

Psychiatry clinic, Dermatology, Ophthalmology clinic, Cardiopulmonary clinic, and liver clinic. Services offered are cancer screening, women's health, health education & preventive medicine, hypertension workshops, nutrition counseling, and a health fair. Vaccination services, referrals, and translation services are also available. Healthcare at the clinic is free.

Mr. Speaker, today we honor Dr. Ronald Jan as he retires. Dr. Jan has worked tirelessly training students and serving the clinic. His dedication and commitment to the Sacramento area is boundless. I ask all my colleagues to join me as the community celebrates Dr. Jan's leadership and legacy.

CELEBRATION OF BERT
BERKLEY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor Mr. Bert Berkley for his decades of service to Missouri's Fifth Congressional District and to congratulate him on his most recent milestone: his 100th birthday. A fine example of what it means to dedicate your life to service. Bert spent his career finding ways to improve quality of life within his community and beyond.

Born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, Bert grew up surrounded by the entrepreneurial spirit epitomized by his family, which founded Tension Envelope, now known as Tension Corporation. The Kansas City-based company, which initially specialized in advertising novelties and business stationery, was established in 1886 under the direction of William Berkowitz and Maurice Berkowitz—Bert's grandfather and great uncle, respectively.

Bert was passionate about the family-owned business early in his career, preparing himself for future responsibilities by studying economics at Duke University. With World War II underway, Bert was deployed to the Philippines where he worked as a quartermaster, managing valuable equipment and supplies. After three and a half years, he was able to leave a day early if he signed up for the Army Reserves, which he did. On his return home, Bert fell in love and married his life-time partner and mother of his children, Joan, in 1948. Bert went on to obtain a Master's in Business Administration from Harvard Business School in 1950 and was starting what would become a successful career when he was sent to active duty once again to serve in the Korean War. During these 17 months of service, Lieutenant Berkley led an infantry platoon and came close to losing his life in combat, an experience that would change his life forever. As a result of the hardships he endured in Korea, Bert made a promise that if he made it out of the war alive, he would dedicate his life to serving others and giving back to the community.

As life would have it, Bert returned to his family untouched and with a desire to transform his community for generations to come. Named the new president and CEO of the Tension Corporation in 1962, Bert helped transform the business into the empire it is today, expanding its horizons across the globe. By evolving along with the industry

throughout his 27 years of service as CEO, Tension Corporation continues to be one of the most successful envelope makers in the world. Still, Ben's success and dedication go beyond his entrepreneurial endeavors. Indeed, it is his selflessness in serving the Kansas City community in order to find new ways to create positive change that truly makes Bert so special.

As an avid advocate of mail exchange, Bert served as the immediate past chairman of the Global Exchange Alliance, an international organization that focuses on the quality of global mail exchange. In this role, he visited various countries such as China, Taiwan, and Thailand to speak to postal service leaders to learn more about mail systems around the world and how they could be improved. Thanks to his exceptional leadership skills, Bert was able to lead many Kansas City organizations including the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce as chairman, and the Kansas City Civic Council.

Bert recognized the importance of providing equitable access to education and social services to children and families and made it his mission to be involved in whatever capacity to ensure he could help create positive outcomes for families in Kansas City. As a result, to his passion for education and bettering his community, he served as a board member of the Institute for Educational Leadership, based in Washington, D.C., which is a hands-on think-tank on K-12 education. Additionally, Bert was a member of the Dean's Advisory Council of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, a member of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum Advisory Council, and a board member of Turn the Page KC, an organization focusing on achieving grade level reading by third grade. Most notably, his creation of the Local Investment Commission (LINC) in Kansas City spearheaded a national movement in social services and public-private partnerships that put children and families at the forefront.

