

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

Georgia's 6th District and served in that role for 17 terms until the sun set on his heroic and extraordinary life.

John Lewis's moral authority was colossal because he had seen the worst of us, but he always appealed to the best of us and never ceased to inspire us to strive to create the beloved community.

John Lewis was the conscience of the Congress, widely beloved and revered on both sides of the aisle and the Capitol, he became the first African American lawmaker to lie in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol.

John Lewis' moral authority in the United States House of Representatives was in full display when he led members in a 24-hour sit in on the floor of the House of Representatives.

In John Lewis' final act of civic engagement and civil disobedience, he stood in the middle of Black Lives Matter Plaza showing solidarity and the continuity with the now global movement fighting galvanized by the horrific murder of George Floyd to peacefully protest for justice and equal treatment in the criminal justice system.

Mr. Speaker, John Lewis was among the finest Americans this country ever produced, it is no exaggeration to say he was a man, the likes of which we shall not see again.

In 2011, at a White House ceremony, President Barack Obama awarded John Lewis the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

John Lewis also received the Martin Luther King Jr. Nonviolent Peace Prize, the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's (NAACP) Spingarn Medal.

John Lewis was a true man of honor who dedicated his life to civil and human rights, as he broke down racial barriers while maintaining imperishable perseverance.

John Lewis lived a consequential life, and his legacy is all around us, in the realization of talent and opportunity of millions of persons who walked through the doors of progress that John Lewis helped open.

I hope it is comfort to the family and loved ones of John Lewis that people around the world are celebrating his life, including the act of Congress designating a post office in his name.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. POCAN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present in Washington, D.C. on February 1, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 15, H.R. 5577, designating 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".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I was unavailable and missed Roll Call votes 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 2; NAY on Roll Call No. 3; NAY on Roll Call No. 7; NAY on Roll Call No. 8; NAY on Roll Call No. 9; and YEA on Roll Call No. 10.

ARTHUR LUIS IBLETO POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 735, my legislation to rename the Cotati Post Office in honor of the Pasta King, Arturo Luis Ibleto.

Art was the embodiment of the American Dream. Born in Italy, Art fought for resistance groups at the age of 17 against Nazi Germany and Fascists during World War II.

After valiantly serving his home country, Art immigrated to Sonoma County where he met his wife Vicki and they began a new life. They built a successful restaurant and catering business that became an institutional landmark and local residents affectionally started to refer to him as the "Pasta King."

During his time in Sonoma County, he raised over \$500,000 for charitable causes. His commitment to the people of Sonoma County and our communities cannot be overlooked.

His work and philanthropy have left an indelible mark on Sonoma County which is why the City of Cotati asked that we recognize the legacy of Mr. Ibleto, and I am honored to help make this tribute possible.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SARAH GIBLIN SIMONET ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HER PASSING

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Sarah Giblin Simonet on the 100th anniversary of her passing.

Sarah Giblin was born in Carthage, New York on July 25, 1854, to two Irish immigrants. In 1871, Sarah married August Simonet and together, they moved to Croghan. Sarah and August had four children by the time she was twenty-three.

In 1881, Sarah enrolled in the first ever class of the Albany College of Pharmacy. There were twenty-one students in the class, twenty men and Sarah. Following her graduation from the Albany College of Pharmacy, Sarah returned to Croghan and opened a pharmaceutical practice in her general store.

While working as a pharmacist, Sarah noticed the lack of adequate healthcare within her community. Sarah took it upon herself to fix this problem and enrolled at the University of Buffalo to pursue a medical degree. Upon her graduation, she returned to Croghan and became known as the "lady physician." Sarah dedicated the rest of her life to treating her medically underserved community.

Sarah had a remarkable career serving Croghan. Doctors and pharmacists have just recently begun prioritizing merging their practices to one location to create a more convenient and equitable medical experience. However, Dr. Simonet was doing this over a hundred years ago. The practice of merging pharmacy and medical expertise to one location is now seen as an optimal solution to provide service in rural areas.

Sarah Simonet died on February 2, 1922, after a lifetime of serving her community. Even one hundred years after her death, the legacy of her work remains deeply impactful. The historical marker at the site of her former office and pharmacy on Main Street in Croghan is a testament to her lasting impact. I am proud to honor Sarah Giblin Simonet on behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 15.

RECOGNIZING JOANNA CAPPS ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I, along with Representative GRANGER and Representative COLE, rise today to recognize and congratulate Joanna "Jodi" Capps, who retired from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) on January 21, 2022, after more than 33 years of exemplary service to the Congress.

During her career, Jodi came to be highly respected by Congressional staff on both sides of the aisle for her deep institutional knowledge and expertise regarding the annual appropriations process.

In 1994, four years after beginning her Congressional career as a professional staff member for the Senate Appropriations Committee, Jodi moved to the Scorekeeping unit within the Budget Analysis Division of the Congressional Budget Office. For the next 28 years, she provided timely, informative, and reliable analysis for hundreds of iterations of appropriation bills while also supporting the agency's other core budgetary analysis functions.

During her tenure Jodi developed a breadth of substantive expertise across many of the annual appropriation bills. In carrying out her duties, Jodi has earned a reputation for being a dependable and trustworthy colleague, and