

recent years, American Presidential Lines has continued its legacy of innovation, working to modernize its fleets and produce larger, faster container ships that connect the world.

American President Lines' remarkable milestone of 175 years of service demonstrates the company's sincere commitment to the United States maritime industry. With such a rich and involved background in critical moments of history, American President Lines exhibits the best of American innovation. The dedication, longevity, and commitment to progress demonstrated by American President Lines will allow the company to continue to advance American maritime priorities around the world.

On behalf of the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District, I would like to honor the 175th anniversary of American President Lines and extend my sincere gratitude for their generations of service in the United States maritime industry.

HONORING DR. RODERICK LITTLE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable musician, Dr. Roderick Little of Jackson, MS. He grew up in a musical family/background.

During his matriculation at Jackson State University (JSU), he participated in several ensembles including the famous "Sonic Boom of the South", where he played in the percussion section as a snare drummer, marched as part of the Jackson Five Drum major squad, and served as a student arranger for the Sonic Boom and student conductor of the Symphonic Band. Dr. Little studied percussion under Dr. Owen Rockwell, who is his predecessor at JSU.

After completing his undergraduate studies, he returned to his high school alma mater, Lanier High School. During his tenure at Lanier, his bands received excellent and superior ratings at marching/concert festivals. He also had students that made the Mississippi All-State Lions Band (top student honor band in MS)

In 2012, Dr. Little began as an Assistant Band Director and Instructor of Music at JSU. He was promoted to Associate Director of Bands in 2013, and later, the Marching Band Director in 2015. While Director of the Marching Band, he has maintained the rich traditions of the Sonic Boom while adding a unique twist with the use of technology and other innovative ideas. As director, Dr. Little started several outreach programs which include, but are not limited to, the Summer High School Band Camp and A Day With the Boom; both which act as major recruitment agents for the Department of Music/band program grossing over 400 to 600 students collectively annually. He started the public media relations of the Sonic Boom with the implementation of the Sonic Boom Media Team and strengthened social media platforms. Most importantly, he improved the inner workings of the overall operations of the entire JSU Band(s) program.

As the drill writer for the Sonic Boom of the South, having several monumental field shows adding to the band's lustrous history of band pageantry, in the spring of 2020, the Sonic

Boom of the South's "Saints Halftime Show-Salute to the Veterans" was selected to be featured at the CBDNA-NBC Southern Division Conference, which was the first appearance in the school's history.

Dr. Little is an accomplished conductor, clinician, adjudicator, composer, arranger, drill writer, and instrumentalist. He has served as a guest clinician in numerous states across the country. He has also scored piano music for F & S Music KC Publishing Company. He performed with local groups around Jackson, MS, and momentarily in Houston, TX. He has professional affiliations with NAFME, PAS, MAE, MBA, HBCU-NBDC and CBDNA.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Roderick D. Little for his dedication to The Sonic Boom of The South, and impact internationally.

CELEBRATING ROBERTO REVELES

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and applaud the life and work of Mr. Roberto Reveles. Throughout his career, Mr. Reveles has served tirelessly as an advocate for Latinos and Arizonans both at home and on Capitol Hill, and I would like to express my gratitude for his service to our state.

Mr. Reveles grew up in Miami, Arizona and served in the Air Force during the Korean War. Following his graduation from Georgetown University, he has had a successful career, including here on Capitol Hill, as a champion for civil rights and immigration reform. Mr. Reveles was the president of the American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona, founding president of Somos America/We Are America, and co-founder of Unidos en Arizona. In 2006, he helped to lead a march of 200,000 people, the largest in state history, to the Arizona State Capitol in protest to H.R. 4437, which would have made it illegal to offer any kind of aid to an undocumented immigrant.

Mr. Reveles is a compassionate and principled activist and serves as a mentor and role model for young Arizonans and Latinos to this day. He has dedicated his life to serving others and working towards improving the communities that he calls home. At 90 years old, he continues to be active and engaged in organizations and issues in Pinal County and throughout the state. I am inspired by Mr. Reveles' steadfast commitment to social justice and know that his legacy will live on in the robust advocacy organizations and movements that have flourished in Arizona, standing on the shoulders of his work.

