

Arthur was guided by his faith from a young age at Bethel Baptist Church, where he was a member throughout the entirety of his life. He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Louise J. Murphy, with whom he had 2 sons, Kenneth Murphy and F. Michael (Tanya) Murphy, Sr., 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring the full life of Arthur A. Murphy. His commitment to public service and his community touched the lives of all who knew him. He will be dearly missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PETTY
OFFICER THIRD CLASS WILL
MARTIN, JR.

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, Petty Officer Third Class Will Martin, Jr. passed away on January 6, 2023, at the age of 74.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Petty Officer Third Class Will Martin Jr. served his country with dignity as a Seabee in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1969. Will exemplified the Seabee motto of "Can Do," and following his service, he integrated this into his daily life as he worked tirelessly for decades to build "Communities of Honor and Excellence," not only in Victoria County but across the state of Texas.

Along the way, Will's journey saw him serve as the American Legion Commander, the American Legion Legislative Representative for the Department of Texas, an officer with both the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Disabled American Veterans, and as the founder and Commander of the U.S. Navy Seabees Association, Victoria Chapter. He dedicated his spare time to the Warrior's Weekend Field of Honor and was a great friend and supporter of the wounded servicemen and women who came in from all over the nation.

For nearly a decade, Will was the President of the Conservative Texans for Charitable Bingo that helped hundreds of charities all over the state of Texas receive tens of millions of dollars for their activities. As a legislative liaison, he worked with State Senators and Representatives to ensure ongoing access to funding that allowed service organizations to focus on their missions of helping thousands of Texans.

Furthermore, Will was a friend to first responders, in particular law enforcement. He led the effort to craft a county ordinance banning illegal game rooms and the drug and human trafficking crime that accompanied them. This ordinance, which gave Law Enforcement greater opportunity to stop this illegal activity, was adopted first in Victoria County and soon spread throughout the Golden Crescent and Coastal Bend. This initiative likely prevented the trafficking of hundreds of at-risk youth and kept millions of dollars out of the hands of organized crime.

Most importantly, Will was a faithful Christian man who lived his life as a disciple of God's word and as a passionate servant. Throughout his commendable life—up until the very end—Will Martin's love of God and Country and service to others never faded.

BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today because 2 months ago, Americans sent a clear message to Congress, rejecting the extremist anti-abortion, anti-reproductive health policies of the GOP.

Yet, here we are today, on our first week in Congress, voting on legislation that puts women at risk by jeopardizing the ability of medical professionals to perform lifesaving care. Under the Republican agenda, women do not have the right to make decisions about their own bodies and about their own healthcare.

Make no mistake, this is yet another step toward the GOP's ultimate goal of criminalizing abortion nationwide and banning contraception while doing absolutely nothing to address the real issues impacting parents, children, and families across our country.

House Democrats will fight to protect abortion rights, to maintain access to contraception, and to not put the government between women and their doctors.

The GOP's decades-long demonization of reproductive healthcare providers has resulted in targeted violence, as well as continual harassment of those seeking abortion care. Yet, instead of speaking out against these heinous crimes, the GOP is focusing on a resolution that picks what type of violence is unacceptable to them, when in reality violence should be condemned in all forms no matter what groups are being targeted.

For this reason, I am co-sponsoring a House Resolution that condemns attacks on healthcare facilities, healthcare personnel, and patients. This Resolution condemns the hatred, violence, and harassment that abortion providers, reproductive health advocates, and other healthcare providers have faced for providing essential healthcare services to women across our country.

I call upon our colleagues across the aisle to condemn violence regardless of whom it is being directed at, and I invite them to do so by adopting this language into their resolution.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHERRI JACKSON AS
CBS 42 NEWS ANCHOR IN BIRMINGHAM, AL

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career of Sherri Jackson, who is celebrating her 25th Anniversary at CBS 42 on January 12, 2023.

Sherri is a 2-time Emmy Award-winning journalist who currently serves as the PM Managing Editor and Member of the CBS 42, "Your Voice, Your Station" Investigative Team. A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Sherri is a graduate of Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Communications.

Prior to making her home in Birmingham in 1998, Sherri worked for WGXA-TV in Macon, GA, WSAV-TV in Savannah, Georgia, and WSAZ-TV in Charleston and Huntington, West Virginia. Since moving to Birmingham, she has blazed trails reporting on the critical conditions affecting the residents of Central Alabama.

