

2020. It includes a detailed description of the health and environmental benefits of trees, as well as a strategic management plan to protect, preserve and expand the county's urban forest. That plan continues to guide the Tree Commission's advice to the Board on policies and procedures affecting trees.

The Tree Commission has long sponsored the Fairfax County Friends of Tree Awards, which are designed to inspire individuals, agencies, organizations, and developers to protect, maintain and expand the county's tree canopy with exceptional and innovative tree actions and tree education programs. The Tree Commission created and continues to update and distribute a public education pamphlet, *Tree Basics*, explaining how to select the right tree, for the right location, at the right time, and how to plant and care for trees so they will survive. It is one of the county's most widely distributed and popular information brochures. Members of the Tree Commission participate in county outreach events, in the Tree Community of Practice as authorized by the Tree Action Plan, in the Tree Preservation and Planting Fund, and in other tree-related activities as needed.

The Tree Commission promotes the equity goals of the county's One Fairfax policy by supporting tree preservation and planning projects that will benefit historically underserved neighborhoods in Fairfax County. And the Tree Commission has supported programs such as the Communitywide Energy and Climate Action Plan, which seeks to expand the overall county tree canopy to 60 percent, with a minimum of 40 percent canopy coverage in every census block by 2030. Everyone deserves to benefit from living near trees.

I am pleased to join the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, which has recognized 2023 as the Tree Commission's 50th Anniversary year, a time to honor and celebrate all its members over the years who faithfully served to preserve, protect, and expand our urban forest for the benefit all county residents, both now and in the future. To honor the Tree Commission's stellar service, the Board has planted 50 trees next to the Fairfax County Government Center, where they will grow and flourish for the next 50 years and beyond.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SAM SLOM, FORMER HAWAII STATE SENATOR

#### HON. JILL N. TOKUDA

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of one of my favorite Republicans, my former colleague, my friend, the late Hawaii State Senator, Sam Slom.

For 20 years, Sam represented East Honolulu's 9th Senatorial District, and for almost half that time, he was the sole Republican member of the Hawaii Senate earning him the self-imposed nickname, "The Lone Ranger."

As one of a handful, or the only, member of the minority party, Sam read every bill, every resolution, and defied time and space to try and get to every committee and vote.

I had the honor and privilege of serving many years side by side Sam. Yes, we disagreed on many things, but more than not, we

saw eye to eye, especially on our commitment to lowering the cost of living for middle class working families and being good fiscal stewards with taxpayer dollars.

Prior to his service in the State Senate, Sam served as the chief economist for the Bank of Hawaii, and for over 30 years he was the President and Executive Director of Small Business Hawaii.

There is much that could be said about the boy from Allentown, Pennsylvania, who found his way to Hawaii in the sixties and made Hawaii his home.

What I can personally share is that he was often the member I could count on to be there. When I needed his vote, even if he disagreed, he'd help me get it to the floor and was open and honest with me on why he disagreed.

He was a statesman till the very end, and given the partisan times we find ourselves in, I truly miss my friend.

Mahalo to Sam for blessing us with his wisdom, his advocacy, and his friendship. There are more Hawaiian hoary bats in our islands because of him and we will forever remember him as the lone ranger who challenged our minds and won our hearts.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. GREG LANDSMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, for personal reasons, I was unable to make votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: NAY on Roll Call No. 592; NAY on Roll Call No. 591; NAY on Roll Call No. 590; NAY on Roll Call No. 589; NAY on Roll Call No. 588; NAY on Roll Call No. 587; NAY on Roll Call No. 586; NAY on Roll Call No. 585; NAY on Roll Call No. 584; NAY on Roll Call No. 583; NAY on Roll Call No. 582; NAY on Roll Call No. 581; NAY on Roll Call No. 580; and NAY on Roll Call No. 579.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 2023 FAIRFAX'S FINEST VALOR AWARDS RECIPIENTS

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce.

This event honors the remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety officers. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will present awards to recognize extraordinary actions above and beyond the call of duty in a variety of categories including the Gold Citizen Award, Meritorious Award, the Certificate of Valor, Unit Citation, and Unit Citation: Silver Award of Valor.

It is with great pride that I include in the RECORD the names of the following Valor Award Recipients:

Silver Award of Valor: PFC Maurice Anderson, OFC Patrick Talbott, PFC Olivia Baratto, PFC Larry Luna.

Bronze Award of Valor: Lt. Ben Smith, MPO Joe Pittman, PFC Ryan Foster, PFC Sam Dee, PFC Marissa Fettig, PFC Noelle Becker, OFC Mathias MacFarlane, Dispatch Supervisor Cynthia Tetterton.

Certificate of Valor: Captain Steven Burmeister.

Gold Citizen Award: Mr. Ahmed Alusraai.

Meritorious Award: Sgt. James Lewis, MPO Charles Mills.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2023 Fairfax's Finest Valor Awards Recipients, and thank all of the men and women who keep our community safe. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

#### HONORING MS. EVELYN RICE-PEEBLES

#### HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, St. Louis and I rise to celebrate and honor Ms. Evelyn Rice-Peebles for her career in public service to Missouri's First District over the last 30 years. Throughout her career, she has been an inspiration to many. Evelyn was the first Black woman appointed as a Commissioner in the City of St. Louis. She has served under several Mayors, most recently as the Commissioner of Recreation for the City of St. Louis, ensuring that all St. Louisans have an opportunity to enjoy recreational activities such as swimming, aerobics, basketball and more.

