

served as an advisor alongside Colonel Ho Ngoc Can and Brigadier General Tran Van Nhut, played a pivotal role in securing victory. Even in the face of adversity, Lt. Col. Mandeville exemplified resilience and unwavering dedication.

During the An Loc battle, when American forces attempted to extract Lt. Col. Mandeville, he refused evacuation and chose to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with his Vietnamese comrades, continuing to fight with the people he had proudly served alongside. His selflessness and determination in the midst of danger embodies the highest ideals of military service and camaraderie.

Lt. Col. Mandeville's contributions extended beyond the battlefield. In the aftermath of the Vietnam War, he played a crucial role in the creation of the Vietnam War Memorial in Freedom Park, located in the City of Westminster. His commitment to preserving the memory of those who served and sacrificed, both American and Vietnamese, reflects his deep sense of duty and compassion.

As we mourn the passing of Lt. Col. Craig H. Mandeville, we also celebrate his life and the enduring impact he has had on our nation. A great man has left us, but his legacy will live on forever within the hearts and minds of those who knew him and in the collective memory of a grateful nation.

May Lt. Col. Mandeville rest in peace, and may his family find solace in the knowledge that his contributions to our country will never be forgotten.

#### RECOGNIZING PHIL FARCO'S 45 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

##### HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 30, 2023*

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Phil Farco for his 45 years of leadership in the construction industry. Mr. Farco's company, Mason-Dallas, provides a variety of services by selling market-leading brands of acoustic and vibration isolation components and through custom fabricating solutions for unique installations.

Mason-Dallas was founded on October 23, 1978, initially a small family business that was founded as a single-source manufacturer's representative dedicated exclusively to providing sound and vibration isolation that prevented large HVAC units and related equipment from disrupting the offices and tenants on the floors below. Phil Farco took his business beyond just a manufacturer's representative, entering the custom manufacturing sector by fabricating unique solutions for specific acoustic and vibration projects. Mr. Farco's vision and hard work led Mason-Dallas to grow beyond its original scope, earning the company a reputation as an industry leader for innovative manufactured solutions.

Thanks to Mr. Farco's leadership, Mason-Dallas is a trailblazer in the industry, providing state-of-the-art solutions for a wide variety of venues. Among its portfolio of premier facilities are iconic landmarks such as the AT&T Stadium in Arlington, renowned as the home of the Dallas Cowboys, and the corporate offices of American Airlines. The Charles Schwab

DFW Corporate Campus in Westlake, DFW International Airport Terminals D and E, and the distinguished George H.W. Bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M University also bear the imprint of Mason-Dallas's cutting-edge expertise. Furthermore, the Texas Rangers' Globe Life Field, the Toyota North American Headquarters in Plano, the TCU School of Music, the Texas A&M College of Dentistry, and the Winspear Opera House in Dallas all stand as a testament to the company's commitment to facilitating optimal functionality across diverse and prestigious venues.

It is an honor to join the many congratulating Phil Farco on his 45 years of leadership and innovation at the helm of Mason-Dallas.

#### CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF SALADO, TX CITY MANAGER DON FERGUSON

##### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 30, 2023*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to celebrate Salado, TX City Manager Don Ferguson as he embarks on his richly deserved retirement after decades of devoted public service. He leaves behind a noble legacy of accomplishment and will remain an example of excellence for all who follow.

City Managers are the unsung heroes of local government. Responsible for planning, directing, managing, and reviewing all activities and operations of towns large and small, they are committed to ensuring financial integrity as well as providing policy advice and administrative support to the Mayor and City Council. With his "can do" spirit, Don embraced these challenges and served Salado with integrity, honesty, and transparency.

During his tenure as the Salado Village Administrator, Don oversaw the creation of a centralized wastewater system, the Main Street beautification project that included sidewalks, decorative streetlights, landscape and drainage, and additional street and drainage improvements across the Village. He worked tirelessly to guide the village through rapid growth and other challenges such as COVID, wildfires, tornadoes, ice storms, hailstorms, and drought. Under his leadership, Salado saw steadily increasing sales tax revenues and property values, low crime rates, and managed growth. His work has been essential to making Salado a great place to work and call home.

