

as their primary mission. He has been a volunteer with the Mid-Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross for more than 25 years. He has mentored students in Lansing Public Schools since 1990. He is a director of the Black Child and Family Institute and is on the board of the Resolution Services Center of Central Michigan. He volunteers as a mediator for the Center and 54A District Court. Robert is a past president of Michigan State University Black Alumni and a former member of the board of directors of the MSU Alumni Club of Mid Michigan. He was a member of the board of directors of the Lansing Fair Housing Center and was a fair housing trustee.

A lawyer by training, Mr. Proctor earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley and a juris doctor degree from Detroit College of Law. He is deeply connected to professional associations, and served as president of the Lansing Black Lawyers Association from 1996 to 1999. He is a member of the Michigan State Bar Association's labor and employment law section; he served as a member of the section council for 4 years. While he has now retired from his service as an administrative law judge, he continues to practice law and serve as a mediator and labor arbitrator.

Trustee Proctor can only be described as the consummate public servant. It is fitting that his exemplary leadership, involvement, and commitment have been recognized by his peers, and it is equally fitting that I recognize him so that his lifetime of service will be known to all.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WALT MARR

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize the passing of Pastor Walt Marr, of Elderton, Pennsylvania.

Pastor Walt was a cherished leader in his community who embodied the values of fellowship and neighborly love. He considered the Cornerstone Church in Indiana, PA his home, but Pastor Walt was always happy to help other ministries in need of his wisdom.

Pastor Walt's ministry of first-person reenactment was cherished throughout his community. He had the unique skill of combining historical and biblical lessons with engaging reenactments. His most notable reenactment of President Lincoln was a favorite of his, as it allowed him to combine his love of our country's history with teachings of faith that were influential to President Lincoln.

Pastor Walt was an example of what it means to truly live for others. His congeniality and humor will be dearly missed by many. The teachings he shared, and the examples he set by living them, are more relevant today than ever before.

He will be remembered as a man who possessed a profound sense of faith and community. He leaves behind a family and community that will sincerely miss him and his reenactments. His positive contributions to his community will be remembered for years to come.

May God bless Pastor Walt and his family.

HONORING DR. DEREK MILES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable individual, Dr. Derek Miles. Dr. Miles has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

Dr. Derek Miles, a Cleveland, MS, urologist who serves the entire Delta region—including East Arkansas, in Helena—is celebrating the 20th year of the opening of his practice which took place in August of 2002. The Kansas City native said he now considers himself a true “Deltan” and has a passion for his work and serving his many patients in the region.

Dr. Miles came to Cleveland fresh out of residency at the University of Missouri and started his urology practice. He is one of the few full-time urologists and physicians in the Delta keeping up his practice because so many others have either retired or moved on.

Dr. Miles states that “Cleveland is incredible, and I could not be more honored to practice and be based here and serve the Delta community. It's now 20 years down and 20 more to go, in my mind.”

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Derek Miles for his passion and dedication to serving his community.

HONORING LAKE ORION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR 150 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Lake Orion United Methodist Church of Lake Orion, Michigan.

Since its founding in 1872, this church has been a focal point of care and compassion for its members and for the community at large. Though the names of the committees and members have changed over the decades, the church's commitment to being a light in the community shines as brightly as ever.

During World War I, church property was donated to the Boy Scouts to grow potatoes, a precursor to the victory gardens that would eventually surface in many communities. The church's annual report of 1917 noted both the extra demands of wartime, as well as the extraordinary donations of its members in helping those in need. Even as the community faced rations of food and fuel, generosity blossomed from the building, as the Lake Orion United Methodist Church increased its attendance—sometimes in the basement to save on heating—and members increased their giving to support the church's outreach and ministry.

More recently, the Lake Orion United Methodist Church has been instrumental in the founding of Oxford-Orion FISH, a food pantry, clothes closet and financial assistance organization that serves both communities. The congregation's goodwill extends to many other community groups which have supported the church's Community Meals program, working

with the church to make and assemble meals for delivery to area residents. These relationships are fostered over time, with each partner deeply rooted in the development of Lake Orion over the past 150 years.

