

# 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 tradeshow, 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 Stavelly.

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,

he was selected to be on the board of the Central States Corporation Network (CSC). This network represents all of the independent rental laundries in the United States and Canada.

"Tripp's" life was more than just about running a successful business. He was about serving people and his community. With the breadth of his business acumen, he was a natural to spearhead economic development initiatives in the Chattahoochee Valley. His portfolio was vast and wide reflecting his gift of time and talent to numerous organizations including; Midtown, Inc. where he served a three year term as President; The Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce; The Columbus Sports Council; The Saint Francis Foundation; the Better Business Bureau; and the Summerwinds Condominium Association. While "Tripp" was a natural leader, he was also a graduate of Leadership Georgia and Leadership Columbus. Dear to his heart, however was his association with the Columbus Rotary Club where he was a member for 32 years, serving as the 2006–2007 President and later as the Foundation Chair.

His life and career were built on relationships. He met people and judged them not by who they were when he met them, but who they could become. "Tripp's" own words cement this fact: "From the beginning of my career, I learned the value of long-term relationships." He used the relationships that he built over his lifetime to make the world a better place for humankind.

"Tripp" loved his family and they were the center of his life. None of his success would have been possible without the love and support of his wife of 30 years, Alice Skinner Wade, his devoted parents George Emmett "Sonny" Wade, Jr. and Gertrude (Trudy) Crockett Wade, as well as his three devoted sons, George Emmett Wade, IV, William Andrew Wade, and Wesley Crockett Wade.

On a personal note, "Tripp" was my friend. Every time I interacted with him, he mentioned something that he felt would make the community better. He lived and breathed community service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian; and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District, in honoring and commending the life and legacy of George Emmett "Tripp" Wade, III for a life well lived and in extending our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all who mourn his loss. May they be consoled and comforted by their faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE RESTROOM ACCESS ACT OF 2022

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2022*

Ms. NORTON, Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Restroom Access Act of 2022, which would require retail establishments to provide individuals with medical conditions requiring immediate use of a restroom, such as Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, access to employee-only restrooms when such establishments do not have public restrooms. Indi-

viduals would have to present a Department of Labor-issued identification card certifying such a medical condition.

Individuals with certain medical conditions need immediate access to a restroom. When public restrooms are not available, it can create uncomfortable or embarrassing situations for these individuals. As long as there are no safety concerns, which my bill addresses, these individuals should be able to use employee-only restrooms.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### THE LITTLEST OF ANGELS, IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE CHILDREN WHO DIED ON 9/11

#### HON. ANDREW R. GARBARINO

OF NEW YORK  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, September 13, 2022*

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a poem, *The Littlest of Angels*, by Albert Carey Caswell.

Rise.

Rising up to Heaven with tears in their eyes.  
So very protected the while,  
held so very tenderly with the Lord at their side.

Rise up to heaven now my sweet child.

A child,  
is but such a warm smile.

For within them so lies,  
the very hope of all of Woman and Mankind.  
Where all our bright futures so lie.

A bright light,  
now with the warm glow of an Angel in flight.

The true validation that God so exists,  
and of which all is so right.

Those little ones whose hearts to ours such warm feelings ignite.

Where, all of our dreams so begin and so end on this night.

With such promise, such bright lights, such high hopes, such smiles,  
and wonderful laughs bringing us delight.

As we gaze at them so very closely in time,  
surely its there we find our Lord's hand upon them so divine.

When, such a wicked dark evil comes in we find.

Stealing away these lives so very precious,  
ones of such promise and light in hearts and in minds.

For word's can't express this the world's darkest of all sins.

As its here on earth our tragic pain cry begins.

Knowing we will never see them again.

Oh these dark hearted deeds,  
foul works all planted by The Devil's henchmen these seeds.

Of such wickedness,  
all in these most nefarious of all acts.

Bringing heartache and grief these true sons of Satan heart contracts.

'Oh the tears, oh the tears,  
for all of those lost precious stolen years.  
As a torrent of heartache and grief upon hearts appears.

Forever and a day flows here.

A child now forever to be,  
not to blossom and grow tall like a tree.

To give the world a life's journey.

With their fruition upon earth to see.

Growing old and wise from love's seed.

And the great blessing of a family.

For all those broken hearts now left behind,  
try to find some solace to escape your misery.

In knowing the darkness is no match for the light.

And all your loved ones dwell as Angels from here to eternity in heaven's light.

Raining tears, raining tears,  
as our children cry here.

With his arms all around them,  
as our Lord now wipes their tears.

"My children you have nothing to fear".

One day your family will all be here.

Come to me and spend the rest of eternity here.

Our life is but a short one upon this Mother Earth.

And from a distance what now seems but only the worst.

Is not,

for an eternity up in Heaven with our Lord is that not for what we all search?

Amen.

#### HONORING ROBERT "BOB" MODEL

#### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, September 13, 2022*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, I rise today to recognize an individual that has made significant contributions to our nation's fish and wildlife conservation efforts, as well as America's longstanding outdoor traditions. This individual is also the inaugural recipient of an award named after members of this body that have made lasting and significant contributions to our nation's outdoor heritage.

Robert "Bob" Model was born in Greenwich, Connecticut in 1942 to Faith Rockefeller Model and Belgian Jean Model. Model attended The Browning School in New York and then graduated from Elon College in Elon, North Carolina in 1967. Bob and his wife, Mona, now live in Cody, Wyoming where he is a rancher, outfitter, and businessman, as well as a hunter, conservationist, philanthropist, and active participant in wildlife conservation.

Bob has long been a champion of private lands in sustaining our public wildlife resources and of the need to improve sportsman and landowner relations. On his Mooncrest Ranch, Bob has actively worked to enhance wildlife habitat on both private and public lands. In an ongoing partnership with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the Shoshone National Forest, Bob has successfully grown a non-migratory elk herd in the Rattlesnake Mountain and Trout Creek Basin area from 250 elk to well over 2,000 since the mid 1970s. The herd is maintaining their population in very difficult circumstances, including wildfires and drought. In addition, the Mooncrest Ranch provides several hundred days annually of free public access for big game hunting.

While Bob is an excellent steward of the land, his most noteworthy contributions to wildlife conservation in Wyoming and throughout the country are in the public policy arena at the national level. Bob is a member, past president, and chairman of the Boone and Crockett Club. During Bob's tenure as president, he was a leader in re-establishing the Club's historic role as one of the premiere conservation organizations promoting hunter ethics and advancing national policy on wildlife conservation and hunting heritage. As a well-read historian, Bob understands, believes, practices, and even preaches the conservation