincoln continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE
OF MAYOR JIM DURRETT

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 Mayor Jim Durrett for his distinguished career in service to the people of Montgomery County, Tennessee.

Mayor Durrett is truly a man of Montgomery County. It is there that he was born and raised, there that he and his wife raised their 3 children, there that he attends church, and there that he lives today. Both of his parents were public servants in the County; his father served 26 years on the Clarksville City Council and his mother worked the election polls for as long as he could remember. Public service is in his blood.

He began his career early in life, shoveling asphalt for the City of Clarksville while attending Clarksville High School. He attended Austin Peay State University in Montgomery County, and upon graduation, he started work full-time for the City of Clarksville. He served as the Director of Streets for 20 years, later becoming Chief of Staff for the City.

Mayor Durrett was elected by the people of Montgomery County in August 2014, though it was not an easy first term. Within months of his election, Hemlock Semiconductor announced they were pulling out their \$1.2 billion facility—a sharp blow to the community. Within one year of this notice, however, and after much hard work by Mayor Durrett and his team, Google announced their plans to move to Montgomery County. Since then, LG, Shinhung, and Pantos have all joined Google.

His tenure as Mayor has undoubtedly improved the lives of Montgomery County residents. From projects such as the Downtown Commons, a public field in the middle of

downtown Clarksville, to the ongoing F&M Bank Arena, Mayor Durrett's vision for the County is coming alive. From just 2019 to today, Mayor Durrett's efforts have added or announced 6,700 new jobs in the County, amounting to \$2 billion in capital investment.

As a veteran myself, I am especially grateful for Mayor Durrett's leadership in support of our servicemembers. Montgomery County has a large population of servicemembers and veterans, due to the location of Fort Campbell. Under his leadership, the County was 1 of only 7 communities worldwide to be recognized with an Army Community Partnership Award.

Mayor Durrett embodies what it means to be a servant-leader in one's community. Through over 31 years of public service, and 8 years as County Mayor, Jim Durrett's career is an example to us all. It is fitting that we honor him as he concludes a long and effective career. On behalf of the United States Congress, I congratulate Mayor Durrett on the occasion of his retirement and thank him for his service to the people of Montgomery County.

HONORING MEGAN PALMER

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Megan Palmer, a young woman whose life, though cut tragically short, was rich, full, and committed to building stronger, healthier communities.

Megan was the substance abuse prevention coordinator with the Livingston County Community Alliance, a county-wide anti-drug coalition dedicated to establishing and promoting healthy community norms concerning the use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. She passed away at age 40 on January 8, 2022, one month after being diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. While the grief is still raw, it's her life and the work that continues, fueled by her memory and her spirit, that we celebrate today.

Social work is defined as providing services to individuals, groups, and communities by helping people address the problems they face in their everyday lives. This was Megan's chosen profession, but it was also clearly her vocation. From her college years at Western Michigan University, where she volunteered to build homes for low-income families, worked to further her church's mission, and to support social justice causes, to her graduate studies at the University of Michigan, where she took an internship working to end food insecurity, Megan was a social worker before she was a social worker.

While she held different positions in her career, the goal was always the same, as Megan recognized the inherent value of every individual and sought to provide supportive services to help them be their best self. She helped get locally sourced produce on the menu for a juvenile rehabilitation center, counseled teenagers facing homelessness, and devoted the final decade of her life to youth substance abuse prevention.

Rooted in advocacy, constantly committed to staring injustice in the face, Megan was