

COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ALLIANCE

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 70th anniversary of our alliance between the United States and The Republic of Korea.

To commend this momentous occasion, Speaker McCarthy and Leader McConnell invited Republic of Korea President Yoon to visit the House Chamber and address Congress in a joint meeting.

From the ashes of the Korean conflict to one of now the world's largest and most successful economy, The Republic of Korea is a testament to America's dedication to support market economics and democracy.

The successful alliance between the U.S. and The Republic of Korea has maintained his peace, security, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region for those past seven decades.

Now, more than ever, it's critical that the U.S. continue to support our ally and their efforts to protect their vibrant democracy and prosperous economy for the daily threats from North Korea and the growing aggression of the Chinese Communist Party.

I thank President Yoon for his leadership, for the tenacity of the Korean people, to come from an authoritarian republic to truly a democratic one, and for building one of the top ten largest economies in the world.

That's an amazing transformation over those seven decades.

Together, we'll continue to promote freedom and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and around the world.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
TIM SIMS

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Senior Park Ranger Tim Sims, who is retiring after an incredible 34 years working at the Booker T. Washington National Monument, located in Franklin County, Virginia. After graduating from Ferrum College in 1988, Tim applied for a seasonal maintenance job at the park, which would eventually turn into a lifelong career after he was given a full-time position in 1991. Originally hired as a maintenance worker, Tim worked his way to the role of chief park ranger in charge of interpretation and resource management. In addition to working in the park's gardens, Tim served as primary caretaker for the park's many animals, which include chickens, pigs, and sheep.

Throughout the years, Tim also got the opportunity to speak with the park's visitors as a part of his duties, something he both grew to enjoy and had a talent for. Tim said that he'll remain close to the monument once retired, living in the Callaway community of Franklin County, with his wife Robyn, so that he can continue to watch the park grow. Retirement will also afford Tim more opportunities to visit

his two daughters, Willow and Rowan, and to dedicate more time to his other passion, as a keyboard player for a few local bands. I congratulate Tim on a job well done in his many years working at the Booker T. Washington National Monument. Though his colleagues will surely miss working with him every day, retirement is well deserved.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD FINSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen personal obligations related to a house fire at my personal residence, I was unable to attend votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 249, YEA on Roll Call No. 250; YEA on Roll Call No. 251; YEA on Roll Call No. 252; YEA on Roll Call No. 253; YEA on Roll Call No. 254; YEA on Roll Call No. 255; and YEA on Roll Call No. 256.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY HEALTH CARE ADVISORY BOARD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mr. CONNOLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Fairfax County Health Care Advisory Board.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized the importance of community involvement in planning comprehensive health programs and established the Health Care Advisory Board on June 11, 1973. Now, for 50 years, the Health Care Advisory Board has played a vital role in our community through advising on health and health-related issues.

The accomplishments of the Health Care Advisory Board have positively impacted the health and well-being of our community in Fairfax County. Their robust accomplishments have been integral in protecting the community alongside the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and I am happy to share in some of their accomplishments.

They have been able to oversee and implement proactive programs, such as the affordable health care program and the Community Health Care Network, which operated for nearly 30 years before being transitioned to a Federally Qualified Health Care Center. The work of the Health Care Advisory Board has been essential in addressing health disparities that affect vulnerable groups in our community. They have recommended policies to improve accessibility and affordability of senior housing along with support services. This includes legislation to increase direct care and staffing levels to ensure that the quality of care for medically vulnerable individuals, such as older adults, the homeless, and individuals with disabilities, are not ignored.

The impact of the Health Care Advisory Board has affected public participation, encouraging health care providers, other citizen boards, and community groups to also work to

address health concerns and needs in the community. This model that has been developed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is one that is admirable throughout our community. The Health Care Advisory Board continues to be an asset to the Board of Supervisors and the community as we continue to plan and establish health programs.

