

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**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2023*

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

and as an interventionist at Power APAC, helping to maintain its A-rating and elevation to No. 7 in the state during the 2017–2018 school year.

Dr. Carter is a 2009 honor graduate of Tougaloo College, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She earned her master's in Elementary Education with the highest honor of Summa Cum Laude from Belhaven College, and earned her Ph.D. with the highest honor of Summa Cum Laude from Jackson State University in 2018. Dr. Carter is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

As the new principal of Obama Magnet School, she is excited to continue the tradition of excellence and innovative teaching and learning.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Jamiette D. Carter for her dedication to improving the future daily.

#### HONORING THE WORK AND SERVICE OF RICH FITZGERALD, ALLEGHENY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

##### HON. CHRISTOPHER R. DELUZIO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2023*

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work and legacy of Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald.

County Executive Fitzgerald is finishing up his third and final term in the county's top elected position—one he has held since 2012.

Born and raised in the City of Pittsburgh, Rich Fitzgerald graduated from Carnegie Mellon University. He and his wife, Cathy, have eight children. "Fitz," as he is fondly called, is well-known for his work ethic and his ability to bring people and organizations together to tackle the biggest issues facing our region.

He first was elected to the County Council in 1999 and served on the Council—including as Council President—from 2004 through 2011—until his successful election as County Executive.

Under his leadership, Allegheny County has seen strong and solid job growth, a diverse and growing economy, and an excellent quality of life. The 2020 Census is a testament to County Executive Fitzgerald's leadership: for the first time in sixty years, the county's population grew over a decade. He also led the region through the dark days of the COVID-19 pandemic with consistency and reassurance, striving to protect public health and keep the economy strong.

While we only crossed paths in elected office a short period of time, I greatly appreciate his guidance, experience, and collaboration.

Fitz is a public servant through and through. Though he closes this chapter as Allegheny County Executive, the impact of his work for the Common Good will remain.

On behalf of the good people of Pennsylvania's 17th Congressional District, I thank Fitz for his years of service.

#### HONORING SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURT AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL TEAMS 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) Court and Beach Volleyball Teams 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 Court and Beach Volleyball teams and the following members of these teams on their achievement of this honor. Student athletes, Emma Brown, Lannah Huneycutt, Keke Lawrence, Alyssa Maragelis, Anna Ty Ivey, Jaliasia Ray, Mackenzie Swett, Rachel Burley, Olivia Barlowe and Britta Martin.

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 Moore County proud.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in recognizing the SCC Court and Beach Volleyball teams for this great achievement and to wish them continued success both on the court and in the classroom.

#### HONORING WILLIE JAMES THOMAS SR.'S 103RD BIRTHDAY

##### HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2023*

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, St. Louis and I rise to wish a happy 103rd birthday to Willie James Thomas Sr. On behalf of Missouri's First District, we are thankful for everything he is and everything he has done to provide for his family, neighbors, coworkers, and friends.

One hundred and three is a remarkable milestone and worthy of great celebration. Mr. Thomas has seen and lived through segments of history that most of us can only rely on through books and education, and from being in close community with elders like him. His trials, triumphs, and everything in between are a beautiful testament to a remarkable and full life.

Throughout his life, Mr. Thomas has had many blessings. He is the beloved father of three, a grandfather of 10, a great-grandfather of 21, and great-great-grandfather of six. As a World War II Army Veteran serving in England, France, and Germany, we thank him for his dedication to his family and service to our country.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to celebrate his life because it is an inspiration to so many of us in St. Louis. I wish Mr. Thomas peace and continued joy tending to the best yard in University City throughout his 103rd year.

Happy birthday and bountiful blessings to Mr. Willie James Thomas Sr.

#### HONORING JUDGE LATRICE A. WESTBROOKS

##### 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 a tenacious and selfless leader, Judge Latrice A. Westbrook. She has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to make a difference.

Mississippi Court of Appeals Judge Latrice A. Westbrook of Lexington was recently honored by Austin Peay State University as one of its Outstanding Alumna. She was honored at the Distinguished Alumni Awards Lunch on Oct. 28 on the Clarksville, Tennessee campus.

Judge Westbrook, who was born in Memphis, earned a bachelor of science degree from Austin Peay State University in 1994. She earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit Mercy Law School. In October 1997, shortly after graduating from law school, Judge Westbrook became the first African-American woman Assistant District Attorney in the Second Circuit Court District on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. She joined the Jackson law firm of Byrd and Associates in 2001, then opened her own law practice in 2001, representing clients in both criminal and civil matters.

Judge Westbrook then served as prosecutor for the city of Durant and as city attorney for the town of Isola. For almost 10 years, she served as a public defender in Holmes County. She hosted a radio program "Ask Latrice The Lawyer" on WMPR 90.1 from 2010 through 2012. She created and produced the show to inform the public about the criminal justice system and encourage civic engagement. In 2013, she became interim communications director for Jackson Mayor Chokwe Lumumba, then joined the Jackson City Attorney's Office as legal counsel for the Jackson Police Department.

Judge Westbrook returned to private law practice in 2014. She was then appointed Municipal Judge for the city of Lexington in 2015 and served until she was elected to the Court of Appeals in November 2016. In January of 2017, Judge Westbrook took office on the Court of Appeals. She was named as Outstanding Woman Lawyer of 2017 by the Mississippi Women Lawyers' Association. Judge Westbrook was also inducted as a Fellow of the Mississippi Bar Foundation in 2022.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Judge Latrice A. Westbrook for upholding justice and fighting for the constituents in the State of Mississippi.