

She was successful and fabulous and now she is in heaven enjoying her rewards with my dad.

And though she is no longer here, I will love her as deeply and as joyfully as ever, because I learned from the best.

I love you mom. And know, that my affection once given, is never withdrawn. Thank you, Jeannie. Toodlea for now.

GOLDEN FIRE CHIEF JERRY STRICKER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 2, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Golden Fire Chief Jerry Stricker for his many years of service to the City of Golden and surrounding communities.

For three decades, Chief Stricker has been active within the Golden community and fire department. Prior to coming to Golden, Chief Stricker started his career with the Eagle River Fire Protection District where he worked as a firefighter, engineer, and EMT before transitioning to the Department of Public Safety with the town of Avon, Colorado. In 2018, Mr. Stricker was awarded Fire Marshal of the Year by the Fire Marshals Association of Colorado's (FMAC) Executive Board. Chief Stricker has also served in numerous leadership roles within the firefighting community including serving as Legislative Committee Chair of the FMAC. His hard work and dedication has helped make our community—and so many others—a great place to live and work.

I extend my deepest thanks to Chief Stricker for his service to our community. I thank him for his continuous dedication to serving the people of Colorado.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE SIDNEY JOHN BARTHELEMY, A CHERISHED PUBLIC SERVANT FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA CELEBRATING HIS TENURE AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS FROM 1974 UNTIL 1978

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 2, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding, cherished public servant from my home State of Louisiana. I am proud to say, my dear friend and mentor, The Honorable Sidney John Barthelemy gave me my first job in city government upon graduation from college. As an American political figure, he served as the second African American to hold the New Orleans mayoral chair from 1986 to 1994. He was a member of the Louisiana State Senate from 1974 to 1978 and a member at-large of the New Orleans City Council from 1978 to 1986. He is a proud member of the Democratic Party.

The Honorable Barthelemy was born on March 17, 1942, in New Orleans, Louisiana, and was the third of six children (Ruth, Lionel, Jr., Joyce, Anthony, Felix) in a deep-rooted

New Orleans family, born to Lionel and Ruth (Fernandez) Barthelemy, Sr. He grew up in the historic 7th Ward, and attended Corpus Christi Elementary School, founded by Saint Katharine Drexel, SBS, foundress of The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament; and St. Augustine High School (New Orleans), run by the Josephites Fathers and Brothers.

He then sought to enter the priesthood with the Josephites, studying at Epiphany Apostolic Junior College in Newburgh, New York, and then St. Joseph Seminary in Washington, D.C., where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and pursued graduate study in theology. While in the seminary, he worked summers as a laborer in a stevedoring company.

In 1967, having made the decision not to enter the priesthood, Honorable Barthelemy returned to New Orleans and became an administrative assistant in the office of Total Community Action. In 1968, Barthelemy married Michaela "Mickey" Thibodeaux. They are the proud parents of Cherrie, Bridget, and Sidney, Jr. From 1969 to 1972, he was director of the Parent Child Center of Family Health, Inc. During these years, he also completed a Master of Social Work degree at Tulane University in New Orleans, worked part-time for the Urban League of Greater New Orleans, and assisted with various political campaigns, joining COUP (The Community Organization for Urban Politics), a political organization based in the 7th Ward of New Orleans.

From 1972 to 1974, Barthelemy was Director of the Department of Welfare under Mayor Moon Landrieu. Backed by COUP, Barthelemy was elected in 1974 to one term in the Louisiana State senate from District 4, defeating a White incumbent who had held the seat for sixteen years. He was the first African American to serve in that body since Reconstruction. While he served in the Legislature, he also joined Xavier University of Louisiana as assistant director of the Urban Involve Program and as an instructor in the Department of Sociology. He became an adjunct faculty member in the Applied Health Sciences Department, Maternal and Child Health Section, of Tulane University.

In 1978 Barthelemy was elected to an at-large seat on the New Orleans City Council, a position he held for two terms. Sidney Barthelemy first set his sights on becoming mayor of New Orleans in 1982, when he was re-elected to the city council. Barthelemy received 58 percent of the total votes cast. On May 5, 1986, Barthelemy began his first term as mayor of New Orleans.

