

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

1978; United States Cabinet Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from 1979 to 1982 during Jimmy Carter's Administration; and judge of the Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeals from 1992 to 2000.

He was born, Maurice Edwin "Moon" Landrieu on July 23, 1930, a native of Uptown New Orleans to Joseph and Loretta Bechtel Landrieu with one older brother, Joseph Landrieu, Jr. He graduated from Jesuit High School and attended Loyola University New Orleans on a baseball scholarship, serving as a team pitcher. During his undergraduate years, Moon was inspired by the social justice teachings of the Jesuits, which exposed him to the cruelty of segregation and was elected student body president. Moon graduated in 1952 earning his Bachelor of Arts in business administration and went on to Loyola New Orleans' Law School to receive his Juris Doctor in 1954.

Upon completion of his schooling, Moon married Verna Satterlee and joined the United States Army in 1954 serving as a second lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General's Corps until 1957, after completing his army service, Moon returned home and opened a law practice while teaching accounting classes. After being heavily involved in organizations throughout the community, Moon decided to seek public office and won a seat in the Louisiana State Legislature in 1960 representing New Orleans' Twelfth Ward. Moon relied on his teachings and upbringing as he stood in strong opposition to the onslaught of Jim Crow legislation that was being introduced. Moon went on to serve in the New Orleans City Council in 1966 and continued to combat segregation by successfully outlawing segregation in public accommodations.

He then went on to be elected the 56th Mayor of the City of New Orleans, receiving support from 99 percent of the black voters. During his tenure in office, Moon upheld his campaign promise of honesty, integrity, and respect for all people by overseeing the desegregation of city government and public facilities while encouraging integration throughout New Orleans' private businesses and professional organizations. He intentionally and strategically appointed Black New Orleanians to leadership positions within city government and transformed the economy by investing in hospitality and tourism. Moon oversaw major investments in Jackson Square and the French Quarter, the development of the Louisiana Superdome, and revitalization of the New Orleans Central Business District. He learned from previous administrations and sought to protect and preserve housing in historic neighborhoods through the creation of the Historic District Landmarks Commission in 1976. Moon also served as president of the United States Conference of Mayors during his term.

Moon didn't stop there—he was appointed and served as the cabinet secretary of the United States Department of Housing and

Urban Development from 1979 to 1981 during the Carter administration. After returning home and running his private practice, Moon was elected to serve as a Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeals judge from 1992 until his retirement in 2000, completing 30 years of public service. Moon was inducted into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame in 2004.

He is survived by his wife of 67 blessed years, Verna; nine remarkable children, Mary Landrieu, Mark Landrieu, Melanie Landrieu Cook, Michelle "Shelly" Landrieu, Mitch Landrieu, Madeleine Landrieu, Martin Landrieu, Melinda Landrieu Seiter, and Maurice Landrieu; and 37 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, who affectionally called him "Pawpaw".

Madam Speaker, I will always cherish the sage advice Mayor Moon Landrieu gave me when I was first elected to the Louisiana State House of Representatives. I am certain that his wisdom, advice, and political endorsement has carried me to this day as a Member of Congress. We must honor the great leaders of our past. They have stood as a shining light during the darkest times in our nation's history. Therefore, I celebrate Moon's tenure as a leader in the great City of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, and United States of America.

#### HOMETOWN HERO—AVERY HILL

### 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 our Texas-24 Hometown Hero of the week, Avery Hill, an avid reader and young woman who has gone above and beyond to better our community.

Avery began volunteering with Exodus Ministries, a nonprofit designed to transform the lives of previously incarcerated mothers and their children. While volunteering at the Exodus House—a transitional house for the mothers and their children—she noticed the children's library shelves were bare. Inspired to share her passion for reading with underprivileged children, Avery took action.

During the onset of the COVID pandemic, Avery began organizing book drives. She spread the word around her community to leave any books, games, or elementary school supplies on their doorsteps, where she would then go door to door to pick them up.

After organizing all of the donations, Avery not only stocked the library's shelves with 600 new books, but revamped it by adding a mural, new curtains, 300 building blocks, and 50 games.

Avery's story should serve as an inspiration to all of us to not only give back to our com-

munity but leave it better than when we found it.

I wish Avery the best of luck as she heads off to college this fall and thank her for her dedication to helping our fellow North Texans.

#### CELEBRATING THE CITY OF HOLLISTER

### HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2022*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the sesquicentennial anniversary of the founding of the city of Hollister, California. For the last 150 years, the city of Hollister has been shaped by the people who call it home. Hollister is a strong and vibrant community that serves as the San Benito County seat and is an integral part of the fabric of the Central Coast.

In 1868, the San Justo Homestead Association purchased the San Justo Ranch from Colonel William Welles Hollister, a major landholder for whom the town would be named. The Homestead Association divided the San Justo Ranch into plots to be auctioned to settlers and set the boundaries of what would then become the city of Hollister. On August 6, 1872, residents submitted a petition to the Monterey Courthouse for a town charter. Hollister held its first election for the city's Board of Trustees just eleven days later, on August 17, 1872.

Hollister is a strong and resilient community. On October 17, 1989, the Loma Prieta Earthquake left much of the downtown area in ruins and caused millions of dollars in damages. But Hollister took the disaster in stride and rebounded. The community of Hollister has more than doubled since the earthquake, and it boasts a vibrant downtown, including many civil society groups such as the San Benito County Historical Society and the Hollister Downtown Association.

Famed for its wineries, ranchlands, and the high-quality 75 different vegetable, vine, and orchard crops it produces, Hollister continues to be a regional center for agriculture. As it was when it was founded, Hollister's verdant fields, vineyards, and pastures augment the natural beauty of the Central Coast. The region is renowned for its breathtaking vistas, from Pinnacles National Park to Hollister's picturesque hills. These unparalleled views attract thousands of visitors every year who come to appreciate all the beauty that Hollister has to offer.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the city of Hollister for 150 exceptional years and in wishing Hollister continued success in the years to come.