

classroom, he provided guidance and instruction to students as a professor of French literature. As a community leader, he has been a driver for change—challenging the status quo time and again. His poise in leadership and fearless advocacy have been the hallmarks of his career. Mr. Thornton's passion for Henrico County and his dedication to the fight for equity and representation have left a permanent mark on the community.

For many years, Mr. Thornton served as the only Democrat and Black member on the board. That is no longer the case today, thanks in part to Mr. Thornton's tenacity and ability to inspire change. He has become a role model for many and has set a great example for up-and-coming leaders.

Throughout his 27-year tenure as Fairfield Supervisor, he has been elected as Chairman of the Henrico County Board of Supervisors multiple times. Through his work, he has embraced change and highlighted Henrico's diversity. He has also been a strong advocate for the development of community resources—such as the Frank J. Thornton YMCA Aquatic Center and the extension of the bus line to Short Pump. Through his work, he has helped Henrico become more connected, vibrant, and active. A patient and dedicated representative, Mr. Thornton has kept his promise of "Making Henrico Better for the Future."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating and thanking Mr. Frank J. Thornton for his outstanding service on behalf of Henrico County as Fairfield Supervisor, and in wishing him the best as he retires.

CONGRATULATING MAGGIE BURN OWENS FOR 35 YEARS AT THE CALHOUN COUNTY YMCA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Maggie Burn Owens for her 35 years of service at the YMCA of Calhoun County.

She currently serves as president and CEO of the YMCA of Calhoun County where 3,586 people benefit each year from the programs and services offered.

Under her leadership, the YMCA of Calhoun County has undergone extensive efforts to boost financial assistance in order to grow the membership of the organization.

The YMCA was able to offer \$129,177 in financial assistance last year to children, individuals and families who might otherwise not have been able to participate in YMCA programs or memberships.

We are extremely proud of Maggie and her ongoing commitment to the Calhoun County community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Maggie Burn Owens for her 35 years of service to the YMCA of Calhoun County.

HONORING FRAN DUVALL

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Fran Duvall, who joined my office when I first came to Congress. Fran had worked for my predecessor Sidney R. Yates, who recommended that I hire Fran because of her many talents and her ability to work as a team member.

Fran was kind, sweet, patient, competent and diligent in setting up our operations. She set an early example for my young staff on how to be an effective staffer on Capitol Hill. She was integral in my seamless transition to the House of Representatives and I, like my staff, relied on her guidance. But more importantly, she was progressive, welcoming, and inclusive before that was fashionable. Fran represented the very best of this Institution.

I send my deepest condolences to her family and gratitude for sharing her with Team Schakowsky and the House of Representatives. I include in the RECORD the following obituary, published in the December 5th Washington Post, describing her life of achievement.

FRAN DUVALL

(1 January 1935—14 May 2022)

The family of Frances Eloise Duvall honors her memory during this holiday season.

Ms. Duvall was born 1 January 1935 at home in Landover, Maryland and died 14 May 2022 in Fairfax, Virginia. She was the ninth and last child of Anna Louise (née Bennett) and George Paul Duvall and grew up in the nation's capital. After graduating from Immaculate Conception Academy in 1952, Ms. Duvall worked as a typist for the Navy Department, as a secretary with the University of Maryland Engineering Department and later with the Civil Service Commission.

Ms. Duvall met Keith Daggy in the early 1950s while both were members of the Bladensburg Skate Club. They were married in 1956 and, a year later, moved to Waynesboro, VA. There they had three children, Teresa, Roger, and Mary Helen, who did not survive a premature birth. Ms. Duvall and Mr. Daggy divorced in 1976, at which time Ms. Duvall began working full-time at the University of Virginia while studying at Mary Baldwin College (now University) in Staunton, earning her Bachelor of Arts in Business Management in 1981.

Ms. Duvall then moved back to Washington, DC, where she worked as the office manager for Representative Sidney R. Yates, LL, and his successor, Jan Schakowsky, until Ms. Duvall's retirement in 2001.

The final chapter of Ms. Duvall's life was written at Greenspring Retirement Community in Springfield, VA, where she lived from 2003 until her death. She was deeply involved in various aspects of the community, particularly the Greenspring Players, the theatre troupe at the retirement village. Ms. Duvall served in many capacities: chair, co-chair, director, producer, prompter, computer support, publicity, props and cast parties, as well as upgrading and clarifying policies and procedures for the Players. Ms. Duvall also created and maintained a scholarship program, awarding scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students majoring in all aspects of theatre.

