

"Lady Potter's". In an unprecedented record of success in eight seasons from 2015 to 2022, the Lady Potters won four Illinois State Championships, three in succession. In that time, they have won 244 games and only lost 23. The Lady Potter's have been led to victory 559 times against 159 defeats by the architect, builder, and coach of the team, Bob Becker. Becker has been awarded Coach of the Year multiple times by the Illinois High School Association and was named to the Illinois basketball coaches' Hall of Fame in 2020. In addition, seven of his Lady Potters have gone on to play Division I college basketball.

A kind, retired Hall of Fame sportswriter brought their story to the nation, comparing them to the current NBA champions: "They are the Golden State Warriors, only with Pony Tails". Their accomplishments also garnered public praise in a CBS' 60 Minutes feature.

With 2022 marking the 50th anniversary of Title IX, which guaranteed the Lady Potter's right to play, there is much to celebrate. The Class of '72 also celebrates their 50th anniversary as graduates of Morton High School this year. Morton High School continues to honor the legacy of the classes before them and their tremendous achievements throughout the year.

Congratulations to classes past and present of Morton High School, including the 2022 Lady Potter's basketball team. The school pride is worthy of celebration. Keep up the good work.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOSEPH MCCOY AND BENJAMIN THOMAS

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 2, 2022

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of Joseph McCoy and Benjamin Thomas—and to commend the City of Alexandria for its work on the Alexandria Community Remembrance Project (ACRP).

Through its partnership with the Equal Justice Initiative, the ACRP has brought our community together to remember the city's history of racial terror and to memorialize Joseph McCoy and Benjamin Thomas, who were lynched in 1897 and 1899, respectively. These lynchings were two of 86 documented lynchings committed in Virginia between 1880 and 1930. These acts of premeditated violence were deliberate attempts by whites to terrorize and control black populations across the state.

As our community convenes again on September 24, 2022 we do so to collect soil representing these two young men's lives. In October, Alexandrians will then make a pilgrimage to Montgomery, Alabama to deliver this sacred soil to its final resting place at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice.

These events also occur during a year in which the Emmitt Till Antilynching Act, a federal bill making lynching a federal hate crime, was signed into law by President Biden on March 29. I was proud to support this long overdue legislation in the U.S. House of Rep-

resentatives, but also recognize that we still have much more work to do.

It is incumbent on all of us to remember this shameful episode of our history and others like it. In doing so, we are better able to see the continuous chain of racially motivated violence against Black Americans that spans our nation's history. We can truly honor the memories of Joseph McCoy and Benjamin Thomas, along with the countless number of named and unnamed victims of racial violence, by seeking justice for all Americans and working to build a more inclusive society.

IN MEMORY OF EMMA LYNN THOMSON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 2, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Emma Lynn Thomson. I had the pleasure of getting to know Emma when she served as my communications director.

Emma was a rising star on Capitol Hill and had an exceptional work ethic. She was a salt of the earth person who cared deeply for those around her. Because of her constant search for new ways to connect with constituents, North Texans, Pennsylvanians, and Hoosiers are fortunate to have benefited from her heart for public service.

She hailed from Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Her sister, Molly, put it best at her memorial service. Emma's priorities were God first, family and friends second, and then her blooming career. Her love for her Savior was reflected in how she cared for others. She never missed an opportunity to join family occasions, big or small. Emma was an active member at Capitol Hill Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school, led Bible studies, and was the Deaconess for weddings.

Emma not only poured her life into her community, but also her country. After graduating from Bishop McCort High School, she attended and graduated from George Washington University. Her political career started as a press assistant for Senator MARCO RUBIO's Presidential campaign. Before coming to Capitol Hill to serve as communications director for three Members of Congress, she served as the digital communications assistant for the Democracy Fund.

Emma loved our country, and her loss will never be replaced on Capitol Hill. My thoughts have remained with her parents, Linda and David, her sister, Molly, and all who treasured her. Her life is one taken far too early.

REMEMBERING PHOUA THAO HANG

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 2, 2022

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Phoua Thao Hang. She

leaves behind a large and loving family in Minnesota, and a legacy that will continue to inspire our community for years to come.

