

general of the Department of Homeland Security to audit projects that have received assistance under the higher threshold for the simplified review process to determine whether there has been waste or abuse. Using information from FEMA and the Government Accountability Office about the cost of similar audits, CBO estimates that implementing that requirement would cost about \$1 million over the 2022-2027 period. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jon Sperl. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

CELEBRATING MRS. HELEN B. RUCKER

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the vibrant life of Mrs. Helen B. Rucker as we celebrate her 90th birthday. Mrs. Rucker is a pillar of the Monterey Peninsula and her dedication to social equality cements her legacy in the history of the Central Coast.

Since 1964, Mrs. Rucker has been a civil rights activist, educator, and community leader in the city of Seaside. Through her varied roles as a member of the School Board and City Council, a leader of the Monterey County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and founder of the Seaside Voter Education Center, Mrs. Rucker's work has been a testament to her passion for the well-being of her community.

Mrs. Rucker's efforts to combat social injustices dates back to her days as a librarian and teacher. Throughout her tenure as an educator, Mrs. Rucker provided opportunities for students to learn and grow. She and her husband, Mr. James Rucker, went on to open a library, where students receive free tutoring and a work environment free of distraction. After retiring in 1988, Mrs. Rucker served on the Seaside City Council and participated in major policy decisions regarding water management, transportation, and Fort Ord Military Base. Additionally, in 2005, Mrs. Rucker was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, where she took on leadership roles in programs like After School Tutoring and the California State University, Monterey Bay Service-Learning Institute.

Mrs. Rucker's efforts to advance the rights and well-being of Monterey Peninsula residents has earned her consistent recognition and admiration from her community. In 2015, Mrs. Rucker was honored as the 29th Assembly District Woman of the Year for "enriching the lives of so many residents in the Monterey Bay Area through her selfless and tireless work to teach students, boost civic engagement, and participate in governance." In February of this year, in recognition of her lifelong community work and activism, Mrs. Rucker was given an honorary key to the city of Seaside by Mayor Ian Oglesby. In April, California State University, Monterey Bay revealed the University's Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence. This center provides additional resources and support to students of the African diaspora.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mrs. Helen B. Rucker in celebration of her life's work in education, civil rights, and community leadership. Mrs. Rucker will continue to serve as a model for selflessness and compassion for our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her today.

RECOGNIZING MARY HOSTETTER

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Hostetter of Kimmswick, Missouri, founder of the Blue Owl Restaurant & Bakery, who is retiring after 40 years.

Mary started the business in her home and then opened The Blue Owl in August of 1985. Since then, she has established The Blue Owl as a place for a hearty meal, a warm welcome, and a delicious dessert. No visit to Jefferson County is complete without a trip to The Blue Owl.

Through her TV appearances and articles in magazines and newspapers, the world has learned of Mary, and she has surely become an Ambassador of Good Eating. Her Mile High Levee Pie pays tribute to Kimmswick's triumph in the 1993 flood and is evidence of her strong commitment to her community and her customers. It's just one of the dishes for which she is famous.

Mary is indeed a treasure whose passion for food and service lives on in her daughter, Kim Byerly, who, with her husband Dan will continue Mary's legacy of excellence at The Blue Owl.

As she trades her blue apron for a wonderful retirement, it is my great pleasure to honor Mary Hostetter today before the United States House of Representatives.

HOMETOWN HERO—THOMAS BOOTHBY

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas Boothby, a high school senior at Trinity Valley School who has gone above and beyond to give back to underprivileged North Texas students.

Thomas had the selfless goal of giving kids the same opportunity to learn that he has. That is why he started Tools to Teach, a non-profit organization designed to help kids excel in the classroom even though they might not have the necessary resources to do so.

With Tools to Teach, Thomas puts together backpacks full of supplies to give to students around DFW, which has helped them stay in school and increased literacy rates in our community.

Thomas's selfless pursuit to help his community and the next generation of North Texans should serve as an inspiration to all of us.

On behalf of everyone in DFW, I'd like to thank Thomas for his work and wish him the best as he finishes up high school this year.