Barthelemy's administration experienced economic development successes, as he managed to bring additional investment to New Orleans East, most notably a distribution center to the New Orleans Regional Business Park (then known as the Almonaster-Michoud Industrial District). This project embodied the city's renewed efforts to leverage the existing infrastructure of the Port of New Orleans, then experiencing a resurgence by attracting modern warehousing and distribution facilities to the city. In the wake of the oil bust, the Barthelemy administration most forcefully advocated for the continued development of New Orleans' tourist and convention industry. Tourism was the only sector of the city's economy to exhibit meaningful growth under Barthelemy. Several high-profile wins occurred, including attracting the Republican Na-

tional Convention to the city in 1988 and the NCAA Final Four tournament in 1993. Barthelemy also oversaw the opening of the Aquarium of the Americas, the Riverfront streetcar line, the New Orleans Centre and Riverwalk downtown malls, and encouraged the first expansion of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

In administering city government, Barthelemy managed to gradually eliminate the \$30 million budget deficit he inherited in 1986. He also staffed agencies such as the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) and the Regional Transit Authority (RTA).

Other notable narratives of the Barthelemy administration included the visit of Pope John Paul II to New Orleans in 1987, the passage of the controversial "anti-discrimination" ordinance affecting the membership in Carnival krewes, an unsuccessful, city-sponsored effort to redevelop Louis Armstrong Park into a recreation park/amusement center; the post-World's Fair redevelopment of the downtown Warehouse District; and the securing of funding for a new sports arena next to the Superdome. Consistent with the city's increasing economic tilt to tourism and the cultural economy, Barthelemy's mayoralty also supported a large addition to the New Orleans Museum of Art, re-use of portions of the former Canadian Pavilion of the World's Fair into the IMAX theater, as well as the creation of the Louisiana Children's Museum in the Warehouse District.

Throughout his political career, Barthelemy carried a reputation as a quiet and mild-tempered politician. In 2012, then City Councilmember Cynthia Hedge Morrell acknowledged Honorable Barthelemy during an event at Gallier Hall stating, "The City of New Orleans would not be where it is today if those tough decisions were not made and you had not had the fortitude to endure the wrath of the media and the wrath of people who did not understand" that "good decisions were being made for the future of our city". As a respected former mayor, Barthelemy joined other former mayors, Moon Landrieu and Marc Morial, in a meeting on January 7, 2006, with parish presidents from the New Orleans metropolitan area to discuss post-Katrina plans for regional flood protection. He recently retired as Director of Governmental Affairs for Historic Restoration, Inc. (HRI Properties), a real estate development group based in New Orleans.

Madam Speaker, I credit my role as a Member of Congress today, because of the opportunities and guidance I received from the Honorable Sidney Barthelemy. I am humbly grateful for his mentorship, as I celebrate his tenure as a leader in the great State of Louisiana.

HONORING LYNNE EGAN

HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 2, 2022

Mr. ROSENDALE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Lynne Egan, a great Montanan who recently passed away.

Serving as the Montana Deputy Securities Commissioner for thirteen years and a Montana state employee for twenty-eight years, Ms. Egan was a relentless advocate for all Montana investors throughout her career, especially in the arena of investor education, and

dedicated her public service to combatting fraud wherever it might be found.

Ms. Egan brought her wonderful sense of humor, infectious can-do attitude, and pride in a job well done to the many initiatives she brought forth both at home and across the Nation.

Notably, one of Ms. Egan's initiatives was working with the Montana Legislature to establish the Securities Restitution Assistance Fund to help investors who had lost everything recoup a portion of what they had lost. Since its inception, this fund has returned over \$7 million to Montana investors.

Ms. Egan embodied the highest ideals of public service in the State of Montana as she used her gifts to combat financial fraud and elder exploitation—issues that continue to harm Americans, costing the citizenry over \$5.8 billion per year.

Ms. Egan's selfless commitment to serving Montanans will always be a defining pillar of her legacy.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF COLLIN HAGAN

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 2, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor the life and service of Collin Hagan, whose young life was cut short while battling a wildfire in Oregon. Through his courage, selflessness, and extreme dedication to the public good, Collin became an indispensable part of the communities he served in Michigan and beyond.

A native Yooper, Collin was born in Hancock, Michigan on July 20, 1995. He was raised in Twin Lakes and graduated from Jeffers High School in 2013. With a deep-rooted desire to serve others, Collin furthered his education at Gogebic Community College in Ironwood and Michigan Technological University (MTU) in Houghton, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Forestry. In college, Collin gained forestry field experience while working as an intern with Compass Land Consultants, Inc. in northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Upon graduation from MTU, Collin pursued his passion for wildland firefighting. After a brief stint at Grayback Forestry in LaGrande, Oregon, he worked for two seasons on a Type 2 crew with the United States Forest Service at Flathead National Forest in Montana. His aspirations to become a hotshot firefighter came true this season when he was hired by the Bureau of Land Management to work on the Craig Interagency Hotshot Crew based in Craig, Colorado. Not only was Collin skilled in the art of felling trees; he also enjoyed assisting others in learning the profession.

