

of the Metropolitan Airports Commission, serving as its vice chair. In this role, she has continued to advocate for our community and was partially responsible for creating the St. Cloud Regional Airport Authority, expanding service to our region.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Patti for many years. I thank Patti, for the incredible impact she has had on the Greater St. Cloud region. On behalf of Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District, I wish her all the best and hope she enjoys her well-deserved retirement.

HONORING REBECCA JACKSON

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rebecca Jackson as part of Women's History Month.

In 1998, Rebecca Jackson made history as the first woman elected Jefferson County judge executive. Her decades-long commitment to Louisville as an educator, activist, and public servant is nothing short of inspirational. I thank Rebecca for her service to our community.

CELEBRATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE IN SERVICE OF VETERAN HAROLD WILLIAMS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Army Technical Sergeant Harold Williams' 100 years of life and honor his illustrious military career.

As a young man, Harold dropped out of school and began working to help support his family during the Great Depression. In 1942, he enlisted in the Army and served in the 1st Infantry Division of the 62nd Armored Field Battalion as a forward observer and a radio operator. During his military service, he participated in both the African and European Theatres of war. Notably, Harold fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was among the first wave of young Americans to storm the beaches of Normandy on D-Day. This act of bravery at Normandy helped turn the tide against the Nazis.

During his remarkable military career, Harold received many recognitions for his service. He earned both the American Theatre and European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Medals, as well as an Army Occupation-Germany Medal, a Republic of France Certificate, and a Presidential-Unit Citation. Following the end of World War II, Harold retired from active-duty service and started his second career working for the United States Postal Service. He also earned his high school diploma in 2021 and was inducted into the New York Senate's Veterans Hall of Fame a year later at the age of 99.

Harold's life is a shining example of service for all Americans. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to celebrate a

decorated American veteran's 100th year of life.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF NOAH DANIELS

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of a true American patriot, Mr. Noah Daniels.

Born during the post-Great War peace, Mr. Daniels lived a quiet life until World War II began. Wanting to serve, Mr. Daniels desired to join the military, but at his mother's direction, he entered tech school.

For hands-on training, Mr. Daniels was sent to Ft. Knox where he later entered the civil service. This proved fortuitous, as Mr. Daniels was instrumental in preparing General Patton's tanks to secure a victory over Germany's feared Desert Fox, Rommel.

Following his time at Ft. Knox, Mr. Daniels joined the Navy and then the Coast Guard, serving throughout North America and the Pacific on several ships, including the USS *Ingham*.

Notably, during his time in the Coast Guard, Mr. Daniels designed the 'chain stop' to help with servicing the marker buoys in inland waterways—a design later patented by the Coast Guard and used throughout the U.S. fleet. The ingenuity and work ethic necessary to create the chain stop led to Mr. Daniels' promotion to First Class Petty Officer.

After completing his military service in 1964, Mr. Daniels moved to Central Florida where he and his family live today. Mr. Daniels is the proud father of former Congresswoman Sandy Adams, a good friend to Katie and I, who previously served in the Florida House of Representatives and the United States Air Force.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Noah Daniels, a man of renowned honor, courage, and patriotism as he approaches his 100th birthday on June 30, 2023. May his next trip around the sun be his best one yet.

Happy birthday, my friend.

HONORING CRYSTAL BETHEA AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Crystal Bethea, CEO and franchisor of C3 Wellness Spa, is a loving wife to Marcus Bethea, CFO to C3, and proud mother to their daughter, Aryes Marie. She's an Army veteran dedicated to giving back to the Orlando/Kissimmee communities and empowering its members to live healthy, active lives.

Bethea is a licensed cosmetologist for over 20 years and a medical massage therapist with over 25 certifications that helped master her craft. She is passionate about holistic health and has seen its positive impacts on

herself and her family. This has motivated her to write and teach about natural alternatives for a healthier lifestyle. Bethea feels it is her life's purpose to continue to spread holistic wellness knowledge and practices nationwide to families and communities.

