

As a former federal prosecutor, she also very effectively led the law enforcement function of her office. Investigations conducted during her tenure resulted in the closure of more than 1,000 investigative cases leading to more than 300 successful criminal prosecutions. These crimes included fraud against the U.S. Government, theft of government property, as well as conspiracies and false statements associated with those crimes. Based on her office's wide-ranging investigative efforts, the federal government was able to obtain more than \$900 million in civil settlements and court-imposed recoveries. That is about \$113 million in each of her eight years of leadership as the Inspector General. Given the fact that her office's annual budget averaged about \$67 million over her tenure, we should all be deeply grateful for the high return on investment the American taxpayers received for the budgetary funding entrusted to this Inspector General.

During the eight years of her service as Inspector General she came here to the House of Representatives and gave testimony at six hearings; five of which were before the Oversight committee. Twice she testified about GSA's mismanagement of the Army's childcare subsidy program and the hard-earned money of our already struggling military families. She also testified about GSA's mismanagement of database records for the federal program which donates surplus firearms to state and local law enforcement agencies.

She testified before the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee regarding the Trump Administration's oversight of the Trump International Hotel Lease in which she detailed her office's important evaluation which found that GSA attorneys decided not to address emoluments issues related to the lease without documenting their rationale, conducting any legal research, or seeking guidance from appropriate experts. She told the Committee that her staff found that the decision to exclude the emoluments issues from GSA's consideration of the lease was improper because GSA, like all government agencies, has an obligation to uphold and enforce the Constitution—a reminder which merits repeating on a regular basis.

Finally, Inspector General Ochoa and I collaborated on a blockbuster report on the Trump Administration's decision to abandon plans for a new consolidated suburban headquarters campus for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and instead rebuild a new headquarters on the site of the current J. Edgar Hoover building. That report showed that GSA had obscured from Congress \$516 million in relevant construction costs associated with the Administration's new plan. The report found that security requirements necessary for a future headquarters had not been fully evaluated. It also found GSA Administrator Emily Murphy provided testimony to Congress that had the effect of misleading Congress about meetings Administrator Murphy had with the White House and which she chose not to divulge to Congress.

Mr. Speaker, Carol Ochoa's exemplary leadership of the Office of the Inspector General at GSA over the past eight years sets an example for others to follow. It is my hope that she transitions into retirement knowing she has the deepest appreciation from the Congress for her outstanding service to the Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. FRANK G. "DOC" TAYLOR

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Frank G. Taylor of Stafford, Connecticut, known affectionately as Doc. Doc passed away on May 28, 2023, at the peaceful age of 88. He was a giant in the neighboring community of Enfield, touching countless lives through more than a half-century of service as an educator.

Born in Concord, New Hampshire on July 4, 1934, to Hazel and Frank Taylor Sr., Doc's birthdate would prove prophetic as he would quickly dedicate his life to advancing the story of a nation as a prolific social studies teacher. After a brief stint in the Army as a company clerk, Doc graduated from Keene Teachers College in 1958 and commenced a career path which would positively change the trajectory of thousands.

While at Keene, Doc met the love of his life, Eveline Binmore, whom he married in the same year as his graduation. Together, they would go on to have two sons, Andrew and Jeffrey, who meant the world to them. In 1976, the family settled permanently in Suffield, Connecticut. Doc dutifully cared for Eveline until her passing in 2009 due to complications from Alzheimer's.

Turning the page back to 1958, the origin of Doc's long education career, Doc first set out from college with a brief stint of teaching in the Stafford school district. From there, he and Eveline travelled to Germany so that he could serve in the military yet again, this time as a teacher for the children of personnel stationed abroad. In 1963, the Taylor family returned to Connecticut where Doc began his legendary career at Enfield High School. Teaching at Enfield until his retirement in 2012, Doc made it his mission to engage students, reinforce and promote those who were gifted and challenge those who may have otherwise seemed disinterested to another educator. Through frequent field trips to historic locations and landmarks, he developed in his students a keen awareness of how history is a living narrative around us, setting examples and guiding decisions. Through it all, his kindness and dedication never wavered, and to this day countless students, many who are now teachers themselves, regard him as the best teacher they ever had.