Their leadership and commitment to our constituents continues to strengthen the community's resources and overall wellbeing. I sincerely thank the Health Care Advisory Board for their time and efforts on behalf of our community. Their work provides immeasurable benefits to their fellow neighbors and serves as a reminder of why Fairfax County remains such a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Fairfax County Health Care Advisory Board for their dedication to public service and congratulating them on their 50th Anniversary.

CONGRATULATING MACK
MCALRTY

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Mack McLarty, for receiving the Legacy of Leadership Award at the 35th annual Arkansas Business of the Year ceremony.

Mr. McLarty is chairman of the McLarty Companies and was White House Chief of Staff under President Bill Clinton.

Mack also served as the National Petroleum Council and the Council on Environmental Quality at the request of President George H.W. Bush.

While Chief to the President Clinton, he advised on a wide range of international and domestic issues such as the 1993 deficit reduction package, the North American Free Trade Agreement and multiple trips as it relates to attending the G7 economic summits.

Today Mack is a respected senior advisor in both the public and private sectors and a prominent public speaker who shares his thoughts and experiences in the realm of U.S. trade and foreign policy.

Along with this recognition for his public service, Mr. McLarty was awarded the Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Medal and the Center for the Study of the Presidency's Distinguished Service Award.

I congratulate Mr. McLarty on this recognition and thank him for his lifetime of public service at the national level and at home in Arkansas.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DON
BATEMAN

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, MARIE GLUESENKAMP PEREZ, to mourn the loss of a remarkable individual and true visionary, Don Bateman. As

we remember and celebrate his extraordinary life, we recognize the immense contributions he made to the field of aviation and the safety of our skies.

Don Bateman was a pioneer in aviation, a man whose intellect and passion for flight reshaped the way we fly. Don Bateman made significant contributions to the development of numerous groundbreaking technologies that revolutionized aviation safety systems. He was the mastermind behind the Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System, a pivotal technology that has prevented countless collisions by warning pilots if their plane is heading into a mountain, radio tower, or some other obstacle. Before the warning system became widespread, obstacle collisions were among the leading causes of death from airline accidents. But because of Don's innovative work, these kinds of accidents are now incredibly rare. Many folks in the aviation industry believe he has saved more lives than anyone else in the history of flight.

Don's brilliance extended far beyond his professional accomplishments. He was not only a trailblazer in aviation safety, but also a mentor and an inspiration to countless aspiring engineers, scientists, and aviation professionals. He was a man of integrity, kindness, and humility. His warmth and genuine concern for the well-being of others left an indelible mark on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Today, as we mourn the loss of Don Bateman, let us also celebrate his remarkable life and the immense legacy he leaves behind. His groundbreaking work will continue to guide the aviation industry for generations to come, ensuring that the skies remain safe.

On behalf of this chamber, we extend our deepest condolences to Don Bateman's family, friends, and colleagues. May they find solace in knowing that his contributions have made the world a safer place and that his memory will continue to inspire the next generation of technology leaders.

HONORING DR. HERBERT K. YEE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend, Dr. Herbert Kik Ming Yee, for being honored posthumously with the dedication of the Chinese Railroad Workers' Experience exhibit by the California State Railroad Museum. This underscores the positive impact he has made in California and the Nation.

A descendant of Gold Rush pioneers, Herbert was born in Toishan, in the Guangdong Province of China in 1924. At age 6, he immigrated to the United States on the SS President Cleveland through Angel Island. In 1943 while attending Stanford University, he met the love of his life, Inez Fong, and together raised 4 sons, who all entered the dental and medical profession. In 1948, Herbert graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in San Francisco as a dental surgeon. He spent over half a century in the dental profession, including as the dentist for California Governors Pat Brown and Ronald Reagan, who both appointed him to the California State Board of Dental Examiners.

