

HONORING ST. LOUIS CITY AND
COUNTY LIBRARIES**HON. CORI BUSH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, St. Louis and I rise today with gratitude to St. Louis Public Libraries and St. Louis County Libraries for their continued partnership in providing lifesaving resources as part of my office's Congress in Your Neighborhood program. This initiative was started in October 2021 at four public libraries in the region to help residents across Missouri's First District in navigating federal agencies, handling casework, and meeting with casework staff in their communities. Its success is largely attributed to the reliability and proximity of our beloved network of public libraries.

Our libraries continue to help build healthy communities. Not only do they provide access to free education, but they also do the essential work of providing vital services and safe spaces to gather. Constituent service is about meeting our neighbors where they are, and our libraries do that every day.

I am proud to partner with our public libraries, and I will be forever grateful to our librarians, administrators, staff members and volunteers for their dedicated service to our community.

CONCERNING SITUATION IN
HONDURAS**HON. WARREN DAVIDSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to draw attention to a situation in Honduras that threatens American investment in the region.

President Castro has threatened to expropriate resources from U.S. investment in Honduras in contravention of the Dominican Republic–Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR). Seven of my Republican colleagues and I wrote a letter to Secretary of State Anthony Blinken and U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai urging the Biden Administration to enforce investor protections in U.S. trade agreements. We cannot allow U.S. trade agreements to go unenforced or leave U.S. investors defenseless.

While I received a response to our letter, it did not clarify how the State Department will defend the rights of U.S. investors if the Honduran government follows through on its statements and actions, which indicate an intent to take that property. Americans invest money in Central and South America with the reasonable expectation that the U.S. will protect their investments from theft. These investments help extend economic stability to the region.

In addition, China's efforts to replace the United States as a trade partner with Honduras pose a national security threat near our southern border. On September 21, 2023, the President of Honduras, Xiomara Castro, spoke at the United Nations, where she bragged that her nation had "officially opened relations with the People's Republic of China." In addition, she condemned sanctions on communist

countries like Cuba and Venezuela. These are troubling statements from President Castro, especially when paired with her government's actions.

The PRC's influence is rapidly increasing in America's backyard. I urge the Biden Administration to reassert the principles of the Monroe Doctrine and protect American interests in the Western Hemisphere.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during Roll Call vote No. 722, 723, and 724 on December 14, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted: on Roll Call No. 722, NO, on Roll Call No. 723, YES, and on Roll Call No. 724, YES.

RECOGNIZING 313 DODGE

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 5th anniversary of 313 Dodge.

313 Dodge in Kaukauna opened its doors in 2018 and is a staple of Kaukauna that offers a creative and unique menu for everyone to enjoy. Located at 313 Dodge Street, the location holds historical significance as it was originally a home built in 1883 before being fully repurposed and renovated.

Throughout the years, 313 Dodge has grown dramatically and I applaud local Kaukauna-natives and owners Kyle and Janel Megna for their continued success. They have become well known for their delicious drinks and tasty food items featured on their menu. Over the years, 313 Dodge has increased their customers' experience by hosting events for all to enjoy, such as live entertainment, Food Truck Tuesdays, and their walk-up window service. Recently, 313 Dodge crafted the world's largest old-fashioned flight that included 104 glasses of hand muddled brandy old fashioned. For five years, 313 Dodge has been committed to offering outstanding customer service and is a wonderful business for people in Kaukauna and throughout Northeast Wisconsin to enjoy.

Given their successful business operation and emphasis on customer service, 313 Dodge has been recognized by local organizations, evident from the fact that Kyle and Janel were the recipients of the 2022 Entrepreneur of the Year Award from the Heart of the Valley Chamber. I commend the entire 313 Dodge team for their commitment to customer service and wish them nothing but the best for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize 313 Dodge in Kaukauna on their 5th Anniversary. I extend my sincerest congratulations to Kyle and Janel Megna and the entire 313 Dodge team on this milestone and wish them years of continued success.

HONORING FREDERICK DOUGLAS
DELOCH**HON. CORI BUSH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, St. Louis and I rise to recognize the extraordinary life and legacy of the late Frederick Douglas Deloch, affectionately known as "DIRT", and to express our deepest condolences to his family on news of his passing. His passing has left a void in the hearts of all those who knew and loved him.

