

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. Conniff, 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.

HONORING THE HEROIC ACTIONS
OF MANHEIM TOWNSHIP POLICE
OFFICERS KYLE CARNER AND
ANTHONY DICLEMENTE

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Manheim Township Police Officers Kyle Carner and Anthony DiClemente, who went above-and-beyond the call of duty, rescuing a woman whose vehicle had become submerged in a pond.

Though water rescue is not part of standard training for many police officers, these heroes acted with competence, speed, and bravery to save the life of another. Despite the cold, they immediately took action upon arriving at the scene, wading through the murky water and rescuing the victim moments before she found herself underwater.

When moments mattered, they thought not of themselves, but of the life of a stranger who was in need.

It is heroes like Officers Carner and DiClemente who help us to understand and appreciate the role of policing in our communities: to serve and protect.

I thank Officers Carner and DiClemente for their services to our community on that December night, and everyday they have worn their uniforms before or since. Their actions exemplify a high degree of character and integrity which we should all strive to emulate.

HONORING JUDGE LARITA
COOPER-STOKES

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 a remarkable elected official, Judge LaRita Cooper-Stokes. LaRita Cooper-Stokes is a child of God, and she gives thanks and praises to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Judge Stokes was serving her third term as County Court Judge for Hinds County. She was sworn in on January 5, 2015. She was blessed to become the first African American woman to serve the citizens of Hinds County on the bench in the County Court. She has served two terms as Senior County Court Judge.

Judge Stokes was formerly elected as City Councilwoman of Ward 3, in Jackson, Mississippi, in 2012. At the same time, her husband was elected to serve as a member of the Hinds County Board of Supervisors.

Judge Stokes has been a licensed attorney for over thirty years. She was a graduate of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in Houston; Jackson State University; and Lanier High School. She was reared by loving parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy and Lucy Cooper, along with four siblings. She was a member of New Hope Baptist Church. She was married to Jackson's City Councilman, Kenneth I. Stokes, and was a mother and grandmother. She was humbled by being elected a public servant, and she

was thankful for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Hinds County.

Judge Stokes gained her eternal wings and went to be with God in the early hours of Monday, May 8, 2023, at a Jackson hospital, due to complications with her respiratory system. She would have celebrated her 65th birthday May 27.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Judge LaRita Cooper-Stokes for her dedication to politics, her city, and her community.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE ELLSWORTH ROUTE OF THE CHISHOLM TRAIL

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Ellsworth Route of the Chisholm Trail. The paths of both the main Chisholm Trail and the Ellsworth Route pass through the 4th Congressional District of Kansas. Throughout my district, communities along the trail are gearing up to celebrate this remarkable example of frontier courage and adventure.

During the Civil War, longhorn cattle in Texas roamed free and multiplied while railroads were built across the central plains, with major stops in Kansas. After the war, eager to meet the growing demand for beef nationwide, ranchers and cowboys came west to seize this new opportunity. On horseback, they gathered the wild cattle herds and moved them north. The brave men who took up this challenge formed a cornerstone of the American identity and made history.

In 1865, J.R. Mead and Jesse Chisholm established a trading post near the confluence of the Arkansas and Little Arkansas Rivers in Kansas, founding what would become modern-day Wichita. From this new settlement, Mr. Chisholm established a trail bringing trade goods from Wichita down to Indian Territory in what is now Oklahoma. When the cattle herds started coming north after the Civil War, the cowboys could easily follow Chisholm's route north toward the rail lines. As the path became world famous for its cattle drives, the nearly 1,300-mile route became known as the Chisholm Trail.

As stockmen and entrepreneurs continually sought better opportunities, another route was surveyed to access new cattle stockyards in Ellsworth, Kansas. When the Ellsworth trail opened in 1873, millions of longhorns traversed both paths on their journey north. Along the way, small towns and outposts sprung up to provide supplies to the cattlemen opening up the vast swaths of the American West.

Today, I want to honor the people of these cattle trail communities and all those who maintain the history of these trails in Kansas and beyond. Our nation can learn from the legacy of grit and determination that these cowboys left behind. Without assistance or interference from the government, they blazed new trails to feed the world, settle the frontier, and grow the American economy. On this

150th anniversary of the Ellsworth Route of the Chisholm Trail, let's honor this piece of history while encouraging the producers and entrepreneurs of today.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT C.
FREEMAN, ESQ.

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 Robert Freeman on receiving the 30 under 30 award presented by Forbes to individuals who have impactful careers and accomplishments in their industry.

Mr. Freeman started his education at the State University of New York College at Buffalo, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, and continued his education there earning a Juris Doctor from the University at Buffalo's School of Law. During his time at the University at Buffalo, Mr. Freeman was a member of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, and a recipient of the Milton Plesur History Honor Award.

Mr. Freeman is a partner at Nesper, Ferber, DiGiacomo, Johnson & Grimm, LLP, where he has been since Oct. 2019. There, he focuses his practice on commercial and residential real estate law. Some of his previous work experience includes internships with the New York State Supreme Court, 8th Judicial District, and the Erie County District Attorney's Office.

Outside of work, Mr. Freeman is actively involved with Saints Peter and Paul's Chapter of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul and is an on-ice volunteer with the SABAH program. Also, he is a member of the UB Law Alumni Association and sits on the Town of Amherst's Employee Suggestion Merit Award Board. He is a proud recipient of the Father Nelson Baker Service Award and is an Eagle Scout.

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

HONORING ANDREA S. LEE

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 a remarkable servant, Andrea S. Lee.

Andrea is a native of Grenada, MS, and is the President and Founder of The Diamond Project, Inc. She attended undergraduate school at The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She earned her Master of Business Administration from The University of Maryland. Andrea works on Capitol Hill for the United States Congress as the Director of Operations for the House Committee on Homeland Security.

Andrea is the owner of Showoff Cosmetics, an inspirational beauty brand that encourages individuals to step into their dreams. Within