Her charitable contributions have ranged from providing science and conservation education at the Saint Louis Science Center and Missouri Department of Conservation, to promoting learning opportunities with the National Society of Black Engineers. She has further dedicated her time with BJC HealthCare's School Outreach and Youth Development, St. Louis Transitional Hope House, and the Women's Society of Washington University.

She is a proud mother who is passionate about her faith and is committed to making St. Louis a better place for all, especially our youth. Ms. Evelyn Rice-Peebles has received multiple awards including the Harambee Institute Youth Service Award, the Jodie Bailey and Friends Recreational and Sports Social Inc. Role Model Award, the Hope House Creative Support Award, and the Young Women Christian Association's 2016 Leader of Distinction Award. She is also an inductee of the St. Louis Boxing Hall of Fame and a recipient of a Resolution for Excellence in Office and Service by the St. Louis City Board of Aldermen.

On behalf of Missouri's First District and the St. Louis community, we thank Ms. Evelyn Rice-Peebles for everything she has done for our region. I personally wish her a joyous retirement filled with family, creative writing, spoken word, and the final publication of her collection of short stories.

HONORING THE KIWANIS CLUB OF  
SANTA ANA**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate a remarkable milestone: the 100th Anniversary Celebration of The Kiwanis Club in Santa Ana.

On October 20, 1920, a group of 77 leading citizens of Santa Ana organized the Kiwanis Club of Santa Ana as the seventh Kiwanis Club in California. The Club Charter was issued on February 23, 1921.

In the 1920's and 1930's, the Club focused on supporting various youth and community organizations, including the YMCA and Boy Scouts of America. Members of the Club worked on the coordinating committees for the development of the current Santa Ana College Campus and the YMCA building on Sycamore Street, as well as helped to build the Masonic temple on that same road.

In 1954, a focus on scholarships led to the Club's first award to a Santa Ana High School student for \$500. Due to the generosity of members, friends, and bequests, the Foundation scholarship fund has grown to over \$1 million. Scholarships today are awarded to continuing and transferring Santa Ana College students. To date, the Club has awarded over \$3.6 million in scholarships.

Notably, Kiwanis International eliminated gender as a qualification of membership in 1987. The Kiwanis Club of Santa Ana welcomed its first female member shortly thereafter. Santa Ana Kiwanians Doy Henley and Cliff Benson took a stand and advocated for the inclusion of women at the International Convention in 1979.

Since 2000, the club has focused on education and support for low-income families and

those with special needs. The Club has evolved with the needs of the community and has developed into a group of concerned, motivated men and women from diverse ethnic and vocational backgrounds.

While many similar organizations within the Kiwanis Community and other similar organizations have disbanded, the Kiwanis Club of Santa Ana is still doing significant work in our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this wonderful milestone of a century of community service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES  
THEODORE HERFURTH**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of James "Jim" Theodore Herfurth, who passed away peacefully in his home on November 1, 2023, in Osage Beach, Missouri.

Jim was born on July 21, 1937, to parents Theodore and Mathilda Herfurth in Eldon, Missouri. He attended Eldon High School where he played forward for the Mustangs Basketball team. The team ultimately won the State Championship in 1954, and Jim graduated in 1955. He continued his education at the University of Missouri, graduating in 1959 with a BS degree in banking and finance, and commissioning as a second lieutenant in the United States Army Artillery. He was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he served as a Finance Officer and as adjutant for the Target Artillery Department. His passion for his country led him to extend his original tour for an additional year due to the Berlin Crises.

After leaving active duty, Jim began his finance career with IBM in Kansas City, Mis-

souri. In 1964, he began his 35-year banking career with Central Trust Bank in Jefferson City, Missouri while simultaneously joining the 420th Civil Affairs National Guard Reserve Unit. During his career with the Central Bank organization, Jim rose through the operations and loans divisions, as well as the ranks of the Missouri National Guard, until Central Bankcompany's acquisition of Bank of Lake of the Ozarks in 1987. Jim was then named President and CEO of the newly named Central Bank of Lake of the Ozarks, and he earned his rank of Colonel in the Missouri National Guard.

Passionate about his community, Jim left a mark wherever he lived. His commitment to his community was evidenced through his involvement in the new construction of roads and bridges, economic development through Central Bank, public schools, YMCA, hospitals, and the Dogwood Animal Shelter. He had a strong sense of community and worked hard to make his home a better place for everyone.

Although a busy man, Jim still found time to enjoy his hobbies. He loved to play golf, spending an equal amount of time playing as he did trying to convince his grandchildren to play. When he wasn't golfing, Jim was snow skiing, visiting Palm Springs, or visiting he and his wife's friends in Tucson, Arizona.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Marjorie M. Herfurth; his two children from his marriage in 1961 to Barbara A. Silvers: daughter, Kimberly Herfurth Ayscue of Franklinton, North Carolina; son, J. Matthew Herfurth and his wife Jeane Herfurth of Madison, Mississippi; his four grandchildren: Michael and Andrew Boyleir; daughter, Grace, of Monet, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Herfurth Moffitt.

Jim's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family and community. He will be deeply missed by all whom he encountered.