

Sherri Wilson honoring William Garrett Coe, Leslia Collins honoring Jose Collins, Diana Couch honoring Linda Couch, Robin Covello honoring Michael Covello, Crystal Lopez honoring Giovanni Cruz, Laura Dawkins honoring Brooke Dawkins, Kathleen DeLeonardo honoring Anthony DeLeonardo, Shebna Dorsey honoring Andrew Dorsey, Jen Eden honoring Blake Eden, Tamara Edwards honoring Boris Edwards, Lori Evenson honoring Nick Evenson, Dawn Futch honoring Michael-Gene Futch, Annmarie Wong Allen honoring Chadale "CJ" Grey, Cheryl Harrington honoring Brenton Lee Harrington, Jasmin Persaud honoring Anand Persaud, Tammy Lee honoring Dylan Rowe, Irene Seltzer honoring Zachary Seltzer, Amber Shillingford honoring Brad Shillingford, Tonnia Bennett honoring Tekeya Smith, Bernadette Thompson honoring Kayla Marie Thompson, Ellen Tuech honoring Geoffrey "Geoff" Wasden and Cathy Woodall honoring Christopher Woodall.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the strong will of these caring families, their loved ones and all those who have joined the effort and worked tirelessly to raise awareness about kidney disease.

#### VALUED ALLIES OF UKRAINE

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 9, 2023*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful as Chairman of the U.S. Helsinki Commission to have participated in a Congressional Delegation to Germany, Poland, and Ukraine with Ranking Member STEVE COHEN and Congresswoman VICTORIA SPARTZ.

With the leadership of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe Executive Director Steven Schrage in Berlin we met with Justice State Secretary Dr. Angelika Schlunck, National Security Advisor Jens Ploetner, Ministry of Foreign Affairs State Secretary Andreas Michaelis, and Ministry of Defense Director Jasper Wieck. It is inspiring Germany stands firm with Ukraine. This was the same day Speaker KEVIN MCCARTHY forcefully announced, "I support aid for Ukraine . . . I do not support killing children."

After visiting Nuremberg, Lt. Gen. Andrew Rohling welcomed the delegation to the 7th Army Grafenwoehr Training Area. Led by COL Matt Braman and COL Kendall Clarke in Poland, we also visited the 10th Mountain Division trainers, who were enthusiastically serving.

Next at Bucha, Ukraine, survivors of the war criminal Putin's mass murder testified coordinated with dedicated Mayor Anatolii Fedoruk. Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov thanked America for its support which was a prelude to a meeting with courageous President Volodymyr Zelenskyy who emphasized his gratitude for American commitment for democracy with attendance by U.S. Ambassador Bridget Brink and U.S. Ambassador Mike Carpenter who both represent America so well.

Warsaw was the concluding visit with U.S. Ambassador Mark Brzezinski and Polish Deputy Foreign Minister Arkadiusz Mularczyk. Poland will always be cherished for welcoming

millions of Ukrainians who have fled war criminal Putin.

Friends of democracy are inspired by courageous Ukrainians capably supported by our appreciated allies of Germany and Poland in the global competition between democracies with rule of law opposing authoritarians with rule of gun.

In conclusion, God Bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the Global War on Terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF MARY LITTLE

### HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 9, 2023*

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Little of Irving, Texas as she celebrated her 90th birthday last Sunday.

Mary Little is an established woman who has accomplished so much in her lifetime. Today, we come together to recognize the 90 years Mary has spent with us, and the impact she has and continues to make on our lives.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mary and wishing her a happy 90th birthday.

#### HONORING FARON K. PARAMORE

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 9, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Faron K. Paramore, Deputy Director of the United States Secret Service, on the occasion of his retirement from Federal service. Over the course of his thirty-four-year career with the Secret Service, Mr. Paramore distinguished himself as a strategic leader and dedicated public servant. From the start of his career as a Special Agent at the Detroit Field Office/Grand Rapids Resident Office in Michigan to his role as Deputy Director, Mr. Paramore helped keep the United States safe from threats to our national security and to our nation's leaders.

As Ranking Member and past Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, I had the pleasure of working closely with Mr. Paramore for a number of years, and I came to appreciate his forthrightness and commitment to ensuring the Secret Service reflects the diversity of our great nation. During the course of his service, Mr. Paramore worked diligently to help modernize the Secret Service Uniformed Division, ensure Secret Service employees are paid fairly, and improve recruitment of Special Agents and Uniformed Division Officers.

