

HONORING CHIEF CARL COLASACCO FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 22, 2023*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chief Carl Colasacco on his retirement from the Aberdeen Police Department and to thank him for his more than 31 years of law enforcement service.

Colasacco's esteemed law enforcement career began over three decades ago in 1992, when he started as a reserve officer with the Pinebluff Police Department. Over the course of his career, he would serve in various law enforcement capacities across our community. In 1995, Colasacco joined the Aberdeen Police Department, where he steadily rose the ranks. He served as a patrol officer, detective, Captain, Deputy Chief and, eventually, Chief of Police. The wealth of knowledge and experience Colasacco has provided is astounding and I think I speak for the whole of our community when I say he will be dearly missed as he enters retirement.

Colasacco's dedication to service and constant willingness to step up when needed is commendable and inspiring. It has been an honor serving the people of Moore County alongside him and I wish him all the best as he begins this next chapter of his life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in recognizing Chief Carl Colasacco for his great service to our community and the great state of North Carolina.

CONGRATULATING ROCK BRIDGE CROSS-COUNTRY ON THEIR CLASS 5 BOYS' STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 22, 2023*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Rock Bridge High School on their victory in Missouri's Class 5 Boys' Team Cross-Country Championship.

The Bruins claimed the Class 5 title, having not one but two top-three finishers. They won by just 8 points, meaning that every student-athlete's determination was essential in clinching this victory. The team should be commended for all their hard work throughout the past year and for bringing home another state championship to their school and community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Rock Bridge Cross-Country Team for a job well done.

HONORING R.J. CORMAN RAILROAD GROUP

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 22, 2023*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a unique and important business, R.J. Corman Railroad Group, which is headquartered in Nicholasville, Kentucky. The company is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2023.

R.J. Corman Railroad Group was founded in 1973 in Central Kentucky by visionary entrepreneur and philanthropist Richard J. Corman with a single backhoe and a dump truck. The company now operates in 24 states and more than 70 locations throughout our nation. R.J. Corman Railroad Group employs more than 1,400 people, over 500 of which are based in the state of Kentucky.

R.J. Corman Railroad Group's numerous services encompass railroad construction, short line railroad operations, industrial switching services, transloading operations, emergency response services, track material logistics, distribution centers, signal design and construction, and My Old Kentucky Dinner Train. The company serves six Class I freight railroads, many regional and short line railroads, as well as various rail-served industries. R.J. Corman Railroad Company operates three short line railroads serving multiple regions of the state contributing to the economic development of the corresponding communities. Through its dedicated employees, R.J. Corman Railroad Group strives to be the best-in-class service provider in the industry through its total commitment to customer satisfaction, increasing efficient operations while providing an ever-improving safe, and rewarding work environment.

R.J. Corman Railroad Group is a highly respected Kentucky business. As the company celebrates its 50th anniversary, I congratulate all their employees and wish them a bright future. I am honored to recognize this company before the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY CHIEF DENNIS J. SORENSEN

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 22, 2023*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Deputy Chief Dennis J. Sorensen on the auspicious occasion of his retirement on January 10, 2024, from the City of Harrisburg Bureau of Police after more than 31 years of distinguished and tireless service.

Dennis began his career on May 22, 1992. He was a member of the 53rd class of Harrisburg Area Community College Police Academy and graduated in September 1992.

Serving the majority of his time in the 1st Platoon as a Patrol Officer on the midnight shift, then Patrol Officer Sorensen was promoted to Corporal in 2000. He earned his way to the Criminal Investigations Division, becoming the Adult Offender Supervisor from 2000 to 2011. After earning promotion to Sergeant, he commanded the Special Operations Unit,

and served with the Harrisburg Bureau of Police to assist in the Hurricane Katrina disaster. In 2011, Sergeant Sorensen was reassigned to the Uniformed Division, and served as the Officer in Charge of the 2nd Platoon. Through his outstanding work, shortly after his previous promotion, Sergeant Sorensen earned the rank of Lieutenant, and served as commander of the 1st Platoon until 2018. In 2020, he earned the rank of Captain, and commanded the Uniformed Patrol Division, and was honored with the position of Deputy Chief position in 2021.

Along with his impressive law enforcement record, Deputy Chief Dennis Sorensen is a decorated Veteran of the United States Army, wherein he served honorably for 30 years, achieving the rank of Colonel. He earned his Bachelor's degree and military commission from the California University of Pennsylvania, and served in myriad and vast leadership positions, deployments, and training schools; of particular note, earning the coveted status of Master Army Aviator. His military awards and decorations include: Army Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Kosovo Campaign Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; NATO Medal; the Master Army Aviator Badge; the Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Ribbon; Pennsylvania Service Ribbon; Pennsylvania Twenty Year Service Medal; Pennsylvania General Thomas J. Stewart Medal; and the Pennsylvania Major General R. White Jr. Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and privileged to recognize Deputy Chief Dennis J. Sorensen on his well-earned retirement from the City of Harrisburg Police Bureau. His tireless, faithful, and selfless service of more than 39 years to community, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America sets the standard by which we all should be judged.

RECOGNIZING DR. ROBERT H. BERNARD

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 22, 2023*

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Robert H. Bernard for his outstanding service and leadership as Board Chair for Operation Refuge, a grassroots organization based in Western Wayne County.

Operation Refuge provides essential services like emergency food assistance and youth programming to some of the most underserved populations in Wayne County and whose mission is to serve the community with compassion, empathy, and integrity. As Board Chair, Dr. Bernard leads with this mission as his top priority. He has worked tirelessly to foster community development and promote career-driven and educational opportunities for the youth. Dr. Bernard has gone above and beyond to ensure that youth programs, such as Camp Inspire, are inviting and fulfilling and that youth scholarship funding is plentiful and available. Overall, Dr. Bernard's leadership

and service at Operation Refuge has made a long-lasting, positive impact on the community. His care for the youth and people of this community is evident and overflowing.