While Don isn't tired of the privilege of public service, he knows that everything has its season. But stepping away from work won't give him much idle time as looks forward to watching Salado's growth and spending time with his beloved wife Stephanie and their family.

Retirement marks not the end of a career, but the beginning of a new adventure. As Don Ferguson embarks on this new chapter in life, I thank him for his exceptional work, remain grateful for our friendship, and wish him the very best.

ISABEL RICE

##### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 30, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Isabel Rice for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Isabel has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Isabel, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Isabel's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Isabel Rice on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

#### HONORING HOWARD W. SMITH III

##### HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 30, 2023*

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I seek to recognize Mr. Howard W. Smith III, who is retiring after a remarkable 43 years of dedicated service at Walker & Dunlop Inc.

Howard's journey began in Alexandria, Virginia, where he graduated as a proud alumnus of Episcopal High School in '76 and later from Washington and Lee University in '80.

Howard started his career at Walker & Dunlop in 1980 and now serves as the company's President. Over his 43 years, Howard has been a successful loan originator and rose through the leadership ranks at W&D as COO and a member of the Board of Directors. As President, Howard oversees the company's entire nationwide loan origination and investment sales operations. Howard has mentored dozens of colleagues at W&D and has been integral to the growth and success of the company throughout his distinguished career. I know his colleagues and fellow board members will deeply miss his sage advice, his humor and his vast knowledge of the industry.

In addition to his accomplished W&D career, Howard is deeply engaged with his community and alma maters. He actively contributes to the academic landscape as a member of the advisory board to the Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics at Washington and Lee University. He also served as a Former Trustee and Finance Committee Chair of Episcopal High School and as the Former Senior Warden of Christ Church Georgetown.

Howard is the proud husband of Page Lane Smith; together they have built a family in the heart of Washington D.C. with their five children Martha Macon Ashburner Smith, Marion Hungerford Smith, Howard "Worth" Smith IV, Anne de Graffenried Smith, and Elizabeth "Sydney" Smith.

I am honored to congratulate Howard as he retires from an extensive and accomplished career, and I wish him the best of luck in this new chapter of his life.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PORTUGUESE SPORTING CLUB OF PERTH AMBOY

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 30, 2023*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Portuguese Sporting Club of Perth Amboy on its centennial anniversary and join its leadership, members, and the community in celebrating the inauguration of a plaque designating Pulaski Street in Perth Amboy, New Jersey as "PSC Place."

The Portuguese Sporting Club is a mainstay of the Perth Amboy community. For 100 years, its members have upheld the organization's mission to support the physical and character development of its members. Through cultural, educational, and recreational programs and events, the Portuguese Sporting Club encourages civic involvement and good citizenship, fosters relationships, and honors and celebrates the Portuguese heritage.

Since its establishment, the organization has provided an outlet for socialization and fellowship, and opportunities for its neighbors to share in the rich traditions of Portugal. Its work to preserve and promote the Portuguese culture, and its support of the community are commendable.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating the Portuguese Sporting Club of Perth Amboy on its 100th anniversary and recognizing its efforts to enrich the Perth Amboy community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL E. JABALEY, M.D.

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 30, 2023*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Michael Ellis Jabaley, M.D., beloved husband of Mary Galbreath Jabaley, who died on his 88th birthday, July 12, 2022. He was born in Copperhill, Tennessee, on July 12, 1934, the son of John and Elizabeth (Solomon) Jabaley. He graduated from The Baylor School in Chattanooga in 1953 and from Vanderbilt University in 1957. Mike was the first person in his family to go to college, and only the second person from Copperhill to attend Vanderbilt. At Vanderbilt he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the leadership fraternity ODK, and Phi Beta Kappa. He played halfback on the football team and was a member of the 1955 Gator Bowl championship squad. It was at Vanderbilt that he met Mary Abbey Galbreath, whom he married in 1959. It was also at Vanderbilt that a faculty member suggested he might want to apply to Johns Hopkins Medical School. His acceptance started him on a trajectory that influenced the rest of his life.

