

Western Virginia is the possessor of a rich musical heritage. It is the home to legendary talents such as the Carter family and Ralph Stanley. Annual festivals and competitions offer musicians a chance to perform and thrive in their own distinct genres.

To this vibrant musical scene came Herschel Sizemore in 1969. He was already an accomplished musician by that time. He had grown up in Alabama in a home that encouraged musical interests. His mother, Rebecca, was a self-taught guitarist with a style compared to Mother Maybelle Carter, according to Mr. Sizemore's obituary in *Bluegrass Today*. He was drawn toward the mandolin after hearing Bill Monroe perform in the Grand Ole Opry both on the radio and in person. When his brother Ross sent home a mandolin while away from home during a military deployment, Mr. Sizemore began playing the instrument with old-time fiddler Hugh McCormick.

At 14 years old, Mr. Sizemore started playing at local events as a paid performer with Ned Campbell & the Sunnyside Playboys. He became part of a professional group three years later, variously named the Tennessee Valley Playboys, the Country Gentlemen, and the Dixie Gentlemen, that toured, performed on air, and recorded.

When Mr. Sizemore moved to Roanoke in 1969, he continued playing by touring and recording with the Shenandoah Cut-Ups. He formed a group of his own, the Country Grass, and then joined the Dixie Pals. Mr. Sizemore's own album, *Bounce Away*, showcased his unique style of mandolin playing. One of its songs, *Rebecca*, named after his mother, became a popular tune in the bluegrass community and his most recognizable.

Work kept Mr. Sizemore from regularly performing for a period. After retiring, he joined the Bluegrass Cardinals, released more albums of his own, and worked with others. As a frequent teacher and mentor of younger players, he was known in the bluegrass community for his generosity with his considerable skill.

Mr. Sizemore is survived by his wife, Joyce Sizemore; children, Charlotte (Mike) Bishop, Tamba (Ralph) Agee, and Lee (Vickie) Sizemore; grandchildren, Dusty Davis, Sara Davis (Kyle) Duncan, Jenni Bishop (Jordan) Ramey, Matt Walrond, Steven Walrond, Jacob Agee, Cheyenna Agee, Drew (Savannah) Sizemore, Michael (Bri) Sizemore, and Garrett Carter; ten great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. I offer them my condolences on their loss. He leaves behind a unique legacy that burnishes Virginia's reputation as a home for great music.

HONORING RODGER COLLINSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rodger Collinson, a firefighter and paramedic with the Napa Fire Department (NFD). I have named Mr. Collinson as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Napa County in California's 5th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others.

Mr. Collinson was born and raised in Napa, California. He graduated from Napa High

School in 1996 and has attended both Napa Valley College and Solano Community College. Mr. Collinson spent five years with Piner's Napa Ambulance before joining the Napa Fire Department in 2003. While working with the NFD, Mr. Collinson proposed, developed and continues to lead the Safe Program. The program provides fire safety messages to elementary schools across Napa.

In addition to putting his life on the line to protect our community from fires, Mr. Collinson demonstrated incredible initiative by creating the Facebook Group "Support Napa Valley Restaurants." The purpose of the group is to provide free advertising to the many local restaurants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, Mr. Collinson recently competed on the Food Network's "Guy's Grocery Games" where he won \$40,000 for the Napa City Firefighter's Charitable Fund.

Outside of his work with the NFD, Mr. Collinson has served as the team lead for the annual City of Napa employee breakfast and is a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West. He is also passionate about bridging the gap between first responders and our Spanish speaking community, having studied Spanish with his wife Amanda.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Mr. Collinson is an exemplary civil servant who represents the very best of our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
MAUREEN BELLODY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the continued career of Maureen Bellody, a lifelong Connecticut resident, recently-turned-Eastern-Connecticut native, who has quietly but effectively used her talents and empathy for people in the practice of law to make a positive difference in her community. Maureen will recognize her career accomplishments as a paralegal working for Mader, Roberson & DeFelice on October 3, 2022, following more than 37 remarkable years with the firm.

Born in East Hartford in 1959, Maureen remained a member of her hometown community for most of her life. Even prior to starting and raising a family of her own in East Hartford, she attended Goodwin University—then Goodwin College—earning her business certification in 1985. I had the first privilege of meeting Maureen in that same year, when she joined the team at the law firm of what was then Flaherty, Marder, Kallet, Meisler, and Courtney. I saw firsthand what a quick study she was even at a young age, to navigate the complexities of the law and the endless variety of clients that populate a small-town general law practice. Her poise with clients, sometimes in very emotional circumstances was remarkable.