Collin passed away on August 10, 2022 from injuries received while battling the Big Swamp Fire at Willamette National Forest in Oregon. His compassion, selflessness, and devotion to his community will surely leave a lasting mark on those who had the opportunity to know him.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join

me in honoring the life of Collin Hagan. His legacy will forever live on in his family, friends, crewmembers, and in the many lives he bettered through his service.

SHERRY EMS

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 2, 2022

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Sherry Ems for her dedication and service to our State, our Nation, and our servicemembers working as the Executive Director at the United Services Organizations Ohio these last seven years.

For many service men and women, the USO offers the comforts of home: a place to rest or a meal to eat, as they ship off to another duty station, return from a long journey from a faraway base, or prepare to deploy. Sherry's service was a bright beacon of hope, integrity, and diligence.

She is exemplary of the patriotism and commitment we associate with the USO. Over the many years she served, Sherry's contributions went a long way towards supporting our service men and women. She embodies the civic pride we have in our troops and our nation.

I thank her for her tremendous work and service over the years at the USO and for our men and women in uniform, and we all wish her the best in her future endeavors.

NE NATIONAL GUARD 170TH GROUP 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 2, 2022

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the formal partnership between the United States Air Force's 55th Wing and the Nebraska Air National Guard's 170th Group at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. The anniversary occurred on the 3rd of June this year and was the first-of-its kind as the oldest association between the Air National Guard and an active-duty combat-coded Air Force Wing.

The first unit member of the 170th Group is now retired Air Force Air National Guard Major General Rick Evans who arrived at Offutt Air Force Base on June 3, 2002, to set up and command what was initially Detachment 1 of the Nebraska Air National Guard. Later, the 170th Group was formed to expand the mission capabilities of Detachment 1 into two squadrons: the 238th Combat Training Squadron which provided combat aircrew training support for the 55th Wing, and the 170th Operations Support Squadron which provided vital support to 55th Wing missions in the areas of weapons and tactics, intelligence, base operations, weather, and aviation resource management.

The extraordinary 20-year partnership between the 170th Group and the 55th Wing has enabled and sustained combat and sensitive

reconnaissance operations supporting the War on Terror and other national missions around the globe. Today, the 170th Group is preparing to expand its mission yet again with two additional squadrons that will expand its aircraft maintenance and intelligence support capabilities.

I am truly honored as a former 55th Wing Commander to have witnessed firsthand the operational impacts of the 170th Group. These outstanding Airmen ensure the daily success of the 55th Wing's demanding global mission and are recognized across the Air Force community for their leadership in forging a world-class Active Duty and Air National Guard partnership.

I salute the visionary leadership of those who designed the 170th Group over 20 years ago and all those who have served in its units to the present day. Congratulations on 20 years of success and the many more to come.

RECOGNIZING PROTEUS

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 2, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Proteus, an essential non-profit organization in the Central Valley, as they celebrate their 55th anniversary.

In the 1960s, the Tulare County Community Action Agency formed Proteus Adult Training to address rampant poverty among farmworkers and impoverished adults—primarily through literacy programs. In 1972, Proteus would be incorporated as an independent non-profit organization and continue its core mission to provide education, job training, and support services that empower people to achieve self-sufficiency.

In 1978, Proteus began expanding outside of Tulare County and started to address poverty throughout the Central Valley. In 1994, Proteus opened its first vocational school, offering Shipping and Receiving classes. They received their accreditation in 1995 and have been expanding their classes into areas such as Truck Driving, Forklift Training, and Energy Career Training. Today, Proteus also offers academic courses such as Adult Basic Education and English as Second Language through its William M. Maguy School of Education.

Throughout its 55 years of work, Proteus has repeatedly demonstrated its ability to improve the lives of the disenfranchised through its local, regional, and national partnerships with governments, other non-profit organizations, and corporations. With 30 different locations throughout Tulare, Kern, Fresno, and Kings counties, as well as in East Los Angeles, Proteus continues to lift people out of poverty and put the less fortunate on a pathway to financial stability.

I ask all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Proteus as it celebrates its 55-year anniversary.