

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE MISSISSIPPI LINK

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Mississippi Link newspaper. Since 1993, The Mississippi Link newspaper has been a guiding light for past generations, this generation and those yet to come.

The Mississippi Link, which spans three decades, is a testament of creative genius and artistic vision. Writers invoke stories as the eye perceives them. These shared stories reach out to others—irrespective of age and time. When you tell your stories, you come with messages that offer solace, whether focusing on home, news, buzz, opinion, sports, entertainment, education, religion or health. Through truth telling and opining—connections have been made with the readers—and a long-lasting relationship has been established. This month, The Mississippi Link celebrates 30 years of pride, accomplishments, struggles and universal love.

Without contributions from The Mississippi Link newspaper's advertisers and sponsors there would be no publications. They recognize the character of the paper's anchors: Jackie Hampton, publisher, Minnie Garrett, copy editor and Marcus Johnson, graphic artist. These three are the bridge that transmits the paper into our hands.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Mississippi Link newspaper for 30 years of trailblazing journalism in the State of Mississippi.

HONORING LEW MOYE

HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, St. Louis and I rise to honor Lew Moye on his 80th birthday for his years of dedication and service to our communities in Missouri's First Congressional District. Lew Moye exemplifies civil rights leadership that prioritizes doing the most for everyone—starting with those who have the greatest need.

For more than 50 years, Mr. Moye has passionately fought to ensure that Black & brown workers are represented fairly within unions, and he has never backed down in joining others in the name of social and economic justice. As President Emeritus of the St. Louis Chapter of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Lew has ensured that the voices of marginalized workers are heard.

In the 1960s, Lew Moye was one of the founding members of Black Employees for Equity at Chrysler. Their group filed a racial and sexual discrimination complaint and took direct

action forcing Chrysler to comply with the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Lew's leadership opened up job opportunities in skilled trades, clerical and supervisory positions for Black and brown workers as well as women on the assembly line. In 1978, Lew Moye and the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists played an integral role in defeating right-to-work in Missouri, and they have never stopped fighting, coordinating workers in North St. Louis County and across our region to get out the Black Vote.

St. Louis and I are forever grateful for his unparalleled leadership, his visionary guidance, his generous spirit, his unrelenting solidarity—and for leading with love for our entire St. Louis community in the struggle for equity and justice. On this joyous occasion, we honor Lew Moye and express our deepest gratitude to him and his family as we wish him and all those he loves more life and joy.

HONORING SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM ON THEIR SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2023

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the student athletes of Sandhills Community College's (SCC) Women's Golf Team on being recognized as Academic All-Americans by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

SCC has a proud history of both academic and athletic excellence and is a regional leader on both fronts. I was proud to see so many SCC student athletes carry on this great tradition and be named to the 2022–2023 Academic Teams of the Year.

In particular, I would like to recognize the SCC Women's Golf Team and the following members of this team on their achievement of this honor. Student athletes, Ava Ray and Trinity Ahing.

Their great success in the classroom is proof that each of them truly embody what it means to be a student athlete. I think I speak for everyone in our community when I say they have made Pinehurst and the whole of Moore County proud.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in recognizing the SCC Women's Golf Team for this great achievement and to wish them continued success both on the green and in the classroom.

HONORING SERGEANT JAMES EDWARD MCDANIEL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a retired, tenacious,

and self-motivated U.S. Army veteran, James Edward McDaniel.

Sergeant McDaniel dedicated over three decades to serving in the U.S. Army Active Duty and Army Active Reserve. His versatile role included serving in various Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) such as communications, ammunition, maintenance, and as an instructor. Notably, he contributed as a training instructor at Camp Shelby, preparing young soldiers for deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq. In 1991, Sergeant McDaniel played a vital role in the Persian Gulf war: Operation Desert Storm, serving as an ammunition specialist. He concluded his military career with retirement in 2006. Simultaneously, during his deployment to Operation Desert Storm, Sergeant McDaniel worked with Baxter Healthcare, where he eventually retired in 2016.

