

After graduating, Marvin put his expertise into practice by developing a cattle ranch in Hardee County. He and Elsa lived there for two years before moving back home to Sebring to manage his family's groves. He then founded Kahn Groves, Inc. to manage his family's property. Marvin later expanded his operations by launching Kahn Grove Services in 1969 to care for properties in Highlands, Hardee and Polk counties. He quickly developed a reputation as a "grower's grower" thanks to his philosophy of providing personalized service for his customers.

Marvin served on the Florida Citrus Commission from 1971 to 1979 at a time when the industry was booming. He was a member of the Highlands County and Florida Farm Bureau for more than 65 years, serving as president of the board. He also served as president of the Highlands County Cattleman's Association and First President of the Florida Beef Council. Marvin was deeply committed to FFA and was a founding member of the Highlands County 4-H Club Foundation. He was honored for his significant contributions to Florida agriculture with his induction into the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame in 2018.

On behalf of Florida's 18th Congressional District, I know that Marvin will be deeply missed by our community. But his contributions will be remembered by his friends, family and neighbors for years to come.

#### HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OPERATION HOMECOMING

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 27, 2023*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 50th anniversary of Operation Homecoming, the vital mission to safely return American Prisoners of War from Vietnam to America. These American Prisoners of War displayed extraordinary fortitude and bravery, exemplifying the best of America through their resilience and selflessness in the face of adversity and hardship.

In 1973, as part of the Paris Peace Accords, 591 American Prisoners of War held by North Vietnam were freed and safely returned to American soil. The first group of 20 former Prisoners of War released from the prison camps in North Vietnam landed at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California. Over 300 family members were present to welcome home these valiant and loyal servicemembers. I have listened to countless stories from this group of brave individuals that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated at Travis Air Force Base.

Service records only scratch the surface of the courage American Prisoners of War exhibited during their captivity in North Vietnam. These individuals demonstrated remarkable endurance and heroism while being forced to withstand harsh conditions and cruel treatment. The valiant servicemembers that returned during Operation Homecoming epitomize the values of perseverance and patriotism.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District, I would like to honor the 50th

anniversary of Operation Homecoming and extend my sincere gratitude to all American Prisoners of War freed through this mission, for their sacrifice and contributions to the defense of this great country.

#### RECOGNIZING VA MEDICAL CENTER DIRECTOR KEVIN FORREST FOR RECEIVING THE SECRETARY'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NURSING

#### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 27, 2023*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of VA Medical Center Director Kevin Forrest for receiving the Secretary's Award for Excellence in Nursing. Every year since 1984, the Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded several outstanding individuals with this great honor. These individuals are directors, nursing executives, registered nurses, licensed practical or vocational nurses, and nursing assistants, all actively involved in patient care. They are nominated by their peers and go through a rigorous review process.

This year, one of the awardees is New Hampshire's very own Kevin Forrest. Since first joining the VA in 2012, Kevin has been a tireless advocate for Veterans' health all across New England and now in Manchester, New Hampshire. His previous experience combined with his ability to build relationships at the medical center have been key elements in his leadership strategy. He has run the Manchester VAMC with confidence, providing care to over 30,000 Veterans all across New Hampshire. His guidance helped the center overcome many challenges throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, and was appreciated by Veterans, employees, and the community alike.

I look forward to seeing all that Kevin and the Manchester VAMC accomplish in the years to come. I am confident that the Veterans of Manchester, and all of New Hampshire, will continue to benefit from Kevin's leadership. On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I commend Kevin for receiving this high honor, and I commend his amazing staff for making the Manchester VAMC one of the best-run veteran medical centers in the country. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 27, 2023*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to cast my vote against H.R. 5, the so-called "Parents Bill of Rights Act" on March 24, 2023, due to my ongoing recovery from surgery. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call 161.

We should encourage all parents to be engaged in their child's education and active in their school community, but H.R. 5—under the guise of parental rights—undermines our public education system.

Instead of working to keep children safe in the classroom, provide better wages for teachers, and empower students of all backgrounds to learn more about the world around them, Republicans would rather help far-right extremists whitewash history in public schools.

