

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JOHNATHAN PERKINS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, Coach Johnathan Perkins. Coach Perkins has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

Coach Perkins was recently selected as the 2022 United States Track & Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) High School Girls Track & Field Coach of the Year for the State of Mississippi. This is his 2nd time winning the award for the State of Mississippi. Coach Perkins has racked up a total of 12 Mississippi High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Track and Field State Championships. Coach Perkins and the Clinton High School Track & Field program have produced some of the state's most unforgettable track athletes. He has created what some call a dynasty in the world of track and field, and his work never goes unnoticed. Aside from his coaching accolades, he has been a teacher in the State of Mississippi for 18 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Coach Johnathan Perkins for his passion and dedication in the field of coaching.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF DANIEL D. DOLAN, SR.

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the legacy of Mr. Daniel D. Dolan, Sr. Mr. Dolan was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving his country during the Korean War, who went on to serve both in the Aurora, IL Fire Department and the U.S. Postal Service before starting his own business, Dolan & Murphy Real Estate in 1965. Dan loved selling and buying real estate throughout his career, especially land. His legacy development being Farnsworth International, which encompassed 450 acres of land on the North side of the I-88 and Farnsworth Avenue Cloverleaf Interchange in Aurora and is home to millions of square feet of Commercial and Industrial buildings (including Chicago Premium Outlet Mall) and is the largest Real Estate Tax base in Kane County, Ill. Dan was also very proud and instrumental in the extension of Indian Trail Road from Farnsworth Ave to the far eastern boundary of Aurora. Dolan and Murphy had just celebrated their 55th year in business when Dan passed on February 20, 2020.

Born and raised in Aurora, IL, Mr. Dolan believed strongly in giving back to his commu-

nity. He often did so through his business and life's passion, Dolan & Murphy Real Estate. Dolan & Murphy has sponsored little league baseball for over 50 years and fastpitch softball for over 35 years and Dan was inducted into the International Softball Congress Hall of Fame in August of 2016 for his long-time contribution as a sponsor. Dan believed that "what's good for Dolan & Murphy is good for Aurora" and worked hard to be charitable to the hometown he loved so deeply.

Dan also spent much of his personal time giving back. He was instrumental in the funding and construction of Aurora Central Catholic High School's current campus, which opened in the fall of 1995. As a graduate of East Aurora High School, he was committed to being a "lifelong Tomcat," coaching and mentoring many Aurora students throughout his life. Dan was honored by his Alma Mater in 2011 by receiving the coveted East Aurora High School "Distinguished Alumni Award".

I am proud to represent Aurora, and I am grateful for the support and kindness Dan and his family have shown over the years. Daniel D. Dolan, Sr. was an Aurora icon, is an Aurora legend, and his generosity and contribution to the city will never be forgotten. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Mr. Dolan's incredible life.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF RICHARD E. LEWIS

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Richard E. Lewis's ninetieth birthday.

Born in Sedalia, Missouri in 1932, Mr. Lewis has lived a full and vibrant life for the last ninety years. His father, J.D. Perry Lewis, built the first automobile west of the Mississippi River in 1883. With the automotive business in Dick's blood, he graduated from General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan and later moved to Charlotte, North Carolina where he worked for the Pontiac Motor Division of General Motors. During this time, Dick and his beautiful wife Darla fell in love with the Lake Wylie area. He retired in 1987, and the couple built a home in River Hills.

Following his retirement from General Motors, Dick began serving with Dick Keffer Automotive and helped establish the Keffer Management Company Foundation. In 1990, Dick was named Executive Director of the Greater Charlotte Automobile Dealer Association. He grew association membership from forty dealers to over 100 until his retirement in 2010.

Dick also founded the Charlotte International Auto Show, which remains one of the largest automobiles shows in the Southeast. The Auto Show raises money for charities in the Charlotte area and has donated over 7 million dollars to local charities since its inception.

