

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.

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HONORING MR. JUSTIN FURROW

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**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.

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HONORING THE 100TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN

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**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.

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HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE  
OF MAYOR JIM DURRETT

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**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.

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HONORING MEGAN PALMER

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**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 standing injustice in the face, Megan was

both optimistic and realistic, believing she could make the world around her better, while also meeting people exactly where they were. She brought enthusiasm, humor, and more than a touch of sarcasm to every task, every meeting, and every project she touched. She was beloved by her coworkers, her friends, and her family, and she will never be forgotten.

I offer my condolences to all those who mourn her loss, and on behalf of a grateful community, it is my honor to recognize her story in the People's House. Let it be known to all that Megan Palmer was a social worker who made a difference.

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HONORING CADEN D. NELSON

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**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 exceptional student, Caden D. Nelson.

Caden Nelson was born July 10, 2006, in Greenville, Mississippi. He is currently in the 11th grade at O'Bannon High School. He is among a family of 10 siblings, but grew up in a household of 4—his sister, Haley; his dad, David; his mom, Alicia; and himself. His mom is an educator, as she has been an educator for 20 years. His dad is a veteran, who has served in the military for over 20 years, and he is the pastor at Bethlehem MB Church. Haley is a student in middle school.

Growing up, Caden had to realize a lot of things, one was being born with a condition called albinism, which is a lack of pigment in the skin that can also affect the eyesight. Growing up wasn't easy. He couldn't see all that well and he struggled in many subjects because of his lack of vision. Caden was blessed to have amazing people in his life to sacrifice their time and assist him.

With the help of teachers and family, he was able to accomplish many things like passing the 3rd grade reading gate, along with having the highest scores in his class. This memory stands out and made Caden happy because growing up he was insecure, with no confidence in himself.

Once in high school, Caden started to grow and became more sociable. He gives credit to God for having a chance to be introduced to many opportunities in his community. He joined the Mayor's Youth Council in Greenville, MS. He made many friends and got to see how the community really works. "How amazingly warm, it felt to be a part of a community like this one," said Caden. He got a chance to go to Mississippi State University this summer to learn about physics. Also, he recently got the position as Lieutenant Governor for Mississippi Youth Council.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Caden Nelson for his passion, dedication for success, and desire to make a difference in the community.

RECOGNITION OF PAMELA KLYN

**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Pamela Klyn upon her receipt of the Good Scout Award. Pamela Klyn has dedicated her life to bettering Southwest Michigan through her work with the Whirlpool Corporation. A graduate of Michigan Technological University, Pam came to Benton Harbor in 1993 with a sharp mind and has brought the corporation to new heights locally as well as internationally.

In addition to her incredible work ethic, Pam is also an accomplished scholar. She completed her master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan in 1995. She also achieved an Executive MBA from Bowling Green State University. At the start of this year, Pam was named Senior Vice President of Corporate Relations and Sustainability for Whirlpool Corporation.

Pam was raised by an Eagle Scout. Her father taught her to "always be prepared" and to "leave things better than you found them." It's clear that she has reflected these lessons in everything she does. In addition to heading corporate relations and sustainability for Whirlpool Corporation, Pam is also an active Board member of the Boys & Girls Club of Benton Harbor and a Trustee for the Whirlpool Foundation. Pam also serves on the External Advisory Board for the Dean of Engineering at her alma mater, Michigan Tech, and as a board member for the American Association of Home Appliances and the Board of Directors for Patrick Industries.

Congratulations to Pam. There truly is no one more fitting to receive the honor of the Good Scout Award.

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RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HOTEL EMPLOYEE DAY

**HON. RALPH NORMAN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of hotel employees and the contributions of these hard-working men and women who provide critical service, welcoming guests at hotels across the country, and ensuring that travel is possible. I express my support for the designation of September 1, 2022, as National Hotel Employee Day.

It is true that hotel workers are a vital part of the American economy; they are crucial to enabling travel ranging from family vacations to business meetings.

Hotel workers also served as frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring other first responders and healthcare workers had a clean and comfortable place to stay while performing their duties. More importantly, nearly two million hotel workers across the country are driving the hotel industry's recovery and helping to rebuild their communities from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The hotel industry and the AHLA Foundation provide opportunities for training and ad-

vancement for hotel workers across the industry.

I concur that September 1, 2022 would be an appropriate date to designate as National Hotel Employee Day for all the reasons above, and more.

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HONORING THE LATE WILLIAM "BILL" VICHKO

**HON. ANDY KIM**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late William "Bill" Vichko, a beloved member of our community who passed away on June 29, 2022. He is survived by Katie, his wife of 48 years, his children Kara and Timothy, and his grandchildren Zoey and Edward. He also leaves behind his siblings Bob, Bev, Kathy, and Jay.

A resident of Burlington County for most of his life, Bill was born in Riverside, NJ and graduated from Burlington High School and Burlington County College. He built a wonderful life for his family from the first moment he bought a house with his wife until his passing. Bill cherished every moment with his family and treasured his weekend trips taking the kids fishing and coaching their little league baseball teams.

For years, Bill worked as an expeditor for Stone and Webster Engineering, United Engineers, and Shaw Group. Bill was the epitome of what it meant to be a hard worker and was able to see the country through work travel throughout his illustrious career. Beyond his work, Bill was devoted to serving our community, fellow servicemembers, and veterans. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and was a lifelong Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) member at Scully Bozarth Post 1817, where he spent time as a Trustee. Even beyond his service, for 47 years Bill was known for wearing a silver bracelet with Colonel Roy A. Knight Jr's name on it after purchasing it from a fundraiser for servicemembers who were declared prisoners of war or missing in action. Bill was as committed to his fellow Vietnam veterans as anyone and sought out opportunities to honor their memory and service in any way possible.

After his honorable discharge, Bill volunteered as a docent on the USS Battleship New Jersey in Camden for nine years, where he could be found greeting visitors in the Captain's Cabin. He would often take extra time to speak with fellow veterans who served on the ship and brightened the days of their children and grandchildren. It was evident that his care for his family, his job, and his country were sources of great pride and passion to all who knew him.

Bill was a kind soul who inspired kindness and service in those he touched. We were lucky to live with Bill as part of our community. My heart goes out to Bill's entire family and for those that knew him, even for the most fleeting moments; he will be missed.