

February 2000. Across 14 years of service with KUAM, she earned her way through the ranks from News Reporter to Senior Investigative News Reporter, Anchor, Television News Anchor, and, finally, as Assistant News Director. In the years that followed, Mindy went on to expand her experience and build on her expertise through various roles to include Marketing and Communications Manager for Dusit Thani Guam Resort, CNN International Correspondent and Stringer, and Chief Executive Officer and Editor-in-Chief of the Guam Daily Post. Moreover, in 2015, Mindy established her very own Media and Public Relations consulting firm, Aguon Consulting.

With unique talent, demonstrated drive, and unrelenting dedication, Mindy cultivated a career steeped in excellence. She earned numerous accolades including two Micronesia Society of Professional Journalists awards for Best Spot News and Best Online Reporting, two of the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Best Documentary awards for her productions entitled, "Personal Journey: Finding My Roots" and "Survivors: In Their Own Words," and recognitions as both a four-time KUAM Employee of the Year and the 2014 Mañe'lu Mentor of the Year. Mindy further received the highest orders of local recognition from the Government of Guam: A Legislative Resolution from I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan and the Ancient Order of the Chamori from I Maga'låhen Guåhan. In addition to her professional career, Mindy built strong ties with and made meaningful contributions to distinct community organizations. She served as an active member of the KUAM Care Force, Society of Professional Journalists, and Ohala Adoptions Advisory Board and took on vital leadership roles as a Mañe'lu Mentor with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam and Board of Director for the Guam Chamber of Commerce. These civic contributions combined with her work as a member of our local media encapsulate the public service persona that is Mindy Fothergill Aguon.

Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the People of Guam, offering my greatest appreciation to Mindy Fothergill Aguon for over two decades of service to our island, region, and nation as an outstanding leader and journalist. Mindy navigated an award-winning journalism career in Guam and illustrated the rich power of true storytelling. It does not simply relay issues to the minds of many—it touches their hearts. Her commitment to advocating for the issues of the people, elevating voices and stories of those often overlooked, and remaining ever persistent in the quest for truth continues to inspire many throughout our island including myself.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOAN EVOLA BILLECI

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Joan Evola Billeci.

Better known by friends as "Joanie," Joan was born and raised in Pittsburg, California by Pearl DeMercurio and Joseph Billeci, former Mayor of Pittsburg. Joan and her husband,

Nolan, were high school sweethearts and were married for 55 wonderful years.

Joan followed in her father's footsteps of public service and was involved with numerous local organizations including the St. Peter Martyr School, the Church of the Good Shepard, and the Pittsburg Boys and Girls Club. In her professional career, she served as an executive assistant in the Pittsburg Unified School District at Highlands Elementary for seventeen years.

Throughout her life, Joan demonstrated her dedication to service and passion for her community. Joan was an active volunteer with the Pittsburg Historical Society, volunteering for over two decades and serving as treasurer for nearly 20 years. In 2012, Joan's received the Community Service Lifetime Achievement Award from the Soroptimist International of Pittsburg in recognition of her service. In her free time, Joan loved traveling, spending time with family, and participating in a sewing club with her close friends.

Sadly, Joan passed away on June 6, 2022. She is survived by her husband, Nolan Evola, as well as her sister Anne Romeo, brother Mark Billeci, son Salvatore, daughter-in-law Vicki, and grandchildren Joseph and Gabriella. She will be remembered for her kind heart and dedication to service. Please join me in honoring Joan Evola for her many contributions to our community.

HONORING NATALIE HERRINGTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable unsung hero, Ms. Natalie Herrington.

Ms. Natalie Herrington is the daughter of the honorable Apostle James and Lucy Herrington. She is a native of Grenada, Mississippi. She has two brothers, Sheldon Herrington and Reginald Herrington. She is also the amazing mother of Avery Moore.

Ms. Herrington graduated from Delta State University with her medical degree in 2002. She has more than twenty years of experience. She is a Nurse Practitioner specialist in Batesville, Mississippi. Her practice location is in Grenada, MS. She is also affiliated with many hospitals including University of Mississippi Medical Center-Grenada and Tyler Holmes Memorial Hospital.

Ms. Herrington cooperates with many other doctors and specialists in medical groups: Progressive Medical Management of Batesville, LLC; Grenada Emergency Group, LLC; Panola Physician Group, LLC; and Grenada Physician Services, LLC. Ms. Herrington is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated.

Not only is Ms. Herrington a Nurse Practitioner, but she is also the praise team leader at her church, Abundant Life Assembly Church of Apostolic Faith. Her family and church family honors her in her hard work and dedication that she put into her patients.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Natalie Herrington for her dedication and commitment to our community.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF PEGGY LAMBERT

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember the life of my friend Peggy Lambert who passed away in May at 81 years old.

Peggy grew up in Maryville and graduated from Maryville High School. She then got B.S. in Nursing from the University of Tennessee and a B.S. in Nursing Administration from the Grady School of Nursing in Atlanta, Georgia. After she graduated, she worked as a traveling nurse in hospitals in New York and California.