Upholding her motto: "we are all connected," Sherri tailors her journalism to focus on healthcare and issues affecting families to ensure that her audience is abreast with news most pertinent to their community. Her exemplary journalism includes the "Local War on Breast Cancer," which highlights research at the University of Alabama-Birmingham's O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. Her Emmy-winning "Dangerous Connections" provided resources informing parents on how to protect their children in this digital age from both predators and bullying.

Gaining a reputation as a truth-seeker, Sherri spearheaded the CBS 42 award-winning coverage of North Birmingham's environmental crisis. Her expert reporting in CBS 42's "Deadly Deception" exposed the pollution and provided a voice for generations of families who have suffered this injustice for far too long. As a result of her tenacity, the EPA declared the area a SuperFund Site shortly after.

Sherri's unwavering commitment to telling our stories has made her an invaluable resource for Birmingham and the surrounding area. Her second Emmy Award-winning project, "Hope and Honor," followed Elizabeth MacQueen, a local artist, and sculptress, as she made the Four Spirits Statue in Birmingham's Historic Kelly Ingram Park. She boldly tells the story of Birmingham's efforts to establish a fitting memorial for the Four Little Girls: Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson, and Denise McNair, to ensure that we never forget the tragedy of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing. That same year, Sherri traveled to Washington D.C. to cover one of my proudest moments in Congress the posthumously awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal to the Four Little Girls killed in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church. As the only local journalist there, the impact of Sherri's journalistic talent brought my constituents from Birmingham to the Capitol, ensuring that they felt represented during the monumental occasion.

For over 2 decades, Sherri has established herself as 1 of the most trusted voices in the world of journalism. Outside of her home at CBS 42, Sherri has also worked with BBC News, hosting their BBC World Service "Heart and Soul" broadcast from inside the 16th Street Baptist Church and presenting "The Cultural Frontline."

Sherri has received various well-deserved awards and recognition for her work, including being named Best News Anchor by Alabama Broadcasters Association and Associated Press, the 2015 National Headliner Award, and in 2018 received the National Association of Black Journalists Salute to Excellence. Sherri also serves on various boards, including the Foundry Ministries and previously the boards of the Children's Aid Society, UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center, Childcare Resources, and American Red Cross Blood Services Alabama. Sherri's civic affiliations include being a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, Radio Television Digital News Association, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

On a personal note, I was honored that Sherri covered my first bill passage that paid tribute to the Four Little Girls who lost their lives in the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama. Like them, Sherri's career and extensive body of work serve as an inspiration to all little girls, especially little black girls who watch her on television and become inspired to follow in her footsteps. Congratulations on your 25th Anniversary at CBS 42. May you continue to anchor for many years to come.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary career of Sherri Jackson and congratulate her on 25 years of exceptional work at CBS 42.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
ELLIOTT OF WARSAW

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of John Elliott of Warsaw, Indiana, who passed away this month.

John was a cherished member of the Warsaw community who devoted decades of his life to civic and community service. John was a longtime, successful banker who retired from 1st Source Bank in Warsaw but is mostly remembered for his numerous roles in the community outside of work. John's contributions range from involvement with the Baker Youth Club, Indiana Right to Life, and the Warsaw Breakfast Optimist Club, in which he attended over 2,392 meetings with perfect attendance. He played an instrumental role in bringing bands such as the Marine, Penn State, Oklahoma State, and his alma mater, Ohio State University bands to Warsaw, Indiana. John was a key supporter of athletics at Warsaw Community High School and Grace College, where he sponsored and hosted many of the teams that came for the Grace College basketball tournaments. As a respected and accomplished soccer referee, he was at one point responsible for placing all soccer referees in the state of Indiana.

John is remembered as a selfless individual who was always ready to get involved to help others and his community, which he loved dearly. In the wake of his passing, I wish his wife Elaine, their children and grandchildren, peace, and comfort. Though he is no longer with us, his spirit and example live on for us to strive to emulate every day.

CELEBRATING UCLA WOMEN'S
SOCCER 2022 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the women's soccer team from the University of California, Los Angeles. They took home the 2022 NCAA Division One National Championship on the 5th of December. UCLA defeated the women's soccer team from the Uni-

versity of North Carolina, Chapel Hill at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, North Carolina.