The original lot where the church was built was a haven and refuge from the rough work of farming and lumbering. However, the railroad, among the first of innovations to change the rural landscape, removed the calm and quiet from Sunday services as tracks were laid next to the church, so the building was moved several blocks to the east in 1901. In one day, using logs to roll the building as it was pulled by a team of horses down Flint Street, with the whole town watching, the Lake Orion Methodist Church (as it was first founded) was placed in its current location. Today's congregants enjoy the historical surroundings of the same building that laid its cornerstone in 1872, but in a slightly more tranquil setting.

It is my honor to recognize the contributions and significant history of the Lake Orion United Methodist Church, and all of its 150 years of service to the community. May they stand as a tribute to the pastorate's lineage and its dedicated church members who built, moved and now carry on the legacy of this institution of Lake Orion, Michigan.

RECOGNIZING JAMES WIMSATT

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish James L. Wimsatt a happy 104th birthday. James is a World War II veteran and fixture in the Owensboro community for his work to build up Kentucky through his artwork.

James Wimsatt was born in Ohio County on September 18, 1918, to Thomas and Iva Wimsatt. Due to not being able to afford books, James took up painting and drawing and was considered gifted with art at a young age.

Before leaving to serve during World War II, James proposed to Gertrude “Trudy” Mitchell. She would not accept at the time but told him she would wait for him. They were married in 1945 and had 77 years of marriage together when she passed away on July 28, 2022. A member of James' family said James and Trudy were one of the greatest love stories.

Following his military service, James worked at Kroger and then GE until his retirement. He also wanted to showcase the beauty of our Commonwealth, so he used his artistic talents to paint scenes of Kentucky, reminding us Kentuckians of the deep pride we have for our home.

I join the Owensboro community and James' family and friends in wishing James a happy 104th birthday and thank him for all he has done to serve our country and make Kentucky shine through his artwork.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TUAN LE

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, today we honor the life of Tuan Le, an exceptional and

selfless man who uplifted the voices of those in need and who was committed to the notion of bettering the life of others.

Born on June 30, 1962 in Saigon, Vietnam, Tuan was the son of Nhan Le and Hoa Duong. Tuan emigrated with his family to the U.S. in 1975 after the fall of Saigon and settled in Southern California. As a stranger in a strange land, Tuan learned to adapt to his new home and country. He graduated high school and enrolled in Cal Poly where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree. A family man, Tuan was born as the fourth child in the household of seven siblings and was no stranger to family "comedy" and "drama." He remained unfazed by life-altering events surrounding him. He loved good food and good parties. Above all, he was a selfless man who was always available to lend a sympathetic ear to anyone who needed it.

Tuan was a jack of many trades. While in school, he worked in various stores where he liked their merchandises in order to get the employee's discount. After college, he ran a law office with his brother Kenny and then tried out his luck as an office manager for a dental office in Northern California. He went back to Vietnam and lived there for a while to reconnect with his roots. While there, he managed and owned several businesses as well as dabbled in the entertainment industry.

His compassion was boundless. By nature, his advocacy led to leadership and support for organizations such as GAPS, GVA and VROC. Wherever he lived, he created a support network for young LGBTQ+ individuals struggling with life challenges. He provided emotional support, shelters or food to especially LGBTQ+ youths of color. No matter your ethnic background, if someone refers you to Tuan, he would find ways to assist you. He generously gave times to family and friends, consoled those in time of needs and participated or organized charity events serving the vulnerable children and the poor and disabled elderly in Vietnam. There were many facets of Tuan that we came to know and each piece of him made up the person we all trust, love and respect.

Beside his father, Tuan was predeceased by his brother Duc Le. He is survived by his mother, lifelong partner Ngo Duc Anh, siblings and many nieces and nephews. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this distinguished man and all the hard work he has done for the betterment of his community.

I thank Tuan for the lifelong dedication he has demonstrated in helping others.

HONORING JANELLE EDWARDS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a trailblazer and the receiver of the 2022 Remarkable Woman Award, Mrs. Janell Edwards. Mrs. Edwards has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and determination.

Mrs. Janell Edwards moved from Savannah, Georgia to Fayette, Mississippi, in 2006. For over a decade, she has been the force behind the non-profit, Fayette Community Organization. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and halt

to many of her programs, she decided to turn her focus and pour her energy into helping the community economically.

