

RECOGNIZING ANNE E. JOYNT,
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HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize and congratulate Anne Joynt on receiving the 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award, presented by the University at Buffalo's Law Alumni Association for her contributions to the betterment of the Buffalo community.

Ms. Joynt started her education at the State University of New York College at Geneseo, where she graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Spanish. She went on to earn her Juris Doctor from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School. During her time at the University at Buffalo, Ms. Joynt was inducted into the Order of Barristers because of her moot court work and served as co-editor of the Human Rights Law Review.

Ms. Joynt is a partner at Lipsitz, Ponterio & Comerford, LLC, where she has spent her entire legal career, having joined the firm directly out of law school in 2005. There, she focuses her practice on representing people who have suffered injuries due to exposure to asbestos, as well as those injured by childhood lead poisoning, motor vehicle accidents, construction accidents, medical malpractice, and defective products.

Outside of work, Ms. Joynt is actively involved with many different organizations, including the UB Alumni Association where she served on the Board of Directors from 2013 to 2021 holding many different positions including, President, Vice-President, Assistant Secretary, and Co-Chair of the Annual Dinner Committee. Also, Ms. Joynt has served as the Chair of the UB Law mentoring program and has been a law student mentor since 2008 until present. Additionally, she has served as a member to the minority Bar Association of Western New York Foundation, Inc., The National Federation for Just Communities of WNY, Inc., Girls on the Run Buffalo, SUNY Geneseo Regional Board of Directors, and the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York.

Today, I ask that we recognize and give thanks to leaders in the Western New York Community, such as Anne Joynt for her continued dedication and selfless service to her community.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
LARRY MCHUGH

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

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Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished business community leader and true Titan of central Connecticut, Larry McHugh. For nearly 40 years, Larry has been a catalyst of economic partnership and growth in our region. On May 10, 2023, the region will gather to celebrate him and his retirement as President of the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce.

Born and raised in Connecticut, Larry attended Notre Dame High School and Southern Connecticut State University, respectively out of West Haven and New Haven. During high school and college Larry was a star athlete particularly on the football gridiron. After earning his Bachelor of Science, Larry did a brief stint with the New York Titans—the original AFL team from New York City that later was renamed the New York Jets. Side-lined by injury, Larry returned to Connecticut with a new purpose.

Energized and on a new path forward, Larry focused on a career in Connecticut's education system—first as a teacher with Durham High School. In 1963, he transferred over to Xavier High—a school based in Middletown, Connecticut, coveted for its athletic programs—as football coach. For 21 years, as made evident by Xavier's 160–38–7 football record under Larry's helm and his unprecedented designation as the two-time Connecticut Football Coach of the Year and 1973 National Coach of the Year, Larry inspired generations of athletes to grow as both individuals and teammates. It is worth noting, however, that Larry was quite the jack-of-trades during his tenure at Xavier, having also acted as a certified teacher across five different courses and the Executive Director of Xavier's fundraising branch.

In 1983, Larry departed from his career in education to serve his community in a significantly different manner, setting off as the President of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce. Under his leadership, the Chamber grew from 260 members to over 2,100 members and has received many state and national awards, including recognition from the White House and the U.S. Department of Labor. Behind these impressive data points, however, sits a powerful narrative as to why the organization has been so successful. Mr. Speaker, Larry brought the spirit of coaching to his role as principal of the business community. He was a mentor to business owners—fostering a culture and community structured by positive relationships. This was all purposed towards thinking of businesses—the Chamber's members—as a team purposed toward advocating for economic growth in the region. The relationships and strength of the Middlesex County business community became a self-nurturing force, attracting national employers and investments alike to direct their resources to the region. He has literally helped build the Main Streets of cities like Middletown from the ground up. Mr. Speaker, I had the honor of speaking at a number of Middlesex Chamber breakfasts and can attest to the large enthusiastic membership he fostered during his time at the helm.

As one of the central conduits within Connecticut, he has served on countless boards and commissions, including President of the CT Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, Goodspeed Opera House Board of Trustees, Director of Liberty Bank, Lyman Orchards board member, Corporator of Middlesex Hospital and Vice Chairman of the CT Tourism Council. By way of his appointment by five governors to various positions on both the University of Connecticut and Central Connecticut State University Boards of Trustees, Larry also remained connected to the state's education system throughout his tenure as President.

