HOMETOWN HERO—ANNA SALTON EISEN

HON.BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Anna Salton Eisen, a founding member of Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville. After the hostage situation at the synagogue, Anna became a champion for speaking out against antisemitism.

Anna has spoken across Texas to educate communities about the history of antisemitism. She is the daughter of 2 Holocaust survivors and has continually researched the Holocaust and its legacies. The attack at Congregation Beth Israel gave her the opportunity to use her knowledge of antisemitism and its historical context to make a difference in our community and communities across the nation. Anna will attend this year's White House Hanukkah Ceremony to be an advocate and representative of the Jewish Community in North Texas.

I commend Anna, for helping lead our community to recovery following the attack and for all she does to speak out against antisemitism.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF SENATOR JIMMY HOLLEY

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the hard work and legacy of Alabama State Senator Jimmy Holley. His devoted service of 44 years in the Alabama Legislature has changed my home state and made a difference in the life of many Alabamians.

Born and raised in Elba, Alabama, Mr. Holley lives a remarkable life rooted in service and humility in his community. He is an American patriot who served in the U.S. National Guard and graduated from East Tennessee State University, with his Bachelor's and Master's degree. In Tennessee he met his wife Mary, and they are parents to 2 sons, John, and Jason.

A devout man of faith and member of the College Avenue Church of Christ in Enterprise, Jimmy spreads love and joy to all those around. My friend, Mr. Holley is loved by many in his hometown of Elba and by those in his district. He shows appreciation to the people of Coffee, Covington, Dale, and Pike Counties and serves his community without bounds.

As a mentor to other legislators, he has consistently shared his valued wisdom with mentees and colleagues. Many lawmakers treasure the experience and intelligence he has provided by his extensive knowledge of policy and proceedings.

Mr. Holley provided incredible insight as a member of the Children, Youth, and Human Services, Finance and Taxation General Fund, Reapportionment, Senate Rules, Transportation, and Veterans and Military Affairs Committees, as well as his leadership on the Governmental Affairs Committee as Chair.

I would like to congratulate Senator Holley on his well-deserved retirement and extend

deep gratitude for his diligence in public service. He is a joyous and loved citizen of Alabama's Second Congressional District that has created a remarkable legacy.

HONORING DONALD OVERCASH

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Donald Overcash, the longest-serving EMS employee in Rowan County. Donald selflessly served North Carolina as a paramedic and first responder for 36 years. During his tenure, he pioneered the county's shift to modern paramedicine in the 1970s and 80s. In fact, Donald is the longest-serving Rowan County EMS employee, breaking the previous mark of 34 years. He also served his country for 8 years as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps.

Donald served North Carolinians in Rowan, Cabarrus, and Stanly County through many major weather events including Hurricane Hugo in 1989, the 1993 superstorm, known as the "Storm of the Century", and the North Carolina Ice Storm of 2002. He bravely served as a paramedic during the 2000 Lowes Motor Speedway Walkway Collapse and the 2008 Salisbury Millworks Fire. His leadership and service are greatly admired and will serve as an example for future first responders.

I thank Donald for his remarkable leadership and dedication to his fellow North Carolinians. From the people of North Carolina's 8th Congressional District, congratulations on a successful career. I wish him a long and happy retirement.

> RECOGNIZING SELF-HELP ENTERPRISES

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) for their dedicated work on behalf of families across the Central Valley.

Since its founding in 1965, Self-Help Enterprises has been critical in providing underserved and low-income families across the Central Valley with services like housing, infrastructure development, and drought relief. While their services have impacted the lives of over 65,000 people across the Valley, their work to provide drought relief to families has been truly remarkable.

Over the past two decades, California has experienced devastating drought conditions. This has not only had an impact on Central Valley farmers and producers but on families across the region—particularly low-income families. Through their Tanks and Hauled Water Program, SHE has worked tirelessly to provide water access and well maintenance to over 1,800 families across the nine counties in the San Joaquin Valley. Not only have they delivered over 50 million gallons of water to households and small communities, but they have also installed over 700 new temporary

tank systems to individual households, as well as several temporary Community tank installations.

The work done by Self-Help Enterprises has been important for so many of our neighbors throughout the Valley. For decades, Valley families have been forced to deal with uncertainty when it comes to accessing clean and reliable drinking water. Organizations like SHE and their Tanks and Hauled Water Program are critical to ensuring all families across the Valley, whether in a big city or a small rural community, have access to a clean and reliable water supply.

