

DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, each November, Americans commemorate Diabetes Awareness Month. This distinction comes after hundreds of medical advancements, thousands of tears, and millions of lives lost. Diabetes spares no one in its mission to disrupt lives. It feeds off our children as Type 1 diabetes and preys on adults and seniors as Type 2 diabetes, leaving one in ten Americans to contend with this condition.

Black Americans are 60 percent more likely to suffer this illness and its devastating complications, including heart, kidney, liver, eye, and neurological diseases. Healthcare accessibility, genetics, and food insecurity are strong determinants of health outcomes, and diabetes is no different. A community unable to access healthy food or preventative health care is severely disadvantaged.

All Americans with diabetes know the financial strain this disease brings. One dollar out of every \$4 in US healthcare costs goes towards diabetes care, leaving the average American with diabetes incurring \$12,022 in annual medical expenditures. Thankfully, Congressional Democrats recognize this crisis and passed the Inflation Reduction Act last year. The IRA took unprecedented steps to lower prescription drug costs and capped insulin prices at \$35 for seniors on Medicare. Now, millions of Americans can rest easy knowing they have reliable access to their lifesaving medication.

We all live within one degree of separation from this illness. My grandmother had it, a member of my staff has it, and this year 38,000 Missourians will receive a diabetes diagnosis. While Diabetes Awareness Month educates millions across the globe, we must take further action and cure this disease. I'm proud of the work President Biden and House Democrats continue taking to bring this reality closer.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal family matter, I was unable to be in D.C. and vote on November 13, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 643 and NAY on Roll Call No. 645.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR SERGEANT JAMES LARAMORE

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant James "Jim" Laramore of

Rockwall, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Sergeant Laramore served in the United States Army Security Agency (ASA), in which he diligently worked day and night to defend our Nation.

Ever since he was a young man, Sergeant Laramore had a desire to serve his country and contribute to a greater cause. In 1966, he was one of two candidates in a large group that qualified for the ASA. It was up to individuals like Sergeant Laramore to secure intelligence and help our military agencies maintain an informational advantage over the Soviet Union. During that time, ASA personnel operated under strict, covert circumstances, and I am sure that Sergeant Laramore's contributions have made a real impact on our country.

Following his time in the Army, Sergeant Laramore returned home and served as a detective in several police departments. The investigative skills that he refined while serving abroad allowed him to work his way up the ladder until he was appointed Chief of Police for the Pampa Police Department in 1989. Afterwards, he became a criminal investigator for the Texas Railroad Commission and Parker Police Department, where he continues to serve today. When he can, Sergeant Laramore takes the opportunity to mentor junior officers and share a wealth of knowledge.

I am honored to represent Sergeant Laramore in Texas' 4th Congressional District. It is a pleasure to award him the Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to our Nation and to the people of North Texas.

IN MEMORY OF JUDY TAYLOR

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special woman, Judy Taylor, of Lexington, Kentucky. Ms. Taylor passed away on October 12, 2023.

Judy Taylor was born in Louisville, Kentucky and grew up in New Mexico. She began a lobbying career in 1976 as a volunteer for the Kentucky Association of Older Persons. She also worked as a substitute teacher. As her career grew, she became Kentucky's first female contract lobbyist. She blazed a trail for other women in her profession and mentored many young women as well as men over the years. Judy was quite well known and well respected in Frankfort. The renown for Judy was so great that her Celebration of Life services were held in the House Chambers of the Kentucky Capitol.

Judy served as the Director of Government Affairs for Keeneland for over 30 years. She represented Keeneland and the equine industry, one of Kentucky's signature industries, quite well in Frankfort. She was well-loved by everyone at Keeneland, and she was known to many as simply "Judy from Keeneland". Judy had a great respect for law enforcement and served for many years as a board member for the Kentucky State Police Foundation. An excellent baker, she baked and shared thousands of cookies with those she encountered.