A man for all seasons, Herbert's influence spanned numerous fields. In dentistry, he served as the head of the California State Board of Dental Examiners, the American Dental Association Council on Dental Education, and the International College of Dentists (ICD). In banking, he served as Chairman of the Board of Sacramento Valley Bank and on other boards. In education, he served as a Regent of the University of the Pacific (UOP). In civic and veteran organizations, he served as the leader of the Sacramento American Cancer Society, Sacramento Pioneer Association, and the Sacramento Chinese Benevolent Association. In government, he had enduring friendships with California Secretary of State March Fong Eu, United States Senator Hiram Fong, and President Ronald Reagan.

A philanthropist and committed community member, Herbert has funded numerous major projects across the Sacramento region. At the UOP School of Dentistry, he endowed a scholarship. Through the Herbert K. Yee and Inez F. Yee Foundation, he sent gifts to the Asian Community Center, California Museum, and the California State Railroad Museum Foundation, among others. He also built a school, cultural center, and library near his village in Toishan. Recognized with distinction, Herbert has been inducted into the California School Board Foundation Hall of Fame, named the California Dental Association's Humanitarian of the Year, received the President's Volunteer Service Award, and received the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian award. A trailblazer with an extraordinary life, he paved the way for future generations and exemplified the American dream.

On behalf of the constituents of California's Seventh Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Dr. Herbert K. Yee and his family for its generations of service to the people of California.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal family matter, I was unable to be in D.C. and vote on June 21, 2023.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 276; YEA on Roll Call No. 277; YEA on Roll Call No. 282; and YEA on Roll Call No. 283.

CONGRATULATING JIM KEET AS ARKANSAN OF THE YEAR

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Jim Keet, on being named Arkansan of the Year.

Throughout his life, Jim has been an outstanding and active member of our state civic affairs, and particularly in central Arkansas.

Jim served both in the House of Representatives and in the Arkansas State Senate in the 1990s.

In addition to his years of public service, he's one of our state's most successful entrepreneurs.

He's president of the Keet Management Company and chairman of JTJ Restaurants, where he has operated at 155 restaurants over the past five decades.

Beyond his success in business and politics, he has served on the Board of Director for 20 years at EasterSeals Arkansas.

EasterSeals is an organization that seeks to empower those with disabilities to have fulfilling lives and become active members of their communities.

As the founder of the Arkansan of the Year Award, while with EasterSeals Arkansas, this honor comes full circle now for Jim.

His tremendous work ethic and dedication to improving the lives of Arkansas deserves this recognition.

I'm proud to call Jim a friend and congratulate him on this expectational honor.

RECOGNIZING GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION INSPECTOR GENERAL CAROL OCHOA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mr. CONNOLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the announced retirement of Carol Ochoa from her position as Inspector General (IG) at the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) after serving there for the past 8 years.

Inspectors General in agencies across the federal government are independent officials charged with promoting economy and efficiency in government programs and combatting waste, fraud and abuse. They make recommendations to the heads of the agencies in which they serve but they also independently keep Congress directly and concurrently informed about major issues in government programs.

During the 8 years of her service as the IG, Carol Ochoa has performed this job in a manner which sets a very fine example, not only for other IGs, but for all of us who devote ourselves to government oversight.

The Senate confirmed Carol Ochoa as the Inspector General at GSA on July 29, 2015. She came to the office well-qualified. Her prior career experience included more than 25 years of service as a federal prosecutor and manager in the U.S. Department of Justice where she served as the Assistant Inspector General of the Oversight and Review Division. Prior to that she was an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia where she prosecuted more than 40 cases before federal and local juries and specialized in public corruption and fraud matters.

During her roughly 8 years of service as GSA IG, she led audit and inspection efforts which produced nearly 600 reports to GSA, and ultimately to Congress. The reports provided recommendations for corrective actions to address serious deficiencies found in GSA programs. These reports also included extremely valuable contract audits which, over her term, identified more than \$4 billion in potential savings in the form of questioned costs or funds that could be put to better use.