

During Queen Elizabeth's seven decades of service, she worked with 15 prime ministers, from Churchill to Truss, and 14 American presidents, from Truman to Biden. She welcomed her responsibility to not just represent her country with grace and poise, but to also play a constitutional role in government decisions, meeting with prime ministers weekly in private audiences. She also valued maintaining a connection with her people. This included making radio broadcasts, establishing a social media presence, introducing the Commonwealth games, sponsoring 3,000 charities across the globe, and hosting her much adored Jubilees.

The civilized have benefitted incredibly with British cultural and government influences. I have experienced firsthand from an appreciation in America, to Ghana, to Hong Kong, to the Caribbean islands of St. Vincent, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, to Bermuda, freedom and democracy have been enhanced.

I especially appreciate that I grew up in the most British city of North America—Charleston, South Carolina. Founded in 1670, surviving the American Revolution and Civil War, until unintended mothballing by poverty for a century to be revived in the 1960's with restoration of the elegant homes of the 1700's.

Shortly after the Queen's passing, a double rainbow appeared over Buckingham Palace as thousands of members of the public gathered around to pay their respects. Not long after, a rainbow also appeared above Windsor Castle and Balmoral. This was a wonderful occurrence, as thousands of people, looking up at the sky, reflected on the Queen who served them so wonderfully for most of their lives. As Winston Churchill once stated, "All the film people in the world, if they had scoured the globe, could not have found anyone so suited to the part." I offer my sincerest condolences to friends in the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth, and across the world, on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed a vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 426.

HONORING KATHERIN ELAM

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Katherin Elam of Salem, Virginia, who over the years has been a consistent positive influence in Salem and the Roanoke region, on her upcoming retirement from the presidency of Junior Achievement of Southwest Virginia. During a 24-year career at the organization, Ms. Elam has been a tremendous positive presence for young people in the Roanoke Valley.

Junior Achievement seeks to prepare students for their futures by offering lessons in fi-

nancial literacy, work and career readiness, and entrepreneurship. Since 1998, Ms. Elam led this volunteer organization's efforts in the Roanoke Valley. In cooperation with local teachers, Junior Achievement reaches into classrooms to offer guidance and support as students set goals and plan to attain them. Ms. Elam has grown and maintained a volunteer corps and networks that connect students to the knowledge and skills they need to thrive.

Over Ms. Elam's time as president of Junior Achievement of Southwest Virginia, it worked with 220,000 local students. That number is incredible, but for the students who have made progress toward their dreams over the course of her long and fruitful career, Ms. Elam's true impact is beyond measure. I wish her all the best as she concludes her service at Junior Achievement of Southwest Virginia and pursues her own goals in the future.

FAREWELL TO MAJOR EDWARD C. GARCIA, JR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a superb Soldier and Army legislative liaison for his tireless commitment to the United States Army, serving our Nation for 22 years, concluding in the Army Legislative Liaison Office. As Major Edward C. Garcia, Jr. retires from the United States Army, I believe it is fitting to recognize his service and dedication to fostering the relationship between the United States Army and this Chamber.

Major Garcia's commitment to service enabled him to excel in numerous leadership positions throughout his Army career. Major Garcia began his career by enlisting in the U.S. Army Reserves in 1999. He transitioned to active duty in 2001 and completed Officer Candidate School in 2008, commissioning into the Signal Corp, where he would serve for the remainder of his career. Throughout his career he distinguished himself as a tactical and technical expert, serving in the most demanding conventional and special operations units in the Army, to include serving as the communications officer-in-charge for the Commanding General of United States Central Command.

Major Garcia's relentless commitment to the Army proved invaluable in providing support to the House of Representatives and our constituents. He spent countless hours ensuring our Members were educated on Army combat systems, modernization programs and policy initiatives. He also managed and led multiple Congressional Delegations to various locations around the globe. Major Garcia has become a trusted adviser and friend to many of us, distinguishing himself by continuously going above and beyond the call of duty to serve the needs of Congress.

Major Garcia had a profound impact on this Chamber while supporting the House of Representatives. I join many past and present Members of Congress in my gratitude and appreciation to Major Garcia for his outstanding leadership and unwavering support. This nation is grateful for his commitment and the personal sacrifices he has made during his

time in the Army Legislative Liaison Office and United States Army.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the United States of America, I commend Major Garcia for his tireless dedication in support of our Army, our Soldiers and this Nation. I congratulate him on an extremely successful career, dedicated to service, and wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF SENATOR C.B. EMBRY, JR.

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2022

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Senator C.B. Embry, Jr. from the Kentucky General Assembly after over 50 years of service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

From the youngest elected Mayor of Beaver Dam in 1970 to the oldest member of the Kentucky State Senate in 2022, Senator Embry has earned the trust of his constituents to hold numerous offices, including Kentucky State Representative for District 17 and Ohio County Judge-Executive. A testament to his skills as a legislator, Senator Embry has the distinction of five Kentucky Governors signing his sponsored legislation into law. This includes a bill he proudly championed to give hope to terminally ill patients, who had exhausted all other options, by allowing them to try experimental forms of medication with at least one round of clinical studies.

Being renowned for his tireless work, Senator Embry was recognized with several accolades, including AARP Kentucky's "Champion of the 50+" lifetime legislative leadership award, the National Guard Association of the United States' Patrick Henry Award, and the Kentucky Education Association's Friend of Education Award. Earlier in his career, he was awarded the Outstanding Young Republican in the Nation award by George H.W. Bush in 1975.

C.B. Embry and his wife Wanda celebrated 60 years of marriage this year and together they have 3 children, 4 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Congratulations to Senator Embry on his retirement and I thank him for his decades of service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

IN MEMORIAM, VINCENT UNGRO

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2022

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and accomplishments of Vincent Ungro. With his passing on September 5, 2022, America lost a true patriot. Vincent, also known as Vinny to friends and family, was a proud American from Staten Island. He had a heart of gold and a head for politics.

Vinny was never afraid to voice his opinions and beliefs, regardless of what others might think. He ran the popular 'Conservative Dad' Facebook page, where he advocated for conservatism and capitalism.

Family and friends will remember Vinny for fighting for what he believed in. His passion for politics is only matched by his love for the New York Islanders and Metallica.

In addition to being a 2020 National Pulse Writing Fellow, Vinny was a member and supporter of the New York Young Republican Club.

He also cared deeply for animals and loved working for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

As much as Vinny loved politics, family mattered most to him. He cherished his parents, Stephen and Jean; his wife, Judith; his children, Steve, Nicholas, Gabriella, and Mia;

and grandkids, Madison, Gabriella, Natalie, and Oliver.

Vinny was an extraordinary individual, and he will be missed by all.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I recognize the remarkable life lived by Vincent Ungro today. I thank him for all he did for his community and country.