

married at Heflin Baptist Church in Heflin, Alabama.

Richard was employed at Jacksonville State University as Department Head of Management, Marketing and e-Commerce Department in the College of Business. Ann was employed by Cleburne County Board of Education and taught High School English at both Ranburne and Cleburne County High Schools.

Richard, who served in the United States Marine Corps, has had his commercial driver's and private pilot's licenses since he was in high school, and for years Ann has raised support for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The Cobbs are members of Heflin Baptist Church. They were blessed with two children: David (Misty) and Laura (Chad). They have six grandchildren: Nathan, Charis, Jonas, Ayla, Reaves and Fields.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Richard and Ann, and wishing them a happy 50th anniversary.

CELEBRATING CHAPLAIN BENJAMIN VEGORS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chaplain Benjamin Vegors, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on Sunday, September 25, 2022. Benjamin lives in Walla Walla, Wash., where for the last four decades, he has lived an inspiring life full of purpose. As anyone who knows him will tell you, Benjamin has had a positive impact on every person he has crossed paths with, both in his service to our country and community.

Chaplain Vegors is a man of great integrity, and he is a tremendous example to the next generation. He valiantly protected our country's freedom and liberty in the midst of World War II, when he served in the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945. During a particularly fateful mission in which two of his plane's engines were shot out, Chaplain Vegors made a promise that if he survived, he would serve God for the rest of his life.

Benjamin stayed true to his word. After his time as a serviceman, Chaplain Vegors turned his focus to living a life dedicated in service to God and His people. He attended Seminary at Multnomah Bible College in Portland and was appointed as a full-time chaplain at the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center in Walla Walla in 1972. For 42 years, Chaplain Vegors selflessly served his brothers and sisters in arms, veterans from all across Eastern Washington, by offering his counsel and care until his retirement in 2014 at the age of 91.

During his remarkable 100 years of life, Chaplain Benjamin Vegors has undoubtedly fulfilled his mission to serve God and help others. Madam Speaker, on this most special day, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Benjamin Vegors the happiest 100th birthday and celebrating the legacy he will leave within our community for generations to come.

EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT THE WELFARE OF EMAD SHARGI

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to express concern about the welfare of Emad Shargi, a longtime resident of the District of Columbia who has been unjustly and inhumanely detained in Iran since 2018.

While visiting his wife's family in Iran, Mr. Shargi was arrested in the middle of the night by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps and forcefully taken to the notorious Evin Prison, where he was held in solitary confinement and intensely interrogated for eight months. He was then released and cleared of the fabricated charges but was denied the return of his travel documents and banned from leaving the country. In November 2020, he was sentenced, without a trial, to 10 years in prison on fabricated charges. He is in Evin Prison. His family and I are concerned about his well-being.

I call upon the State Department to prioritize the immediate release of Emad Shargi and to do everything possible to bring him home safely.

SPC ROBERT PARKER

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Stratford Borough resident Robert Parker.

Specialist and Combat Life Saver Robert Parker has been a resident of Stratford, New Jersey for nineteen years and has dedicated his life to his community and our country. SPC Robert Parker was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, enlisting in the Army National Guard in 2000. He was deployed abroad to Iraq shortly after purchasing his home in 2003 and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Robert also served in Kuwait and was a part of the national response to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Louisiana. Ultimately, Robert served in the Army National Guard for six years attaining the rank of E4 as a transportation specialist and saved lives during combat. He was stationed at the Philadelphia Armory when in the United States and Camp Arifjan in Kuwait during the Iraq war before he was discharged in 2006.

SPC Robert Parker is the recipient of the Combat Action Badge, Army Achievement Medal, and National Defense Service Medal. He has also been awarded a Global War on Terrorism Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the A/M Device Army Service Ribbon.

