

Previously a part of Freehold Township, in February of 1848, the New Jersey State Legislature founded Marlboro Township as a separate town, which is now part of New Jersey's 3rd District. Receiving its name from local farmers utilizing marl beds to cultivate their crops, the town originated as a rural farm town within our state. They held a major role within the agricultural industry, exporting marl to other regions of the state and country that did not have this naturally occurring fertilizer.

While the town had humble beginnings at the time of its incorporation, with only 1,500 people calling it home, Marlboro quickly rose to have the population of over 41,000 residents that exists today. Known by many as a safe community with many local draws like excellent schools and convenient access to metropolitan areas, the town has become a destination for many families to build their lives.

We are proud to celebrate the accomplishments of Marlboro Township over the course of their 175-year history. I look forward to all they will continue to accomplish and many more years of notable milestones.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CHRISTOPHER HAGAN MATHIS

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Christopher Hagan Mathis for his admirable service to the people of Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District.

Hagan first joined my team in May 2019 as a district intern while studying for his degree in Finance and Political Science at the University of Alabama. His diligence and his commitment to service made him stand out among his peers, making him a natural fit for the position of personal aide.

The transition from Tennessee's State Senate to the United States House of Representatives is no easy task, but Hagan was instrumental in ensuring that it was as smooth as possible. As a body man, a driver, and a personal aide, Hagan ensured I was always where I needed to be while also providing critical research support for my team. Upon his graduation in May 2020, Hagan joined my district team full-time as a Staff Assistant.

While I have many duties as a Representative of Tennessee, my most basic responsibility and privilege is meeting face-to-face with my constituents. Learning their names and stories, fielding their questions and concerns, and representing their interests in Washington is my singular mission. The pandemic made 2020 and the years following it a turbulent and challenging period, but Hagan's commitment to serving the constituents of Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District never wavered. A Tennessean himself, he fully embraced my mission and proved himself to be a reliable and steady hand that I could count on. Through COVID-19, floods, tornadoes, and other natural disasters, and through town halls and district meetings, Hagan escorted me on numerous trips over countless miles. Many congressional staffers are acquainted with long days and late nights, but few know them better than Hagan.

Hagan's service to the constituents of Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District cannot be overstated; the impact of the countless face-to-face meetings and events that Hagan helped facilitate is incalculable. He was the man I relied on to connect me to my constituents, to ensure that our mission was carried out. While I am sad to see him go, I know he has a bright future in store. On behalf of the United States Congress and a grateful constituency, I thank Hagan Mathis for his honorable service to Tennesseans and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ALMOND DAY

HON. JOHN S. DUARTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today joined by my colleagues, Rep. DAVID VALADAO, Rep. JIM COSTA, Rep. TOM MCCLINTOCK, and Rep. JOHN GARAMENDI, to recognize February 16, 2023, as National Almond Day. We celebrate the hard-working men and women involved in this great industry, past, and present, for their hard work in providing our Nation and the world with food, fiber, and energy. It is a day to thank those who work by acres, not hours.

National Almond Day is a time to recognize the many benefits almonds provide in a healthy diet and to pay tribute to the hard-working farmers, processors, and other industry members who make the almond industry one of the most successful and innovative in the United States.

Americans and people around the world can observe this day by snacking on one of the world's most nutritious foods, almonds. Almonds provide many health benefits and are a great source of protein, healthy fats, and fiber. They are gluten-free and contain essential vitamins and minerals such as Vitamin E, magnesium, and potassium. As a convenient, versatile, and healthy food option, almonds can be enjoyed in various ways, such as snacking, baking, and cooking. Among their many benefits, almonds help maintain a healthy heart, healthy cholesterol levels, and healthy blood sugar levels. They also provide key nutrients that promote skin health and protect against ultraviolet radiation.

Our home state of California is home to 7,600 almond farms, and nearly 90 percent of those farms are family farms, and many are owned and operated by third and fourth generation farmers. Nearly 70 percent of California almond farms are 100 acres or less. There are 98 almond handlers in California, many of which are family-owned businesses.

In California alone, the almond industry employs 110,000 people and contributes \$9.2 billion annually to the economy. The state is responsible for 100 percent of the U.S. almond supply and 80 percent of the world's almond supply. This great industry has improved the efficiency of water use, reaching 75 percent of the almond community's goal to attain a 20 percent improvement by 2025. Growers and processors are finding new food product opportunities for uses of the almond hull, with a goal to achieve zero waste in the orchards.

