

New Mexico (Ms. HERRELL) for 5 minutes.

Ms. HERRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a decorated American war hero, Sergeant Dan McBride, Jr., of Silver City, New Mexico.

Dan passed away at the age of 97 on February 16, 2022, and was among the prestigious members of New Mexico's and our Nation's Greatest Generation.

In 1942, during World War II, Dan enlisted as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne, also known as the Screaming Eagles.

He was one of the first American servicemembers on the ground in Normandy during D-day and was one of our longest-living World War II heroes.

Dan was an exceptional marksman, which served him well as a sniper and a machine gunner. He endured unspeakable challenges and overcame tremendous adversity during his time at war. He fought German forces during record low subzero temperatures at the Battle of the Bulge. He took heavy fire, was wounded in action, and had limited access to food and resources behind enemy lines.

His heroic actions did not go unnoticed. After honorably serving our country, Dan returned home with three Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star because of his courageous service.

He was also featured in the book "Three of the Last WWII Screaming Eagles" along with his fellow paratroopers, Dick Klein and James Martin. That book has now been made into a documentary film called "A Rendezvous with Destiny," which premiered at the National Veterans Museum and Memorial in Columbus, Ohio. I can't think of a better way to honor his legacy than by immortalizing his story on film.

We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to our World War II veterans, of whom we are now one fewer. Dan will be missed dearly but will never be forgotten.

It was abundantly clear to everyone who met him that he loved this country and enjoyed life with a passionate American spirit.

Dan was laid to rest at the Fort Bayard National Cemetery with full military honors. He is survived by his three children: Danny McBride, Pat McBride; and John Carr.

Thank you, Dan, for your bravery, for being a true representative of the Greatest Generation, and for making the world a safer place.

We know that freedom isn't free. Today, we enjoy the benefit of living in a Nation of freedom because of Dan's sacrifice and the sacrifice of so many others.

Dan, you possessed the courage of David; the patience of Job; and, like Paul, the willingness to stand for your convictions and for what you believed in. Everyone who had the privilege to meet you was immediately drawn to your stories, your strength, and your heart, so full of joy and pride. You have

impacted more lives than you will ever know. And even in death, your legacy will live on.

Dan, today, the United States House of Representatives thanks you for your service and a life well lived. I am confident that on February 16, you were welcomed into God's loving arms, and you heard him say: "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Rest in peace, Sergeant Dan McBride, Jr.

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REMEMBERING SARAH LOUISE HODGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. GOMEZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of a constituent of mine, Sarah Louise Hodge.

She was a mother, a grandmother, an educator, a union rep, and also my mother-in-law. She died on the evening of January 20 in Los Angeles, with my wife at her side, as well as her caregiver, Patricia.

She was born in Macedonia, Ohio. She is the daughter of two teachers, and she was the youngest of three and the only girl, but she was raised as a tomboy through and through, and her brothers taught her not to take any crap from anyone.

She became a teacher, a kindergarten teacher for over 40 years, 38 years at the same school. She was an educator through and through. She would make sure that each student had their own curriculum, their own box, and then made sure that any time that she found a new student that didn't feel welcome, she would find a way to connect with them.

When I met her, she just had a student that enrolled that was from Latin America. She thought he was Mexican, but I think he was Salvadoran, but close enough. She wanted me to go and get to know him, so we went to the Cleveland Zoo so she would feel more comfortable. I got to speak a little Spanish to that student.

Like many teachers, she always went out of her way to give out of her own pocket to the students that didn't have much, and that is one of the things that she did.

She was an educator even with her own daughters. When they would go on summer family trips to Virginia and the different areas around here, she would play the Civil War songs that were being played on a tape, and then she would go to the different historical sites for the daughters to know about our history.

She was an educator through and through, but she was also a tough advocate for teachers. She was a union rep. Her daughters would often go and sit in the union meetings where they would plan out strikes, and they would participate in everything that a union does.

She was soft spoken. She was quiet, but I learned my lesson when I tried to debate her once at Thanksgiving where she didn't let me get a word in edgewise. I knew at that moment that if I helped her run for office, she could have become a Member of Congress, no problem. She was fit for the position.