Maureen has remained with the firm even though its principals have changed, including myself. Her expertise, loyalty and efficient work ethic have helped keep the firm on track and well organized throughout her tenure. This week the firm, her family and many friends

and clients are celebrating her service—a very well-deserved honor.

Outside of her time dedicated to the firm, Maureen has also been moved by a commitment to and strong bond with her family. This has been a guiding force throughout her life, even before her time working in the legal field, since bearing and raising her daughter, Jessica, in East Hartford.

In 2011, she moved to Ellington of the Second District of Connecticut, where she remains close with her daughter, son-in-law, Joseph, and two grandchildren, Landon and Mia.

As we appreciate her dedication to serving families throughout Tolland and Hartford County, we also wish that she may continue to impact our region through her work with the firm Marder, Roberson & DeFelice. To that end, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the career of Maureen Bellody, wishing her the upmost, continued success in her career.

RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF PHILIP D. HAMNER

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations to Philip D. Hamner on the occasion of his Congressional retirement from the U.S. House of Representatives, CAO Office of Finance—Accounting Department as of September 30, 2022, after over 27 years of service. Philip started as an Accounting Supervisor with the Chief Administrative Office on June 12, 1995. Philip's outstanding work ethic and accounting knowledge of the U.S. Standard General Ledger (USSGL) allowed him to be promoted to various positions, like Systems Accountant, Deputy Director, Accounting, Acting Accounting Director, and finally Director of Accounting as of September 1, 2011. Philip has led his team in the compilation of the Annual Financial Statements and the annual external audits. Philip played a significant role in the implementation of the House's financial system of record, PeopleSoft. Through Philip's successful leadership and immeasurable knowledge of accounting, he has led the CAO Office of Finance team to receive a clean audit opinion for 23 consecutive years for the U.S. House of Representatives. Madam Speaker, I wish Philip D. Hamner embrace all new opportunities that are presented to him, as he did at the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING ROBERT O'CONNOR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert O'Connor, a recruit with the Vallejo Fire Department. I have named Mr. O'Connor as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Solano County in California's 5th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others,

Mr. O'Connor was born in Fremont, California. In 2015, he became a paramedic and in June 2022, began his training with the Vallejo Fire Academy. Mr. O'Connor is currently enrolled in their 20-week Firefighter I program. He resides in Tracy, California with his wife Adrienne and daughter Delaney.

On July 1, 2022, Mr. O'Connor was driving to the recruit academy when he observed a major traffic accident on the Byron Highway in Tracy, California. There, two vehicles had recently collided with each other, with one forcing the other to roll off the side of the road. Although he had not yet finished his program at the academy, Mr. O'Connor drew upon his training and took immediate action. He pulled over and assessed the injuries of those involved, relaying a full update of the incident to dispatch. After apprising them of the situation, Mr. O'Connor placed himself at risk by climbing into one of the badly damaged vehicles to provide life-saving care to two individuals. Even though the crash was miles from the area covered by the Vallejo Fire Department, Mr. O'Connor remained on scene to assist in medical care even as South San Joaquin Fire Authority resources arrived.

Madam Speaker, we thank Mr. O'Connor for his bravery, quick action and remarkable focus during an incredibly stressful situation. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING PROJECT C.U.R.E.

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Project C.U.R.E., headquartered in Colorado's Sixth Congressional District, for their efforts in collecting and distributing life-saving emergency medical relief to the people of Ukraine.

Founded 30 years ago by Jim and AnnaMarie Jackson, Project C.U.R.E. has grown into the world's single largest distributor of donated medical relief. They've provided over 2,000 cargo containers of medical supplies and equipment to over 135 countries, and most recently, to the people of Ukraine.

Upon the invasion of Ukraine, Project C.U.R.E. identified an urgent need for medical supplies as civilian casualties increased at an exorbitant rate. Recognizing that the war was having an immediate and devastating impact on an already weakened healthcare system, Project C.U.R.E. began collecting donations and medical supplies—including hospital beds and ultrasound machines—from across the U.S., to send to the people of Ukraine.

With a goal of delivering health and hope to Ukraine, Project C.U.R.E. has delivered 60 air shipments and four containers of medical relief to Ukraine—equating to a total of about \$12.3 million worth of medical supplies. Additionally, they worked closely with the Ukrainian government to transport and distribute 5,000 kits, containing two months of supplies for newborns, across the country.

