

HONORING ROSLAND E. CLINTON

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 Rosland E. Clinton.

Rosland E. Clinton was born on December 31, 1980, to the late Jessie and Estella Clinton in Clarksdale, Mississippi. She was welcomed by four siblings: Leslie Clinton-Johnson, Peter T. Clinton, J. Aundre Clinton and Alexis Clinton. She grew up on Lewis Street in Marks, Mississippi.

Rosland attended K–8th grade at Westside Junior High School (currently Quitman County Middle School). After completing Junior High School in 1995, she attended Quitman County High School (currently Madison S. Palmer High School). During her time in high school, she received notable honors/accolades such as highest scorer on the Functional Literacy Exam (FLE), Miss Belle in the Belles & Beaus Pageant, Miss Sophomore, Miss Junior, Senior Class President and the 1st Miss Madison S. Palmer High School. She graduated number 3 in the class of 1999. Rosland continued her education at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Mississippi. In May of 2003, she graduated with an associate of arts degree in general business. Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, Mississippi, was her next stop. She graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in business administration in May 2006. After years on an educational sabbatical, Rosland enrolled in Kaplan (Purdue) University in 2012 to obtain a master's degree in business administration. She completed the program with honors in July 2014. Currently, she is preparing to enroll in an educational specialist program for spring 2024.

Rosland has been employed with the Quitman County School District since joining the team in October 2001. She has served in multiple roles such as an assistant teacher, library aide, reading teacher, special education teacher, cheer coach, powerlifting coach and assistant principal. Currently, she is the principal at Quitman County Elementary School. This is her third year serving as principal. The school has obtained and sustained a 'B' accountability rating. She believes in building capacity in her students and staff.

Rosland is the mother of two children, De'Marcus Rucker and De'Maya Thompson. She has one grandson, Aaron Jackson III. She also has a goddaughter, Paris Riley that she loves like her own. She often says that her children give her the drive to push harder in spite of the turbulence brought on by life.

Rosland is an active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. She currently serves as second antisibaleus in the Zeta Psi Zeta Chapter Clarksdale. She stands on the sorority's founding principles: scholarship, service, sisterly love and finer womanhood. She is a board member for Reclaimed (The Village) in Marks, Mississippi. She is also a member of Silent Grove MB Church in Marks under the leadership of Rev. Ezra Towner, Jr. She serves on additional panels that work toward improving humanity and the community.

Life has issued Rosland many trials and tribulations such as losing her dad at a young age, becoming a teen mom, suffering depres-

sion/anxiety, and experiencing rejection. Her entire outlook on life changed August 5, 2006, when her mother suffered a heart attack and stroke, which caused an internal brain aneurysm. She began to focus on putting things in order by priority and doing things that made her happy. She tries to find the positive in every situation. If people were asked to describe her with three words, they would probably say that she is analytical, supportive, and compassionate. Her motto is: "If God is in it, the devil can't do you any harm".

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing principal Rosland E. Clinton for her dedication in serving her school and community.

**CONSIDERING THE PROPOSED
MENTHOL BAN****HON. MIKE EZELL**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express deep concern regarding the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)'s decision to ban the sale of menthol cigarettes. If the Administration continues with this proposal, it must work with the appropriate law enforcement agencies to mitigate the potential increase in illicit cross-border activities related to menthol cigarette smuggling.

While I acknowledge the negative health effects of cigarettes, the consequences of opening an illicit market could be detrimental. As a career law enforcement officer, I have seen the effect of imposing federal bans on contraband firsthand. Mandates such as this encourages terrorist and cartel organizations to smuggle cigarettes across our wide-open southern border. With the increasing influx of drugs, including fentanyl and narcotics, already coming across our border and the number of cartels reportedly expanding operations to include cigarette smuggling, our nation cannot afford to give terrorist and cartels another revenue stream to terrorize our communities.

As the Administration looks to finalize this rule, I urge the administration to consider all the consequences of this rule and take steps to lessen the risks associated with this ban.

**RECOGNIZING ROBERT E. 'BOBBY'
BURNS****HON. AUGUST PFLUGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert E. 'Bobby' Burns on his retirement from the Midland Chamber of Commerce after twelve years leading the organization, and more than four decades of service to the Midland community.