Please join me in acknowledging Dr. Robert H. Bernard for his passionate leadership and dedicated service to Operation Refuge and the community.

CONGRATULATING HANNA MASCHHOFF ON HER CLASS 2 GOLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 22, 2023*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Hanna Maschhoff on her victory in Missouri's Class 2 Individual Golf State Championship.

Hanna claimed the Class 2 individual title for the School of the Osage, making it her fourth time receiving all-state honors. Hanna shot a two-day total of 153 to hold off the second-place finisher by one stroke. She should be commended for all her hard work throughout the past year and for bringing home another state championship to her school and community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Hanna Maschhoff for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING STUART MILLS BEING NAMED AS THE MAN OF THE YEAR BY THE MOORE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 22, 2023*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stuart Mills on being named as the Man of the Year by the Moore County Community Foundation.

Stuart Mills' impact on Moore County is similarly robust and wide ranging. He has and continues to work in many important community leadership roles, including as Chairman of The Given Tufts Foundation, director of Pinehurst's Village Heritage Foundation, as well as board Chairman and trustee of The O'Neal School. Likewise, Governor Roy Cooper appointed Stuart to North Carolina's Financial Literacy Council last year. Stuart's most prominent community role is as Executive Director of Partners for Children and Families, a private nonprofit organization promoting early childhood development in Moore County.

Stuart's dedication to the people of Moore County is without question. His many years of service are both commendable and inspiring. I know I speak for everyone in our community when I say that we are grateful for all he has done to improve the place we call home.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Stuart Mills on being named Man of the Year and to thank him for all he has done for the people of Moore County.

HONORING SAISHA WHITE

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 22, 2023*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Saisha White, my legislative assistant who has dedicated her time to serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District.

A Cleveland native, Saisha moved to Florida to obtain her law degree at Florida A&M University after obtaining her bachelor's at Miami University. Her time in law school inspired her passion to secure equity and opportunities across marginalized communities.

Saisha came to my office ready to make a difference. She worked her way up to becoming my legislative assistant, handling my Transportation & Infrastructure Committee work. In her time as my legislative assistant, she managed my proposed legislation, amendments—many of which were included in critical legislation and advocated for critical issues to better the lives of those across the country.

Known for her dedication to giving back and empowering others, one of Saisha's greatest attributes is her selflessness. Her willingness to continually give back is one of her many attributes that will inevitably result in success in this field.

Saisha's heart is dedicated to equity for Black and brown communities, and she is moving on from my office to continue that work. Upon transitioning from my office, Saisha will go on to advocate for safer communities, criminal justice reform, and civil rights access for marginalized communities.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Saisha White for her drive and dedication to public service.

CONGRATULATING ST. CHARLES WEST ON THEIR CLASS 3 GIRLS' CROSS-COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 22, 2023*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating St. Charles West High School on their victory in Missouri's Class 3 Girls' Team Cross-Country Championship.

By claiming the Class 3 title, the Warriors are now state champions for the second consecutive year. Every member of the team performed admirably, beating out their closest competition by nearly 100 points. The team should be commended for all their hard work throughout the past year and for bringing home a state championship to their school and community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the St. Charles West Girls' Cross-Country Team for a job well done.

COMMEMORATING THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS

**HON. CORI BUSH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 22, 2023*

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, St. Louis and I rise to commemorate the 110th anniversary of the City of Richmond Heights, located in Missouri's First District. Richmond Heights was incorporated on December 29, 1913 with just 18 families residing in the area. Since then, the population has grown to 9,286.

Richmond Heights has been home to many Missourians who brought the joys of art and music to St. Louis, such as jazz singer Mae Wheeler, rock-n-roll legend Chuck Berry, artist Ernest Trova, gospel singer Doris Fiddmont Frazier, architect Henry Hampton, and filmmaker Henry Hampton Jr. Moreover, Richmond Heights is home to many impactful social justice advocates such as Dr. Thomas E. Rusan, Jr., Georgia Tallier Rusan, and Rev. James E. Fiddmont. It is also home to one of the most recognizable voices in St. Louis, the legendary sports commentator, Jack Buck.

Richmond Heights enriches Missouri's First District with community institutions such as the Esquire Theater, Tropicana Lanes, SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital, the Saint Louis Galleria, and the Boulevard. It includes four school districts: the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District, Clayton School District, Brentwood School District and Ladue School District, as well as Little Flower, Immaculate School, and the International Schoolhouse.

As the Congresswoman for Missouri's First District, I congratulate the residents of Richmond Heights and their current leadership, including Mayor Jim Thomson and Councilmembers Lisa Eppert, Greg Vescovo, Reginald Finney, Maurice Muia, Megan Moylan, Ashley Metcalf, Danny Hebenstreit and Scott Huston on 110 fruitful years. Here's to 110 more.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF MICHAEL ELLIOTT FOX

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 22, 2023*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Michael E. Fox, Sr., a strong force for good in the South Bay who died on November 3, 2023, at the age of 87.

Michael Fox was born in Chicago on September 23, 1936 and attended Bishop Quarter Military Academy there, Campion Jesuit High School in Wisconsin, graduated from Notre Dame University in Indiana, and earned a degree in Brewing Science and Technology from the Siebel Institute of Technology in Chicago. He met his wife Mary Ellen in Illinois, and the couple moved to California. They bought a home in Saratoga in 1965 and acquired a small beer distributorship, which grew from 10 employees to more than 200 during 50 years of business.

Michael Fox and Mary Ellen were renowned for their extraordinary philanthropy, and he held leadership roles in countless charitable