Frederick's journey was marked by resilience, determination, and unwavering commitment to service. His pursuit of engineering, despite financial constraints, led him to enlist in the Army, where he excelled both academically and in the line of duty. Serving with honor during the Korean War, Frederick's sacrifices were justly acknowledged with the Purple Heart, a testament to his bravery and dedication to the defense of our Nation.

Beyond his military service, Frederick continued to serve within the community. His 37-year tenure with the United States Postal Service, starting as a Postal Clerk and rising to the esteemed position of Postal Inspector, is a reflection of his exemplary character and dedication to public service.

A true pillar of faith and community, Frederick was a devoted member of the Antioch Baptist Church for over 50 years. His commitment to community service extended through his active involvement in organizations such as the National Organization of Blacks in Law Enforcement (N.O.B.L.E.), exemplifying his dedication to making a positive impact beyond his immediate circles.

Frederick's contributions to the Albert Holman Lodge No. 179 of Prince Hall Masons, where he achieved the prestigious rank of a 33rd Degree Mason, and his role as Honorary Past Potentate of Medinah Temple No. 39, Prince Hall Masons, are indicative of his commitment to the principles of brotherhood, charity, and service.

In remembering Frederick, one cannot overlook his motto: "If I can help someone along the way, then my living will not be in vain." His 90 years were a testament to a life well-lived, sowing seeds of goodwill and leaving an indelible mark on his community. In recognition of Frederick Douglas Deloch's extraordinary life and service to his country and community, Missouri's First District and I again extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones. May his legacy continue to inspire others and serve as a source of strength for those whose lives he touched.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF MASTER
SERGEANT CHUCK POWERS**HON. PAUL TONKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Master Sergeant Chuck Powers, an exceptional member of the Air National Guard, for his distinguished service and dedication to furthering the mission of the National Guard.

A native of Albany, New York, Chief Master Sergeant Powers enlisted in the Air Force in December 2000. He has served for 23 years in the Active-Duty Air Force and now the New York Air National Guard in a broad range of assignments, including six deployments to Iraq, Oman, Afghanistan, and Antarctica in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Deep Freeze, and Operation New Dawn. Most recently, he served as a military personnel liaison for the National Guard Bureau Office of Legislative Liaison and Senior Enlisted Advisor, working diligently to improve the quality of life for our National Guard Soldiers and Airmen and to enhance the relationship between the National Guard and offices like mine. In November 2023, he took on a new role as the Senior Enlisted Leader to the National Guard Bureau Manpower and Personnel Directorate.

Chief Master Sergeant Powers' responsibilities as legislative liaison have had an impact on the National Guard Bureau and the work of all congressional offices. He demonstrated expertise in developing technical solutions, which modernized how the National Guard Bureau Office of Legislative Liaison engages with Members of Congress. His attention to detail and responsiveness strengthened the relationship between congressional offices and the National Guard immeasurably. He formulated a congressional engagement plan and prepared National Guard leadership for over 60 meetings and hearings, informed Members on the National Guard Bureau's legislative priorities, and answered hundreds of congressional inquiries, which provided critical information related to the annual National Defense Authorization Act.

Chief Master Sergeant Powers' efforts were also pivotal to improve quality of life for his fellow National Guard members, including the development of new guidelines for maternity and paternity leave. He embodies the qualities that one can expect from Non-Commissioned Officers.

I am grateful to Chief Master Sergeant Powers for his service in support of my office and others in the furtherance of National Guard missions. I would also like to express my appreciation to his supportive husband, Jamie Richards. I wish this National Guard family all the best in their next chapter of service to our Nation.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
MR. MARTY LENTZ

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the hard work and legacy of Mr. Marty Lentz. His devoted service of 30 years as a county engineer has made a difference in the life of many Alabamians.

Mr. Lentz has served many of those years in my home of Coffee County, where I was born and raised and still live today. The citizens of Coffee County, including myself, are grateful for Mr. Lentz, as he has spent 28 of his 30 years of service enhancing our county.