In continuing his dedication and service to his community and country, SPC Robert Parker is involved locally, serving his neighbors and fellow veterans as a member of the VFW 7365 in Stratford, New Jersey. He also

serves as a coach of local basketball teams and Sterling Knights youth football. Robert has also built a career as a commercial roofer and member of Local 30, as well as bartending.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring SPC Robert Parker, of Stratford, New Jersey, a resident dedicated to his community, country and to those who have bravely served and defended the United States of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICER DOMINIC HALL

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the life and legacy of an outstanding public servant, Officer Dominic Hall. A military veteran and police officer with the Appleton Police Department, Officer Hall dedicated his life to serving his Nation and our Northeast Wisconsin community. Officer Hall was committed to serving the United States and Northeast Wisconsin through many different roles. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps after graduating from Xavier High School and was active duty from 2008 to 2012. He then reenlisted in the Army National Guard where he continued serving until 2018. His dedication and commitment to his country has been memorialized by countless recognitions received during his career, including the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with three Campaign Stars, the Bronze Star, USN Meritorious Unit Commendation, USMC Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and more. It is evident through his years of impeccable service that Officer Hall's dedication to his nation and community never wavered. I am incredibly grateful for his selfless and dedicated service.

Officer Hall continued to serve his community by joining the Police Department in the City of Appleton in 2017. Since 2017, he protected his friends and neighbors and was recognized by receiving the Appleton Police Department Commander's Commendation for apprehension of a homicide suspect, and the Appleton Police Department Life Saving Award. Officer Hall's exemplary character and thoughtfulness will certainly be missed by many throughout the City of Appleton and Northeast Wisconsin.

Throughout Officer Hall's fight with cancer that began in 2021 he continued to shine a light in our community. His battle with cancer brought together his church community at St. Pius X Parish frequently praying for healing. I am confident Officer Hall inspired many throughout our community with his fighting spirit.

Madam Speaker, today the people of Northeast Wisconsin thank Officer Dominic Hall for his extraordinary devotion to his community. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Jacole, his two children, and all the people who were touched by his life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SAMUEL SANDOVAL

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ
OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Mr. Samuel Sandoval, a Navajo Code Talker of World War II.

In 1922, Mr. Sandoval was born in Nageezi, New Mexico. At just 16 years old, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and joined other Navajo servicemembers in the fight for freedom and liberty. He endured five combat assignments including at Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Guam, Okinawa, and Peleliu. He was highly decorated for his actions throughout the campaigns. In fact, Mr. Sandoval was the person who received and decoded the message of Japanese surrender on August 15, 1945.

Mr. Sandoval's devotion to service and his community continued long after World War II. He became a certified substance use counselor to restore harmony to the lives of many of his kinsmen from his military service. He worked to preserve Diné Bizaad, the heart language of the Navajo people, and to emphasize the Navajo language code's impact on the country.

At 98 years old, Mr. Sandoval served as the Vice President of the Navajo Code Talkers Museum Corporation. He pushed for the realization of a museum to showcase and honor the code and the culture of Diné.

Mr. Sandoval and his wife, Malula Sandoval, raised 11 children. On July 29, 2022, Samuel Sandoval—warrior, teacher, and motivator—drew his last breath and passed away.

May we all give thanks for his service and honor his legacy.

HONORING MONTEREY COUNTY FILM COMMISSION

HON. JIMMY PANETTA
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Monterey County Film Commission and its 35 years of service to the Monterey Peninsula. The commission's mission to inspire, facilitate, and assist in film and media production in Monterey County is invaluable to our ability to showcase the pristine beauty of the central coast of California and create positive economic impact.

Since its creation in 1987, the Monterey County Film Commission has been a leader in the media industry, attracting and assisting the production of hundreds of movies, television shows, commercials, documentaries, and still photography productions. Over the years, the Commission's work has generated over \$126 million in revenue for our community. Most recently, the Peninsula was home to HBO's critically acclaimed *Big Little Lies*, filmed in Monterey and Pacific Grove. Other productions have included, *Ratched*, filmed in Salinas, Big Sur, and Monterey; *All the Old Knives*, filmed in Carmel-by-the-Sea and Big Sur; and *Malcolm & Marie*, filmed in Carmel Valley—notably one of the first movies completed during the coronavirus pandemic.