Our children deserve to learn without being caught in divisive culture wars. These partisan attacks on our students, particularly LGBTQ+ and minority students, need to stop.

#### CELEBRATING THE SCHOOL RENAMING IN HONOR OF THE LATE MRS. ROSE MARY BILLIPS LOVING

#### HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 27, 2023*

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding, cherished public servant from my home State of Louisiana. Mrs. Rose Mary Loving, born Rose Mary Billips, was the first African-American woman elected to the Orleans Parish School Board and served from 1977 to 1989. Mrs. Loving was elected board president in 1982, 1983 and 1985. She was also a former director of the Algiers-Fischer Community Center.

Even before her election to the board, Mrs. Loving was involved with the public schools for two decades as a committed parent and was also active in Chapter 1, a federal program providing remedial education to schools in low-income areas.

At her last board meeting, she was honored by school officials, employees and other well-wishers. Mrs. Loving pointed out her 15-year-old granddaughter in the audience to show that she had a special reason to stay involved with the schools. "I'm not going very far," she said. This weekend, we continue to recognize Mrs. Rose Mary's unwavering commitment and numerous contributions to the school system, naming a local elementary school in her honor.

Nearly a year ago, New Orleans Public School System responded to public requests to rename school facilities. This renaming is in accordance with policy approved by the Orleans Parish School Board to ensure school facilities do not have names honoring figures from our painful past. The board believed all schools should be welcoming, inclusive, and inspiring places for all students. The goal was to ensure the names of these physical school facilities and the people that we honor reflect the values of the school district, like Mrs. Loving did throughout her life and her time serving on the board.

As their policy states, the OPSB is fundamentally opposed to retaining names of school facilities named after persons who were slave owners, confederate officials, or segregation supporters.

After months of public input, hundreds of name considerations and historical research, the Orleans Parish School Board unanimously voted and approved NOLA Public Schools list of recommendations for the renaming of several public-school buildings.

The District received more than 250 name recommendations that were vetted and considered. Mrs. Rose Mary Loving's name is replacing Martin Behrman, a former slave

owner, and she is one of 24 selected honorees that are now listed as the historic names of school properties.

Mrs. Lovings dedication to her community is evident through the many accolades she was awarded in her lifetime. A longtime volunteer and community activist, Mrs. Loving was known for her work with the elderly and low-income families. She was the first president of the Metropolitan School Boards Association. She was a two-term member of the city's Human Relations Committee and served on former Mayor Ernest N. "Dutch" Morial's commission to chart a course for the city's future. She was a co-founder of the Emergency Fund for United Churches of Algiers, and in 1982 she received the Torch of Liberty Award from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Mrs. Loving was a former member of the deaconess board at St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church in Algiers. Rose Mary was even awarded an honorary Doctor of Education by Xavier University of Louisiana.

Rose Mary Loving was born in Kenner and lived in Algiers at the time of her passing. Her impact in this community throughout her 82 years of life continues to be felt still to this day.

I am honored to have personally known Mrs. Rose Mary Loving. I am especially humbled knowing that her name will be honored on a school within Louisiana's Second Congressional District.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CODE RETURNING CITIZENS COORDINATION ACT

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 27, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the District of Columbia Code Returning Citizens Coordination Act, which would require the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to provide information to the District of Columbia government on individuals convicted of felonies under D.C. law in BOP custody. Currently, BOP provides no information to D.C. on these individuals, even immediately before release, which inhibits reentry, increases recidivism and harms public safety. Last Congress, the Committee on Oversight and Reform passed this bill.

Federal law requires BOP to incarcerate individuals convicted of felonies under D.C. law. There are currently 3,200 such individuals in BOP custody, and they are located in prisons throughout the United States. This unique custody arrangement creates several obstacles to successful reentry, including information sharing among agencies.

BOP asserts that federal privacy laws prohibit it from providing any information to D.C. on these individuals, which prevents D.C. from having services ready for them when they return from prison. Yet, studies consistently show the importance of health care, housing, education, job training and substance use disorder treatment for successful reentry.

