

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 Riebli-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. LANAE 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.

But of the many titles Kathy held over her decades-long career, one the closest to her heart was Spartan. Kathy was a super-alumna, holding not one, not two, but three degrees from MSU: a bachelor's degree in Journalism, a master's degree in higher education administration, and a Ph.D in the same, and even served one term on the university's Board of Trustees. In 2018, she joined Michigan State University's staff, where she served as senior vice president for government relations. Under her tenure, the university secured funding and support for landmark projects, including the Engineering and Digital Innovation Center, the MSU greenhouses, and the MSU Apple Academy. Her steady hand helped guide the university through good times and bad, driven by an unshakable faith in the power of higher education, clothed in green and white.

Over the years, Kathy was a mentor to so many, and I personally benefited from her knowledge and her wisdom. Her door was always open, her invitation to coffee sincere, her cup of kindness bottomless. She graciously shared her experience with all, and was truly invested in seeing others succeed. From Kathy, I learned what it means to advocate, and the power of active listening. Her life was a testament to the power of getting things done, and the role one person can play to make positive change. I send my deepest condolences to all who knew and loved Kathy, particularly her husband, Tom, their four sons, Tom, Will, Sam, and Ray; her granddaughter, Mary; and the entire Michigan State University family. Kathy Wilbur's accomplishments, her passion, and her compassion will live on in our hearts and on the banks of the Red Cedar in East Lansing.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BESSIE RODRIGUEZ

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 2023*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Bessie Rodriguez of Dallas. Bessie was a loving mother who used a tragic experience to effect meaningful change in the name of Justice here in North Texas.

On July 24, 1973, Bessie's life changed forever, when her 12-year-old son, Santos, was fatally shot by Dallas law enforcement. Santos meant everything to Bessie. However, she turned tragedy into action. She used the death of her son to start a movement to boost accountability and transparency in the police and community relations here that is still being felt in North Texas today. Just this year, Dallas commemorated the 50th anniversary of Santos' murder by holding multiple events to push for justice. The commemoration of this solemn anniversary would not have been possible without Bessie's work.

I once again rise today to commemorate Bessie's legacy. I am praying for her extended family during this time.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LT. HOPE KIRKENDALL

**HON. SCOTT FRANKLIN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 2023*

Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss and honor the legacy of a World War II heroine from Lakeland, FL, Lt. Hope Kirkendall. She passed away at the age of 103, carrying her spiritedness, heart of service and witty sense of humor until her final days.

During World War II, Lt. Kirkendall was a nurse in the U.S. Army and was one of the first women to land in Normandy shortly after the Allied Forces' D-Day invasion. She arrived one month after the initial invasion and achieved the rank of first lieutenant, working around the clock with her surgical team to care for soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifices in the Battle for Brest and the Battle of the Bulge.

Decades after her service, Lt. Kirkendall recounted getting involved in military life because she was young and wanted to see everything. She certainly achieved that goal. Among her adventures, Kirkendall traveled in an ambulance convoy, using a gas can for a seat. She moved with field hospitals, taking in the wounded near the front lines. And amongst the chaos and the tragedy, she said she found a home.

In 2017, Lt. Kirkendall received the French Knight in the Legion of Honor award for her expertise and bravery during bombings and in the line of fire. Lt. Kirkendall went on to raise five children after the war and continued her duties off the battlefield caring for patients who needed psychiatric assessments. She is survived by two siblings, five children, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Sadly, we are losing more of the greatest generation each day. May Hope rest in peace. She is truly an American hero.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 2023*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, I missed votes due to testing positive for COVID-19. Had I been present, I would have voted on NAY on Roll Call No. 692; NAY on Roll Call No. 693; YEA on Roll Call No. 694; YEA on Roll Call No. 695; YEA on Roll Call No. 696; and PRES on Roll Call No. 697.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM "BILLY" COOKE

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 2023*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of William "Billy" Cooke, who passed away peacefully in his home in Tappahannock, Virginia on November 26, 2023.

Billy was born in Tappahannock, and attended Tappahannock High School, where he played centerfield on the baseball team. He served two years in the U.S. Army before returning to baseball at Randolph-Macon College. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics in 1959 before returning to Essex County, where he became a prominent member of his community. Throughout more than 30 years, he served as a deacon, clerk, and Adult Sunday School teacher at Howard's Baptist Church, helped found the Tappahannock Little League, and served four terms on the Essex County Board of Supervisors, among countless other achievements.

Billy was a kind and easygoing man who enjoyed watching PGA tournaments and Atlanta Braves games with his family. He was often found in his office at the Essex Concrete Main Office, where he worked, or at the Hobbs Hole Golf Course. He never missed an opportunity to catch up with family and friends, or to dance with his wife whenever they found an open floor with music.

Billy is preceded in death by his brother, Frank and dear friends Willie Cleaton, Alec Dillard, and James Moore. He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Betty Cooke; his brother, Gene Cooke; his sons, William Cooke and Stephen Cooke; several nieces and nephews, and his devoted caregivers from Riverside Hospice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you rise with me in honoring the life of Billy Cooke and his service to the people of Essex County.

HONORING CW5 SCOTT GRONOWSKI FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 2023*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chief Warrant Officer (CW5) Scott Gronowski on his retirement and to honor him for his many years of dedicated service in the defense of our Nation.

Scott enlisted in the Army as an infantryman in 1989 and undertook one of the most remarkable and decorated military careers I have seen. While serving as an infantryman, Scott attended Airborne School and Ranger School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He eventually went on to serve in the 2nd Battalion of the prestigious 75th Ranger Regiment. In 1997, he completed the Special Forces Qualification Course, earning him the coveted Green Beret. Scott went on to become a Warrant Officer in 2002 and served in numerous leadership and educational roles within the Army. His remarkable career culminated with his appointment as the Command Chief Warrant Officer for 1st Special Forces Command, where he served from April 2021 until June of 2023.

Throughout his career, Scott deployed on numerous occasions in support of U.S. operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan. As a result of his bravery, Scott received many medals and distinctions including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Assault Badge, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, among many others.