

Anne Dickerson Lind and Julie Dickerson Byrne, four grandchildren, and four step-grandchildren. While he will be greatly missed, Dixon's legacy will live on through the positive impact he had on his community and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in extending condolences to Dixon's family and friends, and in expressing my appreciation for his decades of work for the public good and for sharing his life experiences with us.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 16, 2023*

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 269.

#### ALEXANDER BARTH

### HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 16, 2023*

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate my friend, Alexander Barth, on his retirement after many dedicated years to the hop industry.

Alex was the Chief Executive Officer of John I. Haas Inc., North America's leading hop supplier, as well as a partner at BarthHaas, the world's leading supplier of hop products and related services. BarthHaas, founded in 1794, is now in its eighth generation of family ownership.

As a hop farmer myself, I truly appreciate the impact John I. Haas Inc. and BarthHaas have on the industry, which is due in large part to Alex. Prior to his appointment as CEO, Alex was responsible for overseeing the company's significant production operations, so he also knows his way around a hop farm.

My sincerest thanks goes out to Alex for his honesty and integrity, and for his commitment to the prosperity of our community and industry. I wish him the best in his retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING MR. ARMIN BARTH

### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 16, 2023*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy and service of a truly remarkable man, Mr. Armin Barth. A proud Wisconsinite, husband, father, grandfather, and veteran who has dedicated his life to service.

In the spring of 1944, World War II was raging in both the European and Pacific theaters, as the United States military and allied forces beat back the advance of the Axis powers. Against the backdrop of global conflict, a young man by the name of Armin Barth, from Appleton, Wisconsin, raised his right hand to serve his country. On June 24, 1944, at just 16 years of age, Armin chose to postpone his high school education and serve as a Merchant Mariner.

This was not a decision that young Armin would have made lightly—the United States Merchant Marine suffered a higher proportion of casualties during the war than any other branch of the United States military. German and Japanese naval forces understood that the maritime logistics enterprise was the lifeblood of the allied war effort; therefore, the U.S. merchant fleet became a favorite target of Nazi submarines in the Atlantic and Japanese kamikaze planes in the Pacific.

Putting the potential dangers out of his mind, young Armin knew that he had a vital job to do. Merchant ships sailing under U.S. and allied flags transported military personnel, hardware, ammunition, food, petroleum, and medical supplies in support of troops in contact all over the globe, providing a critical link between the American wartime industrial base and the front lines. From June 24 to August 15, 1944, Armin Barth served as a messman aboard the SS *Canada Victory*, a supply vessel which had been constructed as part of the World War II Emergency Shipbuilding Program. Following this assignment, he once again took to sea as a utilityman aboard the troopship *Alcoa Patriot* from September 9 to December 14, 1944.

Young Americans who answer the call to serve in the Armed Forces, especially during wartime, are deserving of the praise and admiration of a grateful nation. As a testament to his character and courage, Armin Barth answered this call not once, but twice, before his 18th birthday. On June 9, 1945, Barth enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He achieved the rank of Private First Class and served honorably as a Motor Transport Operator and Dispatcher until his discharge from the United States Marine Corps Reserve on April 14, 1950.

Upon his discharge from the United States Marine Corps, Armin and the love of his life, Lois, built their home in Appleton and proudly raised five children: Jean, Joan, Gary, Keith, and Kevin. Following Armin's service in the military, he applied the leadership skills he gained to his civilian career as a truck driver for Consolidated Freightways operating out of Menasha, WI, which he did for 55 years. Furthermore, Armin has continued to support and serve his local community by transporting fellow veterans from the Appleton VA Clinic to the VA in Milwaukee for appointments.

Armin has many accomplishments throughout his career to be proud of, but one of the most important has been his family. Armin shared many valuable life lessons with his children as they grew up and placed a special emphasis on education, as he was never able to graduate high school. The lessons Armin instilled in his children resulted in several college degrees or other advanced certifications. Today, I extend my sincere congratulations to Armin for receiving his high school diploma from Appleton West High School.

Mr. Speaker, I once again thank Armin Barth for his unwavering service and dedication to the United States. Our nation is safer, and Northeast Wisconsin is better, because of his service. I urge members of this body to join me in honoring Mr. Armin Barth for his selfless commitment and service. Mr. Armin Barth is deserving of the highest degree of recognition.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF BARBARA WAINMAN

### HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 16, 2023*

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Barbara Wainman and to recognize her 44 years of dedicated public service to our country.