Beyond his military career, Sergeant McDaniel is a passionate basketball and football enthusiast, actively supporting his grandchildren's sporting events across different locations. Having attended Shaw High School and played on the basketball team, he proudly contributed to the team's historic win of Shaw High School's first overall basketball State championship in 1973—an achievement still celebrated by the City of Shaw after 50 years. Interestingly, Sergeant McDaniel's grandson, part of the McEvans High School basketball team, mirrored this success by winning the State championship 50 years later. Sergeant McDaniel continues to attend local basketball and football games, offering valuable encouragement and sharing his wealth of knowledge with the student athletes. Currently, Sergeant McDaniel actively participates in local basketball and football games, offering valuable encouragement to student athletes. He shares his knowledge and provides insightful pointers on various plays and emphasizes the importance of good sportsmanship. Sergeant McDaniel firmly believes in the pivotal role of education, advocating for pursuits in 2- or 4-year colleges, trade schools, or even the military as valuable pathways to personal and professional growth. His life's path has shown that the military is a great career starter. Any of these routes will provide students with an avenue to a successful life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sergeant James E. McDaniel for his passion for leadership and service to the United States of America.

CELEBRATING JIM LEYLAND'S ELECTION TO THE BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

HON. CHRISTOPHER R. DELUZIO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2023

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Western Pennsylvanian Jim Leyland's election to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

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A former Pittsburgh Pirates manager, he led the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1986 through 1996. Even though it was his first Major League head coaching gig, he did a damn fine job. Over his 11 seasons with the Bucs, he accrued 851 wins with the team—the third best record in Pirates history.

Jim Leyland led the club to three straight division titles and was named Manager of the Year twice (and then again as manager of the Detroit Tigers). He of course led the Florida Marlins to win the 1997 World Series, and he won the American League pennant in 2006 with the Tigers.

He's a die-hard baseball guy and a beloved Pittsburgher. I'm proud to represent him as my constituent in Thornburg, PA.

I welcome Jim to the Hall, and I congratulate him on this historic achievement.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES VAUGHAN

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the community and military service of Lieutenant Colonel Charles Vaughan, who celebrated his 100th birthday on December 10, 2023.

Lt. Col. Vaughan began his collegiate career in 1941 at Clemson College, which is now known as Clemson University, before leaving school to serve in WWII as a Combat Engineer in the U.S. Army. After his discharge in 1948, Lt. Col. Vaughan returned to Clemson University and completed a degree in Agricultural Engineering. Next, Lt. Col. Vaughan earned a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

In January 1953, Vaughan married Evelyn Lancaster Vaughan, who passed away earlier this year. He then left to defend our country in the Korean War. He would later retire from the U.S. Air Force Reserve after 28 years of faithful service and begin a new career with the South Carolina Soil Conservation Service—where he worked for 28 years before retiring in 1983.

Lt. Col. Vaughan is a loving father to three children, with seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, Charles Vaughan's life is one of devotion to his country and local community. General Douglas MacArthur once said, "No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation." After 100 years of life, Lt. Col. Vaughan continues to embody the vigilance that Gen. MacArthur described. I hope he will continue to inspire those around him in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2023

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding votes I missed during the week of December 11, 2023.

I was unable to be in Washington this week as I was home for the funeral and associated mourning period for my sister-in-law, Debra Dann Kay, who lost her four-year battle with lung cancer on December 9, 2023. May her memory be a blessing.

For legislation passed under suspension of the rules, Roll Call Votes 707, 709, 712, 713, 714, 715, 724, I would have voted YEA on these important bipartisan bills. For the procedural motions, Roll Call Votes 710, 711, 719, 722, I would have joined with my Democratic colleagues in voting NO.

On passage of the Lower Costs, More Transparency Act, I would have voted NO during Roll Call Vote 708 because this is comprehensive legislation that deserved thorough consideration and debate, and should not have been considered under suspension of House rules, precluding the ability to offer amendments.