Bethea is grateful to have two C3 Wellness Spa locations and has created a franchise from their holistic brand concept to expand nationwide. They are now proud members of the 4 percent of Black-owned franchises in America.

Inspired by a long line of nurses and veterans in her family, Bethea served in the United States Army. She is a soror of Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority Inc., an organization of dedicated, elite professional women being of service. Bethea has served on its national paraphernalia staff and she now serves as treasurer of the organization's Orlando cluster. Their efforts include feeding the unhoused, assisting with community events, and providing supplies for the youth.

Bethea is a trustee of the Florida Association of Veteran-Owned Businesses, which supports and advocates for veteran entrepreneurs. She was recently awarded the Eagle Award as leadership chair for the Osceola Chamber of Commerce's Poinciana Area Council. They best exemplified the Chamber's mission, vision, and values throughout the year providing business connections, scholarships, and school supplies to local teens. Bethea is also a platinum sponsor of the Association of Poinciana Villages and a longtime volunteer for Miles of Help Through Christ.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF NORTH COUNTY CIVIL SERVANT COLONEL JOAN "JOHNNIE" PANTANELLI

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the incredible life and legacy of Colonel Joan "Johnnie" Pantanelli. Colonel Pantanelli was a lifelong civil servant and a dedicated leader in the Civil Air Patrol, as well as a recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal for her fortitude of spirit.

Colonel Pantanelli was a trailblazer for women in civil service. She began her career in the Marine Corps Reserves in 1944 and dedicated the rest of her life to public service. Colonel Pantanelli went on to join the Civil Air Patrol and spent the next 80 years of her life working towards fulfilling its mission of serving communities, saving lives, and shaping futures. In 2015, she was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for her service as a World War II mission observer who flew coastal patrol missions in search of German submarines.

Moving up in the ranks of the Civil Air Patrol, she earned the titles of Squadron Commander and Colonel. Colonel Pantanelli completed each of the five levels in the Civil Air Patrol Training and Education program and also held the rating of "Master" in the Command and Cadet Program specialty tracks. Her achievements eventually led to the squadron she once served in being renamed in her honor, the Colonel Johnnie Pantanelli Composite Squadron.

Colonel Pantanelli loved her country unconditionally and her legacy will live on in the hearts of all those she impacted during her many years of selfless service. On behalf of New York's 21st District, it is my honor to remember and celebrate the life of Colonel Johnnie Pantanelli.

HONORING DENISE CLAYTON

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Denise Clayton for her incredible service to Kentucky's Third District.

As a Louisville native and graduate of the University of Louisville's Brandeis School of Law, Denise was the first Black woman to serve on the Kentucky Court of Appeals, which she currently serves on as chief justice. Her dedication to break down barriers serves as an inspiration to many across Louisville. I thank Denise for her commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING LUCY BILLINGSLEY

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lucy Billingsley, a trailblazer in the real estate space and a legendary North Texan. Lucy has been selected to receive the Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award from Texas Woman's University.

In 1978, Lucy and her husband Henry founded the Billingsley Company to manage their growing real estate portfolio. Thanks to their innovative approach and grit, the Billingsleys have become some of the most sought-after developers in Texas, and their company has received numerous awards for design excellence.

In addition to her work as a commercial real estate developer and business owner, Lucy has remained civically involved and has served our community through her involvement on numerous boards and advisory committees. Lucy's tenacity has brought great economic opportunity to North Texas, and her civic leadership has forever bettered our community.

Lucy has received many other prestigious accolades for her work, including being inducted into the Texas Business Hall of Fame, the Junior Achievement of Dallas Business Hall of Fame, the North Texas Commercial Association of REALTORS Hall of Fame and was awarded the 2013 H. Neil Mallon Award presented by the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth. Lucy also has been recognized by Commercial Real Estate Women as a distinguished leader in commercial real estate.