Mr. Paramore's dedication to the Secret Service and its workforce will be sorely missed. Throughout his career, Mr. Paramore worked with Congress to pass laws that strengthen the Secret Service and homeland security, including the Fraud Recovery Act of 2009, Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act of 2016, and National Computer Forensics Institute Reauthorization Act of 2022. More-

over, Mr. Paramore served as Acting Director of the Secret Service during a transition period in 2022, and, at the time of his retirement, Mr. Paramore was the highest ranking African American leader in the Secret Service.

I am proud to have worked with Mr. Paramore during his tenure at the Secret Service. I rise to honor his service and wish him well.

#### WORLD WAR II VETERAN EARL R. SONNIE 100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 9, 2023*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, Earl R. Sonnie. As we celebrate his 100 years of life, we think of all the memories and stories that he continues to share, as a citizen of this great country. Earl was born in Philadelphia on June 5, 1923, grew up in the Port Richmond neighborhood, and made his family home on Delwhit Drive in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Earl attended Dobbins Technical School where he landed a technical internship with The Franklin Institute Research and Development Laboratories and Museum in 1940, working part time until his graduation in 1941. He was immediately hired by The Institute and was fortunate to work with engineers on a night navigation project with the Norden Bomb Site/Sperry Gyroscope Instrumentation. At the time, the Sperry gyroscope was used on the B-24 Liberator heavy bombers. Given his exposure to flight instrumentation, Earl continued his education at the University of Illinois in flight instrumentation and mechanical engineering and enlisted in the United States Army Air Force in 1943. During WWII, Earl earned the rank of Sergeant and instructed pilots, copilots, navigators and bombardiers on instrument flying and precision bombing while he was stationed at Tonopah Army Air Field, Nevada and McChord Field, Washington. Also, Earl was proud to earn the Army Sharpshooter Weapons Qualification Badge.

In 1946, Earl returned to Philadelphia to work for the next 42 years with The Franklin Institute Research and Development Laboratories, as a Research Engineer. During his career, Earl worked on many challenging and exciting projects. As a younger man, he provided maintenance on many science museum exhibits including the Foucault Pendulum and the Fels Planetarium. Given his mechanical expertise, Earl was assigned to several classified projects with teams from the U.S. Navy Base Norfolk, Virginia and with NASA at Moffett Federal Airfield, California.

Earl was the devoted husband of 61 years to his wife Margaret (O'Neill); together they raised nine children in their Bucks County home. He enjoyed various little league and scouting activities with his children, many of which at Washington Crossing Historic Park. Earl has 21 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren and is a member of the Feasterville Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church. He has enjoyed participation in the Knights of Columbus, has spent countless hours restoring his 1959 Triumph TR-3, and is a long-time member of the U.S. Chess

Federation. Earl was an accomplished woodworker—making and gifting regulation chess boards.

As we celebrate his 100 years of life, we are incredibly grateful for the many positive impacts he has made, and we heartily wish Earl continued joy and blessings.

HONORING THE CALIFORNIA  
RANGELAND TRUST'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 9, 2023*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the California Rangeland Trust, upon celebrating its 25th anniversary serving the land, people, and wildlife of California. This outstanding achievement is a testament to the critical work the California Rangeland Trust has accomplished to preserve rangeland, support hardworking ranchers, and protect our environment for future generations.

Originally founded in 1998, by a group of innovative ranchers from the California Cattleman's Association, the California Rangeland Trust is dedicated to conserving working ranches and protecting the wide range of natural resources inherent to rangeland. The Trust has helped permanently protect 371,504 acres of privately-owned rangeland, working with California ranching families to preserve our state's wildlife habitat, local food supplies, and air and water quality.

The California Rangeland Trust has a rich history of working alongside state, regional, and national leaders to prioritize environmental conservation. In 2004, the Trust played a vital role in establishing the Partnership of Rangeland Trusts, an association of agricultural-focused land conservation organizations. The Trust was also a founding member of the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition, a partnership of over 100 leaders in the agricultural community, committed to preserving California's working landscapes.

Since its founding, the California Rangeland Trust has been a trailblazer in environmental stewardship and has consistently advocated for family ranchers. Rangeland is critical to California's ecosystem and the California Rangeland Trust is a consistent leader in protecting rangeland and the diverse natural life and resources it sustains.

On behalf of the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate the California Rangeland Trust upon its 25th anniversary and extend my sincere gratitude for its generations of service and environmental stewardship to the California community.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF  
KIM HOSEN

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 9, 2023*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and work of Kim Hosen.