Bobby is officially retiring after an illustrious career as a business owner, three-term mayor, and most recently as the President and CEO of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. Under Bobby's leadership, the city of Midland and its business community soared to new heights.

As Mayor, he led the charge to connect Midland and Odessa to the rest of the country

through the creation of the Midland International Airport and connected Midlanders through the construction of Loop 250. He was also instrumental in the creation of the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

While leading the Chamber, Bobby revitalized the organization and oversaw the Four-Star Accreditation of the Midland Chamber with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He was instrumental in the development of the first-class Barbara & George H.W. Bush Convention Center in the heart of downtown Midland, and he raised funds for the life-size sculpture of the President and Mrs. Bush.

I especially want to recognize Bobby for his love of Midland and this great nation. Under his watch, Bobby organized the 4th of July Star-Spangled Salute and the Midland-Odessa Fly-In to Washington D.C. The Salute is still the most widely attended annual single-day event in all of Midland, and the Fly-In brings West Texas values—especially those foundational to the oil and gas industry—to our nation's capital.

Above all else Bobby is a family man: husband to Denise 'Deni,' father of two, and grandfather of three. I want to sincerely thank his family for their service and for supporting his efforts. Please join me in recognizing Bobby for his decades of selfless service to the community of Midland.

**HONORING THE ST. LOUIS COALITION
OF BLACK TRADE UNION-
ISTS' 50TH ANNIVERSARY****HON. CORI BUSH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2023

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, St. Louis and I rise to congratulate the St. Louis Metro Area Chapter Coalition of Black Trade Unionists on their 50th anniversary.

For 50 years, CBTU has been the voice of Black workers within the trade union movement in St. Louis. By pushing organized labor to create more equitable conditions and meet the needs and aspirations of Black and low-income workers, CBTU has truly been a voice for the people.

The Coalition of Black Trade Unionists played an integral role in defeating right-to-work in Missouri, and they never stopped fighting and coordinating workers across our region and state to vote and remain civically engaged. Through education and outreach, CBTU has been on the frontlines fighting for our workers, teachers, and most marginalized communities, and ensuring that our democracy is protected.

St. Louis and I are forever grateful for CBTU's unwavering solidarity. CBTU is continuously leading with compassion for our entire St. Louis community in the struggle for racial equity, justice, and freedom. Congratulations on 50 years of service.

HONORING LTC NAYARI CAMERON**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Friday, December 15, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Colonel

Nayari Cameron, a resilient and self-driven U.S. Army veteran on the verge of retirement.

LTC Cameron currently holds the role of in-service Interceptor Boost Vehicle Product Manager at the in-service Ground-Based Interceptor Fleet Project Office, Ground-Based Midcourse Defense, Missile Defense Agency, stationed at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Continuing the legacy set by preceding generations of American servicemen and women, he bravely heeded his country's call and served with pride. LTC Cameron has dedicated 28 years of exemplary service to the United States Army.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing LTC Nayari Cameron for his passion for leadership and service to the United States of America.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
JOSEPH BRIAN HANNIGAN

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2023

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Joseph Brian Hannigan, an active community leader and highly admired public servant who passed away on May 21, 2022, at the age of 76.

Born in New York City in 1945, Brian Hannigan was raised in Wakefield, Rhode Island. Brian attended South Kingston High School and then went on to Saint Thomas More School in New Hampshire where he developed his gift for writing. He later went to Saint Louis University (SLU), becoming the President of SLU's Young Democrats and ultimately became Chair of the College Democrats of Missouri.

In college, Brian served as chair of the Robert F. Kennedy for President club, which launched his career in Democratic political campaigns. His passion for politics led him to a job as the Scheduling and Advancing Director for the Governor of Illinois. Throughout his life, no higher complement could be paid than referring to him as a 'great advance man.'

While in Illinois, he met his wife, Judy, on a double date in Chicago. They threw dance parties, traveled the world, and enjoyed foreign films together. Eventually, they left Illinois for Washington D.C., and Brian became the Deputy National Finance Director for the Democratic National Convention. His skills as an advance man with an encyclopedic memory and attention to details served him well in his roles on the advance teams for President Carter's visit to Israel in 1979 and President Clinton's visit to Northern Ireland in 1995. His career went on to include numerous communications and government relations positions, including his time as Communications Director for the Virginia Baseball Stadium Authority and his time in Governor Mark Warner's administration.