This year's championship is the program's 2nd national championship and 120th overall NCAA championship earned by a UCLA Bruins team in any sport.

The team should be proud of their accomplishments, becoming the first team ever to win the national championship after being two goals down. The team's perseverance allowed them to bring the game to overtime in the final seconds of regulation. While just over three minutes into the second overtime period, UCLA scored the winning goal taking the lead in dramatic fashion. With Coach Marguerite Aozasa, the Bruins have become the first women's soccer program to win the championship with a rookie coach in NCAA history.

I would like to sincerely congratulate the UCLA women's soccer team once again on winning the national championship and wish them the best of luck next season. Their performance and perseverance were a sight to behold and a tribute to the achievements of student athletes throughout the Nation. Go Bruins.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
JAMES MADISON "JIM" THOMAS

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Marine TSgt (retired) James Madison "Jim" Thomas, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great grandfather, veteran, first responder, and dedicated public servant. At 101 years young, Jim was a pillar of the community. He served as Chairman of the Nassau County Commission, Chairman of the School Board, a Nassau County Sheriff's Deputy, and a Marine Tech Sergeant.

He was born in Yulee, Florida and was the son of the late David M. and Chal Treatie May Thomas. He attended school in Yulee and would eventually earn his GED after joining the U.S. Marine Corps.

Jim's love for his country was unparalleled. At the age of 17, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps before the beginning of World War II. Jim was a highly decorated combat veteran of World War II and the Battle of Guadalcanal serving with the 1st Marine Division, 1st Expeditionary Force, 1st Combat Engineer Pioneer Battalion—nicknamed "The Super Breed." His battalion was awarded The Presidential Unit Citation for their extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions. Jim was honorably discharged at the rank of Technical Sergeant with over 14 years of service to the nation. Never someone who would accept accolades for his military service—he would quickly reply, "I was just doing my duty."

Jim returned home to Nassau County and quickly became an integral part of the community. Through the years he served Nassau County in a variety of ways. He worked for the School Board as Maintenance Supervisor, and the Nassau County Sheriff's Office as a Juvenile Officer. Along with being a Sheriff's Deputy, he was elected to the School Board. Dur-

ing his tenure, he was instrumental in constructing 2 new schools in his first 4 years—Emma Love Hardee Elementary and Callahan Elementary.

He went on to serve the community as the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. When asked to describe his most rewarding act as a commissioner, it was a quick and easy response. He was responsible for the monument that is standing today at the base of Center Street to publicly display the names of residents who gave their life in the service to our country.

Jim was also an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Fernandina Beach where he taught Sunday School and was an Elder and Deacon.

Jim served his God, his family, his community, and his country with honor and devotion.

In addition to his parents and his siblings, Jim was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Ann Thomas, a son, Phillip Terry Thomas and a son-in-law, Fred Armstrong. He leaves behind his 3 daughters, Linda Armstrong, Brenda Wall and her husband, James, and Beth McDonald and her husband, Larry, all of Fernandina Beach as well as a daughter-in-law, Alicia Thomas of Glen St. Mary; 17 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren and a large extended family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in celebrating and honoring the life of James Madison "Jim" Thomas, a leader, a believer, a patriot, and a friend to so many. Jim will be greatly missed, but fondly remembered by all who knew him.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE
HONORABLE MEL HANNAH

HON. RUBEN GALLEGOS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. GALLEGOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of the Honorable Mel Hannah, who passed away this week. Mel was a lifelong Arizonan, civic leader, and friend and mentor to many. He will be greatly missed.

Mel was born and raised in the small town of Winslow, Arizona. After high school, he earned a scholarship to play football at what would become Northern Arizona University. While traveling through the South for football games, Mel experienced the realities of segregation—being denied a room at the hotel where his white teammates were staying.

Mel's experience with segregation, as well as President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty campaign, inspired him to get involved in politics and activism. He went on to become the first African American member of the Flagstaff City Council and to serve on the Coconino County Board of Supervisors. He later moved to Phoenix where he worked in the administration of Governor Fife Symington and was Director of Community Outreach and Job Development at the Greater Phoenix Urban League. More recently, he served as Chair of the Arizona Secretary of State's Advisory Council and was a charter member of the Arizona Commission of African American Affairs.

Mel's life and career embodied his commitment to civic engagement which he defined