

RECOGNIZING GLENN OWENS

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Coordinator Glenn Owens for his twenty-five years of service with the Dearborn Fire Department in Michigan's 12th District Strong.

EMS Coordinator Owens began his career as a firefighter with the Dearborn Fire Department in 1998. Over the past twenty-five years, he has served in numerous roles and has remained steadfast in his commitment to service and keeping our communities safe. EMS Coordinator Owens has been recognized many times over the course of his career in Dearborn for his exemplary record, including life-saving and safe driving. He has also been awarded the esteemed Gino Polidori Award for Community Service and the Meritorious Service Award. As EMS Coordinator for the department, Mr. Owens has also obtained numerous certifications in various life support and rescue techniques.

Please join me in recognizing EMS Coordinator Glenn Owens for his twenty-five years of outstanding service to the people of Dearborn in Michigan's 12th District Strong as we wish him well in his retirement.

CELEBRATING DR. DIETER
MARTIN GRUEN'S 101ST BIRTHDAY**HON. SEAN CASTEN**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 101st birthday of Dr. Dieter Martin Gruen for his dedication to science, significant contributions to new energy technologies, and devotion to fighting climate change. For over eight decades, Dr. Gruen has worked to enhance American technology development as a former Manhattan Project Scientist and as an Argonne National Laboratory Distinguished Fellow.

Dr. Gruen's story signifies the American dream. Born in Waldorf, Germany in 1922 to a Jewish family, Dr. Gruen would eventually leave his home only fourteen years later when the Nazi party solidified its power. He was sent to Little Rock, Arkansas to live with relatives to finish up his high school education while his parents were sent to concentration camps. Luckily, his mother and father escaped and Dr. Gruen was reunited with them in Chicago a few years later.

The shock of nearly losing his family did not dissuade Dr. Gruen from dedicating himself to his studies and empirical inquiry. Five years after reuniting with his family, Dr. Gruen received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Northwestern University in 1944, his master's degree, and eventually a PhD in chemical physics from the University of Chicago. He studied at night and worked at a machine shop during the day. Shortly after graduating from Northwestern University, Dr. Gruen was recruited to work on the Manhattan Project, the U.S. government's top-secret effort to develop the atomic bomb. He worked on the

large-scale electromagnetic separation of uranium-235, and the nuclear material he helped to produce would later be fashioned into the bomb that fell on Hiroshima in 1945.

After the war, Dr. Gruen helped found the Oak Ridge Scientists and Engineers, a group dedicated to ensuring nuclear weapons were never used again in war. After returning home to Chicago, he began working at Argonne National Laboratory, one year after the establishment of the U.S. Department of Energy national laboratories and during a time when Argonne was a national center for the development of nuclear reactors. Dr. Gruen's work at Argonne focused on nuclear power and led to him serving as a delegate to the Second United Nations Conference on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy in 1958.

Throughout his career, Dr. Gruen has made significant contributions to new energy technologies, specifically to nuclear fission and fusion, solar energy, energy storage, and conservation. Dr. Gruen has been recognized by the international scientific community and has made key advancements such as the nuclear submarine reactor cooling design and purification of uranium used to end World War II in the Pacific theater.

For these accomplishments and his lifelong commitment to science, I had the great honor of supporting Dr. Gruen's nomination for the Presidential Medal of Freedom alongside my colleagues, Representatives BILL FOSTER, FRENCH HILL, Jerry McNeerney, and Cheri Bustos. Dr. Gruen's tireless and selfless efforts to solve future clean energy challenges presented by climate change is seldom exhibited by an individual. Humble and unpretentious, Dr. Gruen is the embodiment of a dedicated American and pure scientist.

I have had the great pleasure of learning from Dr. Gruen from his life stories and scientific endeavors in innovation and inquiry. Today, I wish Dr. Gruen a very happy 101st birthday and thank him for his decades of public service and remarkable advancements in and commitment to scientific research and discovery.

RECOGNIZING CHRIS JONES

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Chris Jones and his service to Virginia's First District, commonly called "America's First District" and the Nation. This is both a moment of reflection and a time to express our heartfelt appreciation for a job well done.

Chris began his career in public service as a District Representative for my predecessor, Rep. Jo Ann Davis, covering the regions of the Middle Peninsula and the Northern Neck, Chris' family has called the Northern Neck home for generations. Chris joined my office in 2007 and worked his way up to Deputy District Director. Chris has been the epitome of public service excellence, a dedication of over 20 years to the betterment of our community, our Commonwealth, and our nation. His journey has been one of tireless effort, navigation through the complexities of government—from the local, state, and federal—to serve citizens

with grace, resilience, and an unyielding sense of purpose.

During Chris' tenure, he has been a beacon of leadership, inspiring those around him to strive for excellence and to uphold the values that define our Congressional office and as a true Virginia gentleman. Chris' genuine concern for the well-being of America's First District citizens, has left an indelible mark on all of us.

Today is not only a farewell; it's a moment to express our deepest gratitude. Chris' tireless dedication has set a standard for excellence that will be hard to match. His infectious enthusiasm will be sorely missed, but Chris' legacy will undoubtedly endure in the continued success of America's First District constituent services.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the service and accomplishments of Chris Jones. May God bless Chris, and I look forward to seeing his continued success in the future.

RECOGNIZING RAY MUSCAT

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ray Muscat for his public service and commitment to our Dearborn Heights community. He is a lifelong resident of Dearborn Heights and served on City Council for years.

Since 1969, Councilman Muscat has been an active and engaged resident. He was drawn to public service after he retired from a 42-year career with Ford Motor Company. As a public servant, Mr. Muscat served as Council Chairman Pro Tem. He was a fixture at city council meetings for many years prior to taking office. He is appreciated for his passionate commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Dearborn Heights and making it a more beautiful place to live. As a council member, he was appreciated for his no-nonsense approach and for never shying away from asking difficult questions. During his tenure, he made himself approachable and available to community members. No concern has ever been too small for him to address.

Please join me in showing appreciation for Ray Muscat for his service to the people of Dearborn Heights, as we wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAROLYN
W. JONES**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to recognize the remarkable life of Carolyn W. Jones.

As a woman of faith, Carolyn was a leader of St. Ruth Missionary Baptist Church in Dania Beach where she served as a Trustee, Church Clerk, and as a member of the Hospitality Ministry.

Carolyn, along with other prominent church members, was instrumental in ensuring St.

Ruth was recognized with a commemorative historical marker, detailing the notable status of the church in the community. Carolyn was also one of the founders of the revered JWS-Journey of Hope Cancer Ministry at St. Ruth. As a strong compassionate, servant leader, Carolyn had a passion for supporting and working in the community to fight against cancer. Carolyn was the team leader for the Dania Beach Relay for Life fundraising walks, where she and others in the community walked to honor cancer survivors.

Carolyn's love for developing young minds led her to be a part of the Broward County Public School District for more than 38 years. Her esteemed career included Parkway Middle School, Apollo Middle School, and Attucks Middle School. The pinnacle of Carolyn's educational career was when she was honored as Attucks Middle School Teacher of the Year. She was also a member of The Charmettes, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the Red Hat Society.

As a supportive wife, Carolyn stood by her husband Albert as he served on both the Dania Beach and Broward County Commissions.

Truly an inspiration, Carolyn is remembered for her kind and generous spirit and legacy of service to family, church, and community. My heart is with her family in mourning the loss of this kind, generous, and compassionate soul. We were forever privileged to have shared this time with her.

May her memory be for a blessing.