

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN  
JORDAN “JOHNNY” MORGAN

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 26, 2023*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of John Jordan “Johnny” Morgan, who passed away on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 76 years old.

Johnny was born on February 20, 1947, in Jackson, Mississippi, to the late Eddie Mack and Beryl Jordan Morgan. A lifelong resident of Oxford and Lafayette County, he graduated from Oxford High School in 1965, followed by his graduation from the University of Mississippi with a degree in Business Administration.

Active in local, regional, and state civic roles, Johnny’s passion for Mississippi and its residents was evident to all who knew him. Johnny worked tirelessly for the betterment of not just his own community, but all of Mississippi. He served as a state senator from 1984 to 1992, representing Lafayette, Yalobusha, and Calhoun counties. He was later elected to serve on the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors for District 2, serving as president of the board for several years. Johnny co-founded the Good Ole Boys and Gals, a gathering of friends, candidates, and political enthusiasts across the state. Throughout his political career, Johnny garnered a reputation as not only an experienced politician but also a loyal friend and confidant to many.

Johnny served as President of the Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce, as well as serving the Oxford University United Methodist Church Board, the Mississippi Action for Progress Board, the local Powerhouse Board, and the Mississippi Blood Services Board. He was an owner and founder of Morgan White Insurance Group, CEO of Johnny Morgan & Associates Realty Firm, and vice president of Binswanger National.

Johnny is survived by his brother, Chip Morgan (Connie); a niece and nephew, Trey Sandifer (Camille) and Lindsey Sheffield (Jason); four great-nieces and nephews; his dear friend Allyson Duckworth; and numerous cousins and loved ones.

HONORING VICE ADMIRAL SEAN  
BUCK

**HON. JAMES R. BAIRD**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 26, 2023*

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the distinguished career of Vice Admiral Sean Buck and to congratulate him on a well-earned retirement.

For over 40 years, this Hoosier has served his country in the United States Navy, quickly

earning a sterling reputation as he rose in the ranks.

As a flag officer, VADM Buck held a series of vital command and staff positions, each demonstrating his exceptional leadership skills and strategic acumen. As commander of the U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet, VADM Buck demonstrated his exceptional operational skills, and his steadfast commitment to mission success and the well-being of his fellow service members has left an indelible mark.

In the four years that VADM Buck has served as the 63rd Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy, he has played a vital role in shaping the minds of future leaders, fostering a spirit of excellence and sense of duty in the next generation of naval officers.

As VADM Buck begins this new chapter in his life, I’d like to congratulate him on an exemplary career and thank him for his invaluable contributions to the U.S. Navy and our national defense. Fair winds and following seas in all your endeavors, Vice Admiral.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 26, 2023*

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 233; yea on Roll Call No. 234; and yea on Roll Call No. 235.

SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 26, 2023*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the men and women in law enforcement who protect our communities in New Jersey’s Eighth Congressional District and across the United States. As a Member of Congress, as a community member, and as a friend to our police officers, I recognize and appreciate their dedication, sacrifice, and commitment to keeping our families safe. I strongly believe that their bravery and selflessness deserves our utmost respect and gratitude.

This Congress, I cosponsored the Invest to Protect Act, which would provide funding for recruitment, retention, support, and training for small and mid-sized police departments. And I will continue to support legislation that equips law enforcement professionals with the tools they need to safely fulfill their responsibilities.

I stand firmly in support of our law enforcement professionals and express my gratitude

for their invaluable service to our communities. Their dedication, courage, and professionalism are the bedrock of a safe and secure society. We must work together to foster an environment that upholds the rule of law, encourages constructive dialogue, and strengthens the partnership between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAKE AUCHINCLOSS**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 26, 2023*

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I was necessarily absent from votes on May 24 and 25.

Had I been present, I would have voted nay on Roll Call No. 233; nay on Roll Call No. 234; yea on Roll Call No. 235; yea on Roll Call No. 236; and yea on Roll Call No. 237.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MUJERES  
LATINAS EN ACCIÓN

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 26, 2023*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of an important Chicago organization—Mujeres Latinas en Acción.

Mujeres Latinas en Acción was founded in 1973 by the late Maria Mangual for the purpose of providing shelter to young women fleeing violence in the Pilsen community. Since their founding, they have expanded to Brighton Park and North Riverside.

Back in 1982, they established the Healing and Prevention of Domestic Violence program, to provide services for survivors of domestic violence.

In 2002, they expanded their family support services in partnership with the Illinois Department of Family Support Services. With this, they created the only free Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange program designed specifically for Spanish speaking low-income families.

Seven years later, they established the Community Engagement and Mobilization Program to bring the voice of Latina immigrants and survivors of trauma to the work of immigrant and women’s coalitions.

These are just a few of the ways their organization has worked to uplift women in our community and connect them with critical resources.

I am honored to help Mujeres Latinas en Acción commemorate its 50th year of providing innovative and empowering services for Latinas.

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# RECOGNIZING THE EXCELLENCE OF THE MARCHING CENTURIONS

## HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 26, 2023*

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Saugus High School's 2022–2023 Marching Band for their selection to represent California's 27th Congressional District in the National Memorial Day Parade held in our Nation's capital. Their designation as a distinguished participant in this year's festivities is a testament to not only their musical excellence, but their resilience through several years of challenges from which they have emerged stronger than ever.