Mr. Lentz has many accomplishments as a county engineer that have helped the community, including being an integral part in the im-

plementation of the County's Rebuild Alabama program. Because of his hard work, roads in Coffee County were repaved to offer better transportation for drivers. These roads would not have been resurfaced without Mr. Lentz' help. Mr. Lentz has also served as a faithful volunteer of the Wiregrass Men of Valor ministry.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Marty Lentz on his well-deserved retirement and thank him for his public service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
ROSALYNN ALBA COBARRUBIAS

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ms. Rosalynn Alba Cobarrubias.

A City of Walnut native who worked tirelessly to become a media entrepreneur and music promoter, Rosalynn's first music industry position was as a radio DJ at KSAK-FM 90.1, the campus radio station of Mt. San Antonio College.

Rosalynn played a key role in developing the MySpace Music platform, serving as its marketing head and leading artist relations and driving connections between artists and their fans. Her work ethic was enhanced by her creativity and innovation. Rosalynn produced legendary live events, collaborating with iconic artists like Rihanna, Bruno Mars, Miguel, and John Legend.

She was also known for using her talent and resources to spread a wealth of knowledge—not just to upcoming artists, but to her community at large. Rosalynn was a strong advocate for Filipino American artists, helping them find success in the music industry. She also supported Filipino American heritage nights at Dodgers games.

A long-time advocate for youth empowerment even beyond Southern California, Rosalynn helped build basketball courts across the Philippines. Rosalynn's passion for music and dedication to her Filipino heritage and community should be celebrated.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring the life of Rosalynn Alba Cobarrubias. May God bless her and ease her family's pain as they mourn for their loss.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DORIS
GRAHAM OF CANTON, TEXAS

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mrs. Doris "Ellen" Graham of Canton, Texas, who peacefully passed away on December 12, 2023 with her family by her side.

Mrs. Graham was raised in the Dallas area and graduated from Spruce High School in 1969. During high school, she met the love of her life, Mr. Timothy "Tim" Aron Graham, whom she married in 1970. Together, they

had four children. For most of her career, Mrs. Graham worked for Texas Health and Human Services until she retired in 2015.

Mrs. Graham was a wife, mother, and friend to many. In her free time, she enjoyed reading and crocheting. However, her most treasured pastime was spending time with her family, especially the grandchildren, whom she loved dearly. Mrs. Graham truly made the world a brighter place with her presence, and it is heartbreaking to see our community experience her tragic passing.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol in recognition of Mrs. Graham's life and contributions to North Texas. She will be dearly missed by her friends, family, and all who knew her.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY OF PETE AND
BOOTS MORRISON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th wedding anniversary of Donald and Henrietta Morrison, also known as "Pete and Boots" to their friends and family.

Pete and Boots met in 1968 when their elementary schools both fed into Walter Wellborn High School in the 7th grade. Their love story began the next year, at age 14, when they started dating. Since then, these high school sweethearts have become an example of true love and commitment.

The couple was married on December 21, 1973, at Sunny Eve Baptist Church in Oxford, Alabama. As if it were a symbol from God of the love they were celebrating, there was a beautiful snowfall that day, a weather event rarely experienced in Alabama. Unfortunately, the unexpected snow made it impossible to ascend to their honeymoon on Cheaha Mountain.

Pete and Boots began their family in 1975 with the birth of their daughter Kari (Will) and just three short years later their second daughter Tanya (T.J.). Beginning in 2004, the couple assumed their most precious titles of "Pop" and "Bebe" to their five grandchildren: Sam, Claire, Maisie, Hazel and Rosie. Pete is the son of the late Ralph and Doris Morrison of Anniston, Alabama, and graduated from Walter Wellborn High School in 1973. He immediately began working for "Mr. Mac" learning the skills and trade that would allow him to later launch and build his own successful HVAC business, Morrison Sheet Metal.

Boots is the daughter of the late Clarence and Frances Somers of Abel, Alabama, and graduated from Walter Wellborn High School in 1973. Boots obtained her dental hygiene license from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, finishing her practicum nine months pregnant with Kari and worked as a hygienist for almost 30 years after which she happily retired to fulfill her roles as grandmother and co-owner of Morrison Sheet Metal.

Pete and Boots have created a world of love, laughter, and joy around them instilling in their girls the love of family, commitment to their partners, and a devotion to their community.