The creation of this organization was not without its challenges, but with years of hard work and perseverance, the Commission is the foundation of our local media industry and serves as a liaison for producers, government entities, and local businesses. Additionally, the Commission serves our community by highlighting desirable filming locations through domestic and international trade shows, sales outreach, and direct public advertising campaigns.

The Commission, through its artistic and generous spirit, strives to inspire and educate the next generation of filmmakers. The hard work of the staff and Board of Directors continues to provide our community and our country with successful and critically acclaimed productions set on the breathtaking Central Coast that we are all fortunate enough to call home.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the history, dedication, and contributions of the Monterey County Film Commission. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Monterey County Film Commission as an exceptional group of community and artistic leaders who strive to showcase the beauty of the Monterey Peninsula to the world.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT WILKINS FOR HIS SERVICE TO SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Wilkins for his service to Southern Illinois. Bob was hired by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1973 and served as the Operations Manager at the Carlyle Lake Project Office, Kaskaskia River Project and Jerry F. Costello Lock and Dam over the years.

During his nearly 47 years of service, Mr. Wilkins was involved with working groups including the Kaskaskia Watershed Association, Carlyle Lake Association, Lower Kaskaskia Stakeholders and Okaw River Basin Coalition. These groups consist of federal and state agencies, community leaders and stakeholders who develop solutions to service the Kaskaskia Watershed, which covers about 10 percent of Illinois.

Bob's efforts to obtain funding for the operation and maintenance of the lock and dam and the support of commercial towing on the Kaskaskia have allowed Southern Illinois Transfer, Kaskaskia River Terminals, and Kaskaskia Shipyard to expand commercial navigation on the river. To commemorate his work, including 20 years as operations manager of the Kaskaskia River Project and Jerry F. Costello Lock and Dam, the shipyard has named the next vessel in the retractable wheelhouse towboat series after Bob.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Robert Wilkins on this momentous occasion. I thank Bob for his service to our Southern Illinois communities and congratulate him on his retirement.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JOHN W. CHAMPION

HON. TRENT KELLY
OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John W. Champion. John was born July 22, 1961, in Jackson, MS to William M. and Annette Champion. He attended Oxford High School, playing every sport he could including basketball, baseball and football. A die-hard Ole Miss Fan, John was a graduate of The University of Mississippi, earning his Bachelor's Degree and law degree. Well respected and accomplished in his field, in 1993, he was appointed Assistant District Attorney.

In 2001, John became the District Attorney for the 17th Circuit Court District, serving his community with integrity. An avid golfer, his idea of a relaxing afternoon was a day spent on the course with good friends. John loved Italian food, but enjoyed the meal most when it was shared with his family and friends. A family man at heart, he treasured any opportunity to spend time with his loved ones. John was preceded in death by his father, William M. Champion and his cousin, Dr. Lynn Johnston Stavely.

John is survived by his mother, Annette Johnston Champion of Oxford, MS; daughters, Brittney Champion and her wife, Courtney McCullar of Senatobia, MS and Kelli Champion of Atlanta, GA; sister, Laura C. Hall of Atlanta, GA; grandchildren, Brittani Champion and Zofia Champion; three nieces, Sara Hall, Annette Hall, and Grace Hall; and one nephew, Jackson Hall.

HONORING GEORGE E. "TRIPP" WADE, III

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a loving husband, dedicated father, gifted entrepreneur, and tireless community servant, George Emmett "Tripp" Wade, III. Sadly, Tripp passed away suddenly on August 31, 2022. A celebration of his remarkable life was held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

George Emmett "Tripp" Wade, III was born on September 8, 1959, in Savannah, Georgia, to the union of George Emmett "Sonny" Wade, Jr. and the late Gertrude (Trudy) Crockett Wade. "Tripp" graduated from the University of Georgia in 1981 with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics. He used his academic training and the experience gained in his formative years to run the family business, The Wade Companies, a linen and laundry company that was started by his grandfather in 1939 and expanded by his father. Following school, Tripp returned home, working with his father and further expanded the family's entrepreneurial efforts to include ColorMac 2, Henri's Formal Wear, and HOOAHWEAR military apparel. Because of his extraordinary success in the dry cleaning and laundry industry,