

HONORING THE TAMIL SANGAM  
OF MISSOURI

**HON. ANN WAGNER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 3, 2024*

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the Tamil Sangam of Missouri organization and their mission to preserve and nurture the Tamil language and culture. The Tamil people have a long and beautiful history, and I am delighted that so many Tamil families call Missouri's second congressional district home. The community contributes much to the St. Louis region as leaders in business, medicine, education, and other fields generating economic growth and prosperity.

The Tamil Sangam of Missouri has worked to preserve and teach the Tamil language—one of the world's oldest surviving languages, with a history and traditions stretching more than 2,900 years. Tamil is widely spoken in South India, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and many other countries globally. The Tamils embrace the great responsibility of passing their culture and language to the next generation and I am eager to see that my district is playing a role in this ongoing commitment to preserving and celebrating their culture.

The Tamil community has also made significant contributions to the bilingual literacy in our great state. Missouri Tamil School students have acquired the "Missouri Seal of Bilingualism" for the Tamil language. Additionally, the school has displayed remarkable enthusiasm in charity and volunteer efforts globally. These efforts have made the Missouri Tamil School one of the certifying organizations for the U.S. President's "Volunteer Service Award" to recognize the most exceptional volunteers.

The Tamil community is worthy of recognition from the State and Federal government as they have played a vital role in the preservation and advancement of the vibrant Tamil culture and heritage in our state. It is a privilege to represent the many Tamil families who live and work in Missouri's second congressional district and I send my wishes for a happy Pongal to all who celebrate.

HONORING THE LIFE, LEGACY,  
AND IMPACT OF FORMER CON-  
GRESSWOMAN EDDIE BERNICE  
JOHNSON OF TEXAS'S 30TH CON-  
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. JASMINE CROCKETT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 3, 2024*

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to lay tribute to the late former Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson of the 30th Congressional District of Texas, who passed away Sunday on December 31, 2023.

Born in a segregated South in Waco, Texas, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson never lacked the courage that would prove her to be a trailblazer and one of the most dedicated and iconic leaders the State of Texas has ever had. Her early experiences with racism fueled the beginning that is the legacy she now leaves behind.

Congresswoman Johnson was a woman of many firsts. She became the first Black woman to serve as Chief Psychiatric Nurse at the Dallas Veterans Affairs Hospital where she worked until becoming only the third ever Black woman elected to the Texas State House of Representatives. She would later be elected as the first Black woman from Dallas since the Reconstruction to serve in the Texas State Senate. During her time in the Texas Legislature, she worked to better the lives of the people she served, particularly by advancing fair housing and access to health care.

Congresswoman Johnson would later become the first registered nurse to ever be elected to the U.S. Congress and the first woman and African American to chair the Science, Space, & Technology Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. During her three decades in Congress, Chairwoman Johnson secured hundreds of millions of federal dollars for the Dallas area, including to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit. And as a tribute to her legacy, the Dallas Union Station was renamed as the "Eddie Bernice Johnson Union Station."

During her last session in Congress, Chairwoman Johnson ushered the CHIPS & Science Act into law. While most people know about the historic number of domestic jobs created from this law, few know that Chairwoman Johnson helped ensure this law also had historic investments for STEM and research at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. For decades to come, her work will live on.

Her legacy is not only marked by the titles she held, but also her decades worth of vigorous work for the people of Texas and the United States. As her successor, I do not take lightly the honor and heavy responsibility I have to honor her work and continue her legacy of excellence. Effectively serving in Congress is no easy task, but it is a noble endeavor—a fact Chairwoman Johnson knew well. Each and every day, I dedicate myself to the people of Texas' 30th Congressional District and fight for those same values Chairwoman Johnson honored.

My thoughts and prayers are with Chairwoman Johnson's son, Kirk, and her entire family, friends, and the community she impacted through her remarkable journey of public service. During this time of mourning and the days ahead, I pray that her family and friends find the peace knowing Chairwoman Johnson lived a dutiful life in service to others.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MARK  
HANEY

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 3, 2024*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Mr. Mark Haney, who is retiring as the longest serving President of Kentucky Farm Bureau. Mark has dedicated the last 15 years at the helm of Kentucky's largest property and casualty insurance company in the Commonwealth and served on the board for more than three decades.

Farming is in the Haney bloodline. In fact, Haney's Appledale Farm in Nancy, Kentucky

is Pulaski County's oldest business in continuous operation, having been passed down through five generations to Mark and his brother Don Haney. His experience on the farm at an early age primed him to advocate for better agricultural policies on Capitol Hill and in the Bluegrass.