The almond industry has long played a crucial role in all Americans' economic and nutri-

tional well-being. Our constituents are innovative agriculturists who are constantly looking for ways to further the growth and success of the industry. Moreover, the United States almond industry is instrumental to the preservation of farmland and forms the backbone of many rural communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating National Almond Day and the contributions of almond farmers, processors, and other industry members, who make the almond industry one of the most successful and innovative in the United States.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF JUD TEAGUE

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Jud Teague, Director of the Kingsport Chamber's Visit Kingsport Program, for his dedication to our community and commitment to tourism in Northeast Tennessee.

A native of Powell, Tennessee, Jud Teague dedicated over 25 years of service to the tourism industry in East Tennessee. Jud graduated from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Science in agriculture. From there, he began teaching biology with the Knox County School System. His tenure as an educator also included a successful coaching career in baseball, football, and basketball at Bearden High School and Powell High School.

Jud also found time to volunteer with local community sports programs, including Knox Youth Sports, and was later hired as their Executive Director. He was instrumental in developing Lakeshore Park, 200 plus-acre facility with multiple trails, baseball, softball fields, and playgrounds, including a universal playground designed to be inclusive for children of every ability. Jud's involvement in youth baseball earned him a spot on the AAU Baseball Executive Committee. He also received the AAU National Baseball Volunteer of the Year award and the Disney Wide World of Sports Award of Excellence. He was later hired as the baseball senior sports manager for AAU at Walt Disney World Resort.

Since 2006, Jud has served as the Executive Director of Visit Kingsport, where his collaborative efforts led to more than \$100 Million in local economic impact. As a result of his work, Visit Kingsport received multiple Pinnacle Awards for Excellence in Tourism from the Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association (NETTA).

Adding to his list of accolades and accomplishments, Jud received the Tennessee Tourism Professional of the Year Award—the state's highest tourism honor—from the Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association. He is perhaps most proud of developing Miracle Field, a \$2.5 million sporting complex. Jud created and spearheaded the project for his son Nicholas, who has Down syndrome, and other children with special needs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Jud Teague on his years of service to the tourism industry and wishing him and his family the best of luck in his retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FRANCIS G. NEWLANDS MEMORIAL REMOVAL ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the Francis G. Newlands Memorial Removal Act, which would remove the plaque and inscriptions on a fountain bearing Francis G. Newlands' name from Chevy Chase Circle, a federal park located both in the District of Columbia and Maryland. I am pleased Representative JAMIE RASKIN of Maryland joins me in introducing this bill. This bill is part of a series of statue and memorial removal bills I am introducing during Black History Month.

Newlands was a U.S. senator from Nevada, a conservationist and the founder of the Chevy Chase Land Company, which developed the Chevy Chase neighborhood that touches D.C. and Maryland. Newlands was also a segregationist. He built Connecticut Avenue and ran a streetcar up the road to the newly built Chevy Chase Lake. However, homes on Connecticut Avenue were purposely priced to keep working families out, and covenants were later added to many of the property deeds in Chevy Chase explicitly prohibiting the land from ever being owned by African Americans or Jews. These covenants have since been declared void.

Newlands went further to keep Black and white Americans separate. In the late 1800s, he and Senator William Stewart secured 2,000 acres of land for Rock Creek Park. Establishing this park not only increased property values for landowners like Newlands and Stewart, but also kept white communities distinct from emerging Black communities on what they called the "wrong side of the park." Newlands' racist views went even further. In 1912, he called for the repeal of the 15th amendment, which gave African American men the right to vote.

The fountain in Chevy Chase Circle was established in 1932 by Congress. In 1990, the Chevy Chase Land Company added a plaque with Newlands' name next to the fountain. A resolution to remove Newlands' name from the fountain was first introduced by the D.C. Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission in 2014. On July 27, 2020, the commission voted unanimously to ask the National Park Service to remove the plaque bearing Newlands' name and to begin discussion on a new name for the fountain. On September 14, 2020, the Maryland Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers adopted a resolution calling on NPS and Congress to strip any mention of Newlands from the fountain. And on April 19, 2022, Montgomery County Council introduced a resolution affirming the county's support for this bill.