Project C.U.R.E. has an extensive history providing medical relief to Ukraine and was recognized earlier this year by the National Health Council of Ukraine for their significant contributions to the international humanitarian project "Support Hospitals in Ukraine."

The impact of these donations are immeasurable in terms of lives saved and I commend Project C.U.R.E. for their tireless dedication in providing critical medical supplies as there continues to be a dire need in Ukraine. It is organizations like Project C.U.R.E. that provide hope in the darkest of times, and I know that our global community benefits immensely from their continued support and generosity.

RECOGNIZING JOE HIGGINS

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Joe Higgins, Chairman of the Veterans of Chatham County organization, for being awarded the Marne Rockstar Award.

The Marne Rockstar program recognizes private citizens for their dedication to serving Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, which are both in Georgia's First Congressional District. Recipients of the award must show that they have given back to the bases through outstanding public service. Joe Higgins has done just that. As a result of him winning this prestigious award, Joe's photo, along with a description of his service, will be permanently displayed at division headquarters.

Throughout the years, Joe has given back to the military bases in many ways. He has given turkeys to junior soldiers at Thanksgiving, arranged meals for over 700 families for Family Day, and has secured donations from local distributors. Joe has gone above and beyond with every opportunity he has gotten. He could not be more deserving of this award.

On behalf of myself and the First Congressional District of Georgia, I want to say thank you to Joe for giving back to our service men and women.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MARY ANN BOCCOLINI

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Mary Ann Boccolini, a healthcare leader in New Jersey's 3rd District who dedicated her career to enhancing the lives of people throughout South Jersey for nearly 5 decades.

Mary Ann worked in multiple settings devoted to helping our most vulnerable community members and their families. She began her career as a staff nurse for a multitude of health facilities like the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, the National Institute of Health, and the Philadelphia Veterans Hospital. After developing a robust background of healthcare operations, Mary Ann became a manager for the oncology inpatient service line at Virtual Memorial Hospital. She later joined Samaritan as Director of Clinical Operations in 1997, where she served South Jersey communities for 25 years.

Since becoming President and CEO in 2000, Mary Ann established Samaritan as one of the state's largest, most respected providers of palliative medicine and end-of-life care. During her time, Mary Ann grew Samaritan's comprehensive services to include primary care at home, palliative medicine, hospice care, grief support, education, and advocacy. As a four-star provider in the We Honor Veterans program, Mary Ann's leadership has also made Samaritan a nationally recognized care provider for those who have served our country.

Mary Ann's contributions to our South Jersey communities and in the healthcare field have earned her numerous awards and accolades over the years. Most recently, Mary Ann was recognized by NJBIZ Magazine as one of its Best 50 Women in Business, by South Jersey Biz as a Power 50 in the South Jersey Business World, and by SJ Magazine's Women in Healthcare of Influence and Impact.

Through these remarkable milestones and achievements, Mary Ann's humble servant leadership inspired staff, volunteers, and colleagues. It is because of Mary Ann's dedication to providing extraordinary compassion and expertise, that many patients, and those who care about them, can live their best life every day. New Jersey is grateful for the work that Mary Ann has done, and I hope that her career can inspire others to carry on her legacy as a champion for high-quality service in healthcare. I know I speak for the 3rd District in wishing Mary Ann a happy retirement.

HONORING KRISTY AND BOB BRINDLEY WITH THE JUST1MIKE FOUNDATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kristy and Bob Brindley, founders of the Just1Mike Foundation. I have named the Brindley's as Public Safety Heroes of the Year for Sonoma County in California's 5th District as a result of their extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others.

Kristy Brindley is a native of Chicago, Illinois and a graduate of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Bob Brindley was born in Buffalo, New York and is a graduate of Cornell University and the University of Michigan. The Brindley's met and married in Chicago, where they lived for 29 years and raised their three boys, Robbie, Jack, and Mike. In 2016, they lost their youngest son Mike to sudden cardiac arrest. A year later, they founded the Just1Mike Foundation, in honor of Mike's beloved sports blog, to increase survival rates of sudden cardiac arrest in children and young adults. The Just1Mike Foundation began its work in the Chicago area where it supported cardiac screenings for thousands of high school students. In the first screening alone, 13 students were found to have previously undiagnosed heart conditions.

After moving to California in 2018, the Brindley's broadened their foundation's reach even further. The Just1Mike Foundation donated four automated external defibrillators (AED) SaveStations to Sonoma Valley High