At Johns Hopkins, the highlights were meeting (and competing with) bright students from all over the country, making lasting friendships in the Pithotomy Club, and developing his sur-

gical skills with Vivien Thomas, legendary assistant to Dr. Alfred Blalock. A surgical internship at Hopkins, a four-year surgical residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, and a two year stint as a plastic surgery resident back at Hopkins gave him an opportunity to be with "the best of the best" surgeons and clinicians and to hone his surgical skills. Throughout this training, the U.S. Army had been patiently waiting to draft him. Now Major Jabaley, he was sent to William Beaumont hospital in El Paso and then to Vietnam. There he worked at the Vietnamese hospital Cong Hoa and also at the Third Field Hospital—both in Saigon. As a fully-trained plastic surgeon, he was able to concentrate on head, neck, and hand injuries among the soldiers—but also operated on many Vietnamese children with cleft lips and palates and other birth deformities.

After his military service and a stint back at Hopkins as assistant professor of plastic surgery, he was recruited by Dr. James Hardy of the University of Mississippi Medical Center to be the chief of the Plastic Surgery program at UMMC. He and Mary made the big move with their five children, never expecting they would stay in Jackson. But gradually the "temporary" move became permanent, as they raised their children here, found a church home at St. Richard's, and made good friends.

In 1979, Dr. Jabaley left UMMC and went into private practice, at first solo and later as a founding member of Plastic and Hand Surgery Associates. He operated at St. Dominic's and other area hospitals for over thirty years, always accompanied by his invaluable surgical assistant—and friend—Frankie Charleston. Over the years, his practice more and more emphasized hand surgery. He founded the Hand Clinic at St. Dominic Hospital. He became known as an international expert in Dupuytren's contracture and in carpal tunnel surgery.

He was always active as a writer and teacher. He produced almost 100 scientific papers, one of the earliest to receive the Robert Ivy award for the "best scientific paper" at the American Society of Plastic Surgeons Annual Meeting in 1976, and selected as the "best paper of the year" by the Journal of Hand Surgery in 2001. He edited several medical journals, and co-wrote the book "Stable Fixation of the Hand and Wrist" with his good friends Alan Freeland and Jim Ilughes. He was chosen Clinician and Teacher of the Year by the American Association of Hand Surgeons in 2002 and received the Kenneth Pickrell Award for teaching excellence from the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons in 2006. In 2009 Mike was honored by The Baylor School as Distinguished Alumnus.

In addition to his tenure as president of the Mississippi Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Jabaley was on the boards of many national organizations. He was most proud of his service as an examiner for and vice-president of the American Board of Plastic Surgery; as president of the American Society of Surgery of the Hand; as president of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons; and as president of the Sunderland Society, a peripheral nerve study group.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Dr. Fred Jabaley of Cumming, GA, and Chuck Jabaley of Cleveland, TN; and

his brothers-in-law, Dr. Joseph Fisher and Percy Galbreath of Memphis. He is survived by Mary, his wife of 63 years; his sister, Theresa Jabaley of Chicago; his sisters-in-law, Patsy Jabaley of Cumming, GA, Becky Jabaley of Cleveland, TN, and Anne Fisher and Loraine Galbreath of Memphis, and many beloved nieces and nephews. His children and their spouses are: Mary-Powel and Randall Thomas of Brooklyn, NY; Rear Adm (ret) Michael and Nicole Jabaley of Annandale, VA; Dr. Liza Jabaley Johnson and the Rt. Rev. Alston Johnson of Shreveport, LA; John Jabaley and Erika Zucker of New Orleans; and Kate and Tom Neylon of Dallas.

KYLA COOPER

**HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 30, 2023*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kyla Cooper for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Kyla has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Kyla, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Kyla's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Three Creeks K-8 School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Kyla Cooper on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

CONGRATULATING THE CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. NEAL P. DUNN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 30, 2023*

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Center for Excellence in Education (CEE) on its 40th anniversary.

I am pleased to serve as an Honorary Trustee for this fine organization. Since its founding in 1983, CEE has done tremendous work in preparing students to meet the growing needs of a STEM-ready workforce. The talented alumni of CEE's programs have made outstanding contributions to help ensure that the United States remains a leader in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

I am pleased to recognize CEE's many accomplishments over the past four decades. Joann DiGennaro has done excellent work stewarding this organization since she co-founded it with the late Admiral H.G. Rickover.

Congratulations to the Center for Excellence in Education on its 40th anniversary and I extend my best wishes for much success in coming years.