I believe NPS has the administrative authority to remove Newlands' name from the fountain, given that the memorial's authorizing statute does not name Senator Newlands nor dedicate the memorial to him. Last Congress, I wrote a letter with Representative JAMIE RASKIN and Senators CHRIS VAN HOLLEN and BEN CARDIN urging NPS to use their existing authority to remove or conceal Newlands'

name, and they have not done so. This bill would remove Newlands' name from the fountain and remove the plaque entirely.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CELEBRATING MR. PHILIP EVOLA'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Philip Evola as he celebrates his 100 birthday on February 16, 2023.

Mr. Evola is a first generation American who was born into an Italian immigrant family on February 16, 1923, in Flushing, New York. He has dedicated his life to working hard, and being a dutiful husband, father and neighbor. He and his late wife, Norma, moved to Western North Carolina more than 30 years ago, where he still enjoys the beautiful scenery and his loving community. Mr. Evola is the epitome of the American Dream, and it is my honor to recognize him today.

HONORING THE CAREER OF JOSEPH ESKENAZI

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Mr. Joseph Eskenazi, a decorated United States Army veteran living in California's 36th Congressional District who was honored at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans for his service. As the Nation's oldest living U.S. Pearl Harbor survivor, Joseph celebrated his 105th birthday on January 30, 2023.

Joseph Eskenazi was born on January 30, 1918, in New York. At the age of 7, Joseph and his family moved to Puebla, Mexico. Though he spent many of his formative years in Puebla, Mr. Eskenazi returned to New York in 1936 and he enlisted in the Army in 1938. In 1941, Private First Class Eskenazi was stationed at the Schofield Barracks as a member of Company C of the 804th Engineers. On the morning of December 7, 1941, Joseph witnessed the bombing on Pearl Harbor and lost a friend as a Japanese plane strafed their barracks. When his captain in the 804th Engineers Battalion sought volunteers to help clear debris, Joseph raised his hand without hesitation and drove a bulldozer, while avoiding gun fire, to clear the railroad tracks to allow other soldiers to move equipment and repair damage to the Hickam Airfield.

After the war, Joseph traveled back to Mexico, where he met his wife, Victoria Faradji. They moved to Redondo Beach, California, and Joseph worked at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Joseph assisted with the design of the runways at LAX. Throughout this time and after retirement, Joseph and Victoria followed their passion for travel, sharing

many trips abroad together. They were happily married for 74 years.

At the age of 95, Joseph's military history was recognized, and he was invited to participate in local Veterans and Memorial Day events. With the assistance of the Gary Sinise Foundation's Soaring Valor Program, Joseph made the train ride from Los Angeles to the National World War II Museum in New Orleans. Surrounded by family and local residents, Joseph and eight other veterans were celebrated and honored in a ceremony for their service in World War II. Joseph's oral history of his service was added to the National World War II Museum's archives.

I want to thank and recognize Joseph for his years in the service to our Nation, and to communities in Southern California. His heroic actions during World War II and the life of service he has lived is an inspiration to our country.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NO TAX SUBSIDIES FOR STADIUMS ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the No Tax Subsidies for Stadiums Act. This commonsense legislation will close the tax loophole that allows a tax-exemption on municipal bonds used to finance professional sports stadiums.

For more than a century, the federal government has supported state and local infrastructure projects by excluding the interest on municipal bonds from federal income taxes. Qualified projects eligible for a tax-exemption include roads, sewers and water systems, hospitals, schools, governmental buildings, and other projects for the public good. However, a loophole in the tax code allows professional sports franchises to use public money to construct stadiums using taxexempt municipal bonds.

Since 2000, dozens of professional sports stadiums have been constructed or rehabilitated under financing provided by federal tax-exempt municipal bonds, costing taxpayers nearly \$4 billion. While professional sports teams promise state and local governments that their stadiums will produce local economic development and job creation, there is no quantifiable evidence that they provide these benefits. Providing a federal subsidy for a professional sports stadium requires residents of a state without a professional team to subsidize a stadium in another part of the country, where they receive no benefit whatsoever. Public financing creates a race to the bottom where teams worth hundreds of millions, or billions, of dollars have all the leverage to exploit city budgets for their own gain.

By disallowing a federal tax-exemption, hundreds of millions of dollars a year will be returned to American taxpayers or can be put toward making our communities more safe, healthy, and economically secure. I thank my friends Senators LANKFORD and BOOKER in their support for this legislation in the Senate and I look forward to working with my colleagues to enact this critical legislation.