Additionally, Ms. Duvall hosted various shows on the Village's internal television station and assisted in producing the sta-

tion's programs on presidential libraries. She also created sign language classes at the Village.

Ms. Duvall was a life-long Democrat and vigorously defended equal rights. She volunteered on Election Day to ensure that residents could cast their vote.

After attending many memorial services to honor friends who had passed, Ms. Duvall decided, in January 2020, to celebrate her 85th birthday with beautiful music performed by her children and grandchildren and amusing, heartfelt anecdotes from her friends and loved ones. Ms. Duvall leaves behind her daughter, Teresa, and granddaughter Zoe, as well as her son, Roger, his wife Kimberlea, and their children, Maximilian and Celia.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BECCA BALINT

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present on December 6, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 698; NAY on Roll Call No. 699; YEA on Roll Call No. 700; NAY on Roll Call No. 701; YEA on Roll Call No. 702; NAY on Roll Call No. 703; and YEA on Roll Call No. 704.

RECOGNIZING HARRY L. CHANDLER

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, an esteemed member of our community in western Massachusetts, and a national hero. Born and raised in Holyoke, Massachusetts, Harry L. Chandler is one of the few remaining members of the Greatest Generation. Now 102 years old, Harry will be returning to Pearl Harbor to commemorate the day that will live in infamy.

Harry's military service began when he chose to enlist in the United States Navy in 1939, right before completing his high school education. Enlisting as a hospital corpsman, his service in the Navy during World War II showcases his courage and commitment to our country, bravely facing the perils of war. His experiences during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, are etched in our nation's history. Harry's actions that day, rescuing fellow sailors amidst chaos and witnessing the tragic fate of the USS *Arizona* and USS *Utah*, are a stark reminder of the price of freedom and the valor of those who defend it.

This week, as Harry returns to Pearl Harbor, he is not just revisiting a site of historical significance; he is returning as a living testament to the bravery of those who served alongside him. Accompanied by his granddaughter, Kelli Fahey, and her husband, Ron Mahaffee, Harry will partake in numerous commemorative ceremonies, including the profound honor of saluting a battleship during the USS *Arizona* memorial service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Harry L. Chandler, not only as a veteran of World War II, but as a pillar of strength, resilience, and humility. His legacy is

an inspiration to us all and will undoubtedly continue to influence our community for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO OLIVER “BUDDY”
POUGH

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, December 7, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a loyal South Carolina State University alumnus, inspirational leader, and legendary football coach on his retirement. Coach Oliver “Buddy” Pough will retire as head coach of the South Carolina State Bulldogs football team at the end of the 2023 season after 22 years.

Coach Pough first joined the South Carolina State Football Team as an undergraduate student in the 1970s. As an offensive lineman, Pough helped lead his team to a league crown and back-to-back postseason appearances. After graduation, Pough’s passion for the sport led him to seek a career in coaching. Over three decades, Pough coached at numerous South Carolina high schools and the University of South Carolina before returning to South Carolina State University as the school’s 14th head coach in 2002.

Under Coach Pough’s leadership, the team found almost immediate success. In 2004, the team tied for the Mid-Easter Athletic Conference (MEAC) championship. This was followed by back-to-back outright MEAC titles and FCS playoff appearances during the 2008 and 2009 seasons. Later, Coach Pough led the team to four additional shared MEAC titles and two additional FCS playoff appearances. After almost two decades as head coach, Pough secured his first Celebration Bowl Championship in 2021 and his fifth HBCU National Crown.

Coach Pough is ranked among the top HBCU and MEAC coaches of all time. He has won three MEAC Coach of the Year Awards, two National Coach of the Year awards, and two national HBCU titles. In 2019, Coach Pough became the winningest head football coach in South Carolina State University history. During his retirement, Coach Pough hopes to spend more time with his wife of 47 years, Josie, his sons, and his grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating Coach Pough’s remarkable career. He is well-regarded by his peers in South Carolina and across the Nation and has transformed the lives of countless student-athletes on and off the field. Coach Pough will remain a pillar of the SC State community and continue to make our beloved alma mater shine every day.