Mr. Speaker, Larry is a coach for all time. For the entirety of his career, he has led by

example and given a powerful drive to various forms of community development. Larry is the embodiment of what it means to build out a team for the effective pursuit of a mission. Though we, unfortunately, say goodbye to his competent leadership with his retirement, we have faith in the history of legwork he has put in for the development of the Middlesex County economy and business community. There are already numerous fields, buildings and halls of fame in which his name is imprinted upon. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Larry McHugh, thanking him for his life's work, and wishing him well on his continued retirement with his wife, Patty, and family, as they celebrate this May.

HONORING TOMMIEA JACKSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tommiea Jackson.

Tommiea Jackson, APR was born to Tommie and Josephine Lipsey Jackson of Marks, Mississippi, in June of 1977. She is the oldest of 3 children. She is the owner of Crimmon Magnolia LLC, a small business providing public relations and photography services with a particular interest in nonprofits, small businesses and families in the Mississippi Delta. Jackson is also the communication manager with the Nashville-based nonprofit Tennessee Charter School Center.

Jackson enjoyed growing up in Marks, Jackson is known for her inquisitive nature, resourcefulness, and efforts to keep family and friends connected.

Jackson attended Quitman County Schools through ninth grade before attending Clarksdale High School, and later graduating from South Panola High School. At Rust College, Jackson served as editor of the college newspaper and became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Jackson holds a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in Print Journalism from Rust and a master's degree in Journalism from the University of Mississippi.

Jackson's first job after graduate school was with the Quitman County Development Organization and Youth Opportunities Unlimited. During this time, she learned the importance of nonprofit organizations and how impactful they can be to the lives of the people they serve.

Jackson, a former Clarksdale Press Register and Monroe (La.) News Star reporter, has spent most of her career as a public relations practitioner at institutions of higher learning. In 2018, Jackson earned accreditation in public relations (APR). Earning the APR reflects a mastery of the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to succeed in the increasingly complex PR profession.

In Orlando, Jackson served as accreditation co-chair of the Florida Public Relations Association Orlando chapter, vice president for the University of Central Florida's Black Faculty and Staff Association and co-chair of the Orlando Metro Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta's Delta GEMS program for high school girls. Though her time in Orlando was rewarding, Jackson longed to return home to do the work she loved for the people she loved most

in the Quitman County community and the Mississippi Delta. Recently, Jackson, along with her sister Tamara, hosted the Crimson Magnolia Kids Cook Camp at the local Mississippi State Extension Service office. The camp's purpose was to teach 9-to 12-year-old children essential life skills and introduce them to the exciting world of food through hands-on cooking classes and food-related careers. Returning home and to her experiences in non-profits, Jackson hopes to continue serving as a resource, connector and servant for Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tommiea Jackson for her dedication to serving her community and this great state.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF JAMES TURCICH

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of James Turcich, an active public servant in New Jersey's 3rd District who has dedicated his career to the Delran Fire Department for 50 years.

James began his work with Station 232 in March of 1973. In serving our community since, he has translated his passion for helping others into five decades of impressive service across multiple sectors of the Delran Fire Department. While serving the Department, James also devoted 20 years of additional service, specifically to the Delran Emergency Squad for emergency medical services. Having served on multiple committees during his time with Station 232, as well as serving as Chief of the Department from 1982 to 1983, James applied his expertise and leadership to ensure our firefighters had the institutional knowledge they needed to assist our communities in times of crisis. His work extended beyond Delran for over 30 years serving on the Board of Fire Commissioners as Treasurer.

In his personal life—like his professional life, James has been committed to maintaining involvement with local sports teams, coaching his son's youth soccer team as well as assisting with his local ice hockey team. Known by many as the team medic, he has undoubtedly made an impact both during the games and off the field. Beyond local athletics, James was also integral in connecting his daughter's Girl Scout Troop to Station 232 to create a larger local presence within the town. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for more local Girl Scout Cookie options.