HONORING JOSHUA RIVERA,
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ACADEMY 2022 GRADUATE

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Joshua Rivera as a member of the United States Air Force Academy Class of 2022.

Rivera graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy on Friday, June 17, 2022, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Rivera's unselfish devotion to the people of this great Nation.

The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

South Mississippi is proud of Rivera and his accomplishments, and we look forward to him continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire Nation, as a United States Air Force Officer.

As Second Lieutenant Rivera embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, graduating from a program as prestigious as the Air Force Academy.

I would like to send Rivera my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.

Semper Fidelis.

TRIBUTE TO THE MONTROSE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Montrose Search and Rescue Team, in Montrose, California upon its seventy-fifth anniversary.

Over its 75-year history, the Montrose Search and Rescue Team has come to the aid of citizens lost or injured in the mountains locally and statewide, and through their consistent efforts, these brave men and women have saved countless lives.

Originally called the Montrose Mountaineers, this organization was formed in 1947 by a group of Civilian Air Defense members to assist people who became lost or injured in the local mountains. The team has since extended its aid outside the Los Angeles area, traveling throughout California to help in rescue or recovery efforts.

As one of eight non-profit, volunteer rescue teams affiliated with the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, the team is on call 24 hours a day to rescue stranded hikers, natural disaster victims, and other individuals in need of help. Receiving many calls each year, the group is one of the most active search and rescue teams in Los Angeles County. As part of their service, team members also conduct searches for downed aircraft, rescue people stuck in tunnels, mines, and underground utility vaults, and evacuate citizens from cars which have fallen off mountain roads.

These volunteer heroes, who come from a variety of professions, serve their community without asking for anything in exchange. They search through rubble, scale cliffsides, and brave surging waters to save lives. Their selfless dedication and invaluable service provide a model for all of us and deserve recognition.

I consider it a great privilege to recognize the Montrose Search and Rescue Team, and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the team upon its seventy-fifth anniversary.

HONORING ROBERT LAMAR
ANDERSON

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, doting grandfather, Air Force Veteran, trailblazing banker, tireless community servant and dear friend of longstanding, Robert Lamar Anderson. Sadly, Robert transitioned from labor to reward on September 1, 2022, and a celebration of his remarkable life was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at Christ Community Church, 4078 Milgen Road, in Columbus, Georgia.

Robert Anderson was born to the union of the late Luther and Mary Anderson in 1942. He was a proud product of the Muscogee County School System, graduating from Spencer High School in 1960. A very learned man, Robert graduated from Fort Valley State College, now Fort Valley State University, in 1970 with a B.S. Degree in Education. Robert went on to earn his M.S. in Education from Georgia State University and later attended the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University.

Robert served his country faithfully, in The United States Air Force from 1964 to 1967, receiving an Honorable Discharge with the rank of Sergeant. He spent a year working as a Biology Teacher with the Muscogee County School District before launching a new career that would change his life and community forever.

In 1971, Robert became a trailblazing banker with Columbus Bank and Trust, becoming one of the first African American banking officers in Columbus, Georgia. In 2007, after 36 remarkable years, he retired as Senior Vice President for Government and Community Affairs, having worked his way up the ranks and having used his positions to help those who would not otherwise have a chance to finance and pursue their dreams. I was one of those with whom Robert took a chance when he helped finance my first business loan to start my law practice in 1972. There are countless other businesses in the Chattahoochee Valley area that would never have been, were it not for Robert Anderson. He worked with soldiers and veterans to support their financial needs and in the process enhanced their lives and service to their country.

Even after retiring from Columbus Bank and Trust, Robert did not rest on his laurels. He rejoined the workforce as President of the Columbus Division of Citizens Trust Bank from 2009 to 2011; served as a member of the Adjunct Faculty of Miller-Motte College from 2012

to 2014; then ended his career where he started, in the classroom, as a substitute teacher for the Muscogee County School District from 2014 to 2018.

Robert loved serving his community. The foundation for that service was laid when he joined Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at Fort Valley State College—now Fort Valley State University. He embodied the Fraternity's Motto that "Friendship is essential to the soul." He never met a stranger and befriended all he met.