Judy Taylor was highly respected throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. She was

a spirited woman of faith, kindness, and generosity. She enriched the lives of many Kentuckians, and she will be greatly missed. I am honored to call her my friend and to lift up her memory before the United States Congress.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF WWII VETERAN CHARLES "CHUCK" SHUMATE

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize World War II veteran Charles Shumate who celebrated his 100th birthday this past weekend on November 11th and commend his outstanding service to our community and country. Mr. Shumate achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant during his time in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946 and is also a very proud father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

Charles enjoyed a long and illustrious career, working numerous jobs across the country. After his time in the Army, he spent time in the Air Force Reserves during which he also began working as a heavy equipment driver in Ohio and then as a factory worker. Charles later worked in data processing where he worked for both the government and in the private sector which took him to Sacramento County, where he eventually retired in 1982. He has resided there ever since.

Charles' life of service and dedication is commendable and worthy of recognition. I want to extend both my gratitude and my best wishes to Mr. Shumate for his lifelong commitment to our communities and our country. His commitment to the safety and betterment of our nation is remarkable. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Mr. Shumate for his outstanding work and wishing him a very happy 100th birthday.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR SERGEANT JAMES CLINE

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant James "Jim" Cline of Plano, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Sergeant Cline honorably served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War.

At the onset of the Korean War, Sergeant Cline joined the Marines and was tasked with construction projects and refueling aircraft at Marine Corps Base Quantico. When he was assigned to Japan, he served as a truck driver and a rifle coach to ensure that Marines under his command were proficient in marksmanship. Eventually, Sergeant Cline was deployed to South Korea and specialized in Motor Transport. Here, he oversaw the maintenance and operation of military vehicles to ensure they were combat-ready at all times. For his service, Sergeant Cline was bestowed the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal.

When he returned to civilian life, Sergeant Cline experienced difficulties due to hearing loss from his time in the service. Nevertheless, he overcame these hardships using a good sense of humor and positivity, and he later raised a marvelous family with four children. Sergeant Cline worked in various labor and sales jobs before starting a business installing material handling equipment in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. He is also a member of the Korean War Veterans Association and enjoys interacting with fellow veterans. I am proud of the work that Sergeant Cline has accomplished, and I commend him for his perseverance and humble dedication to defending our great Nation.

I am honored to represent Sergeant Cline in Texas' 4th Congressional District. It is a pleasure to award him the Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to our Nation and to the people of North Texas.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STEVE RODVOLD

HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my condolences to the family of Steven J. Rodvold, a lover of family, community, and photography, who passed away on October 27, 2023.

Steve was born on June 14, 1953, in Crosby, North Dakota. He spent his childhood in Fortuna and Crosby, during which he met lifelong friends, including his wife, Jeanine.

Steve valued education: after high school, he attended the North Dakota State College of Science, earned his journeyman's license, and completed a B.A. in Business Administration-Management from Minot State University, graduating summa cum laude.

In all aspects of his life, Steve was a people person. He found his career in human resources and generously gave his time as a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters, a Boy Scout cub den leader, and a volunteer at the Gretna Plain Food Bank, among other community organizations.

Steve loved his family dearly. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jeanine, their sons Zach (Emily) and Alex (Sara), and their grandchildren, as well as siblings, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Zach carried on Steve's legacy of giving back, serving as my District Chief of Staff for four years.

Steve's love of his family was apparent in his actions, as well as his words: on his LinkedIn profile, he proudly designated for himself the job title of "Grandpa" for the years following his retirement. As part of this important position, Steve declared himself to be an expert at "relaxing, reading, walking/hiking, biking, kayaking, putzing around the garage, traveling, watching movies, and whatever the hell else I feel like doing."

Steve liked to see the good in the world, especially the beauty around him. He supported and was involved in local arts institutions. As a photographer, he captured natural beauty, from sunsets over the Badlands to the changing of the seasons. As with his other pursuits, Steve did not keep his passion to himself, actively participating in the Fargo Moorhead Camera Club.