It is important to recognize that this distinction is one that very few marching bands across the United States have the privilege of touting, and it is certainly one that is earned rather than given. For years leading up to their participation in the National Memorial Day Parade, the Marching Centurions of Saugus High School have distinguished themselves as a benchmark of virtuosity and dedication to craft. Time and time again, students throughout the years have represented their fellow classmates with unmatched pride and skill and it is heartening to see this program be rewarded with such an honor.

I also want to pay special recognition to band members who are graduating with the Class of 2023. Since they began high school in 2019, their graduating class has faced a gauntlet of trials and tribulations that many of their contemporaries or even most adults have not. After the tragic shooting in November of 2019, they were immediately confronted with the COVID–19 pandemic, lockdowns, and virtual learning which forced them to press on with rehearsals over Zoom. These challenges were of course coupled with the typical obstacles a teenager faces when navigating high school: homework, crushes, college applications and anxiety about the future. As their representative in the halls of Congress, I could not be prouder of their resilience in the face of the impossible, and the manner in which they relied on each other to overcome the odds.

Once again, I want to extend my sincerest congratulations to the Marching Centurions for this great honor that they will have to commemorate our Nation's heroes who have been killed in the defense of freedom this weekend for Memorial Day. As a Saugus alumnus myself, my heart will swell with pride seeing these students clad in blue and silver marching along the streets of Washington to honor our great country.

# RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEART, LOVE & SOUL

## HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 26, 2023*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize the 40th An-

niversary of an indispensable non-profit in our Niagara Falls community, Heart, Love & Soul. Since 1983, this organization has tended to those struggling with poverty in the north end of Niagara Falls. As a hunger-relief and social care agency, the dedicated members of this group give needed attention to every part of those who need it most.

At its most fundamental level, Heart, Love & Soul has provided the community with wide-reaching food assistance programs and human services at no cost. This includes meals, groceries, case management, showers, laundry facilities, and haircuts. It began on March 14, 1982 when members of a prayer group gathered at the former Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church on South Avenue. They discussed what they could do to help residents who were struggling with food insecurity. Led by a church parishioner, John Porecca, the members of this group decided to pursue an entire organization dedicated to serving those in need. After settling on a name and filing the papers to be incorporated, they began operations out of a former grocery store on Pierce Avenue. With financial help from Savino Nanula, they later purchased the building, which served as Heart, Love & Soul's first food pantry.

The key element to Heart, Love & Soul's achievements throughout the last four decades has been its consistency in finding conscientious and diligent staff and volunteers. The men and women who run this organization are not only adept at helping people in need, but also recognize the value in raising funds to ensure their longevity. With twenty staff members and many more volunteers, every day is a new day to help a neighbor. And for forty years, every day has been a resounding success. Heart, Love & Soul represents the very best of what dedicated citizens can do for their community, and I know all Western New Yorkers are looking forward to their continued prosperity.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 26, 2023*

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 235 (H.R. 1669).

# HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT MAJOR JOHN A. THOMAS

## HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 26, 2023*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and achievements of Sergeant Major John A. Thomas. Sergeant Major Thomas embarked on his military journey in October 1985 when he joined the United States Army. He became a member of the Mississippi Army National Guard in

October 1995 and is currently the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities Sergeant Major for Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

He is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Course, the United States Navy War College's Senior Enlisted Course, the National Defense University's Senior Enlisted Joint Course, the NATO Senior Non-commissioned Officer Orientation Course, the Garrison Command Leadership Course, and the Leadership Foundry/UT Center for Executive Education's Leadership Challenge Program. He has both his bachelor's degree and master's degree in business administration and completed the International Business Management Institute's Global Governance program.

Sergeant Major Thomas's military assignments include the 2ND MMC, 1ST COSCOM, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; the Logistic Support Unit, Multinational Force and Observers, Sinai, Egypt; the 1st United States Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; the 3390th United States Army Reserve Forces School, Jackson, Mississippi; the 367th Maintenance Company, Philadelphia, Mississippi; State Headquarters Command, Jackson, Mississippi; the 1108th Aviation Classification Repair Depot, Gulfport, Mississippi; the 298th Corps Support Battalion, Al-Taqaddum Air Base, Iraq; the Joint Sustainment Command, Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan; the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Philadelphia, Mississippi; Camp McCain Training Center, Grenada, Mississippi; the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command's Syrian Logistics Cell, Erbil, Kurdistan-Iraq and Mississippi National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters, Jackson, Mississippi.

In addition to his impressive list of assignments, Sergeant Major Thomas has also assumed significant leadership roles. His contributions as the MS Covid–19 Logistics Task Force Senior Enlisted Leader, Syrian Logistics Cell Senior Enlisted Leader, Garrison Command Sergeant Major, Battalion Command Sergeant Major, and Sustainment Command Support Operations Sergeant Major have been instrumental in ensuring the readiness and success of his units. His invaluable experience and expertise have helped shape the future leaders of our armed forces, leaving an indelible mark on those fortunate enough to have served under his guidance.

Throughout his illustrious career, Sergeant Major Thomas has been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards and decorations. His personal accolades, including the Combat Action Badge, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal, are a testament to his exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to duty. Each of these honors reflects the bravery, selflessness, and dedication that Sergeant Major Thomas embodies every day.

Sergeant Major Thomas and his wife, Denita, reside in Noxapater, Mississippi. They have two children, Alex and Adam, and three grandchildren, Parker, Alexander, and Isabella.