Bert envisioned the impact state localized resources could have on Missouri's families if they could land in right hands. After a round-table meeting with Gary Strangler, the Department of Social Services director in 1989, Bert sought ways to improve the capacity of state departments while using their resources to fulfill the needs of communities. LINC's innovative ideas helped shape the welfare-to-work programs we see today and provided a breakthrough on how to use grant funds and state resources to invest back into local communities. The program was so successful that President Clinton even pointed to LINC as an inspiration for his efforts toward expanding welfare programs across the nation. The program grew to offer before and after school programming for Kansas City Public Schools and other districts, providing care for children of working families. His positive influence on generations upon generations is a testament to his compassion and desire to help others.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District as we forever enshrine our gratitude for the work of Bert Berkley and as we wish him the happiest of birthdays. Bert continues to be a local hero, a symbol of kindness, a considerate friend and companion, and a wonderful father, but most importantly, he is a kindhearted human being. On this special occasion, let us honor the legacy that Bert Berkley has given us throughout his distinguished career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 17, 2023, I was unavoidably detained and unable to cast my vote on two roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call No. 183 and YES on Roll Call No. 184.

TRIBUTE TO MAMIE GARRETT

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a former educator, business owner, civic leader, public servant, loving wife, and devoted mother on her 95th birthday. Mamie Williams Garrett of Greenville, South Carolina celebrated this milestone birthday surrounded by family and friends on April 28, 2023. Through her decades of teaching and community service, Mamie has become a pillar of Greenville's African American community. We joyfully celebrate her longevity.

Mamie Williams was born on April 28, 1928, in Florence, South Carolina. She was the youngest child of three sisters and one brother. After attending public schools, she matriculated at Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina. At Benedict, Mamie joined the Upsilon Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority and graduated in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in education.

Upon graduating from Benedict, Mamie returned to her hometown to begin her career as a teacher. She taught in Florence schools for four years before moving to Greenville, South Carolina, and teaching at Sullivan Street Elementary School, where she spent most of her career. After briefly serving as an English instructor at Greenville Technical College, she retired from her 30-years of teaching. Her decades-long commitment to educating future generations transformed the lives of many.

In addition to teaching, Mamie played an active role in her family's mortuary business. Mamie and her husband purchased partial ownership of an existing mortuary in 1954. Eventually, under the new name of Watkins, Garrett, and Woods Mortuary, Mamie served as Secretary and Treasurer of the organization for five decades. She was also a member of the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association for over 40 years. Today, she remains Vice President of the organization.

Mamie Garrett is also devoted to her faith, community, and family. She has been a member of Springfield Baptist Church for half a century and has become an institution in the congregation. She practiced her faith by employing her musical talents as a featured soloist at events and funeral services. Additionally, Mamie was a member of the community organization THE MOLES, a network of African American women leaders. Mamie was married to the late Fred D. Garrett for over sixty years, and together they raised two daughters and one son. Mamie is now a loving grandmother and great-grandmother to many and has been a personal friend of mine for decades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the remarkable life of Mamie Williams Garrett. Her service as a teacher, business owner, community leader and parishioner continue to impact her community every day. All who are fortunate to know her have been touched by her elegance and fortitude in countless ways. We congratulate her on a life well lived and wish her continued good health and happiness in the days to come.

HONORING CONGREGATION BETH
SHALOM

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Congregation Beth Shalom as it celebrates its 70th Anniversary.

Congregation Beth Shalom was founded in 1951 by The Napa Jewish Group and was established as a synagogue in 1953. Over the years, Congregation Beth Shalom has grown and expanded, and today it is a thriving center of Jewish life in the Napa Valley area. The Congregation consists of over 200 households at present with a full-time Rabbi, Synagogue Director, and Educator and Music Director. Members of Congregation Beth Shalom hold elected positions on the Napa City Council.

The Congregation continues to serve not only the Jewish people of Napa, but also the larger Napa community. Congregation Beth Shalom has played an integral role in aiding others, including their participation with the Table, the Refugee Resettlement Fund, and Citizen's Legal Services. Notably, the Congregation's Rabbi actively participates in the Interfaith Council, which contributes towards the formation of a more inclusive community embracing all faiths, cultures, and orientations.