This bill would require BOP to provide D.C. 2 types of information on each individual convicted of a D.C. Code felony in BOP custody. Every 90 days, BOP would provide the name, age, Federal Register Number, facility where

housed and the scheduled release date. Upon D.C.'s request, BOP would provide D.C. the same information that BOP provides to the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) on these individuals, such as their release plan. CSOSA is a federal agency that supervises individuals convicted of D.C. Code felonies on supervised release and parole.

D.C. would be allowed to provide the biographical information only to counsel for the individuals, and to organizations that provide legal representation to individuals in criminal or post-conviction matters, or in matters related to reentry. D.C. would not be allowed to provide any of the other information, and D.C. law enforcement agencies would not have access to any of the information.

The overwhelming majority of people in prison return home. I hope everyone agrees on the importance of successful reentry.

I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

#### HONORING THE NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

#### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 27, 2023*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Vietnam War Veterans Day and the hundreds of Vietnam veterans across New Hampshire who bravely served in all branches of our Armed Forces. Fifty years ago, on March 29, 1973, the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam and the remaining American prisoners of war were released.

On this day, in accordance with the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act, we remember and honor the more than seven million U.S. Vietnam War veterans who served from November 1955 to May 1975. We solemnly commemorate their sacrifices as part of a national effort to stand with these remarkable individuals and thank them for their service and sacrifice.

We also honor the tens of thousands of Americans who were wounded in the conflict, the 1,253 missing in action heroes who have not yet been returned to American soil, and the 2,500 Americans taken as prisoners of war.

The veterans of the Vietnam War come from all walks of life, but are united by the common thread of service to their country and in defense of democracy. As a Nation, it is important for us to not just offer our thanks whenever possible but to ensure that Vietnam veterans get the care and help they need. Because sentiments and platitudes ring hollow without action to ensure that our veterans get the care, services and respect they have earned.

As President Kennedy said of those who have served in uniform: "as we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." That is why, as the Representative for New Hampshire's First Congressional District and a member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I remain committed to ensuring that all veterans, in New Hampshire and across the country, have access to the care and benefits their service has earned.

Our Vietnam veterans play an essential role in our communities when they return from service. They are teachers, first responders, and members of law enforcement. They volunteer for local organizations, serve in local government, and inspire the next generation of Americans to give back to their country.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I salute the bravery of all New Hampshire Vietnam veterans, and I urge my fellow Granite Staters to thank the veterans in their lives for their service and find ways to continue to pay down the debt that we all share for that sacrifice.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF PASTOR DWIGHT ALLEN PRUITT

#### HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, March 27, 2023*

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a beloved community leader, Pastor Dwight Allen Pruitt of Dayton, Texas, who passed away on February 23, 2023, at 62 years old.

Pastor Pruitt was born on November 24, 1961, in Dayton, Texas, to the late Eural and Lois Lee Pruitt. As a young man, he was heavily influenced by his grandmother, Vester Lee Earls, who shared the gospel with him. Her testimony and lessons led him to accept Christ at an early age.

In the early 1990s, Dwight felt called to enter ministry. While attending St. Miles Missionary Baptist Church in Ames, Texas, he preached his first sermon. In time, Pastor Pruitt was ordained and called to serve as Pastor of St. Miles Missionary Baptist Church, a congregation he led for nearly 13 years.

In 2004, Pastor Pruitt obtained a Bachelor of Theology degree from the United Christian Theological Institution in Houston, Texas. During his tenure at St. Miles, he implemented Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Narcotics Anonymous (NA), and a prison outreach program, all of which still exist today and minister to the needs of Liberty County residents.

In addition to his ministry, Pastor Pruitt was devoted to and an advocate for his community. After serving on the Dayton City Council from 2012 to 2017, he was elected again in 2022 and was a member until his passing. He was also a member of the Liberty County Hospital District No. 1 Board, the Dayton Community Development Corporation, the City of Dayton Park Board, and retired from the Liberty County Appraisal District.

Mr. Speaker, it was a privilege to know and work with Pastor Dwight Pruitt. I will always appreciate his faith and leadership in our community, and my most sincere prayers remain with his family, friends, and church congregation during this difficult time.

#### USO ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, March 27, 2023*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, I was grateful to attend the