Peggy was heavily involved in Republican politics for decades. In the 1970s and 1980s Peggy used her impeccable hostess skills to throw parties and fundraising events for Republican candidates in Alabama, and even hosted President and Mrs. Reagan at some of her events.

She returned to Maryville in 1985, where she quickly advanced in the state party. She faithfully served the state of Tennessee as State Committee Woman and National Vice Chair of the Republican Party for multiple terms, and was a Blount County Commissioner for five years.

As much as she loved politics, Peggy loved the Lord and her family even more. In 2016, she retired from politics to focus more of her time on her husband, John, her kids and grandkids, and her beloved dog, Bella.

I want to offer my condolences to Peggy's brother, Bob, and his wife, Dottie, her sister, Cindy, her sons, John and Jason, her five grandchildren, and everyone else who knew her and loved her.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LOUIE ROCHA

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize long-time community member, Louie Rocha, as he retires from his role as principal of Antioch High School.

Throughout his career, Louie has demonstrated his passion for education and his dedication to serving students. In 1986, he served as a counselor at the REACH Project, providing support and services to at-risk youth at Park Junior High School. Louie joined Antioch Unified School District in 1996 serving as a guidance counselor at Prospects Alternative Education High School. In this role, Louie led the school in creating social and emotional counseling services for students. In 1999, Louie began serving as Antioch High School's secondary assistant principal.

Louie was promoted to principal in 2006 and has worked tirelessly in this position to implement changes in Antioch High School's curriculum and education methods to foster a positive environment on campus and to improve graduation rates. Under his leadership, Antioch High School adopted the small learning communities (SLC) model to allow students to develop more personalized, positive

relationships with their peers and teachers. Additionally, Louie helped to promote Linked Learning academies on campus to help connect students with career training in the fields of environmental engineering and media technology. Louie also led the Antioch High community in modernizing the school's campus. Thanks to Louie's leadership, the school was able to make improvements on campus and bolster school security.

Louie is a true leader in our community and we are incredibly grateful for the positive impact he has had on so many students' lives. Please join me in congratulating Louie on his retirement and honoring him for his years of dedicated service.

HONORING THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHIEF CHRIS R. JENKINS WITH THE CULPEPER POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Chris R. Jenkins on his 45th anniversary of service to Virginia with the Culpeper Police Department.

On August 15, 1977, Chris Jenkins began his law enforcement career at age 18 serving the Town of Culpeper as a dispatcher. In the 45 years since, Chief Jenkins has honorably served his community and worked to make Culpeper a safer place to live and raise a family.

Chief Jenkins was first appointed as the Culpeper Police Department's fifth Chief of Police in 2010. In this role, he has implemented many successful programs including a community policing model, mental health responders, and Body-Worn Cameras. Beyond his career, Chief Jenkins has also helped raise thousands of dollars for local non-profit organizations—such as Team Jordan, a coalition which supports suicide prevention and response in Culpeper—and served on multiple boards and committees to support his community. His dedication and integrity to make Culpeper a better place is inspiring and deserving of commendation and celebration.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Chief Jenkins on 45 successful years in law enforcement and a lifetime of making Culpeper a better place.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH TEACHING ANNIVERSARY OF MRS. MAE LOIS TUDMAN WHITE

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Mae Lois Tudman White of Mount Pleasant, Texas. Mrs. White has dedicated her life to service in her community, through both teaching as well as volunteering at her church, Maranatha Church of God in Christ. Mrs. White is a true woman of God, distinguished longtime educator, and a shining example of the good in this world. At age 72, Mrs. White's passion for educating the youth

of her community is still going strong, achieving the incredible milestone of 50 years of teaching.

Mae Lois Tudman White was born on June 21, 1950, in Pittsburg, Texas, and moved to Mount Pleasant when she was one year old. She graduated as valedictorian from Booker T. Washington High School. Mrs. White received a Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Education with a minor in Sociology from East Texas State University in 1972. Mrs. White began teaching that same year at E.C. Brice Elementary School, and later transferred to Vivian Fowler Elementary School, where she has taught since 1978. Her impact was immediately felt, and she has been recognized as "Teacher of the Year" numerous times.

Mrs. White has shown great initiative and commitment to the many organizations she has served. For 27 years, she has held the position of District Supervisor for the Women of the Progressive and Faith Temple District. As a member of the Maranatha Church of God in Christ, she serves on the finance committee, and is an assistant to the secretary, a missionary, and a bible study teacher. Thankfully for us, Mrs. White has no plan to retire anytime soon, and she will continue to be a mentor to Mount Pleasant's students. We should all look to live our lives in a manner that follows her footsteps, and I believe she will inspire a younger generation of students to become educators.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Mae Lois Tudman White's extensive contributions to the Mount Pleasant community. May God bless Mother Mae in the new school year.