

boards. Her impact was felt by: Pikes Peak United Way, the Colorado Springs Conservatory, Pikes Peak Workforce Investment Board, the Girl Scouts of Colorado, Colorado Springs Leadership Institute, the Colorado Springs Chamber's Center for Regional Advancement, Care and Share, and the YMCA.

In particular, Mrs. Fortune loved the youth of our community. She led church youth groups at First Presbyterian Church, mentored younger co-workers, and at Pikes Peak United Way helped start Colorado Springs Promise, providing life coaching to local high school students. She also worked to reopen the Westside Community Center.

In 2016 Stephanie married her true love, Kent Fortune. Their marriage was a vivid representation of how Mrs. Fortune lived, exhibiting mutual respect and sacrificial love.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in honoring the life and love of Stephanie Finley Fortune, who lovingly served and sacrificed for her community, family, and Colorado's 5th Congressional District.

HONORING PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS HARRY GLASCO, HOMETOWN HERO

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2023*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Petty Officer 3rd Class Harry Glasco, Hometown Hero.

Born and raised in Camden, New Jersey, longtime resident, Petty Officer 3rd Class Harry Glasco enlisted to serve in the United States Navy at the age of sixteen years old. From November of 1964 to November of 1968, Petty Officer 3rd Class Harry Glasco bravely served on active duty in the United States Navy. He was stationed in San Diego, California and saw three tours of duty in Vietnam. During his time in the service he exemplified commitment and exemplary conduct which earned him several accolades including the Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Champion Medal. His dedication was recognized, and he was promoted to the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class Gun Fire Control.

After four years of active-duty service, Petty Officer 3rd Class Harry Glasco was honorably discharged from the United States Navy. When he returned home, he began his career with Lockheed Martin and his prior training allowed him to work on televisions. His commitment to making a positive impact on his community pushed him to pour his heart into mentoring athletes and teaching them the true value of teamwork, discipline, and determination. Petty Officer 3rd Class Harry Glasco's coaching left a lasting impact on his players as he instilled in them a sense of pride and camaraderie.

As a civilian, Petty Officer 3rd Class Harry Glasco continued to care for the fellow men and women who served, becoming an active member of the American Legion Post 473. The American Legion is dedicated to supporting veterans and their families which provided him a platform to continue his service beyond the Navy. His commitment to his fellow veterans and guidance from his brother,

Robert, a Korean War veteran, led him to become Commander of Post 473, which he remains to this day. Petty Officer 3rd Class Harry Glasco works tirelessly to ensure that the veterans in his community receive the care, recognition, and support that they deserve. He has been able to assist both friends and other veteran communities through programs such as Home of the Brave. He has exemplified the qualities of a true leader, devoted patriot, and compassionate community member with an unwavering dedication to serving his country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Petty Officer 3rd Class Harry Glasco of Camden, New Jersey, as a resident dedicated to his community, country, and those who have bravely served and defended the United States of America.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AND PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts and Public Defender Service Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would apply the District of Columbia Human Rights Act of 1977 (DCHRA) to employees of the local D.C. courts and the D.C. Public Defender Service (PDS). Last year, the D.C. Court of Appeals held in *Robertson v. District of Columbia* that the DCHRA, which protects employees of the D.C. government and private employers from discrimination, does not apply to employees of the local D.C. courts. The court has not ruled on the applicability of the DCHRA to PDS employees.

The local D.C. courts and PDS are unique entities, and they sometimes fall through the regulatory cracks. They are neither federal nor D.C. government entities, though both were created and are funded by Congress, and their employees are treated as federal employees for some employee benefits. This bill would ensure that their employees have comprehensive protections from and remedies for employment discrimination.

While employees of the local D.C. courts and PDS are protected by federal anti-discrimination laws, the DCHRA provides much broader protections and remedies for employees than federal anti-discrimination laws.