He gave his time and talents to many worthwhile causes to include his beloved Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Lambda Iota Chapter; The Chattahoochee Sports Hall of Fame; Campaign Chair, Committee to Elect State Representative Calvin Smyre; Leadership Columbus; Columbus Jaycees; The Historic Columbus Foundation; The Columbus Museum Board of Directors; Controller's Civic and Social Club; Allied Students at Fort Benning; Chattahoochee Valley Libraries; Muscogee County School Board; Georgia School Board Association and numerous others.

His love for our nation's armed forces and for youth fueled his passion for service on the Second Congressional District's Academy Selection Committee for many years, identifying young men and women to attend the United States Military Service Academies to become the future leaders in defense of American democracy. For this, our country will forever be grateful.

Robert was a lover of the Arts. He served on the board of the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center in Columbus, Georgia for many years, working tirelessly to keep the doors open and earning the distinction of "Chairman Emeritus."

Most importantly, Robert Anderson was a man of faith. He was a faithful member of the South Columbus United Methodist Church, a certified Lay Leader and District Lay Leader for the Northwest District of the United Methodist Church. Robert also used his warm, deep, bass-baritone voice to sing praises to God in numerous United Methodist Church choirs. Jackie Robinson once said that: "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." Robert Anderson's life was important because of the many lives that he touched in service to God and humanity.

Robert loved his family and they were the center of his life. His success in no small part was due to the love and support of his wife of 35+ years, Louise Anderson; his children, Yolanda Anderson, Veronica Anderson-Lewis, Tawana Anderson and Dr. Shae Anderson; his grandchildren, Blake L.A. Richardson and Alexandria Lily Frances-Anderson.

On a personal note, Robert was my friend for over 50 years. He had a heart of gold, always encouraging, supporting, and offering sage advice and counsel. I will forever cherish his friendship and support.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District in honoring and celebrating the life and legacy of Mr. Robert Lamar Anderson. We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends and all who mourn his loss. May we all be consoled and comforted by our faith in the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE NOVA SPARK
FOUNDATION

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Nova Spark Foundation for its efforts collecting and donating critical supplies to Ukrainian orphanages and children displaced by the war in Ukraine.

Founded by Ukrainian immigrants in Colorado, Yulia Boozer and Olga Funk, Nova Spark was established to help an extremely vulnerable group of Ukrainians: children whose parents have been killed during the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Yulia and Olga recognized a lack of support for orphans of the war and built this organization to fill that need.

Nova Spark works with small-scale and family-style orphanages, and those caring for disabled children in Ukraine. Their fundraising initiatives have allowed Nova Spark to provide funding to orphanages and foster homes to repair physical damages sustained during the war. Additionally, the organization has partnered with Project C.U.R.E. to send Kits for Kids, providing basic necessities, humanitarian aid, STEM toys, baby supplies and college essentials, for displaced orphans across Ukraine.

Orphans are among the most vulnerable victims of war, and I commend Nova Spark for its continued efforts to provide orphanages with various necessities as supply lines and availability of products in Ukraine change. I am proud to recognize them for their tireless work and dedication to Ukrainian children. It is organizations like the Nova Spark Foundation that provide hope in the darkest of times, and I know that their generosity is not only felt in Ukraine, but in our global community as a whole.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
MOON LANDRIEU, A CHERISHED
PUBLIC SERVANT FROM THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA CELEBRATING HIS LIFE AS HUSBAND,
FATHER, STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
MAYOR, CABINET SECRETARY
AND JUDGE, 4TH CIRCUIT COURT
OF APPEALS

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a faithful and cherished public servant from my home State of Louisiana. It saddens me that patriarch and civil rights trailblazer, Honorable Moon Landrieu, passed away on September 5, 2022. While being a member of the Democratic Party and an American lawyer, Honorable Landrieu represented New Orleans' Twelfth Ward in the Louisiana House of Representatives from 1960 to 1966. He later served on the New Orleans City Council as an at-large member from 1966 to 1970; elected as the 56th Mayor of New Orleans from 1970 to