

coworker at Kansas City Power & Light and Aramco Steel; as a Board Member and volunteer at Fiesta Hispana; as a passionate member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1464; as a weekend DJ; and as an extraordinarily loving and playful father and grandfather. But Bobby was also spiritually pervasive. His light, his smile, his very presence could fill any room, any venue, and any party. Bobby instilled this light in his children, and despite his physical absence, his spirit will continue to be felt anywhere the two of them appear. Through the joy he spread, Bobby's presence could be felt throughout the community, and the reverberations of his life—a life well lived for nearly seven decades—will continue to be felt for years.

In all parts of his life, Bobby combined that vibrant presence with pure dedication. He was religious about Joseph's and Jackson's ballgames—both in attendance and in fervor. He kept every ticket, every recital program. He passionately campaigned to bring Tejano artists to Kansas City as a part of his lifelong effort to celebrate the Mexican American heritage he valued so deeply. He worked tirelessly to provide a better future for his children and grandchildren, blazing a path through an industry where few Hispanic individuals had trod before. He volunteered both inside and outside of his community. He brought his DJing skills from large gigs to backyard Bar-B-Ques, sharing with others his love for Kool & The Gang, Santana, and Jay Perez. His adventurous spirit was a vestige of his younger days, and like so many parts of Bobby's youth, it only grew more brilliant with age. Bringing together the adventurous and dedicated sides of his soul, Bobby charted a life course we should all hope to emulate.

The pain that accompanies the death of a loved one can be especially difficult for children to understand, and I can imagine how Joseph, Jackson, and Jada will be missing their grandfather's spontaneous visits and groovy tunes. I hope they know that he is still, and will always remain, just over their shoulders, right behind home plate, cheering them on. To Patrick and Jessica, as you witness your father trek up far beyond the "City of the Sun," I know you understand that he leaves you with an unmistakable guide to living life the right way. Today, he enters the "Land of 1000 Dances," and it will be a long time before we join him. But he's certainly left us with plenty of moves to practice.

Since I learned of Bobby's passing, I have been listening to the wonderful "living" play list you have been putting together of "DJ Bobby C" standards. One song in particular has stood out to me. I'm not sure why. I'm not sure if it's the bouncy accordion, the smooth, airy vocals, or its feeling of togetherness so sorely lacking in the world today. Regardless, I've been thinking about it all week. It's Track 12: Michael Salgado's 1994 song "Cruz De Madera" off the album *Nuevas Y Favoritas*. ". . . Cuando yo me muera," Salgado sings, "Yo no quiero lujos ni mesas de adobe/ No quiero una caja que valga millones/ Lo único que quiero es que canten canciones." Lo único que quiero es que canten canciones. I think we can swing that, don't you?

Madam Speaker, my prayers are with Bobby's family and friends as they adjust to this momentous loss. In death, Bobby has found peace in the arms of his parents and in the arms of God. I don't know what playlist he's

cooking up right now or how he plans to get Heaven on its feet tonight, but I do know there isn't a place in the universe Bobby couldn't make better. Like the speaker in Salgado's song, Bobby never asked much of anyone, but he did ask us to feel the music, let go of tomorrow, and dance along—for him, yes, but mostly for us. The pain of mortality may have dimmed the lights, but Bobby's party will go on forever.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHERIFF RON ANDERSON

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Ron Anderson and congratulate him on his retirement as Cumberland County Sheriff.

For 44 years, Sheriff Anderson dedicated his life to serving the people of Cumberland County. Sheriff Anderson began his career as a uniformed corrections officer in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in 1977, and went on to serve with both the Newville Police Department, and North Middleton Police Department, before becoming Cumberland Counties Deputy Sheriff and later Sheriff. Throughout his time as a police officer and sheriff, Ron Anderson remained a cornerstone of the Cumberland County community.

Aside from his work in law enforcement he served as a criminal justice advisory board member to Cumberland—Perry Vocational Technical School; as a committee member for the Criminal Justice Subcommittee of the South-Central Task Force; and a representative to the Pennsylvania Association of Elected Officials for the Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association.

On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Sheriff Anderson on a well-earned retirement, and express our gratitude for his four decades of public service.

I thank Sheriff Ron Anderson for his tireless work to protect and serve our community.

IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION'S ESTABLISHED PROGRAM TO STIMULATE COMPETITIVE RESEARCH

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). For decades, the EPSCoR program has been instrumental in supporting groundbreaking research and development in states that don't receive a majority of federal science funding. 28 states and territories benefit from this program, including my home state of Kansas.

Nationwide, EPSCoR has inspired a generation of STEM professionals and created new opportunities for student researchers to succeed. Through its most recent award, the Kan-

sas EPSCoR program has been researching microbiomes in our water, plants, and soil to enable more sustainable food production and lasting ecosystem protections. This federal funding has also allowed recipients to launch an internship program, a summer course for high school teachers, and more. From the University of Kansas to Haskell Indian Nations University, students and faculty that benefit from EPSCoR will help ensure that the United States leads well into the future when it comes to science, sustainability, and life-saving research.

As the House and Senate consider legislation to make our nation more competitive, bolster our supply chains, and boost domestic manufacturing, I urge the inclusion of robust funding for the EPSCoR program. In 2020, EPSCoR states received just \$190 million in federal funding—only two percent of the NSF's budget. Increasing dedicated EPSCoR funding to 20 percent of the NSF's budget, along with the large investments in research and development we are considering, will spur innovation in underserved communities without sacrificing support to states that have historically received high amounts of federal science funding.

Student researchers in Kansas and other smaller states have so much to offer. I urge my colleagues to continue supporting them, their work, and the EPSCoR program with increased dedicated funding in the America COMPETES Act.

HONORING BEACON HILL VILLAGE'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Beacon Hill Village in Boston. It's an anniversary with significance for the whole Nation and they are to be congratulated on reaching this special milestone.

Madam Speaker, Beacon Hill Village was created by, and for, neighbors determined to continue to thrive and grow in the neighborhood they loved, as they aged. There was no ready model when they began. A core goal of Beacon Hill Village members was living active, independent, and healthy lives. There is not much choice about growing old, but there are choices about where and how to do so. The Village offers those choices to its members and so much more, including maintaining and enhancing quality of life, providing peace of mind, enabling purposeful lives, and helping to navigate the transitions of growing older.

From its start in 2002 Beacon Hill Village has spawned a movement that continues to spread across the U.S. and in other countries. Today there are 263 open and 70 developing Villages serving thousands of older adults from major cities to small, rural communities. These Villages are all across the nation—in 43 states and the District of Columbia—and in four countries abroad. While many Villages were formed through grass roots efforts led by a few passionate people, Villages have also grown from faith-based groups, social service partnerships, and through existing community service organizations.

Beacon Hill Village was the chief force behind the creation of the Village to Village Network which remains dedicated to helping communities everywhere design their own Villages reflecting local needs and using local resources. Local Villages connect members to a full range of practical support services to help with non-medical household tasks, services, programs and transportation. Villages also promote staying active by coordinating recreational, social, educational and cultural programs. These social activities minimize isolation and promote interaction amongst their peers.

Madam Speaker, I am convinced, that the best days of Beacon Hill Village, the Village-to-Village Network and the Villages of the Nation, are still ahead of them. Their message is simple, forceful and optimistic: aging should be individual, and person-centered. Villages can help their members take responsibility for their own aging and make choices resulting in vibrant, purposeful lives lived on their own terms, in their own homes and communities. With this message the Villages are changing how elders experience aging and how our society perceives aging. Every American benefits from these changes. This community-based movement offers an economically efficient model for aging.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown a bright light on the power of Villages to deliver essential services, keep members engaged and connected safely, and provide critical information during a time of great stress and confusion. Seemingly overnight, Villages turned in-person events and activities into virtual programming, trained their members to use Zoom, and partnered with existing services and resources to ensure members had what they needed, especially during lockdown. Not only did Villages and their members thrive during the pandemic, they demonstrated the power of community.

By 2030, every Baby Boomer will be age 65 or older, which means that 1 out of every 5 U.S. citizens will be of retirement age. The numbers are even larger in many countries around the world. The Village model and the importance of community and choice offer valuable insights and solutions for this challenging phenomenon.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of the positive impact that the village movement has had on the experience of aging, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Beacon Hill Village on its 20th anniversary and saluting all villages throughout the Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JUDGE KENNETH COLEMAN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Circuit Judge Kenneth Coleman, as he passed away on January 25, 2022.