Family farms account for 96% of all U.S. farms, according to the latest census report on agriculture, generating more than \$318 billion worth of agricultural products across the country. Knowing the battles that legacy producers face, Mark has engaged and inspired the next generation of farmers and producers, to protect the future of the industry that feeds and fuels our nation. His name has become synonymous with Kentucky Farm Bureau, taking on a national voice in our legislative chambers to ensure future funding is secured for agricultural needs and removing regulatory burdens from our hardest-working Americans.

Over the last two years, Kentucky Farm Bureau has faced some of the toughest storms with Kentuckians, from devastating tornadoes in western and central Kentucky, to one of the deadliest floods in Eastern Kentucky's history in July 2022. KFB agents not only responded to critical insurance claims, but actively volunteered in our hardest-hit communities, serving food, and helping families and businesses through the lengthy and challenging recovery process.

As a family man and insightful community leader, Mark has always marched forward with devout courage of conviction, ready to lend a helping hand and readily giving back to the Lake Cumberland region where he was raised. Although he is retiring, Mark's legacy and voice will carry far beyond the farmlands of southern Kentucky. He has diligently planted and watered the seeds of a plentiful harvest for the people of Kentucky and the future farmers of America.

My wife Cynthia and I deeply appreciate the loyal friendship of Mark and Marlene, and we wish them the most joyful years of retirement in the years ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF MR. FRANK J. ANDREWS, JR.

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 3, 2024*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and lasting contributions of Mr. Frank J. Andrews, Jr. Mr. Andrews leaves behind an indelible legacy of service to the Solano County community.

Born in Illinois, Mr. Andrews moved to Fairfield, California in 1950, where he attended Bransford Elementary and graduated from Armijo High School in 1967. Mr. Andrews demonstrated his industrious spirit and natural talent for leadership from a young age. He served as a leader in Future Farmers of America and worked picking and drying fruit at the German Dry Yards in Suisun Valley, where he discovered his appreciation for supporting his community through agricultural work.

After graduating from high school, Mr. Andrews began working at his family's commercial plumbing company, Amos and Andrews, where he learned the importance of hard work, grit, and persistence. From digging

ditches to working as a plumber to eventually becoming a construction foreman, Mr. Andrews came to understand the importance of every single role in the company, a perspective that served him well as he progressed in his career.

In 1988, Mr. Andrews founded his own land development company, Andrews, Lando and Associates, with his partner Bob Lando. He also went on to form ASB Properties, with his partners David Stroud and Michael Books. For over 40 years, Mr. Andrews' land development expertise and knowledge of city planning significantly impacted communities in Northern California. His crucial contributions and indispensable leadership played a vital role in developing major master-planned communities that spanned from the Bay Area to Yolo County, including Goldridge, Canon Station, Rancho Solano, Bridgeway Island, and Bridgeway Lakes.

Mr. Andrew's commitment to California was not only expressed through his critical work in land development, but also through his public service to Solano County. He served on the Solano Land Trust for 40 years, working tirelessly to protect the environment and ensure Solano County's natural landscapes are preserved for future generations.

In addition to his community leadership, Mr. Andrews also exemplified the spirit of altruism and innovation in all areas of his life. Mr. An-

drews and his wife, Helen, sponsored the Airmen Committed to Excellence Program, which helps provide the opportunities and services necessary to allow all servicemembers at Travis Air Force Base to thrive.

Mr. Andrews will be remembered not only for his critical work in the land development industry, but also for his genuine spirit of kindness, compassion, and humility. He impacted the lives of countless members of his community and his steadfast leadership, constant smile, and patient mentorship undeniably enhanced the lives of his fellow Solano County residents.

Mr. Andrew's enduring spirit will live on in his wife, six children, 10 grandchildren, and the community he dedicated his life to serving. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mr. Andrew's loved ones. I know that they, along with the people of Solano County, join me in celebrating his life and legacy.

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HONORING MR. HOWARD GARRETT

**HON. JAMES COMER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Howard Garrett of the 1st Dis-

trict of Kentucky on his retirement from Edmonton State Bank after 50 years of service and dedication. This momentous occasion gives us the opportunity to reflect upon the extraordinary achievements of Mr. Garrett, a respected member of the community.

A lifelong resident of Metcalfe County, Mr. Garrett has devoted his time to improving the community he calls home. In addition to his years of service at Edmonton State Bank, Mr. Garrett also served as the mayor of Edmonton for a quarter of a century. During his tenure as mayor, he championed several projects that helped the city to continue to progress in development, including the establishment of Edmonton Memorial Park.

Mr. Garrett has also served as President of the Fair Board and as a trustee of the Metcalfe County Public Library. He has dedicated his life to serving the people of Metcalfe County.

I join with everyone in Metcalfe County in honoring the incredible career and devotion of Mr. Garrett to the community. I wish him the best as he begins the next phase of life and express my gratitude for his service to the 1st District of Kentucky.