HONORING SERGEANT MAJOR
COLLIN D. BARRY

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, December 7, 2023

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Sergeant Major Collin D. Barry for 24 years of dedicated service to our Nation.

Sergeant Major Barry first answered the call to service in 1999 when he enlisted in Tucumcari, New Mexico. Twenty-four years later, he is retiring as the Marine Corps Installations National Capital Region-Marine Corps Base Quantico Command Senior Enlisted Leader.

Sergeant Major Barry has a distinguished record of service, evident by the numerous service awards he has received, including a Purple Heart, the Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Service Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Throughout his career, Sergeant Major Barry has selflessly served his country, deploying in support of multiple military operations including Operation Iraqi Freedom I, Operation Iraqi Freedom II, and Operation Inherent Resolve. He has served as an instructor and been a role model to students while assigned to the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps-University of New Mexico, and as a Basic Reconnaissance Course Platoon Sergeant, Chief Instructor, and Course Chief at the Reconnaissance Training Company, Advanced Infantry Training Battalion, School of Infantry-West.

Sergeant Major Barry has also committed himself to learning and has been a dedicated student during his time of service. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Global Leadership and Organizational Management from the Indiana Institute of Technology, a Master of Business Administration degree from Texas A&M University, and a Bachelor of Business Administration from the Anderson School of Management at the University of New Mexico.

His expertise and leadership led him to participate in two Commandant of the Marine Corps task forces at the Pentagon where he worked to improve culture, force preservation, and human performance optimization within the force. He has made academic and practitioner advancements in military leadership through published research and was recognized by the Marine Corps Association for communication distinction for his articles published in the Marine Corps Gazette.

Sergeant Major Barry has gone above and beyond in the many roles he has fulfilled throughout his career as a mentor, teacher, student, and as a Marine. His legacy of service and leadership will continue through all the servicemembers who have had the honor of serving with him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and thanking Sergeant Major Collin D. Barry for 24 years of service to our country, and in wishing him the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF MASTER SER-
GEANT CHLOÉ RAINÉY-
FLUELLEN

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, December 7, 2023

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Chief Master Sergeant Chloé Rainey-Fluellen, United States Air

Force, and her work as the Department of Defense (DoD) legislative fellow detailed to my office for 2023.

In 2022, Chief Master Sergeant Rainey-Fluellen was selected to represent the Air Force as a DoD legislative fellow.

The DoD legislative fellowship program provides superior servicemembers with valuable legislative experience and an understanding of how congressional actions affect DoD’s budget, roles and missions, force structure, military projects, and quality of life.

Over the past year, Chief Master Sergeant Rainey-Fluellen has been essential to my office and the defense portfolio. She has crafted and coordinated National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) amendments in line with my priorities and the needs of Northwest Washington communities.

Chief Master Sergeant Rainey-Fluellen worked to overhaul financial literacy curricula for DoDEA schools across the globe, which was introduced and subsequently included in the House-passed version of the FY24 NDAA.

Chief Master Sergeant Rainey-Fluellen shared strategic insight on policymaking, the NDAA and appropriation processes to several military workshops and courses, educating more than 80 senior enlisted leaders.

She was instrumental in the success of Veterans Forums in Washington’s Second Congressional District, which reached more than 300 veterans to address issues impacting housing, health care, education and employment.

Chief Master Sergeant Rainey-Fluellen is originally from New Orleans, Louisiana. She is happily married to her husband, Demetrius, and together they share a one-year-old son, Demetrius “DJ” Jr. She is also a bonus mom to three young women, Surryeah, Jasmine and Jada. She is the proud granddaughter of Joseph E. Robinson, a Merchant Marine who served in Vietnam.

She has background as a medical technician with experience in family health, women’s health, immunizations and emergency care. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, a Master of Science in Human Resources Management and a certification in Project Management Professional. Additionally, she was selected for both the competitive Army War College National Security Studies graduate certification program as well as four congressional fellowships centered on National Security, Foreign Affairs, Artificial Intelligence and Public Policy.

The Air Force recognized her hard work, leadership and dedication and promoted her to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant on December 1, 2023.

I thank Chief Master Sergeant Rainey-Fluellen for her commitment and service to her community, Washington’s Second Congressional District and the United States of America.