Phoua was born in 1952 in Sa Luong, Laos. She grounded her life in service to community, sharing cultural wisdom with younger generations of Hmong Minnesotans who did not get to experience the same life she did—being carried on her father's back from village to village, planting rice seedlings, and gathering water for her family before the sun rose.

Phoua's family noted that over the course of her life, she worked as "an assembly operator, a waitress, a certified seamstress, a wreath-maker, and a farmer." Phoua became a distinguished member of the Twin Cities' Hmong community and contributed to countless efforts to build political, social, and economic capital. She was known as a mainstay of the St. Paul Farmers Market, where she sold her family's fruits and vegetables for two decades. She was a founding member of the Hmong American Farmers Association where she "led the charge to lease a 155-acre farm, helped launch a marketing cooperative and food hub, spearheaded a micro-lending program, and tested key modules in a national training program," as remarked by Minnesota Governor Tim Walz.

Phoua instilled in her children and grandchildren that sense of service, and our community will continue to be blessed by their thoughtful and impactful contributions in government, non-profits, and business. Phoua was killed senselessly on July 17, 2022, in a hit-and-run accident that has forever changed countless lives. I hold Phoua, her family, and our community in my heart as we honor her incredible legacy.

RECOGNIZING FIRE ENGINEER CURTIS TREVOR GOLD

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 2, 2022

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Curtis Trevor Gold and his many years of dedication to the City of Ontario as an Ontario Fire Engineer.

Curtis joined the Ontario Fire Department in 2016 as a firefighter. In 2019, he was promoted to fire engineer. During his time at the Department, he served as a member of the Urban Search & Rescue Team. This team involves technical rescue operations that requires extrication and medical stabilization of victims of various emergencies. As an experienced firefighter, Curtis also became a training instructor, mentoring younger firefighters. He was also a member of Ontario Professional Firefighters Local 1430.

Sadly, our community is now in mourning. On Saturday, August 27th, Curtis tragically passed away in an off-duty accident. He is survived by his wife and family. I offer my deepest condolences on their loss.

For his outstanding accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize Firefighter Curtis Trevor Gold. His years of civic service and commitment to the Department and the people of Ontario are worthy of the highest commendation. He will be missed.

HONORING EMMA INEZ HIGH
JOHNSON

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 2, 2022

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to honor the life of Mrs. Emma Inez High Johnson.

Born in New Market, Alabama, Emma Inez High Johnson began an uncommon life of modesty, sacrifice, and service. Her commitment to men, women, and children from all walks of life made her efforts more distinct and special. It was over twenty-five years ago when Bishop Victor T. Curry affectionately and appropriately tabbed Emma, Queen Inez. This noteworthy and royal designation perfectly captured the very essence of a woman, regal in both nature and nurture.

This accomplished, yet uncomplicated, woman was proudly connected to her faith and her family, readily accepting her divine destiny and mission as a wife, mother, nurturer, worshipper, and most importantly, a woman of faith. Emma labored to ensure that those with whom she worked were treated with compassion, dignity, and respect. Her encouragement and empowerment of her colleagues in many ways reflected her warm spirit.

Emma wed the late Pastor Joe Cephus Johnson in 1966 and together they celebrated three children and a 52-year marriage.

As first lady of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, Emma labored fervently in service. As chairwoman of Women in the Spirit of Excellence (W.I.S.E.), servant leader of the Women's Ministry, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School instructor, a member of the Encouragement Ministry, Women's Day speaker, and directress of Ebenezer's Angelic Choir, Emma's multi-giftedness was constantly on display.

Beyond the walls of Ebenezer, Emma's work for an assortment of causes and organizations was hard to miss. In her roles as vice president of the International Association of Minister's Wives and Minister's Widows Coterie of South Broward, a member of the Progressive Kingdom Baptist Association, a member of the Divine Divas, and a 2nd Generation Member of the Red Hatters Society International, Emma was deeply entrenched in the work of community service.

My heart is with her daughters and family, and the entire Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church family in mourning the loss of this kind and compassionate and virtuous woman.

