

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
DANIEL CROSS**HON. MICHAEL GUEST**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Daniel Cross, a resident of Rankin County and a dedicated public servant of the State of Mississippi for over 30 years. Beginning as a volunteer firefighter while still in high school, Daniel has dedicated his entire life to the service and protection of others. His valuable leadership, academic, and personal skills obtained as a graduate of Northwest Rankin High School, the University of Memphis, and the National Fire Academy not only launched him into a career as a professional firefighter with the Reservoir Fire Department, but also propelled him in advancement within the fire service to senior fire instructor, instructor chief, and deputy director of the Mississippi Fire Academy.

Concurrent with Daniel's distinguished fire service career, he also trained and served as a reserve deputy for the Rankin County Sheriff's Department and was elected to the Rankin County Board of Supervisors, ably serving Rankin County for 8 years. Some examples of Daniel's contributions to the fire service include his long tenure on the Mississippi Minimum Fire Standards and Certification Board, his leadership on the Mississippi state response team during Hurricane Katrina, his design and development of the curriculum for the Mississippi Executive Fire Officer Program, and his role as chief architect of the Mississippi Fire Academy Emergency Medical Technician Training Program.

Daniel is a member of Pinelake Baptist Church and devotes all his spare time to little league coaching and to his beloved wife, Julie, and their two sons, Layne and Clayton. I thank God for public servants like Daniel Cross and am honored to recognize him upon his retirement after thirty years of unselfish and immensely meaningful public service to others. I wish him much success in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 692; YEA on Roll Call No. 693; YEA on Roll Call No. 694; YEA on Roll Call No. 695; YEA on Roll Call No. 696; and YEA on Roll Call No. 697.

ERICA REED

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

CELEBRATING FIRST RESPONDERS
IN GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA**HON. RICHARD McCORMICK**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude to the Red, Blue and You initiative that celebrates and honors the first responders of Gwinnett County, Georgia. The community event, organized by local business owners, held its 8th annual celebration on November 16, 2023. The brave men and women first responders honored at the event are the first line of defense for people in distress, and often do not receive the recognition and support they deserve. I want to thank these dedicated public safety heroes for serving their communities every single day. Their work makes a difference and impacts all those in our community. God bless each and everyone of them. Semper Fidelis.

HONORING FRANK THORNTON ON
HIS RETIREMENT**HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent Frank J. Thornton for his 28 years of service on the Henrico County Board of Supervisors representing the Fairfield Magisterial District. Frank is a history maker, becoming the first African American elected to the Henrico Board of Supervisors in 1995 representing the Fairfield Magisterial District. He was elected as the Board's chairman for the sixth time in January 2023 and will complete his tenure with his retirement at the end of this year.

A native of Richmond, Mr. Thornton co-founded and served as president of the Henrico Civic League. His academic accomplishments include a bachelor's degree from Virginia Union University and a master's degree from American University. Mr. Thornton retired in 2014 after a distinguished 40-year career as a professor of French at Virginia Union, where he earned accolades such as the Teacher of the Year award. Mr. Thornton left an indelible mark on his students, community members, and our Commonwealth.

In 1987, Mr. Thornton initially sought election to represent the Fairfield District, and though unsuccessful, he played a pivotal role in a successful federal lawsuit alongside the Henrico Civic League and the American Civil

Liberties Union. This lawsuit challenged and overturned Henrico's magisterial district lines, with the court ruling against county officials who had ensured that Black residents were the minority in every district.

As Henrico County Supervisor, Mr. Thornton demonstrated unwavering commitment to the residents of the Fairfield District. Under his leadership, initiatives were implemented to expand the Greater Richmond Transportation Company (GRTC) bus service to Short Pump, construct several libraries and recreation centers in the county, and expand access to public health services.

Beyond his local responsibilities, Mr. Thornton extended his public service to various organizations, including the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization, the Capital Region Collaborative Organizing Council, and the Maymont Foundation Board of Directors, among others.