Mrs. Edwards and her husband are known in their community for their pecan trees. They pick pecans and sell them to a vendor in Natchez, MS. To help their neighbors, adults and children make money in Fayette, MS, they began purchasing the pecans from them. Because many of the trees are native, the Mississippi Extension Service was helpful in coming out to share with the community on how to care for their trees during the year, so that they could get the most potential yield during pecan season. This was truly a great start to broaden the horizon for Fayette, MS.

Mrs. Edwards is a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. She is no stranger to leading and being a part of organizations that help make a change. She was born a leader and holds the capability to mobilize others towards action. She attended Savannah State College, where she was engaged in several organizations; leading and supervised many activities and was the overseer for many projects.

With all the work Mrs. Edwards has done and doing, she has been recognized and received several awards. Some of them include the Outstanding Community Service Award in 2014, Inaugural Award of Rural Champions in 2014, and Nominated for the 4th Annual Gulf Coast Gospel Music Awards in the category: Radio Personality of the Year Kingdom Influencer in 2020, just to name a few. Mrs. Edwards was also the host of the Annual FAT to FIT Event in Fayette, MS, in 2011, averaging 500 attendees per day and she is currently working to make it an ongoing and large event on a local and national level.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Janell Edwards for her outstanding service and leadership in Fayette, MS.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROSE WILDER

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a trailblazing educator and a good friend, Dr. Rose Ann Davis Hilliard Wilder, who transitioned on August 30, 2022 after a valiant battle with cancer. Her impact on the State of South Carolina will be felt for generations to come.

Born Rose Ann Davis on November 4, 1955, in Santee, South Carolina, Dr. Wilder was a daughter of the late Laco and Ruby Mae Fogle Davis.

From a young age, Dr. Wilder was passionate about education. It led her to earn an undergraduate degree in guidance and counseling, a master's in special education, and a PhD in education administration.

Dr. Wilder began her teaching career in 1979, and 8 years later she became assistant principal at Manning Primary School in Clarendon County. She went on to serve as the first principal of the new Manning Elementary School and later returned as principal of Manning Primary.

In 1994, Dr. Wilder was appointed assistant superintendent of instruction for Clarendon School District 2. Later that year, she was

chosen to lead the school district and made history by becoming the first African American female superintendent in South Carolina since the Reconstruction era. She served in that capacity for seven years, and in 1999, was named Outstanding Superintendent by the South Carolina School Board Association.

She left Clarendon County to serve as superintendent for the Fairfield County School District, but in 2004 returned to Clarendon County to serve as superintendent of Clarendon School District 1 in the Summerton area. While there, Dr. Wilder was recognized as the South Carolina Superintendent of the Year in 2014.

She retired in 2017, and became Director of Teaching Education at Morris College. In 2018, South Carolina Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman named her the Superintendent of Williamsburg County School District where she led the district under the supervision of the state department until her passing.

Dr. Wilder was an active member of several professional organizations and previously served as President of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators. In 1999 and 2020, the South Carolina General Assembly passed resolutions commending Dr. Wilder for her outstanding service in education.

In 2020, the Clarendon School District 1 Board of Trustees voted to officially rename St. Paul Elementary School the Dr. Rose H. Wilder Elementary School after receiving overwhelming community support to rename the school in Dr. Wilder's honor.

She was married to Dr. James C. Wilder, and they shared three children, Warren Lamont Wilder (deceased), Sharon Hilliard Horace, and Michelle Wilder Bedford. They also shared two grandchildren, Jaleah Wilder and Blake McKinley Horace.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to rise to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Rose Wilder. This remarkable woman helped shape the education and future of countless children throughout her career. They were her passion and her purpose, and she left no stone unturned in her determination to educate future generations and improve their quality of life. This giant and lifelong educator will be sorely missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. COLIN Z. ALLRED

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Mr. ALLRED. Madam Speaker, on September 13, 2022, I was participating in a Presidential Delegation to the Republic of Kenya and absent during the time of votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

YEA on Roll Call No. 421, S. 4785, a bill to extend by 19 days the authorization for the special assessment for the Domestic Trafficking Victims' Fund;

YEA on Roll Call No. 422, H.R. 5315, the Drone Infrastructure Inspection Grant Act; and

YEA on Roll Call No. 423, H.R. 1066, the Wildfire Recovery Act.