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, a pro-

found and significant event in history that demonstrated the extraordinary resilience and defiance of the human spirit in the face of evil, hatred, and genocide.

In April of 1943, German forces entered the Warsaw Ghetto with the intention of relocating thousands of Jews to concentration camps, where they would face near-certain death. They were met by hundreds of courageous Jewish fighters, many of whom were just teenagers, who chose to stand their ground and resist despite having limited military training and weaponry. Led by the 24-year-old Mordecai Anielewicz, these brave individuals remarkably pushed back the Germans, forcing them to retreat outside the Ghetto wall.

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising became the first urban—and first Jewish—uprising in German-occupied Europe, inspiring uprisings in other ghettos in the region. The Jewish fighters and their supporters held the Germans at bay for nearly a month, displaying unwavering courage and determination in their struggle for freedom and dignity. Eventually, the Germans burned the Warsaw Ghetto to the ground, killing 13,000 Jewish men, women, and children, and sending the remaining survivors to death camps.

Mr. Speaker, as we gather here today to remember and honor those who courageously stood against the overwhelming force of the Nazis, let us also reaffirm our commitment to the values of tolerance, justice, and human rights. The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of standing up against tyranny and oppression, no matter the odds, and highlights the power of unity and the indomitable will of the human spirit.

Today, it is our duty to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust are never forgotten, and that we pass on the stories of those who fought and resisted to future generations. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the remarkable bravery of these Jewish fighters, and in remembering their memory, we are reminded of the importance of remaining steadfast in our commitment to justice, equality, and the protection of human rights for all.

HONORING JEFF "SUPA JEFF" VILLANUEVA FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Jeff "Supa Jeff" Villanueva is a current Florida resident and has lived in the state his whole life. He graduated from Full Sail University in 1998 from the Recording Arts program. Today, Jeff is a sound designer/recording engineer at TyFy Studios, where he adds his expertise to Walt Disney Parks and Resorts Worldwide with shows such as nighttime fireworks spectacles and the Walt Disney Animation Studios feature Encanto.

He has touched every sector of entertainment throughout his career. He has contributed to over 110 million records sold worldwide and has earned four Grammy awards. Some of his most notable work as an engineer/mixer has been with super producer Rodney "Darkchild" Jerkins, DJ Khaled, and The

Runners of We the Best Music Group, and with artists such as Lionel Richie, Mary J. Blige, Jay-Z, Beyonce, Usher, Mariah Carey, Drake, Rihanna, and many others. He has continued to expand his success and experience by crossing over into the world of AAA gaming, working on titles such as Madden NFL 20 and NBA Live 19.

CELEBRATING MERLE
WILBERDING'S GOLDEN ANNI-
VERSARY AT COOLIDGE WALL
LAW FIRM IN DAYTON, OHIO

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Merle Wilberding, a close friend from my Congressional district, who is celebrating 50 years as an attorney and partner at the law firm Coolidge Wall in Dayton, Ohio. Founded in 1853, Coolidge Wall is one of the oldest and most respected law firms in Ohio. Merle moved to Dayton after his discharge from the military, and officially joined the firm on June 25, 1973.

The values of hard work, integrity, and service to others have guided Merle throughout his long and distinguished career in the legal profession. Merle earned his law degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1969. After practicing law for 54 years, he remains at the very top of his profession, having earned the distinction of being named the 2023 "Lawyer of the Year" in Corporate Law for all of Dayton by the publication Best Lawyers. He is an active community leader and volunteer, a prolific free-lance writer, the author of seven books and numerous articles published in national law reviews, and has worked on multiple high-profile cases that gained national attention.

During the Vietnam War, Merle served four years as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in Washington, D.C. As a 27-year-old U.S. Army lawyer, he represented the government in briefing and arguing the appeal of Lt. William Calley's court martial for his role in the My Lai Massacre and the Presidio Mutiny case, a non-violent anti-war demonstration at the Presidio Army Base in San Francisco. He represented the Army in 800 appeals and argued 100 cases. For his honorable service, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

In 2008, a servicemember from our community, Maria Lauterbach, was murdered by a fellow marine after she reported a sexual assault. Merle offered to represent the Lauterbach family on a pro bono basis, and began his advocacy for victims of sexual assault in the military. Merle's work on this case resulted in multiple appearances on national news programs and testimony before the U.S. Congress. I teamed with Merle to seek justice for the Lauterbach family by pushing for changes in the Uniform Code of Military Justice and enacting new laws to combat sexual assault in the military, empower sexual assault victims, and establish a safer environment for all who serve in our Armed Forces.

