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HONORING THE SERVICE OF BILLY  
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HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 2023*

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the twenty-eight years of service to Lauderdale County, Mississippi, from Sheriff William D. 'Billy' Sollie. Born and raised in Meridian, Mississippi, Billy graduated from Meridian High School in 1973. After his graduation, he entered law enforcement in June of 1974. On March 28, 1975, Billy graduated from the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy and started his duties serving in and around Meridian, Mississippi.

His service to the community was recognized in 1982 when he was promoted to Patrolman II in January of that year and then in June to Detective. His work extended to the schools in the community when he was assigned and trained as the first D.A.R.E. Officer in the City of Meridian.

Through the years, Billy was promoted to Lieutenant, Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief, and he retired in 1994 as the Chief of Police. Upon his retirement from the police force, Billy served as the Security Coordinator for Meridian Public School system. In 1995, Billy won the race for Sheriff of Lauderdale County.

After becoming Sheriff, Billy served as the Second Vice President, First Vice President, and President of the Mississippi Sheriffs' Association and is currently commissioned by Governor Tate Reeves as a member of the State Jail Standards and Training Board.

Billy has been a fixture of the Lauderdale County community serving in various capacities, on boards, and in volunteer roles throughout his time as Sheriff. I am proud to recognize Billy's career of service and dedication to the Meridian and Lauderdale County community, and I wish him the best in retirement.

STRONGLY CONDEMNING AND DENOUNCING THE DRASTIC RISE OF ANTISEMITISM IN THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD

SPEECH OF

HON. VAL T. HOYLE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 4, 2023*

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I will vote Present on H. Res. 894, a resolution that aims to condemn antisemitism throughout the world. Several of my Jewish colleagues voted Present as well.

I strongly agree that Congress must condemn all forms of antisemitism. The House of Representatives has voted in favor of several resolutions condemning antisemitism since

Hamas's horrific October 7th attacks on Israel, multiple of which I've supported and cosponsored. However, this latest resolution, H. Res. 894, contains overly broad language that weaponizes the real scourge of antisemitism and uses Jewish people as pawns to play partisan political games. For this reason, I could not support the resolution.

For example, H. Res. 894 suggests that "anti-Zionism is antisemitism." While some forms of anti-Zionism are antisemitic, there are many members of the Jewish community that identify as anti-Zionist. Lumping together factions of the Jewish community as "antisemitic" is clearly problematic.

Some language in H. Res. 894 also appears to be a veiled attempt to police the free speech of Americans who have demonstrated in favor of human rights for Palestinians. Again, while some demonstrators have disturbingly engaged in antisemitic actions that should rightfully be condemned, H. Res. 894 is too broad.

H. Res. 894 also fails to condemn antisemitic acts from those on the far right, including white nationalists who have increasingly promoted antisemitic conspiracy theories and have threatened the lives and livelihoods of Jewish Americans.

Let me be clear: I unequivocally condemn all forms of antisemitism, and I am appalled by the significant rise in antisemitism we've seen in recent years and especially after Hamas's October 7th terrorist attacks on Israel. If the House Republican majority were serious about tackling antisemitism, they would support President Biden's National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism, would quit trying to defund the Office of Civil Rights for Title VI enforcement which protects Jewish students and would increase funding for the High-Risk Nonprofit Grant Program to secure Jewish institutions as a start.

That's why I've cosponsored H. Res. 907, introduced by Representatives NADLER, RASKIN, and GOLDMAN. H. Res. 907 thoughtfully and powerfully condemns the rise of antisemitism in the United States—including on college campuses—and calls on Congress to support the above substantive actions to tackle antisemitism, which congressional Republicans have so far refused to do. Had H. Res. 894 been written as carefully as H. Res. 907, I would vote in support.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
CLAUDE AUNDRAY STEWARD, SR.

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 2023*

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a native of my Congressional District, often referred to as a mastermind of all things New Orleans, Mr. Claude Aundray Steward, Sr.

Claude Aundray Steward was born to Freddie Stewart and Elfreda Arnold Stewart on a beautiful Wednesday, February 12, 1941. He took pride in being a son of Uptown New Orleans and was able to receive his education in his hometown. Claude graduated from the historic Walter L. Cohen High School in 1959 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from

Southern University. He then went on to serve in the United States Army until he was honorably discharged. Claude was a Life Member of the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure club, which is known for its famous Mardi Gras parade, as well as for its members' commitment to giving back to the Greater New Orleans community and positively impacting the lives of those in need.