I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the incredible work of Self-Help Enterprises.

HOMETOWN HERO—NICOLE MAUCERE JACKSON

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Nicole Maucere Jackson, founder of Fairy Godmothers. Her initiative is to provide widowed and single parents with presents during the holiday season.

Nicole's movement is to make these parents feel loved, embraced, and seen during the holiday's by providing them with presents from the Fairy Godmothers. Christmas of 2020 was Nicole's first being a widow after her husband, Craig, suffered a tragic car accident in July leaving her alone with her 2 children. She quickly realized the hardships of being a widow during Christmas morning, so she started Fairy Godmothers to bridge this gap and show support for those parents. Fairy Godmothers have helped over 760 parents since Nicole initiated this movement.

I commend Nicole, for going above and beyond for families in our community.

HONORING STEVE FOSHEE ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM TOMBIGBEE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Steve Foshee on his retirement from Tombigbee Electric Cooperative and to acknowledge the great contribution he has made to improving the lives of people not only in northwest Alabama, but across the State as well.

Mr. Steve Foshee is retiring after spending the past 25 years as president and CEO of the Tombigbee Electric Cooperative in Hamilton, Alabama. Tombigbee Electric Cooperative provides electricity to thousands of homes in Marion, Lamar, and Fayette Counties.

Steve was born in the 4th Congressional District in Marshall County and graduated from Douglas High School in Douglas, Alabama. He then went on to Auburn University where he received both a bachelor's and master's degree. He then began work for the Farm Credit System in Northwest Alabama in 1981 where

he served as regional vice president until 1987.

In 1987, Steve began his long career serving in the electric utility sector as he took the helm of Cullman Electric Cooperative in Cullman, Alabama. He served as the general manager there for over a decade.

In 1998, he began his long and highly successful career as president and CEO of Tombigbee Electric. In 2017, under his leadership and foresight, Steve led the effort in Tombigbee offering high speed internet services and created Tombigbee Communications. It was there that Steve took on double duty, also serving as its president and CEO.

Under Steve's guidance, Tombigbee Communications has truly become a regional and national leader in providing reliable, high-speed internet to thousands of rural homes under the name of Freedom Fiber. One of their slogans is, "speeds so fast, even big cities are jealous." This is all because of the great leadership and vision Steve Foshee had for providing this service to people, who for decades, have been cut off from service.

Steve has been married to his wife, Libby, for more than 40 years. They have two adult children, Josh and Caleb Foshee and two grandsons, Luke and Jack Foshee.

Again, I congratulate, as well as honor, Steve Foshee on his career and his leadership in the State of Alabama that has had such a positive impact on so many people. I wish him and his family all the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DR. DANIEL HOLSENBECK

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding life and legacy of Dr. Daniel Holsenbeck, age 80, who passed away on December 5, 2022. Dr. Holsenbeck, who was widely known as "Dr. Dan" was senior vice oresident emeritus at the University of Central Florida (UCF), where he worked for over 35 years. Dr. Dan touched the lives of countless individuals and left a lasting impression on the Central Florida community.

Dr. Holsenbeck helped to foster deep relationships across the Central Florida community and across the State of Florida that propelled the university's rise in quality and reputation. He helped shape many of the big ideas that have transformed UCF into the place it is today, including championing the region's modeling and simulation industry and UCF's partnerships with the military. He was instrumental in securing state funding for UCF's main campus, the establishment of the College of Medicine, and the creation of the downtown Orlando UCF campus. As an instructor, he loved being in the classroom with students, helping to shape future public relations and government relations professionals.

Dr. Holsenbeck reported to five UCF presidents before retiring in December 2019. His impact on UCF and throughout Central Florida will be felt for generations. In 1985, he was hired as associate vice president of government relations. He was promoted to vice president in 1993 and senior vice president in 2014. He served as senior counsel to the

president in 2018 and 2019 and then was honored with the title of senior vice president emeritus

Dr. Holsenbeck is credited for establishing the UCF Legislative Scholars program, which has been described as the "best program" of its kind in Florida's State Capitol. Created 19 years ago, the program enables students to augment their academic learning by working full time in legislators' offices during the annual Florida legislative session. Since the program's inception, 220 scholars have learned the "ins and outs" of Florida's legislative and public policy-making arena, learning directly from legislative staff, governmental agencies, and lobbying groups while gaining valuable governmental experience.