It's easy to see through these remarkable milestones and achievements, James has undoubtedly made a difference for his family, friends, and colleagues as well as so many others across our district. Throughout his career and volunteerism, he made our community feel safe. New Jersey is grateful for the work that James has done, and I know I speak for everyone in the 3rd District in wishing him many more years of success in his service to Delran.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF DR. APRIL N. KAPU

HON. ANDREW OGLES

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize a constituent of mine, April N. Kapu, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC, FAANP, FCCM, FAAN of Brentwood, Tennessee for her service over the last 2 years as President of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

Dr. Kapu has an exemplary career of service with more than 30 years of experience in health care, including nearly 20 years as an acute care nurse practitioner. She holds both a master's and doctoral degree in nursing from the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, where she also currently serves as Associate Dean for Clinical and Community Partnerships and as a Professor of Nursing. Dr. Kapu has spent her career committed to advancing NP-delivered care and increasing patient access to NP care across all settings. She has been recognized as a Fellow for the Society of Critical Care Medicine, Fellow for the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and Fellow for the American Academy of Nursing and has received several awards including the Vanderbilt University Medical Center's "Transformational Nurse Leader of the Year" and the Tennessee Hospital Association's "Nurse of Clinical Distinction". In 2022, Dr. Kapu was chosen as one of Modern Healthcare's 50 Most Influential Clinical Executives.

The American Association of Nurse Practitioners is the largest professional membership organization for nurse practitioners, representing the interests of the more than 355,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States who are delivering care in more than 1 billion patient visits every year. As President of AANP, Dr. Kapu has worked to ensure that policymakers and the public understand the critical role NPs have in increasing patient access to high quality health care, including disease prevention and health management, mental health care and substance use disorder treatment and reducing disparities.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. April Kapu on a successful term as President of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and in thanking her for her leadership to the nurse practitioner profession and her enduring commitment to building and maintaining a strong national nursing workforce.

HONORING THE WWII, VIETNAM AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II, Vietnam and Korean War

veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on May 10, 2023 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on May 10th answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Thomas J. Alcock, Donald B. Anderson, Rogelio Arredondo, Walter H. Arvesen, John W. Beaty, John M. Beele, Charles J. Bellock, William D. Benne Sr., John E. Berry, Joseph B. Bibro, Mark C. Bonen, Vernon F. Bremer, Francis J. Brow, Robert B. Burch, Anthony J. Caliendo, James T. Campagna, Robert K. Campbell, Ronald S. Carlow, Joseph Chavez, Robert E. Chavez, Phil C. Coffing, Anthony J. Coniff, Bruce L. Cook, Jerry M. Cowser, Douglas R. Deetjen Sr., Jerome B. Dubaka, Lester L. Dunscomb, Jr., Gary L. Eich, Bertram Farrington, Bernard T. Fearon, Steven L. Fick, James A. Fredrickson, Donald R. Frost, Walter E. Fuja Jr., Ronald L. Gallman, Dennis R. Gardner, John L. Garstka, Henry L. George, David P. Giere, Erik J. Godvik, Richard D. Goulet, William C. Grizzle, Jr., Edward N. Gustovich, Herman J. Hamlet, Edward L. Hartman, John L. Hill, Gerald Hoenig, George E. Hresil, Alan M. Hunter, Carmen W. Iacullo, Richard L. Inskeep, Alan W. Jarasius, Clark Jennings, Wendell A. Johnson, Edward M. Kasper, Gary W. Kiefer, William R. Klein, John E. Kleinfeldt, Robert P. Klett, Steve Korovesis, Joseph S. Koscal, Charles F. Krasneck, Kris Kringle, John I. Krupiczowicz, Michael A. Kurzydlo, Arthur J. LaCroix, Martin Lampert, Thomas E. Law, Brian R. Lupescu, Norman P. Lupescu, George A. McCoy, Bruce A. McDonald, Kenneth J. Merritt, Steven L. Meyer, Erwin Moehl, Robert V. Morgan, Curtis J. Norman, Dale L. Norwood, Anthony S. Novak, Edward H. Novak, Mark L. Payton, Thomas L. Pelt, Dante H. Plata, John J. Ptak, Rocco M. Revello, Herman Richardson, Ramon R. Rivera, Richard S. Rock, Casimir Romanowski, Andrew R. Samborski, Frank P. Scellato, Robert A. Schiavo, Karl E. Schmidt, Terry M. Schnell, Duane C. Schroeder, Arnold H. Schweitzer, Charles L. Singleton, Dennis Smothers Jr., Jack F. Sokol, Robert J. Spalo, Arthur J. Steinke, Milton Stennis, Raymond F. Szweda, Christopher Tavlav, Rickey L. Taylor, Joseph Tremmel, Virgle R. Tyler, Ruben Vasquez, Paul Waters, Glenn J. Waver, Emmett A. Williams, James E. Wilson, James C. Wiora, Jeffrey R. Wombold, Raymond A. Ziehmer, Charles M. Zynda.