She was very adventurous except when it came to food. Back in the 1960s, she traveled around the globe on a cruise ship, and she went to India and different countries. This is different because she had a disorder where she couldn't eat any spices, so tell me how do you go to India when you can't eat spices? But that is what she did. She went around the globe because she wanted to travel, learn about different cultures, no matter if she couldn't eat spices. She was a very interesting and tough woman.

There are different people you meet throughout your life, you think there is coincidence in life. One of them for me is that she had an uncle whose name was Laurence Woodworth. Most Americans don't know who he was, but he was the director of Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation, which I find interesting because I am from California, the son of immigrants, and I married her daughter, and I end up coming to Congress, and what committee am I on? I am on the Ways and Means Committee, which is the main taxation committee that interacts with the Joint Committee on Taxation. So you never know how lives from different parts of the country are going to intersect.

She had a profound impact on my life, not only through her daughter, but also just kind of being a calming force when I ran for office the first time. She was one of my first max-out donors, even after she retired from teaching, and that is impressive because retiring on teacher's pay and then being able to give a max contribution was a big, big deal, but she believed in me enough.

She started losing some of her personality, it felt like, because of the stroke she had in 2014, but she got to come here to Congress when I got sworn in and got to meet Speaker PELOSI. Speaker PELOSI gave her Ghirardelli's chocolate, her favorite. My mother-in-law opened it, ate it, made a face, and gave it back to Speaker PELOSI, so she didn't lose that spirit.

She has been a force. I want to just say that she will be missed. She is survived by her two daughters—my wife, Mary Hodge; Felicia Hodge and her two kids, Stacey and Fedrick; her brother, Al Woodworth; as well as the extended family of the Eysters.

Sally, you will be missed, and we love you very much. We will see you again soon.

REMEMBERING BUCK LIMEHOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from

South Carolina (Ms. MACE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Buck Limehouse, a beloved member of the Charleston community, public servant to the State of South Carolina, and a fellow graduate of the Citadel, the military college of South Carolina.

Buck served as a commissioner from the First Congressional District for the South Carolina Department of Transportation and would later serve as South Carolina's first Secretary of Transportation. He even started the State infrastructure bank, the first of any State in the Nation. His leadership was instrumental in the implementation of several transportation projects across the State of South Carolina.

Buck was a pillar of the Charleston community, the consummate entrepreneur. While he will be sorely missed, his legacy will live on in our State for decades to come. I offer my sincerest condolences to the Limehouse family.

RECOGNIZING BEAUFORT FILM SOCIETY

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today because for over three decades Beaufort has served as the backdrop for major motion picture films, including *Forrest Gump*, *The Big Chill*, and of course Pat Conroy's *The Prince of Tides*.

Today I rise to recognize the extraordinary contributions of Ron Tucker and his team at the Beaufort Film Society.

This past month, the society recognized aspiring filmmakers of every genre at the 16th Annual Beaufort International Film Festival, showcasing Beaufort's sweeping marsh vistas and quiet charm to visitors from all over the world.

Over 10,000 attendees from four continents, eight countries, and 32 States gathered at the University of South Carolina-Beaufort for this incredible exhibition of independent films and documentaries.

After such a spectacular festival this year, I know the global film community is looking forward to coming back to Beaufort next year.

COASTAL CAROLINA EAGLE SCOUTS

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate 98 Coastal Carolina Eagle Scouts, including their first female Eagle Scouts, which totaled six young women from our area to achieve this distinct honor. It was an honor to meet these women just a few weeks ago.

Only about 6 percent of Scouts achieve the Eagle rank, and as the first woman to graduate from the Citadel, I can appreciate the special challenges inherent with being one of the first women anywhere.

As a conservationist, I am also pleased to inform the House of Representatives that over half of the projects completed by the Eagle Scouts in the Charleston area were conservation, climate, and environment-related. In reaching this goal, these Scouts completed over 21,000 hours of volunteer work in their communities.

I commend their efforts, and I was glad to congratulate each of them in person just last month.