On the Ensuring Accountability in Agency Rulemaking Act, I would have voted YEA on the Democratic Motion to Recommit during Roll Call Vote 716 and would have voted NO on final passage during Roll Call Vote 717. This legislation would needlessly hinder important governmental rulemaking and, if it becomes law, would infuse ambiguity into these administrative processes.

I would have voted YEA on Roll Call Vote 718 to support final passage of the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act to expand milk options for schools serving federal school meal programs.

I would have voted NO on Roll Call 720, reflecting my opposition to the absurd Republican impeachment farce. Despite months of focus, Republicans have provided no evidence supporting their claims about President Biden, and in fact have yet to explain specifically what or why they are investigating.

I would have voted YEA on Roll Call 721 for passage of House Resolution 927 condemning antisemitism on university campuses and believe we must do more to urgently address the troubling national trend of growing antisemitism on campus and across the country.

I would have voted YEA on Roll Call Vote 723 on passage of the National Defense Authorization Act.

Finally, I would have voted YES on Roll Call Vote 724 in support of my colleagues Reps. GUS BILIRAKIS and PAUL TONKO's important work to bring more research into combating Parkinson's Disease, a brutal diagnosis and disease impacting their families and millions around the country. I lost my uncle, Stephen N. Berkowitz, this past September to Parkinson's following a heroic 35-year battle with the disease. I am proud to join with and commend Reps. TONKO and BILIRAKIS for their leadership on this issue and pray for the families of Reps. BILIRAKIS, JENNIFER WEXTON and others around the country who have been impacted by Parkinson's.

HONORING JUDGE DEBORAH MCDONALD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Mississippi Court of Appeals Judge, Deborah McDonald.

Judge McDonald grew up in Mississippi's 2nd Congressional District, Fayette, Mississippi and graduated from Jefferson County High School. She is a mother to one adult son and is a faithful member of East Mount Olive MB Church in Lorman, Mississippi. She is a graduate of Alcorn State University, where she studied social science education. She earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Mississippi School of Law, where she served on the Moot Court Board.

In 1991, Judge McDonald entered private law practice. Her private practice areas included civil rights, employment discrimination, consumer law, personal injury, product liability and family law. She did extensive work in voting rights litigation, including legislative redistricting.

Judge McDonald served as Fayette Municipal Judge for 23 years. She was attorney for Jefferson County Hospital and Jefferson County Nursing Home for 24 years. She was an attorney for the city of Port Gibson for almost seven years and represented the Hazlehurst School District for three years.

On November 27, 2018, Judge Deborah McDonald was elected and began her judicial term on January 7, 2019. Judge McDonald began her legal career as an attorney representing the poor at the former Southwest Mississippi Legal Services McComb. She worked for Legal Services for nine years, serving as a State Attorney, Managing Attorney and Executive Director.

Judge McDonald has been admitted to practice before all State and Federal courts of Mississippi and the U.S. Supreme Court. She was recently honored with the Pathfinder Award on October 26, 2023, in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a trailblazer, Judge Deborah McDonald.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF NORMA TORRES

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2023

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of Norma Torres. Ms. Torres will retire today, on December 15, 2023, after three decades of service to the Brownsville and Rio Grande International Railway (BRG). She was the first and only Hispanic female president of a short line railroad in Texas history.

Norma joined the Brownsville and Rio Grande International Railway as a Customer Service Agent in 1989, rose through the ranks becoming President in 2001. During her tenure as president, BRG's carload grew exponentially from moving 10,000 cars per year to more than 52,000 cars today.

Norma recently stated, "When I started 20 years ago, I was the only woman in many rail industry meetings. And for me, coming from being the one woman in the meeting, it's always a proud moment to see all the women contributing to the rail industry today with high leadership positions."

Mr. Speaker, Norma Torres is a trailblazer and a leader. Her contributions to the Brownsville and Rio Grande International Railway and the Rio Grande Valley are invaluable, and I congratulate her on her retirement.