Merle's wisdom, compassion, and knowledge of the law has repeatedly earned him the

respect of his peers. His name is routinely included in the annual lists of the Top 5 percent of Lawyers in the State of Ohio, and the Best Lawyers in America. He was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame and received the Distinguished Alumni Award from his alma mater, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, for his commitment to the values of service and ethical leadership that the University seeks to instill in its students.

In both his personal and professional life, Merle Wilberding has set an excellent example for all of us who work to serve our communities and our nation. I have had the privilege of knowing Merle for many years, and I am proud to call him my friend.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Merle Wilberding as he celebrates this significant milestone in his legal career.

HONORING AUDRIANNA JOHNSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable servant, Audrianna Johnson.

Audrianna Johnson, also known as Audri Star, was born July 28, 1994, to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen and Sandra Johnson. She was raised in Grenada, MS, where she attended Grenada High School. While attending Grenada High School, Audri was a member of the well-known Grenada Marching Band.

Influenced by gospel and being raised in church, she began to write, produce, and record music at the age of 11. After graduating high school, Audri initially enrolled at Delta State University as a Nursing major, but later decided to major in Delta Music Institute (DMI). As a DMI student, she worked as a Mobile Music Lab assistant, leading group sessions with adolescents and teenagers as a mentor, songwriter, artist, producer, and engineer.

Audri graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Entertainment Industry Studies with a concentration of Entrepreneurship. After graduating from Delta State University, Audri joined the DMI staff as an administrative assistant and studio manager. She continues to perform across the states of Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, and Oklahoma.

Audri has received multiple nominations and awards including SEA Awards as Best Performance of the Year Nominee in 2020 and Best Female Rap Artist of the Year of 2020 at the Memphis Hip Hop Awards. In 2021, Audri joined Tymple as an Executive and Head of A&R. She engineered Tennessee State University's Aristocrat of Bands', recent Grammy Award winning album "The Urban Hymnal" for the Best Roots Gospel Album of the Year (2023). This album was produced and written by Sir the Baptist, Prof. Larry Jenkins, and Dubba-AA.

Audri plans to release new music as an artist and continue to be a part of changing the culture in the most positive way. Audri's motto: "You have to be what you want to see."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Audrianna Johnson for her

dedication and tenacity to serving her community and desire to be an example for all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to clarify my position on H.R. 1093, the bill requiring State to submit a report to Congress on the impact of export controls on implementing the AUKUS partnership.

I voted NAY on Roll Call No. 144 when I intended to vote YEA.

REMEMBERING MARGOT STERN
STROM

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recall Margot Stern Strom, a pioneer in Holocaust history teaching and a powerful advocate of anti-bigotry education. Ms. Strom passed on March 27 at her home in Brookline, Massachusetts. In 1975, as a seventh- and eighth-grade language arts teacher in Brookline, she and a colleague, Bill Parsons, attended a lecture on the Holocaust and realized how little they knew about it, and how little was being taught to adolescents. They founded Facing History and Ourselves which has developed curriculum on the Nazi atrocities before and during World War II. It has also taught about Jim Crow racial discrimination and Ku Klux Klan violence in the United States, the Armenian Genocide, apartheid, and other forms of bigotry and antisemitism, including more recent tutorials on the Tree of Life Synagogue massacre in Pittsburgh and the George Floyd murder in Minnesota. Facing History has reached tens of thousands of students and teachers over the years. The daughter of parents who operated a furniture store in my hometown of Memphis, Ms. Strom graduated from the University of Illinois—Champaign-Urbana in 1964 and eventually moved to Massachusetts to teach. She retired as executive director of Facing History in 2014. I extend my condolences to her daughter, Rachel, her son, Adam, her extended family, and her many inspired colleagues, supporters and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAKE D. MOORE

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 185, and YEA on Roll Call No. 186.