

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 GALLEGRO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. GALLEGRO. 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

as, “what we do to make lives better.” For him, that meant serving and empowering low-income, rural, and minority communities. I trust that current and future generations will continue to be inspired by Mr. Hannah’s life to get involved in the betterment of their communities.

I offer my deepest condolences to Mel’s family and friends.

HONORING KATHLEEN KLINE-HUDSON

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Kathleen Kline-Hudson, an extraordinary public servant upon her retirement, and to pay tribute to her dedication and devotion to community planning over the past 3 decades that have helped shape and mold Livingston County, Michigan into the thriving, vibrant place it is today.

Nearly 32 years ago, with the ink barely dry on her Master’s degree in urban planning from the University of Michigan, Kathleen Kline-Hudson was hired as a “principal planner” with the Livingston County Planning Department. By 2009 she had risen through the ranks to become its director, a position she has held for the past 13 years. All this at a time when the county was experiencing unprecedented growth and transforming from a collection of predominantly rural areas to a bustling bedroom community at the crossroads of the region’s major expressways.

A self-proclaimed data nerd, Kathleen thrived on organizing critical information about that growth into tables and graphs and analyzing what the changes meant for Livingston County. She created data books and detailed community profiles that now serve as historical documentation of the county’s trajectory. Three times—in 2000, 2010, and 2020—she helped lead the effort to ensure every resident was counted in the decennial census, serving on the Complete Count Committees, revising census tracts based on population and housing units, and ultimately crunching the numbers that came in to plan for the county’s future. She helped draft Livingston County’s first master plan in 2002, and its second in 2018, which won statewide and national awards.

But Kathleen Kline-Hudson has not been a simple observer of Livingston County’s trends, or a mere chronicler of its past. A county resident, her devotion to her work as a land use planner has always been rooted in her abiding love for the place she calls home and her passionate advocacy for creating more diverse, equitable, and accessible communities. She served as a founding director of the Livingston County chapter of Habitat for Humanity, helping the organization obtain nonprofit status and break ground on its first local home. She facilitated a grassroots committee focused on affordable housing, reviewed all proposed developments along the M-59 corridor, and coordinated the opening of Fillmore and Lutz County Parks, to name just a few of her many accomplishments and contributions to the betterment county.

As she now closes this chapter as a county planner, my wish is that her personal planner

will be filled with quality time with her cherished family and friends, the traveling adventures she so loves, kayaking, hiking, biking, and Michigan-themed crafting. Kathleen Kline-Hudson charted a course of excellence for Livingston County that will not be forgotten.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HARRY AUBREY MARTIN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Harry Aubrey Martin. Harry, a legendary economic development leader and local philanthropist, died peacefully in his sleep on Friday, December 30, 2022, at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. He was ninety-seven and a half years old. A native of Quitman County, Mississippi, Harry was born on a farm on July 20, 1925, the sixth of 9 children of the late Ed Martin and Bessie R. Flemings Martin. Harry graduated from Quitman High School in 1942. He attended Mississippi State University from 1942–1943, at which time he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving his country during WWII. He returned to MSU, graduating in 1948 with a bachelor of science degree in Agricultural Administration. Always industrious, Harry worked his way through MSU in Dean E. B. Colmer’s office. He married Clarke County native Agnes Louisa Norris on July 30, 1948. They were married for over 65 years, until she passed away on May 11, 2015.

Harry was a natural leader, a visionary, and seemed to understand the rhythm of life from an early age. On Oct. 1, 1948, he and Agnes moved to Tupelo so that he could be an assistant county agent, specializing in 4-H Club work. Harry excelled in organizing and promoting leadership among 4-H’ers, winning state and national awards. In May of 1956, Harry was chosen as secretary-manager of the Community Development Foundation, where he served for 44 years. His record of success as an economic developer is not only evident in present-day Tupelo: he also received numerous accolades, recognitions, and meritorious awards—regionally, statewide, and nationally. He was instrumental in locating more than 100 plants and expansions as well as the development of 5 industrial parks in Lee County, 1 of which bears his name. The National Business Alliance and the U.S. Housing and Urban Development selected CDF’s Lee County service area as being 1 of the 10 best examples of public/private partnership in the USA. The Ford Foundation equally recognized CDF. Harry had the ability to focus on “hands-on” projects, using diverse skill sets and talents and always coated them with “community ownership.”

Harry was instrumental in starting the RCDC movement in the 1950s, which bridged the gaps between rural and urban people and became a national model. His other selfless services to the Tupelo-Lee County area, the State of Mississippi, and the rest of the country will be his legacies of leadership, stamina, and accomplishments. Harry was a Civitan, Tupelo’s Outstanding Man in 1959, a leader in the 1987 AHEAD program that brought four-lane highways to Mississippi, especially the

northeast portion of the state. He was a charter member and secretary/treasurer of the Tupelo Furniture Marketing Association. Harry was a faithful and beloved member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Tupelo, where he held many offices. He was a Master Mason. After retirement, Harry joined his daughter, Janet, in establishing Martin Realty Company. In 2018, he finished writing and published his autobiography, *Harry Martin and the Community Development Foundation*, a definitive work on local history and economic development. Harry enjoyed reading, hiking in the woods, gardening, collecting antiques, and traveling.

Harry is survived by his daughter, Janet Martin of Tupelo, as well as by his nieces and nephews and their families and a host of friends, respecters of his purpose-filled life and his economic development family all about the State of Mississippi and nationwide.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRIAN DEQUINCY NEWMAN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated community servant. Brian DeQuincy Newman was called too soon to his heavenly home on January 3, 2023, in Atlanta, Georgia. Throughout his life, his bright spirit and brilliant mind was beloved and will be sorely missed.

Brian Newman was born on December 22, 1982 in Columbia, South Carolina. He attended Spring Valley High School, where he excelled in basketball and found an early passion for public service with his role on the student council. He graduated from Spring Valley in 2001, and went on to pursue further education at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia on a full academic scholarship. He graduated Cum Laude in 2005 after completing a course of study in Business Administration.

The same year, Brian enrolled in the University of South Carolina School of Law. In 2008, he graduated with his Juris Doctorate and passed the bar exam. At the beginning of his legal career, Brian worked for the Fifth Circuit Solicitors Office in Columbia, South Carolina as assistant Solicitor. He then worked for Rikard and Protopapas, LLC before going into private practice.

In 2010, Brian was elected to the Columbia City Council, where he became the youngest person ever elected to serve in the role at 26 years old. He quickly found his stride and immersed himself in service to the city of Columbia, making essential contributions to the life of city residents by championing projects like the COMET bus system and the Edgewood and Bull Street Developments. He served as the Chair of the City’s Committees on Public Safety and Budget and Finances, and as a representative on the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors. Brian also occasionally served as Mayor Pro Tempore. He remained on the council until 2015.

Brian was a man of God and was a charter member of I. DeQuincey Newman United Methodist Church. He was inspired to lead a life that would make his Great Uncle, civil rights leader I. DeQuincey Newman, proud.