Kim was a dedicated environmentalist who made significant contributions to the protection and preservation of the natural habitats in Prince William County, Virginia.

Kim was the founding Executive Director of the Prince William Conservation Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the natural resources of the region. Kim's tireless efforts led to the protection of approximately 300 acres of land, creating the Merrimac Farm Wildlife Management Area, and establishing the Bluebell Festival, which celebrates the acquisition of this area, which now attracts nearly 1,000 people annually. Additionally, Kim initiated the Wildlife Garden, which showcases what is possible for backyard habitats, and launched the Merrimac Farm VA Master Naturalist Chapter. I was proud to partner with her to fight for an environmentally just solution to coal ash pollution at Possum Point.

Kim was instrumental in establishing 40 miles of scenic by-ways all located in the Rural Crescent. She also led the effort to rewrite the Environment and the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Chapter of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan, further demonstrating her unwavering commitment to protecting the unique habitats and quality of life for all residents of Prince William County.

Her consistent, reliable, and knowledgeable voice for the environment and healthy communities made her an invaluable resource for Prince William County Planning Commissioners, the Board of County Supervisors, and residents who sought her expertise on how to best protect the natural resources of the area.

Kim's contributions were recognized throughout her career. These include the Conservation and Environmental Education for Potomac River National Wildlife Refuge Complex from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2004, Conservationist of the Year from Ducks Unlimited in 2006 and 2015, Influential Women Award from Prince William Living in 2015, Native Plant Champion from Plant NoVA Natives in 2016, and the Certificate of Appreciation from the Committee of 100 in 2022.

Kim's legacy will live on through the countless lives she touched and the natural habitats she helped protect. Her commitment to preserving the environment and educating future generations will continue to inspire others to follow in her footsteps. Kim will always be remembered as a remarkable environmentalist who made a lasting impact on the world around her. She is survived by her two sons, Eli and Jake. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends and our entire community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the life of Kim Hosen and in sending her family our sincere condolences.

TRIBUTE TO CAROL LOUISE  
KOENIG

**HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 9, 2023*

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a most dear and loved Carol Louise Koenig, who passed away on April 9, 2023. While our hearts are heavy in her absence, knowing she is reunited with her

parents and all her siblings brings great peace.

Carol was a pillar in my life and in the lives of so many others. She was one of my first supporters—both professionally and personally. I came to think of her as another mother because her guidance and wisdom helped lay the groundwork for where I am today.

The youngest of four children, Carol was born on July 12, 1936, in Houston, Texas. After graduating from Jeff Davis High School, Carol attended the University of Houston, where she met and married the love of her life, my dear friend, H.W. "Buddy" Koenig. Together, Carol and Buddy lived a fulfilling life and welcomed four boys into the world, whom they cherish dearly.

Carol was a lady of great faith, strength, and wisdom. Her genuine love was felt by all those who were blessed to be around her, including myself. It was always a priority of mine to visit her when I traveled back home to Austin. From the beginning of my career to now, she has continued to be a source of inspiration. I am grateful for Carol's influence in my life, and pray her love continues to be felt as we honor her memory.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EAST WEST BANK AND HONORING CEO DOMINIC NG

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 9, 2023*

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of East West Bank, and to honor the achievements of its CEO Mr. Dominic Ng.

Since they opened in Los Angeles in 1973, East West Bank has served the banking needs of people throughout the United States and across the world. When many banks closed their doors to the Chinese American community due to bigotry and discrimination, East West Bank stepped in to provide access to important financial services.

For five decades, East West Bank has been building bridges of opportunity. In 1994, East West Bank enhanced ATM services to offer the first trilingual language services (English, Chinese, and Spanish) in the country. East West also expanded services to offer trilingual, 24-hour automatic phone banking services. In 2000, East West Bank launched the first bilingual (English/Chinese) website and Online Banking Services in the U.S. to support clients seeking new paths to success.

In 1992, Dominic Ng was appointed President and CEO of East West Bank. Mr. Ng has been a resident of Southern California for over 30 years. As CEO, Mr. Ng transformed East West Bank from a small savings institution into a global full-service commercial bank with over \$64 billion in assets.

In 2022, President Biden recognized Mr. Ngs leadership in the business world and substantial contributions to America by naming him Chair of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council. In this role he advises APEC leaders on issues affecting the continued growth of the Asia-Pacific economy. Mr. Ng continues to work to bring economic prosperity to our immigrant communities. His efforts today fulfill East