Over the last 44 years, Barbara has served the public through her work in Congress and the U.S. Department of the Interior. She has played a key role in the funding and policies of the Interior Department and has led communication and outreach efforts on a myriad of natural resource issues that had major impacts at the national level.

Barbara graduated in 1974 from T.C. Williams High School, now Alexandria High School. In 1978 she graduated from Smith College with a bachelor's degree in political science and government. She began her career as a reporter with the *Easton Bulletin*, a local paper in Massachusetts. Soon after, she returned to Virginia and landed her first congressional job with the House Republican Conference by networking while waiting tables in Alexandria. In 1981, she transitioned to the late Congressman Ralph Regula's team, which she credits with teaching her about leadership—lessons that she carried with her throughout her career. While working on the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Barbara worked to help expand the National Heritage Corridors within the National Park System.

In 1997, Barbara left Capitol Hill to continue onto her next role with the Bureau of Land Management as the chief of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. In 1999, she was promoted to assistant director of the Office of Communications at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), becoming a member of the Senior Executive Service. At USGS, she led numerous communications and outreach efforts, including overseeing the communications response to some of the Nation's worst earthquake, volcano, and flooding disasters. In 2017, Barbara made the final move in her Federal career to become the assistant director of the Office of Communications at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), where she has overseen public engagement, congressional affairs and media communications, and partnerships with national organizations. At FWS, Barbara has been responsible for developing and launching FWS's first-ever content management system, a project that spanned nearly 8 years and has improved public engagement and access to information over the internet. She is also responsible for establishing FWS' first-ever internal communications platform that proved to play a key role in successfully communicating with employees during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more than four decades, Barbara has mentored dozens of public servants and has been a role model for current and future leaders. Her dedication to the career development of her employees will inspire public servants long into the future. Her service and outstanding contributions were recognized in 2022, when she was granted the highest honor of the Interior Department, the Distinguished Service Award.

Throughout her career, Barbara has also been a devoted mother. Her two children have expressed their admiration for her work ethic and for her abiding love. She was their biggest cheerleader at baseball games and swim meets.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in honoring Barbara Wainman. Her commitment and passion for public service and for our country has been immeasurable. I wish her the best as she takes the next step in life to enjoy time with her family and friends.

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HONORING JAMES EARL BROWN'S  
LIFE AND LEGACY

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**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 16, 2023*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and honor the life of Mr. James Earl Brown, a true servant for North Texas. Mr. Brown was born to Mr. Jim Brown and Ms. Pearl Mae Evans on January 18, 1942 and was raised the youngest of three siblings in Clarksville, Texas.

For over 40 years, Mr. Brown served students across North Texas and completed his career as an Adjunct Professor at Tarrant County College. In 1959, he began his academic career by graduating from Carter G. Woodson High School in Haynesville, Louisiana. Mr. Brown then earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Grambling State University. In 1979, he would go on to acquire a Master of Education degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and received his teacher certification only a year later.

Mr. Brown held many titles over the years from a teacher of art, technology facilitator, computer applications, and even assistant principal. One of his greatest recognitions came in 1985 when Fort Worth Independent School District named him "Teacher of the Year".

In his community, Mr. Brown was known for making meaningful, long-lasting connections full of exploration and beloved memories. He was loved by so many Green B. Trimble Tech High "bulldogs" of all graduating classes and backgrounds—who flocked to social media to express condolences and love upon his recent passing. Mr. Brown continued to champion conservation efforts throughout his educational career, and thanks to him, his legacy and impact on young Texas lives will remain past his time. James submitted his last assignment on May 30, 2023.

He is preceded and reunited with his Father and Mother; Jim Brown and Pearl Mae Evans, Brothers, Charles Brown, Sr. and Joseph Brown, Sr.; as well as his sisters, Velma Jean Johnson and Doris Jean White. He will fondly be remembered by a host of family, friends, and colleagues.

HONORING DISTINGUISHED NEIGHBORS, LEADERS, AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS DURING NATIONAL IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 16, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of many individuals and organizations who have served my district during the pandemic. Through selfless service, these individuals have invested in America and their new communities to help us recover from the pandemic as a united community and Nation. I recognize these distinguished leaders in Florida during National Immigrant Heritage Month.