Congregation Beth Shalom provides Jewish educational programs to the youth community of Napa. A non-sectarian summer program, Camp Chaverim, is led by the Congregation and serves children from the community annually. This camping program brings together children of all faiths and backgrounds to create a meaningful and inclusive environment and experience. Congregation Beth Shalom also provides reading assistance at many primary schools. The Congregation maintains crucial involvement with and support for the young people of Napa Valley.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that Congregation Beth Shalom has contributed to the community of Napa Valley over the past 70 years.

RECOGNIZING WESTMORELAND
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S
75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department's 75th anniversary. Since 1948, the department has provided critical

services and support to Westmoreland residents.

The WVFD covers over 150 miles of roads and serves approximately 5,000 residents of Westmoreland County, Virginia. The WVFD's membership consists of 28 active volunteers committed to community service and public safety. From rescuing boaters on the Potomac River to responding to house fires in Montross, these volunteer first responders are always ready to serve those in need.

On May 6, 2023, the WVFD will host a celebration of its 75th anniversary. The event will feature local food vendors, fire safety challenges, and demonstrations of fire prevention equipment. I look forward to attending the event, and I commend WVFD for its 75 years of excellent service in Virginia's First District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to rise with me today to honor and celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department. May God bless the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department as it continues its dedication to community service.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ROOFING
WEEK

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Roofing Contractors Association headquartered in Rosemont, Illinois, and its efforts to designate the week of June 4 through 10, 2023, as National Roofing Week.

The roof is one of the most important components of any home or business. It is the first line of defense against natural elements, such as rain, snow or wind, and yet it is often taken for granted until it falls into disrepair. National Roofing Week honors the thousands of roofing-related businesses and workers across the country, as well as the industry's commitment to public service. National Roofing Week is a valuable reminder of the significance that quality roofing has on every home and business in the U.S.

Established in 1886, NRCA is one of the Nation's oldest trade associations and the voice of professional roofing contractors worldwide. NRCA has nearly 4,000 roofing company members who represent the entire roofing supply chain. Using its vast network of roofing contractors and industry-related members, NRCA is responsible for the installation of new construction and replacement roof systems on commercial and residential structures across America. Most of its members are small, privately held businesses that provide family-sustaining jobs for thousands of hard-working individuals who are the backbone of our economy.

Professional roofing contractors provide vital services to their communities, on and off the clock. NRCA members will recognize National Roofing Week June 4 through 10 by supporting numerous charitable projects, employee training programs and other activities across the Nation. I commend NRCA and the vital role the organization and its members play in every community, and I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging their contributions during National Roofing Week.

HONORING MAUDIE BEATTY

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maudie Beatty for her selfless and dedicated service to the children, families, and community of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. For 35 years Maudie has taken in and cared for over 300 foster children, demonstrating the valuable attributes of compassion and generosity to those around her who are the most vulnerable and in need.

As a beacon of hope in the community, Maudie is one of the exemplary constituents that it is my honor to represent from the 16th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. It is, undoubtedly, these heroes who too often go unrecognized that are the foundation of what makes this country the greatest country in the world.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN NIKOLAI

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and honor the life of an outstanding public servant, Corrections Officer Kevin Nikolai.

Officer Kevin Nikolai was born in Wausau to Joanne Carol (Baars) and Terrence Nikolai on January 26, 1982. He was raised in Kronenwetter, WI with his two older siblings, Kim and Scott. After graduating from Mosinee High School in 2000, Officer Nikolai attended the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. After graduation he began his employment with the Outagamie County Jail serving as a Collections Officer. Serving with the Outagamie County Sheriffs Office, Officer Nikolai dedicated his life to serving the people of Outagamie County and Northeast Wisconsin and I thank him for his years of unwavering service.

Throughout Officer Nikolai's career with the Outagamie County Sheriff's Office, he was known by his fellow officers as the one who was always willing to lend a helping hand and for his ability to communicate with those around him. Serving as an instructor, Officer Nikolai positively impacted his coworkers and endeavored to leave a positive impact on the world. Officer Nikolai's legacy will live on and be remembered by everyone who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, today the people of Northeast Wisconsin thank Officer Kevin Nikolai for his extraordinary service and devotion to his community. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, including his son Logan, and to all of the people who were touched by his life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, I was unavoidably