In addition to his automotive business success, Dick has a passion for sparking synergy between people and groups and is always on the hunt for new projects, especially those that help his community. He has been an active member of the River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club for over forty years, during which he served as President of the Club for numerous years and received the Melvin Jones Award and other accolades in recognition of his service and involvement. Dick was instrumental in helping form the River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club Charitable Foundation, which provides ongoing support to local charities. He is also involved with the Charlotte Rescue Mission, which provides faith-based recovery programs to help those struggling with the disease of addiction.

Dick Lewis has lived a remarkable life full of success and service. On behalf of the Fifth District of South Carolina, it is my sincere pleasure to wish Dick a happy 90th birthday. May the next 90 be even better.

HONORING JA'LYN RILEY MCELROY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable activist and serial entrepreneur, Ja'lyn R. McElroy of Jackson, Mississippi.

Ja'lyn is a proud product of the Central Jackson Georgetown neighborhood. She has always been recognized by for the community outreach that she's done from grade school until now.

She is a graduate of the 2016 Class of William B. Murrah High School, where she graduated as an honor student. After high school, Ja'lyn furthered her education to Jackson State University (JSU), where she received her bachelor's in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. During her time at JSU, she was known for her engagement with the student body by showing her service through organizations such as AmeriCorps, Air Force ROTC, Pre-Alumni Council, Girl's Coalition, and more. Ja'lyn is now a candidate at JSU to receive her Master's in Business Administration.

After undergrad, Ja'lyn wanted to follow back into her footsteps of being an entrepreneur. In 2020, she opened an online store to sell her skincare products; as well as a marketing agency to help small business owners function throughout their business. Recently, Ja'lyn founded a nonprofit organization to end period poverty and provide unlimited period aid. Through her organization, The P.U.P.A Project, she's not only been an activist but an advocate for all women. Since founding the organization last July, she's provided over 18,000 worth of period aid to young girls and women in the South.

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Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Ja'lyn McElroy for her passion and dedication to serving her community.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MR.
HOWARD MISKELLY

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Mr. Howard Miskelly of Mississippi. As a businessman, veteran, and local leader, Mr. Miskelly left a legacy that will be remembered by his family, peers, and community for many generations to come.

Drafted into World War II, Mr. Miskelly served his country honorably, earned the rank of Staff Sergeant, and was awarded two Bronze Stars. I am humbled by Mr. Miskelly's heroic actions to protect and serve our great nation, and our country is grateful for his service.

After his military service, Mr. Miskelly strived for greatness in his daily life as he attended Union University on a basketball scholarship. He later transferred to Mississippi State University (MSU) where he was Cadet Colonel of the MSU ROTC and president of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

Following his education, Mr. Miskelly returned to Okolona, opened a furniture store, and started a family. Mr. Miskelly was a committed Christian and remarked that his greatest accomplishment in life was that his family all walked with the Lord. He loved his family, and his love for the Lord touched numerous lives. Mr. Miskelly also served on the Veterans Administration Board, on the board for the Mississippi School for the Deaf and Blind, and as president of the Mississippi Retail Association.

Mississippi is honored to call Mr. Howard Miskelly one of its own. Although his time on Earth is over, his legacy that he has left through his service, family, community, and faith will endure.

RECOGNIZING THE COMMUNITY
SERVICE OF JIM OLIVER

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Mr. GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration, honoring a man who has dedicated himself to serving his community of Santa Clarita and beyond in an astounding manner: Jim Oliver. After serving in the United States Army, he became a member of the service organization Optimist International and has remained involved for over 52 years. His continued involvement reflects his genuine belief in the organization's goals, which is evident in his optimism and compassion towards everyone he encounters. As a member of Optimist International, Jim Oliver prioritizes meeting the needs of young people across the world alongside the mission of bringing out the best in every individual as they develop into their greatest potential.

Jim has consistently recruited and sought new members to sponsor and mentor within Optimist while upholding a steady commitment to the Optimist Creed. Since 1970, Jim has been named an officer at the Optimist International and district level 78 times and maintained membership in 9 different clubs. Putting the Optimist Creed into action, he has dedicated time to the Blind Olympics, taught water skiing to the Braille Institute, and provided necessities to an orphanage in Mazatlán, Mexico. These philanthropic exploits are just a few of the many examples of service that Jim has displayed in his over five decades of membership to Optimist International.