CRISIS IN UKRAINE

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the rising crisis in Ukraine. I want to recognize President Zelensky and the people of Ukraine for their valor, for putting it all on the line to defend their freedom, their country, their democracy. We have seen people from all walks of life, all ages defending their country and their homeland.

As much as I dislike social media, I think it has really influenced how quickly we have responded to sanctions, not only us but our allies. I commend us and our allies, our friends and partners around the world for doing that, but more needs to be done.

Upwards of 600,000 barrels of oil a day are imported into our country from Russia. Vladimir Putin funds his war machine, his wars and his invasions of Ukraine and elsewhere through the oil and gas economy, so every gallon that we fill in our cars today from Russian gas has the stain of blood from the Ukrainian people. I can't think of one person in the State of South Carolina who wants to put one more gallon of gas in their car from Russia.

I am encouraged to see the administration today is looking more seriously and may announce a moratorium and ban on Russian imports of oil and gas, and we need to do that, but the administration should be concerned about getting jobs here going to Texas, going to South Dakota, North Dakota, Oklahoma, American jobs, and not a job in Venezuela. Venezuela is aligned with Russia. They are an ally of Vladimir Putin. We shouldn't be seeking jobs for Venezuela and Saudi Arabia to replace Russian oil when we have those jobs right here in our country or our neighbors to the north in Canada, who are not aligned with Russia, who do not support Putin. Replacing one bloody regime with another is just wrong.

We need to be able to keep costs down. We should not be dependent on kowtowing to global dictators. When I look at the rise of inflation, the cost of goods over the last year is up over 100 percent, gasoline over 80 percent, coffee over 70 percent. Every single crisis our Nation is facing today, whether it is Ukraine, whether it is Afghanistan, whether it is the border, is a direct result of President Joe Biden's failed policies in his first year in office, and it has got to end today.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) for 5 minutes.

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, last week I shared a series of historical facts for Virgin Islands History Month, which falls in the month of March. Today, in celebration of International Women's Day, I proudly recognize the

indomitable spirit of women from the Virgin Islands.

This year, the theme of International Women's Day is centered around the bold hashtag "Break the Bias." For decades, women have worked to break the bias in communities, workplaces, schools, universities. We learn about different historical figures in history, but often we forget to give recognition to the lesser-known women whose stories and contributions help to propel the historical narrative.

First on my list, I want to recognize the most influential and enigmatic writer of Harlem Renaissance, Nella Larsen, or as she was more commonly known, Nella Larsen. With a father from the Danish West Indies, what is now the Virgin Islands, while working as a nurse and librarian, she wrote two instant success novels, *Quicksand* in 1928, and *Passing* in 1929, which made its screen debut on Netflix in 2019. Nella was the first African-American woman to receive the prestigious Guggenheim fellowship award for creative writing.

Also on my list is an individual who has a series of firsts for Virgin Islanders, Ruby Rouss. Ruby Rouss was a Crucian known for breaking the bias throughout her short life journey. She broke the mold for what was considered possible for women during her time and was the first of many things:

She was the first female member of the drill team at Fort Dix in New Jersey.

She was the first Black woman to be permanently assigned to the staff of General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Parole officer, probation officer, legislator, leader, Ruby Rouss was a woman who advocated for those most in need, spoke out against injustice, and was true to her belief that women belong in politics.

My very own chief of staff, Angeline Muckle-Jabbar, comes from a long lineage of powerful women from the Virgin Islands. One such woman in her family was Ann Marie Shrader from St. Croix, who was at the forefront of pivotal changes that were taking place in the 1970s at the FBI National Academy. She was one of only two women to graduate from the academy in 1972.

And, of course, bringing it forward, I would be remiss if I did not include the Virgin Islands' very own Aliyah Boston who, through her excellence in the NCAA women's basketball league, continues to break the bias. Aliyah posted a record-breaking 23 consecutive double-doubles this season. Miss Boston's team, the South Carolina Gamecocks, are currently the number one overall seed for the upcoming NCAA tournament.

All of these women faced deliberate or unconscious bias, and yet they prevail. As a Black woman, I think about my own mother and all the mothers who, every day even when it wasn't common to work, they sacrificed, occupied spaces where they were under-rated, underappreciated, marginalized.