Virginia's Fourth Congressional District has been privileged to benefit from the passionate and devoted advocacy of Mr. Thornton for civil rights and social change. Mr. Speaker, I commend Mr. Thornton for his outstanding leadership and extend my best wishes for a fulfilling retirement from the Henrico County Board of Supervisors. His legacy, marked by tireless dedication, will undoubtedly endure.

HONORING THE LATE CLAUDE MORSE OF COFFEE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

HON. SCOTT DesJARLAIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember Claude Morse, who sadly passed away November 12, 2023. Tennessee has long been known as The Volunteer State for a reason, and no one I have met personified the spirit of that motto more than Claude Morse.

Claude was a selfless example of volunteerism, and not the kind of symbolic of volunteerism that simply amounts to adding his name to a group. When a need and a project arose, Claude was never just a worker; he was a planner, an organizer, a manager, and participant.

Morse was actively involved with several nonprofit organizations throughout Coffee County. Honor Flight, Project Appleseed and the Arnold Community Council are just a few of the organizations to which Morse devoted his time and efforts.

As President of Honor Flight Middle Tennessee, Claude worked tirelessly to take eligible World War II, Korean War and Vietnam veterans on a free trip to see war memorials in Washington, DC. It remains my great honor to personally welcome as many of these heroes as I can when they come, and it was always a special treat to get to spend time with Claude as well.

Over the past several years, Claude has sponsored hundreds of hero veterans and hundreds of hours of work to see it accomplished. Yet to him, it was simply time well spent to recognize those who deserved it.

In addition, Claude also was a long-time member and President of the Arnold Community Council, a group that promotes, protects,

and preserves the Arnold Engineering Development Complex (AEDC) in Tullahoma, Tennessee and to facilitate interaction and cooperation between the complex and surrounding communities. Claude and many of his colleagues would spend time every year visiting the Tennessee Congressional delegation, other key members of Congress, members of the Tennessee General Assembly, and officials with the Department of Defense to advocate for and advance the mission of the facility. His group would also sponsor awards for AEDC personnel, the annual AEDC veteran's picnic, the ACC job fair, the Honor Flights and the AEDC children's Christmas party.

Claude was also a committee member for Wreaths Across America, an organization that places wreaths on fallen veterans' graves during Christmas.

He was also a natural candidate for public service and was selected as a Commissioner for the Coffee County Government. He was a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Star Award for all his efforts and selected as an AEDC lifetime achievement fellow.

I am proud to represent a community that has the utmost respect for all the men and women who have served our country with valor and honor as members of our armed forces. Claude never took a day off in making sure that we always prioritized that commitment to all of those who have served, are serving, and will serve. I will miss Claude and his hard work, and most importantly, his friendship and support. I ask all Members of Congress to join me in paying respect to Claude Morris for a lifetime of service to country and community, and I ask this institution to join me in sending the deepest sympathies to all his family and friends.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF JIMMY AND HAVA MCCLINTOCK

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr Speaker, I rise today to celebrate 50 years of marriage between Jimmy and Hava McClintock of Heath, Texas. They have made significant contributions to our community and are longtime advocates for the U.S.-Israel alliance.

Jimmy is a native Texan, while Hava was born in a small town outside of Tel Aviv. They first met each other in Israel, where they married in 1973. For seven years, they lived in Israel. In 1983, Jimmy and Hava moved to Rockwall, Texas, before settling in Heath.

During their many years together, Jimmy and Hava have made it their life's mission to advocate for our shared Judeo-Christian values. Since 1976, they have organized private and congregational tours to Israel. These tours have strengthened the friendship between communities and highlighted Israel's important struggle for peace and security.