His service has left a remarkable impact on not only our local community, but in communities around the world. Those that have served alongside can attest he is undoubtedly due recognition by his nation and Optimist International. It is an honor to represent him in the United States Congress.

HONORING LILLIAN LEWIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a bright and vibrant student, Lillian Lewis. Lillian has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

Lillian Lewis is the Valedictorian of the Holmes County Central High School Class of 2022. She currently has a 4.04 GPA. Lillian is the daughter of Mr. Benjamin and Mrs. Shanatosha Lewis. Lillian has always been supported through every endeavor by her family. The love and respect they share for one another has taken her a long way.

Throughout her high school years, Lillian has prided herself on being the absolute best version of herself. She is driven, dependable, and resourceful. These characteristics shaped her school life tremendously. She has accomplished many academic goals already. She is a part of the National Honors Society, Beta Club, National Society of High School Scholars, The National Society of Future Physicians, and the Superintendent's Round Table.

Lillian has chosen to spend the next chapter of her life at the University of Mississippi in Oxford MS, majoring in biomedical engineering on a Pre-Med track to become an internal medicine physician. Lillian hopes to take every experience life has to offer her and learn from them, whether they are good, bad, happy, or sad. Lillian lives knowing that without God none of this would be possible.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Holmes County Central High School's 2022 valedictorian, Lillian Lewis, for being an exemplary student and citizen.

HONORING JAMES TIPTON

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of a patriotic American, Mr. James Tipton.

Mr. Tipton lives in Waco, Kentucky. He celebrated his 99th birthday on July 24, 2022.

Mr. Tipton grew up on his family's farm in Union City, Kentucky. In 1941, a new Ordinance called the Bluegrass Army Depot was opening in Richmond and Mr. Tipton helped work on it. In December of 1942, he decided to enlist and joined the United States Army Air Corps. Following basic training, he was assigned as a right-wing gunner. He was sent overseas and flew missions over Europe. On his last mission in April of 1944, his plane ran short of fuel, and they lost engine power. The crew had to jump out of the camera hatch. They landed over enemy territory in France and were captured by German soldiers and taken as prisoners of war. Mr. Tipton spent 13 months as a POW in Krems, Austria in STA-LAG XVII-B. After a march of about 160 miles, the prisoners were liberated on April 26, 1945.

Following his time in the service, Mr. Tipton returned to Madison County and worked at the Bluegrass Ordinance for many years. He is a faithful member of the Waco Baptist Church, where he is the oldest male member. Mr. Tipton is well-respected by his community.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. James Tipton, celebrate his 99th birthday and thank him for his service and sacrifice to our nation during World War II. As a part of "The Greatest Generation," Mr. Tipton and his fellow soldiers are true heroes who bravely served and sacrificed to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today, and we can never thank them enough. I am forever grateful for Americans like James Tipton.

BIDEN "LETTERS" ON AFGHANISTAN
WITHDRAWAL: NEARLY
ONE YEAR LATER

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, during his August 26th remarks regarding the 2021 terrorist attack at the Kabul, Afghanistan airport, where 13 American servicemembers were murdered, Biden was asked about the Afghanistan withdrawal and the addition of forces to protect Americans during the evacuation.

Biden responded that military leaders have contacted him, "... usually by letter, saying they subscribe to the mission as designed ...".

That evening, I sent the first of now five written requests to the White House asking for copies of these letters by a deadline of September 11. Nearly one year later, I am still waiting for a reply.

During an August 2021 House Armed Services Committee hearing, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Mark Milley and General Frank McKenzie, then the commander of the U.S. Central Command, both testified that they had recommended to Biden that he should leave a residual troop presence.

Additionally, in a closed Senate hearing, Operation Resolute Support Commander General Scott Miller testified that he opposed the Biden administration's decision to withdraw all U.S. forces, citing the threat posed by the Taliban.