Henry Mendoza, an industrial engineer, fled to the United States from Bucaramanga, Colombia, due to physical beatings, death threats, and acts of violence against him by illegally armed groups. He had been working with Colombia's Civil Conflict victims as a community organizer. In the United States, Mr. Mendoza has dedicated himself to the service of others. He has worked tirelessly as the director of Outreach and Health Initiatives of the Episcopal Churches of Christ the King and Jesús de Nazaret. In these roles, he has addressed hunger and health disparities and met the basic needs of the Azalea Park and Oviedo communities. Mr. Mendoza also helps other refugees adapt and serve their new communities. Mr. Mendoza co-founded Corpus Care, Inc., a 501(c)3 dedicated to promoting health education and access to healthcare in Central Florida.

Hoover Cajicá is a Catholic priest and psychologist who came to the United States from Bucaramanga, Colombia, after being gravely assaulted and threatened for his community work by illegally armed groups. In Colombia, Father Hoover worked as a psychologist supporting families and victims of abuse in the minority and vulnerable communities impacted by the Colombian Civil Conflict and many impoverished communities. This work put his life in danger. He has continued providing mental health support to those struggling with addiction, victims of domestic violence, and others in Chicago and Central Florida. Father Hoover founded and is the Executive Director of the Renacer Foundation, a project of Renacer en Vida Nueva, Inc., a 501(c)3 dedicated to promoting mental health in Chicago and Central Florida.

Hernando Elias David Torres is a retired Catholic priest and professor who fled to the United States with his family from Cali, Colombia, after being tortured, gravely assaulted, and threatened by illegally armed groups for his community work. In Colombia, Father Hernando worked tirelessly for the cause of the poor. During the Colombian Civil Conflict, he worked as a hostage negotiator and assisted the United States Embassy in Bogotá in retrieving the remains of United States citizen casualties of the conflict. Illegally armed groups assassinated both his bishop and his brother for this work. At the Episcopal Churches of Christ the King and Jesús de Nazaret, Hernando has dedicated his efforts to supporting the Healing Hunger Food Pantry and the church's many public health initiatives in Central Florida.

Yoluiscla Ustariz, a public accountant, and her family came to the United States from Barcelona, Venezuela, after receiving death threats due to their political differences with the Venezuelan government. In 2022, she and others worked to provide COVID-19 testing to vulnerable communities at supermarkets and evening testing events during the height of the Omicron variant wave in Kissimmee and Orlando. In the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, she supported a disaster relief and community health team that was established through a workforce development program managed by CareerSource Central Florida at the Episcopal Churches of Christ the King and Jesús de Nazaret. The team helped hundreds of Central Florida families recover from the pandemic and Hurricane Ian. In 2023, Mrs. Ustariz co-founded Florida Health Station, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to promoting health education and well-being in Central Florida.

Carmen Freitez, a medical doctor, and her family came to the United States from Cagua, Venezuela, after being victims of extortion, kidnapping, and persecution for being members of a founding family of a political party opposed to the Venezuelan government. She is a surgeon with 30 years of experience and has supported community health projects and vaccination in Central Florida. In the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, she supported a disaster relief and community health team that was established through a workforce development program managed by CareerSource Central Florida at the Episcopal Churches of Christ the King and Jesús de Nazaret. The team helped hundreds of Central Florida families recover from the pandemic and Hurricane Ian.

María Rueda, a medical doctor, and her family came to the United States from Maracaibo, Venezuela, after being victims of political persecution, kidnapping, and death threats by armed groups affiliated with the regime. She is a pediatrician with 30 years of experience. She worked as a community health worker in supporting public health programs, including Alzheimer's education clinics and vaccination programs to address meningitis and hepatitis outbreaks in the Azalea Park neighborhood. In the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, she supported a disaster relief and community health team that was established through a workforce development program managed by CareerSource Central Florida at the Episcopal Churches of Christ the King and Jesús de Nazaret. The team helped hundreds of Central Florida families recover from the pandemic and Hurricane Ian.

Franklin Yorio, a medical doctor, and his family fled from Venezuela to the United States seeking protection from death threats, extortion, and political persecution. He is an ophthalmologist with 27 years of experience. He worked as a community health worker in the Azalea Park neighborhood, where he partnered with numerous organizations to promote health and education. In the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, he supported a disaster relief and community health team that was established through a workforce development program managed by CareerSource Central Florida at the Episcopal Churches of Christ the King and Jesús de Nazaret. The team helped hundreds of Central Florida families recover from the pandemic and Hurricane Ian.

Silvia Sierra, a medical doctor, and her family fled to the United States from Maracay,