Furthermore, Jimmy and Hava are board members of their local chapter of the Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), where they provide material support to the IDF and support Israel's right to defend itself. They also serve on the boards of God's Grace International and Netivyah, where they coordinate

humanitarian assistance for Holocaust survivors in Israel and those in need. I commend Jimmy and Hava for working diligently to aid those facing difficult circumstances so that they will not be overlooked.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol in recognition of Jimmy and Hava McClintock's impressive milestone. It is truly wonderful to commemorate their five decades of happiness and joy, and here's to many more. May God Bless them.

HONORING ANN DUBAY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, to recognize the enduring work of Ann DuBay on the occasion of her retirement from Sonoma Water.

Ann began her long-standing career in public service in 1981 as a seasonal firefighter at the California Department of Forestry. She then pursued the California State Fellowship Program and subsequently assumed the role of policy consultant at the California State Senate's Office of Research. Returning to her roots in Sonoma County, Ann became the Vice-President and Government Affairs Coordinator at the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce, before transitioning to a distinguished career in journalism as an editorial writer and columnist for nearly a decade at the Press Democrat.

Ann was hired by Sonoma Water in 2008 as Public Information Officer, and she became the Community and Government Affairs Manager there in 2018. In these roles Ann demonstrated an exemplary commitment to the community and sustainability at Sonoma Water. Ann's good deeds extend to the greater region through her work as the administrator for the Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and Petaluma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, while also spearheading outreach and communication for all Sonoma County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

In addition to her professional commitments, Ann has played a pivotal role in several community organizations. She served as Board member for the Ceres Community Project. And she is currently on the board of directors for the Congregation Shomrei Torah in Santa Rosa, where she was president from 2020 to 2022. In addition, she volunteers with Riebl-North Firewise Community as well as the California Groundwater Coalition where she helps guide water suppliers throughout the state meet the water supply needs of California residents.

Notably, Ann is more than a public servant; she is a mentor and inspiration to many. When she and her sister simultaneously faced breast cancer, Ann exhibited exemplary strength and determination. Ann is also known for her love of reading, biking with her husband Jeremy Olsan, and spending time with her son Jake.

Mr. Speaker, it's clear that Ann DuBay has been an extraordinary public servant making meaningful contributions to the community

through both her professional and volunteer work. Therefore, it is fitting that we honor her legacy of accomplishments which will benefit Sonoma County and the region for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MS. LANAEE CARRINGTON

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, Lanae Angel Lynn Carrington. Ms. Carrington is guided by a sense to better her community and has always demonstrated her ability to overcome complex challenges and situations.

Lanae was born in Baltimore, Maryland and moved to Pennsylvania with her mother and siblings in 2013. An AAU Student Athlete of the Year, Lanae was also named Suburban One Female Athlete of the Week and SOL Student Athlete of the Week. Lanae has consistently made All Team for Track and Field each year of her high school career while simultaneously maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

Lanae will be continuing with Track and Field at the collegiate level and has been fortunate enough to be awarded with the opportunity to attend Lehigh University where she will be competing at the Division One level.

We are all incredibly proud for the positive impact Lanae has on our community and wish her the best of luck in her bright future ahead.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF SERVICE OF KATHLEEN M. WILBUR

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr Speaker, today I pay tribute to a remarkable woman who dedicated her professional career to making the state of Michigan, its government, its institutions, and its character stronger and better. Kathy Wilbur was a fierce advocate and a devoted public servant in both government and higher education, and brought her two passions together in the role she held for the past five years at her alma mater, Michigan State University. I was fortunate enough to call her my friend, and as her sudden passing leaves a deep hole of grief for so many, it is fitting that we pause to reflect on all she gave to our state.

Kathy began her career in the Michigan Legislature, where she served as chief of staff to former Senator Bill Sederburg. From the start, she was known for her prowess in communications and policy issues, and she went on to serve in the administration of former Michigan Governor John Engler, heading up three different departments during her tenure—the only woman in Michigan history to do so. In the early 2000s, she began the next chapter of her career with our state's public universities, first at Central Michigan University where she served as interim president, vice president of advancement and external relations, and vice president for government relations.

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