Brian brought the same level of dedication and passion for national politics to his roles in the community. He served as President of the Dominion Hills Civic Association for over 20 years. Brian was also a staunch believer in the positive impact of youth sports, as he became the Chairman of the Arlington County Sports Commission, President of the Better Sports Club, and would often drive around Ar-

lington to ensure that his children's teammates could make it to practices and games.

Those who had the pleasure of spending time with Brian know that he lived life to the fullest, whether that was 'dancing like no one was watching,' looking for any excuse to go on a road trip, or refusing to pass up any opportunity to bodysurf a wave. He is loved dearly, and his passion and dedication has left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Joseph Brian Hannigan. His leadership and commitment to public service was inspirational, and he will be missed by all who knew him. I also extend my deepest condolences to his wife of 44 years, Judy, and his children, Connor and Megan, and their families.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2670,
NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand here today in favor of the Conference Report on the Fiscal Year 24 NDAA. This conference report is the result of bipartisan efforts to strengthen our national defense while supporting our military members, families, and communities. I would like to thank Senator REED, Senator WICKER, Chairman ROGERS, and Ranking Member SMITH for their leadership throughout the entire process to produce this bipartisan bill.

I would also like to thank Chairman WALTZ of the Readiness Subcommittee for his partnership, Jeanine Womble the Readiness PSM, my MLA Rob Hurd, and my Defense Fellow Taylor Brunstad. I am proud of the work we have done to protect the Readiness of our Armed forces. This bill continues our work, along with our Senate colleagues, to support military families by providing more childcare centers, protect basic healthcare rights for women service members, support energy resiliency on our bases, increase base pay to retain and recruit top talent, and demand DoD accountability and transparency on spending to prevent wasteful use of taxpayer dollars.

It is of vital importance to me to support our servicemembers and their families at bases like Travis Air force Base and ensure they have the housing, training, equipment, and the quality of life they need and deserve. I am proud to continue my work to serve the men and women in my district, and to serve the brave men and women volunteering to protect our freedom. While this bill is a strong bipartisan effort to support the military, there is still more to be done and I look forward to building on these efforts in the years ahead.

DIRECTING CERTAIN COMMITTEES
TO CONTINUE ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS INTO WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR
THE IMPEACHMENT OF JOSEPH
BIDEN, PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H. Res. 918, Republicans' baseless attempt to distract from the ongoing criminal proceedings against former President Donald Trump.

After a year of frivolous investigations produced no evidence of wrongdoing by President Biden, Republicans brought to the floor a resolution directing committees to pursue a sham impeachment inquiry. This resolution is clearly an attempt to minimize and distract from former President Trump's high crimes and misdemeanors, during the same week that his criminal trial proceedings reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

While House Republicans have spent the year wasting time and taxpayer dollars, Democrats have delivered the votes to prevent a government shutdown—not once, but twice. This body has a duty to keep the government functioning and open for the American people, yet Republicans time and time again have shown no interest in meeting that obligation.

As we approach the halfway point of the 118th Congress, it is clear the majority would rather spend their time distracting the American people with their extreme MAGA messaging instead of doing the serious work of legislating. It is past time for House Republicans to start addressing the serious and urgent needs of all our constituents.

HONORING DR. JAMINETTE D.
CARTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of many great principals in Jackson, Mississippi, Dr. Jamielte D. Carter.

Jamielte D. Carter, M.A., Ph.D., '09, was named Principal of Obama Magnet Elementary School for the 2023–2024 year.

Dr. Carter has been with Jackson Public Schools (JPS) for over 12 years and has significant experience assisting teachers and administrators with guiding students toward meeting individual learning goals. Previously, she served as the director of program implementation for the JPS Office of School Support. In this role, she worked directly with district superintendents, principals, and other stakeholders to facilitate school improvement initiatives and federal compliance. Her career began in the classroom at Lester Elementary, where she taught 4th and 5th grade ELA while also serving as team lead, supporting the mission and vision of the school. She then honed her leadership skills as a curriculum coordinator with the Office of Elementary Education