Steve lived a fulfilled life, and the lessons of it—to give something to community, take pleasure in loved ones, and remain in awe of the beauty in the people and places around us—will certainly continue to serve as a model for those whose lives he touched. May his memory be a blessing and live on through all who knew and loved him.

TRIBUTE TO LAURIE GOLDMAN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Laurie Goldman, who passed away on September 11 of this year.

Laurie's dedication to the City of Los Angeles was formed at an early age as she came to appreciate its many landmark institutions. She watched the Beatles perform at the Hollywood Bowl, enjoyed ice cream at CC Brown's, and, at the tender age of six months, dined at Musso & Frank.

As a young girl, Laurie explored the City of Los Angeles; she absorbed its secrets, learned its rhythms, and took it upon herself to make it better. For more than four decades, Laurie volunteered her time and considerable energy to improve the lives of those in her community. She founded her first nonprofit, Youth for Cystic Fibrosis, while a student at Fairfax High School. Her commitment to helping those on the margins led to the creation of multiple nonprofit organizations over her lifetime.

Laurie's success in organizing her community around a common cause, in achieving consensus, and raising money, led to leadership roles in several of the City's most distinguished organizations. In addition to founding her own company, Go!, she served on the Board of Directors of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council, the Hollywood Chamber Community Foundation, and the Hollywood Arts Council. Ms. Goldman's long list of achievements include serving on the 1984 Olympics Governmental Relations Committee, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Getty House Foundation. In 2016, she was elected President of the Hollywood Media Business Improvement District where she was instrumental in furthering its mission of public safety and economic growth.

Her devotion to Hollywood's rich history fostered an appreciation for what is possible in the world. Laurie was an effective advocate, a tireless activist, and a much-revered urban visionary. It is, perhaps, in this last role that she will be best remembered. As President of Friends of the Hollywood Central Park, Laurie was committed to building a sustainable, green space on top of the congested 101 freeway. Completion of this ambitious project promises to deliver a more equitable future for stakeholders in community and commerce.

I would like to convey my deepest sympathy to Laurie's family, friends, and colleagues. We owe Laurie a debt of gratitude for her decades of contributions to the Los Angeles community. I ask all Members to join me in recognizing the remarkable life of Laurie L. Goldman.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR SERGEANT GEORGE WOOD

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant George Wood of Blossom, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Sergeant Wood honorably served in the United States Army's 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment during the Cold War.

Sergeant Wood heeded the call to defend his nation and joined the Army in 1973 shortly after the all-volunteer force military recruitment model was announced. At first, he trained as a loader on the M60A1 main battle tank, but quickly grew passionate about operating air defense systems. Eventually, Sergeant Wood was sent to West Germany in 1974 to provide a watchful eye over the skies of the East German border in the event of an attack by the Soviet Union. His efforts upheld democratic values and freedom in Western nations and safeguarded our NATO allies against Soviet aggression.

After his discharge from the Army in 1977, Sergeant Wood worked as a welder's apprentice at the Lone Star Steel Company and as a Maintenance Planner at the Kimberly-Clark Corporation. Since 2012, he has served as the Chairman of the Red River Valley Veterans Memorial Museum board. Under his leadership, the Museum raised over a million dollars to build a beautiful memorial to commemorate local veterans for their service. Sergeant Wood also serves as the President and a firefighter for the East Post Oak Volunteer Fire Department and the President of the Lamar Electric Cooperative. He is a life member of the Blackhorse Association, a nonprofit that unites servicemembers and veterans of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. In this role, he helps fundraise to provide scholarships for children of Blackhorse Troopers who were killed or wounded in defense of our nation. Sergeant Wood is a devoted man of faith, and he regularly attends the Novice Baptist Church in Paris.

I am honored to represent Sergeant Wood in Texas' 4th Congressional District. It is a privilege to award him the Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to our Nation and to the people of North Texas.

HONORING OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE DAVID SCHEFFLER

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride and admiration to celebrate David Scheffler, a member of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2023. This distinct honor recognizes his outstanding contributions to his community in the years following his military service.

David's journey of public service began in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era. Afterwards, he returned home to Lancaster and