Mr. Stewart began his career in government at the United States Post Office, eventually transitioning into a variety of different positions in the field. In the evenings he would spend his time immersed in politics, and through God's favor, he became a political mastermind. Claude spent time working as an Accounting Analyst for the City of New Orleans's HUD Program at the New Orleans City Hall under the auspices of Mayor Moon Landrieu, Mayor Ernest "Dutch" Morial, Mayor Sidney Barthelemy, and Mayor Marc Morial. After his illustrious career at City Hall, Mr. Stewart took on the position of Administrator for the Small Business Incubator at Southern University at New Orleans, where he worked until Hurricane Katrina ravaged the region.

The period after Hurricane Katrina was a trying time, but Mr. Stewart remained optimistic, rebuilt his home, and was eventually able to return to his hometown which he loved so dearly: New Orleans, Louisiana. Claude continued working in government, as he accepted a senior position with the then Orleans Parish Clerk of Court, Kimberly Williamson Butler.

After so many years working for the government, no one would have expected Mr. Stewart to change careers. However, God said, "I have a wonderful new chapter for you." Claude retired from a nearly 50-year successful career in politics, and took on what was supposed to be a "temporary", six month position as Director at the New Orleans Council on Aging Lower 9th Ward Senior Center. He had been appointed by Senator Jon Johnson "just to get the program off its feet", however six months at the Lower 9th ward Senior Center quickly became eleven years. Under his guidance, the center won several awards, and was celebrated in the city of New Orleans as the best Senior Center, with record-breaking attendance. Change-makers from all across the state visited his center participants in order to present their legislative plans. Among these were his favorite visitors—his "adopted son," Senator Wesley Bishop, and his "adopted nephew," (then State Senator) Congressman TROY CARTER.

On Monday, June 26, 2023, Claude Aundray Steward, Sr. was surrounded by his family as he peacefully transitioned from this Earthly life. He left a host of treasured family to mourn: his wife of 57 years, Elaine Warrick Steward; his sons, Claude Jr. and Clinton Sr.; his two daughters-in-law, Ora and Kayron, his five beloved grandchildren, Clinton Jr., Ciara, Braelynn, Katherine and Chennai, as well as Coda, his soon-to-be-born sixth grandchild; his dearest cousins Darrel Ann Stewart, Gerbera Smith, and Rufus Arnold; and his dear godchildren, Tiffany Howard Finister, Winfred Warrick, and Shonna Smith.

Mr. Stewart was preceded in death by his parents, Freddie and Elfreda Stewart; his great-grandmother, Harriet Jones; his dear grandmothers, Victoria Variste and Clara Houston Arnold; his siblings, Freddie Stewart, Harold Stewart; and Caroline Stewart, and

his in-laws, Alberta Baxter, David and Ruby Brown, Arthur and Ida Farria, and Jerald and Martha Warrick.

Claude was a member of True Vine Missionary Baptist Church, where he was baptized in 1990 by Rev. Donald Jeanjacques, and where he held various leadership positions. Claude was also a recent recipient of various awards throughout his professional career, including Congressman TROY CARTER's Lifetime Achievement Award. Claude will be deeply missed by his co-workers, friends, and family. He has touched many lives, both near and far.

The Greater New Orleans Community has suffered the loss of a great gem. I credit much of my political successes to his guidance and support. I will forever carry his direction as I serve the constituents of LA02. May he forever rest in peace.

ALAYNA McCALL

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

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

Alayna has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Alayna, 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 Alayna'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 Alayna McCall on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

### RECOGNIZING DOUG HOUSE FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE QUAD CITIES AFL-CIO HALL OF FAME

### HON. ERIC SORENSEN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Mr. SORENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Doug House of Rock Island, Illinois on his induction into the Quad Cities AFL-CIO Hall of Fame.

Doug has spent many years dedicated to a life of service. Whether that was showing support on the picket line to working people, joining the National Guard, or now as he's come out of retirement to be a member of my very own staff, Doug has shown what it means to be an exemplary member of our community. Doug spent time as a member of UAW Local 281, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 537 & 150, and he is a 35-year member of Laborers Local 309

While dedicating his life to service, Doug has made it a priority to find balance with the things that matter most to him. Family always came first, but he found a way to balance his love of his work, political activism, and enjoying a home life filled with family and friends.

He has many interests including hot rods, collecting John F. Kennedy and other political memorabilia, hunting, and fishing. It is an honor to have him in as a member of my staff and community. Doug deserves all the accolades and honor from this induction into the AFL-CIO Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Doug House again formally on the honor of being inducted into the Quad Cities AFL-CIO Hall of Fame, and I join the rest of the community in thanking him for all he has done for the residents of the Illinois 17th District and beyond.

### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MRS. MAUREEN ROSARY O'DONNELL SCHEUERMANN

### HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an outstanding New Orleans Matriarch, Mrs. Maureen Rosary O'Donnell Scheuermann. Born in New Orleans on October 7, 1933, to the late Francis and Eunice Ohlmeyer O'Donnell, Mrs. Maureen is often referred to as a mastermind of all things in New Orleans.

Maureen was a devout and faithful Catholic and lifelong parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church, located in Uptown, New Orleans. At the time of her death, Maureen was the parish's longest-tenured parishioner. Mrs. Scheuermann passed away peacefully at Touro Infirmary on Friday, October 6, 2023, the eve of her 90th birthday. Born on the Feast of the Holy Rosary, she celebrated the Feast of St. Francis only two days before gracefully transitioning.

Maureen began her career as a secretary at Loyola University where she met the love of her life, "Rags" Scheuermann, the University's Baseball coach at the time. A charming prelude to their story unfolded as she gifted him a four-leaf clover before a baseball game. The pair later married on June 20, 1959. In 1974, Rags co-founded the Delgado Community College athletic department where Maureen became the Dolphins' first fan. In the following 50 years, she would serve as a devoted mother and grandmother to three generations of Dolphins, as well as a leader in Rags' New Orleans Boosters Summer Baseball League.

Maureen's dedication to the team resulted in decades of trips to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association (AAABA) National Tournament in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where she was named an honorary citizen. Her baseball bonds created lifelong memories and cherished friendships. Maureen's constant supporting presence at Kirsch-Rooney Stadium earned her the nickname "the First Lady of New Orleans Baseball." Maureen and Rags used the game of baseball to bestow indispensable values upon three generations of Scheuermanns.

Maureen worked as an employee of the City of New Orleans for more than thirty years where she held several titles at City Hall until her retirement in 1991. Most notably, Mrs. Scheuermann served as secretary to four Mayors: Victor H. Schiro, Maurice "Moon" Landrieu, Ernest N. "Dutch" Morial, and Sidney J. Barthelemy.

Maureen was the loving mother of Maureen, Emma, Joe (Shelly), and Ed (Stephanie) and devoted grandmother of Tyler, Nataly, Parker, and Peyton. She is also survived by her brother, Francis O'Donnell, Jr., nieces Kathy Barbazon (Clem) and Karen Meyer (Gordon), and grandnephew Brett Barbazon. Maureen was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 38 years, Louis "Rags" Scheuermann, who passed away in 1997, as well as her loving mother, her sister, Claire O'Donnell, her brother John O'Donnell, and her grandniece, Katherine Hickham.

Maureen was eternally grateful to Velma Smith, Glenda Ingram, and Wendy Cordova for their dedicated caregiving over the past nine years, as well as the physicians and staff of Touro Infirmary.

Maureen will be remembered as a light to all who knew her throughout the many seasons of her. Her motherly "MawMaw" wisdom, faith, hope, and joy touched the lives of everyone who met her. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated by New Orleans Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond, retired Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes, and nine other priests, on Friday, October 13, 2023, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, in New Orleans.

On a personal note, Maureen was everyone's mother, grandmother, and best friend. When I arrived at New Orleans City Hall as a very young man, working for then, Dr. Alfred "Al" Stokes, Executive Assistant to then Mayor, Honorable Sidney J. Barthelemy, I found the most loving, caring, walking encyclopedia of everything New Orleans.

The Greater New Orleans Community has suffered the loss of an incredible gem. I am proud to say I was able to connect with her throughout my entire political career, respecting the guidance and support she gave. I am forever grateful for her friendship, love and guidance, and will forever carry her direction as I serve the Constituents of LA-02. May she forever rest in peace.

### PERSECUTION OF THE BAHÁ'Í OF IRAN

### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to the government of Iran's long, ongoing, and brutal campaign of terror against the Bahá'í continues unabated.

Of course, the government of Iran is one of the most brutal, cruel, and repressive in the world, truly one of the "worst of the worst." The victims of its terrorism abroad include entire countries threatened by the wars, proxy wars, and terrorism it directs, including in most Middle Eastern countries.

Within Iran, the regime terrorizes its own citizens—here we will remember the savage persecution of Christians, and the women blinded by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps in the protests that followed the death of Mahsa Amini. To some degree everyone living in Iran is a victim of this government. Yet we must also specifically remember the Bahá'í.

Mr. Speaker, the Bahá'í religion initially developed in Persia. Iran is home to about 300,000 Bahá'í—which makes it the largest