While the D.C. Council may have the authority to pass such a bill itself, only Congress has the clear authority to do so, given the express limitations in the D.C. Home Rule Act on the Council's authority to legislate on matters affecting the operations of the local D.C. courts, and given that Congress has generally served as the legislative body for PDS.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLLYWOOD SIGN

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2023*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the iconic Hollywood Sign in Hollywood, California. This year, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and Hollywood Sign Trust will celebrate the Hollywood Sign on its Centennial Anniversary as one of Los Angeles's memorable historical landmarks.

The Hollywood Sign will celebrate its centennial on December 8, 2023. In December 1923, a large sign spelling out the word Hollywoodland was illuminated by an array of lightbulbs on top of Mount Lee in Hollywood. The sign, with its over-forty-foot-tall letters, was created as a revolutionary form of advertising for a new housing development in the Hollywood Hills.

Although the Hollywood Sign originally represented a new beginning for residents of Los Angeles up in the gleaming Hollywood Hills, the sign also began to capture the limelight, a symbol of the emerging film industry within the area and throughout California.

In 1938, the sign was reflective of positive change when the 20 acres behind Mount Lee, which is named after renowned entrepreneur Don Lee, became the location of the Don Lee Network that broadcast a vast range of televised programming including remotely filmed and in-studio shows. After the Hollywoodland housing development fell through, the sign fell into disrepair, stirring debates about tearing it down. Fortunately, as owners of the sign, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce stepped up to repair and reimagine the sign by removing the last four letters—at which point the Hollywood Sign was born.

Thirty years later in the mid-1970's, the Hollywood Sign, which had been made a cultural landmark, began to fall apart again. However, with a renovation fund campaign led by Hugh Hefner and others in 1978, the Hollywood Chamber once again restored the sign to its now amazing stature.

Other memorable moments in the sign's history include the 1997 photoshoot of Michelle Yeoh, who daringly performed a stunt in a helicopter over the sign for a National Geographic cover story. Then in 2013, the sign became the backdrop for a photo of the beloved mountain lion, P-22, who was captured roaming the trails in the Hollywood Hills.

The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and Hollywood Sign Trust will celebrate the Hollywood Sign on its 100th birthday throughout 2023 and 2024. These celebrations will highlight the transformation of the sign from a real estate marketing effort to a cultural monument, beloved community icon and global symbol of glamor and imagination.

I am proud to recognize the Hollywood Sign upon its 100th Anniversary and I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring this timeless icon.

CONGRATULATING AMBER JEFFERSON PEARSON UPON HER SWEARING IN TO THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE RANKS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2023*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride, admiration, and joy that I rise to extend congratulations to Ms. Amber Jefferson Pearson upon her advancement to the highest civilian rank in the U.S. federal government. On June 20, 2023, Ms. Amber Jefferson Pearson was sworn in as Deputy Chief Information Security Officer, Executive Director, Information Security Policy and Strat-

egy, within the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Ms. Amber Jefferson Pearson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Jefferson, Jr. Mr. Norvell Jefferson, Jr., is the son of Mr. Norvell Jefferson, Sr., and Mrs. Nancy B. Jefferson. Mr. Norvell was an outstanding plumber in our community; his son, Norvell, Jr., is a retired Superintendent of Streets and Sanitation for the City of Chicago.

Ms. Pearson's grandmother, Nancy B. Jefferson, was Executive Director of the Midwest Community Council for many years and was an influential leader in the area where we lived. Mrs. Jefferson was an intimate advisor to Mayor Harold Washington. A post office is named in her honor, and many people in the area affectionately called her the Mother Theresa of the Westside. Ms. Pearson's family are icons of our community.

I congratulate Ms. Amber Pearson on her achievements. We are all proud of her and her accomplishments.

I am sure that Mr. Norvell and Mrs. Nancy are looking down with a gleam in their eyes, and her father Norvell is riding around in his little antique sports car talking about her accomplishments and keeping watch over the community. We love and respect her.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2023*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 258.