Dr. Holsenbeck also served UCF presidents in numerous public relations and advisory capacities, including managing University Economic Development and Defense Transition Services. A former captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve, the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division named a Navy jet in his honor, in recognition of his dedication to growing the Modeling, Simulation and Training community.

Dr. Holsenbeck was director of basic enlisted mathematics for the U.S. Navy Nuclear Power School from 1967 through 1969. He served as the principal civilian advisor on college and university teaching and testing for the Chief of Naval Education and Training in Pensacola, Florida. In that capacity, he conducted teaching seminars for all NROTC Navy and Marine instructors from 1971 to 1998. As a drilling reservist, he held four commands in Orlando and Montgomery, Alabama.

Dr. Holsenbeck earned a Bachelor's in mathematics, with honors, from Auburn University, a Master's in education from Johns Hopkins University, and a Doctorate in higher education management systems from Florida State University. UCF awarded Dr. Holsenbeck an honorary Doctorate degree in 2019 in recognition of his distinguished service to the university and Central Florida, as well as the military.

Before coming to UCF, Dr. Holsenbeck was associate vice president for development and alumni affairs at the University of South Florida, the director of university relations at Auburn University, and vice chancellor for development at Auburn University at Montgomery.

Dr. Holsenbeck greatly appreciated the important role nonprofit organizations play in the community and volunteered his time generously on several boards. The Kids House of Seminole County was especially important to him for its dedication to prevent child abuse and provide support for child abuse victims and their families.

He was active in local and national civic and professional organizations, including the Central Florida Partnership, the Economic Development Commission of Mid-Florida, the board of directors of Visit Orlando, the Orange County R&D Authority (chairman, 1999 to 2000) and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Dr. Dan served on the CASE National Board of Trustees and was chairman of CASE's National Commission on Government Relations. He was chairman of the CASE National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges and American Association of State Colleges and Universities Task Force on State Relations from 1996 to 1997. In 1999, Dr. Holsenbeck received the highest national recognition for his state relations activities, the Swede Johnson Award sponsored by CASE, NASULGC and AASCU. He has served on the Boards of Kids House of Seminole, Work Force Central Florida, the UCF Foundation, the National Center for Simulation, the UCF Alumni Association, and the Board of Visitors for the FAMU College of Law.

Dr. Holsenbeck was blessed with a loving family whom he adored and admired. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Joyce Clampitt, a former UCF administrator, and his daughter, Amy Clampitt-Holsenbeck, a board-certified physician assistant and pediatric health specialist. He was preceded in death by his son Alan Clampitt-Holsenbeck.

Dr. Holsenbeck leaves behind a legacy of kindness, generosity, and inspiration. Dr. Dan's positive outlook on life touched the lives of so many and made our community a better place. I am saddened by the loss of such a valuable member of the community and extend my heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING THE HEROISM OF CAPTAIN E. ROYCE WILLIAMS, USN (RET.) OF ESCONDIDO

HON. DARRELL ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2023, the Secretary of the U.S. Navy will present Escondido, California resident and retired Navy Captain E. Royce Williams the Navy Cross—an appropriate recognition and award upgrade that was more than 70 years in the making. On November 18, 1952, Williams engaged and won the greatest overwater aerial dogfight ever—although for decades, it was officially declared by the Pentagon as having never happened.

Fortunately, the incredible story of Royce Williams is now being told—and the Forgotten Hero of the Forgotten War is forgotten no longer. This is history every American should know.

On that day in 1952, Captain Williams and 3 additional American pilots—flying the F9F–5 Panther—engaged 7 Soviet MiGs in a fierce dogfight over the Sea of Japan and the coast of North Korea. During the combat, 2 of the American planes were forced to disengage due to mechanical failures while the other pursued Williams' first downed enemy plane. Opting not to turn away and inevitably endanger his fellow pilots and the entire crew of his carrier, Williams instead turned and faced the remaining 6 Soviet aircraft alone.

Against all but impossible odds, and because of his skill, daring, and indomitable courage, only 2 MiGs returned to base. Williams shot down the others.

The stakes could not have been higher. If Williams had not prevailed, his fellow pilots and the sailors aboard his carrier could have been lost and the history of the Korean War and even the Cold War would be very different.

His plane sustained 263 holes and a footlong gash—but the only injury Williams sustained was a bloody neck chafed by his gear.