We are forever blessed to have shared this time with Queen Inez on Earth. May her memory be a blessing.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
JERRY CLAYTON

HON. TRENT KELLY
OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 2, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jerry Clayton. Jerry was born on August 28, 1938, in the

Mount Vernon community of Lee County to Robert Curtis and Dewdrop Raper Clayton. He graduated from Belden High School and attended Itawamba Junior College (IJC) and Florence State (UNA) on basketball scholarships. While at IJC he met Tula Ann Senter and they were later married. After earning a degree from Mississippi State, he began teaching History and coaching basketball at Milam Jr. High School in Tupelo. Little did he know then that his heart for teaching would be a driving force throughout his life. Coaching took him to Tupelo High School where his 1968 Golden Wave basketball team won the state championship. He cherished his relationship with his students and players and remained concerned about them through the years, often being invited to their class reunions.

In 1968, Jerry left the school system to become Chancery Clerk of Lee County, an office he served for twenty years. He was active in the Mississippi Chancery Clerks Association and often helped new clerks learn office operations. While in office he was appointed Youth Court Referee. There his experience with abused and neglected boys revealed a need for a safe place to house and nurture these young men. This became his mission and with support of the Lee County Board of Supervisors, Jerry founded the Alpha House, where for the next forty years, boys found a mentor whose goal was to give them a new way of life with confidence to set a goal and reach it. He wanted them to be so successful that they would become taxpayers instead of tax recipients. Many of those young men who lived there often came back to see and thank him.

Wherever his careers took him, Jerry remained dedicated to his family. He taught his two sons to love the outdoors, and they hunted and fished together and loved all things MSU. His terrific sense of humor made for many stories of their adventures. All the while his example taught them to care for those less fortunate. Jerry was a member of the original Elvis Presley Memorial Foundation Board, a Mason, and served on the board of the North Mississippi Medical Center. In 2014 he was named Tupelo's Outstanding Citizen. Jerry is survived by his wife of sixty-four years Tula, his sons Clay (Lisa) and Matt (Donna), his grandchildren Jacob Washington (Rachel), Davis Clayton (Kelsey), Grace McClay Clayton, Carter Clayton (Anna Grace), Walker Clayton and Anna Kees Clayton and four great grandchildren: Knox, Graham, Eve and Stella. He is also survived by his nephews Brad and Robbie Clayton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Joe Clayton.

IN HONOR OF TRINITY REGIONAL
PROJECT OFFICE OF THE U.S.
ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 2, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tremendous contributions of The Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) serving the Fort Worth District of Texas. The USACE provides flood risk management to the Dallas metro area, stores water for the City of

Dallas, and manages the recreation and natural resources around lake Lewisville including the Lewisville dam. My staff and I recently had the opportunity to tour the lake and see firsthand the improvements and preservation work the USACE has done to ensure the safety of the residents of the Dallas metro area.

I would like to recognize the USACE participants who facilitated my team's site visit:

Col. Jonathan S. Stover—District Commander, U.S. Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District

Matt Hays—Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District

Eric Verwers—Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management, Fort Worth District

Tim MacAllister—Chief of Operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District

Joyce McDonald—Chief of Operations and Regulatory, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Southwestern Division

James Murphy—Operations Project Manager, Trinity Region, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District

Rob Jordan—Lewisville/Ray Roberts Lakes Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District

Justin Berndt—Deputy Operations Project Manager, Trinity Region, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District

Nick Wilson—Lead Ranger, Lewisville Lake, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District

Tom Gresback—Director, Intergovernmental Affairs & Strategic Communications, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth

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Trevor Welsh—Public Affairs Specialist, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District

Chandler Sanford—Park Ranger, Lewisville/Ray Roberts Lakes

Dax Hall—Park Ranger, Lewisville/Ray Roberts Lakes

Grayson Gregory—Park Ranger, Lewisville/Ray Roberts Lakes

Gabriel Torres—Civil Engineering Technician, Lewisville/Ray Roberts Lakes

Christopher Vaughan—Maintenance Worker, Lewisville/Ray Roberts Lakes

Sallie Wilson—Admin Support Specialist, Lewisville/Ray Roberts Lakes

I would like to sincerely thank these members of the USACE for the Texan hospitality extended to my staff and commend them for the huge strides they have made in rehabilitation of the Lewisville dam and surrounding area. I wish them the best as they continue the hard and important work of preservation, flood control, and water conservation.