Judge Coleman was born in Montpelier in Clay county. He was the son of Robert W. Coleman and Maurine Anderson Coleman. He attended both Itawamba Community College and the University of Mississippi. He later went on to earn a juris doctor degree from

Samford University. He also served the great state of Mississippi in the Army National Guard and Reserves, reaching the rank of sergeant First Class.

Judge Coleman is survived by his wife of 61 years, Patsy McKee Coleman, his daughter Catherine Coleman McClinton, his son Robert W. Coleman, and eight grandchildren. Judge Coleman's dedication to the state of Mississippi and kind heart towards the community will be greatly missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF CYNTHIA ABBOTT'S RETIREMENT

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Cynthia Abbott on her upcoming retirement from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Field Policy and Management program in the San Francisco Regional Office's Northern California jurisdiction. The Sacramento and Northern California region are thankful for her years of service, and we wish her well in her next chapter.

In March 1999, she joined HUD as a Community Builder Fellow in the Sacramento-area and served as the Sacramento Field Office Director until 2014. Throughout her time with HUD, Ms. Abbott worked closely with local leaders and non-profits and was an integral advocate for transformative Sacramento-area, place-based initiatives such as the Sacramento Promise Zone designation, the MiraSol Village Redevelopment project (HUD Choice Neighborhoods grant) and the Local Foods, Local Places project (EPA grant). Many Sacramento residents have been served important resources because of her dedication and hard work.

Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me today as we thank Ms. Abbott for her service with the federal government and her dedication to the residents of Northern California.

JOHN R. LEWIS POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in enthusiastic support of H.R. 5577, which designates the United States Postal Service facility located at 3900 Crown Road Southwest in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "John R. Lewis Post Office Building."

As a senior member of this body, a former colleague of the great and beloved John Lewis, and as a member of a generation that engaged in direct action inspired by his work in the Civil Rights Movement, I am proud to vote for H.R. 5577 in this tribute to an American original.

I thank my colleague, Congresswoman WILLIAMS of Georgia, for introducing this historic legislation to honor the memory of our dear

friend and one of the greatest Americans, the beloved Congressman John Robert Lewis, who died in July 2020, leaving a big hole in the hearts of freedom loving people everywhere.

To honor John's outstanding contributions to the civil rights community in Atlanta and his extraordinary life of service to others, it is both fitting and proper to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Crown Road Southwest in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "John R. Lewis Post Office Building."

John Lewis was a lifelong warrior for a more just, equitable, fairer, and better America, one of the Original Big Six, and a giant of the Civil Rights Movement.

John Lewis was one of the original Freedom Riders, who in 1961 challenged segregated interstate travel in the South.

He was a founder and early leader of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, which coordinated lunch-counter sit-ins.

He helped organize and was the last surviving person who addressed the multitude at the March on Washington, where Dr. King delivered his immortal "I Have A Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

John Robert Lewis was born on February 21, 1940, the third of ten children, to Eddie and Willie Mae (Carter) Lewis near the town of Troy on a sharecropping farm owned by a white man.

John was a child when his parents bought their own farm—110 acres for \$300.

He performed farm work, leaving school at harvest time to pick cotton, peanuts, and corn.

John Lewis's family members called him "Preacher," and becoming one seemed to be his destiny.

John often said he drew inspiration by listening to a young minister named Martin Luther King on the radio and reading about the 1955–56 Montgomery bus boycott.

John Lewis did not just listen to Martin Luther King, Jr., he took action to follow his example.

The first time John Lewis was arrested was in February 1960, he and other students demanded service at whites-only lunch counters in Nashville, the first prolonged battle of the movement that evolved into the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

John Lewis's advocacy was fierce and joyful, as embodied in his common refrain to involve oneself in the actions and passions of one's time, 'to get in the way, make necessary trouble.'

Less than two years after, in the shadow of the Lincoln Memorial, John led over 600 peaceful demonstrators across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, in Selma, Alabama, in a march demanding the right to vote.

That protest was met with violence by Alabama State Troopers, as John Lewis was beaten and his skull left bloodied, the horror left bare for a nation to see on television.

That incident, forever remembered as Bloody Sunday, led to the passage and enactment of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

It was my personal honor to accompany John Lewis on countless pilgrimages to the Edmund Pettus Bridge to remember and acknowledge those common persons with common dreams and uncommon courage and love for the promise of the country.

In 1986, John Lewis was elected to the United States House of Representatives from