I thank Lucy for going above and beyond for our community, and I congratulate her on this well-deserved award. Her selflessness and devotion do not go unnoticed.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAY PINES VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 90th anniversary of the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. With the opening of its first domiciliary in 1933, Bay Pines VA became the cornerstone for Veteran healthcare throughout Tampa Bay. Now, the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System proudly serves more than 110,000 Veterans annually across the Southwest region of Florida. Since its inception, its team of dedicated professionals have worked tirelessly to foster an experience that is built on respect and transparency. The team also strives to remain Veteran-focused in all decision-making. As our community celebrates this important milestone, I'd like to congratulate Director Paul Russo and his entire team for their efforts to ensure all Veterans receive the care they've earned and deserve.

HONORING RUBY HYDE

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor civil rights icon Ms. Ruby Hyde, or as many of us from Louisville call her, Ms. Smoketown, for her unwavering commitment to equality.

Ruby has been a community activist for decades. As the founder of the Smoketown Heritage Festival, she has dedicated herself to honoring and uplifting Louisvillians from all walks of life. From her passion for equality to her volunteer work with Wayside Ministries, Ruby is a shining example of what it means to be a leader. I thank Ruby for everything she does for our community.

HONORING VIVIAN RODRIGUEZ AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Vivian Rodriguez retired from the New York City Police Department after completing 21 years of service and achieving the highest recognition within the Detective Bureau—first grade detective.

During her law enforcement career, she served in many specialized units, including the Organized Crime Control Bureau and the Dignitary and Executive Protection Unit safeguarding the New York City mayor and his family. Vivian was assigned to the Intelligence Division during the 9/11 terrorist attack and was involved in various covert anti-terrorism operations to secure New York City and the homeland from future terrorist incidents. Vivian worked for several years as a consultant and

trainer with the Department of Homeland Security delivering a national Anti-Terrorism Intelligence Awareness Training Program to State and local law enforcement agencies.

Vivian relocated to Orlando, Florida, after her retirement and became active with the local Orange County Democratic Party where she eventually was elected as the vice chair. As the president of the Democratic Hispanic Caucus of Florida, Vivian advocated for Latino empowerment and inclusion and became the chair of the Florida Democratic Party Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She has been active with many Hispanic, women, and LGBTQ+ civil rights organizations including Ruth's List and the Human Rights Campaign. Additionally, she was both the president and executive director of the Gay Officers Action League in New York City and Central Florida.

In 2020, Vivian was elected as a DNC member with the Florida delegation. She currently serves on the DNC Women's Executive Committee and is the DNC LGBTQ and DNC Hispanic Caucus southern regional representative. Vivian recently retired on March 31, 2022, after serving more than 5 years as the outreach director and law enforcement coordinator for Congressman DARREN SOTO. She has also worked and contributed her campaign experience with several congressional, State, and local races.

RECOGNIZING GARRETT HOLMES

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Alameda County Sheriff's Department Division Commander and Dublin Police Chief Garrett Holmes on the occasion of his retirement after over 28 years of service on Friday, March 17, 2023.

Growing up in Pleasanton and graduating from Amador Valley High School, Garrett has called the Tri-Valley home for over 45 years. In 2011, he graduated from the FBI National Academy, earning one of the most stringent police officer training certificates in the country.

In 1993, Garrett started his career as a Reserve Deputy with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), working at the North County Jail and Santa Rita Jail. In 2005, Garrett joined Dublin Police Services (DPS), serving on patrol, crime prevention, and investigations. In the years that followed, Garrett took the responsibilities of field training officer and supervisor, patrol supervisor, and administration sergeant, and rose to the rank of Lieutenant. In 2009, Garrett left DPS to serve with ACSO as a Captain and Commanding Officer at the Oakland International Airport.

In 2015, Garrett returned to DPS to oversee operations and administration and, in December 2017, was promoted to Division Commander and Police Chief. Under Garrett's leadership, DPS initiated transparent and accessible community policing, offering regular meetings with the public, publishing a Dublin Police Annual Report, and hosting "Coffee with the Chief" events.

Outside of his career, Garrett has consistently engaged with the community, coaching local Pleasanton soccer and softball teams.