Doc Taylor was such a stalwart in the education industry because he, himself, was a sponge for knowledge. In the 1970s, Taylor received his Doctorate in Education from the University of Connecticut, an accomplishment from which his nickname of "Doc" was derived. His thesis was focused on Shaker Education. Completing such a feat involved him interviewing every living descendent of the "shaking Quaker," better known as Shaker, community. This experience quenched an intense thirst of local history, and he would mission onto new Enfield archeological projects for much of his remaining life. Doc was an invaluable curator of all aspects of north-central Connecticut's heritage, particularly through his famous, self-made courses on Enfield and Connecticut history. Were it not for his life's work, this region comprised of smaller commu-

nities could have seen their knowledge of stories like the Shakers—who had Enfield roots dating back to the 18th century—otherwise forgotten. In one anecdote that typifies the value of his work, Doc recalled preparing to take a picture of a Shaker building before it was demolished only to look up and see a wrecking ball smash through the home.

For years, Doc went above and beyond not just to preserve, but also craft a more self-sustaining community eco-system. He helped coach the "As Schools Match Wits" team, an experience which helped cause some participants to go onto become teachers themselves. In 1970, he and his student coordinated the clean-up for the Scantic River, which had once been heavily polluted. So inspirational were their efforts that the Scantic River Park was developed as a result. He continued with his global travels after serving in the Army, posting photographs from his trips around the school as a small yet impactful opportunity to broaden any students' perspectives. In recognition of his excellence, he was honored by the Daughters of the American Revolution as the Connecticut Social Studies Teacher of the Year in 1982, and as Enfield's Teacher of the Year in 1985. The students were always his primary motivation, though; one of his greatest delights was teaching the children (and even grandchildren) of past students.

Mr. Speaker, Doc Taylor's life was an institution in itself. He had this industrious, infectious love for history. He guided a town with a soft yet impactful touch, sewing seeds along the way, for three generations. He was a recruiter of several decades' worth of public servants—literally mentoring some from student to teacher and colleague. No one could ever hope to duplicate the impact of Doc's generous spirit. However, there are thousands out there, both in Enfield and beyond, who are unknowingly working as a collective to fill his shoes and extend that same spirit. His mission to education saw no horizon and will therefore see no end. He is also survived by his sons, Andrew and Jeffrey Taylor, his sisters Donna and Frances, his stepmother Lillian and all their respective partners. I humbly request that my colleagues join me in honoring Doc's storied service, as he joins his wife Eveline in this next chapter.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, due to a family obligation, I was unable to attend session on June 21, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 274; YEA on Roll Call No. 275; NAY on Roll Call No. 276; YEA on Roll Call No. 277; NAY on Roll Call No. 278; YEA on Roll Call No. 279; YEA on Roll Call No. 280; NAY on Roll Call No. 281; YEA on Roll Call No. 282; and YEA on Roll Call No. 283.

CELEBRATING THE 31ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIANT NATIONAL CAPITAL BARBECUE BATTLE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 31st anniversary of the Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle. This District of Columbia summertime tradition takes place during the 1st full week of summer each year and brings together 10 of 1000 of D.C.-area families and visitors to the nation's capital in the spirit of unity, community and celebration. The Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle is returning once again to historic Pennsylvania Avenue on Saturday, June 24, 2023, featuring the Giant National BBQ Championship, the National Pork BBQ Championship, the Smokin' with Smithfield Rib Contest, the Perdue Sizzlin' Chicken Contest, the Turkey Smoke BBQ Cooking Contest, the PA Beef Steak Cookoff and the Beyond Meat Plant-Based Barbecue Championship.

The Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle has raised millions of dollars for D.C. charities and USO-Metro over the past 31 years and donated tons of food to food banks. The Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle has expanded to include a month of celebration in D.C., with partnerships including Monumental Sports, Ben's Chili Bowl and Anacostia BID through Art to Go-Go, to promote D.C. and its unique culture. The Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle draws some of D.C.'s and the nation's best barbecue talent, and those participants have the duty and the honor of representing D.C. wherever State Barbecue Cooking Championship winners are welcomed. Mr. Speaker, again, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the aims and goals of the Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle and its 31st consecutive year.

RECOGNIZING JAMES CHANCE ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the fire chief from the Enola Area Fire Department, James Chance, who is preparing to retire.

James is no ordinary chief.

He's a volunteer who's been with the Faulkner County Department since 1973 and became chief in 1983.

When he first started at the Enola Area Fire Department, they had a single brush truck to use as an engine, tanker, and rescue.

The department did not have an ISO rating.

Now, the department has three stations, eleven fire trucks, and an ISO rating of five.

According to his peers, James responded to every emergency despite how urgent or not it was.

He spent two nights at 2:00 a.m. putting up barricades on flooded roads during bad storms

or responding to the 10th false medical alert alarm in the middle of the night.

I thank Mr. Chance for over 50 years of selfless service to the citizens of Faulkner County and congratulate him on his retirement.

HONORING NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILWAY ON THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Northern Central Railway of York, in New Freedom, PA and congratulate them on their 10th anniversary.

The Northern Central Railway seeks to educate the public on the historic nature of Pennsylvania's railways. The organization was originally titled "Steam Into History" but changed after the program decided to add diesel equipment to their exhibits. Friends Bill Simpson and Reed Anderson created the program as a way to bring their community together and share their love of trains. Through the help of generous local support, they were able to bring their dream to life.

Over the last 10 years, the Northern Central Railway has hosted more than 144,000 visitors from forty-eight states and fifteen countries. Exhibits include a Civil War-era steam locomotive, themed train rides, and "visits" from historical figures. I am proud to represent a district which includes non-profit organizations such as Northern Central Railway, who work hard to educate our community on Pennsylvania's rich history. While Bill and Reed have sadly passed away, their legacy lives on through the continued success of Northern Central Railway. I wish the Railway nothing but continued success.

HONORING BILL FRIBERG

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Bill Friberg, a World War II veteran from Big Lake, Minnesota, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

Bill joined the Marine Corps just days before the start of World War II. After basic training, Bill was deployed to Hawaii and then the Pacific theater, where he helped construct an airfield that was used by pilots during the Battle of Guadalcanal. He also helped with the B-17 Bombers while doing reconnaissance missions in the area.

After his commanding officer was shot down during an aerial dogfight, Bill began working on airplanes, performing maintenance jobs such as fixing hydraulic leaks. Eventually, Bill began servicing Hellcat fighter planes which often needed to be started by igniting a shotgun shell. Later in his military career, Bill was stationed aboard the USS Block Island where he continued aircraft maintenance, including on the famous Vought Corsair.

Bill was not the only Friberg to serve our country during World War II. Bill's brother, Roland, served as an underwater demolition expert who saw action during the Battle of Iwo Jima. While Bill was stationed at Manila Bay, his brother surprised him aboard his ship and the brothers were able to have lunch together. After the war ended, Bill was among a group of soldiers that was sent to Japan to liberate American Prisoners of War, a dangerous yet important mission that Bill and his fellow Marines accomplished without fault.

Following his honorable service, Bill worked at the VA before embarking on a 35-year career with Northern States Power. During his retirement, he pursued his passion for golf and remained an avid player until the age of 95, remarkably achieving four holes-in-one throughout his lifetime.

I thank Bill for his service and congratulate him on reaching this impressive milestone.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to a personal family matter, and I regret missing votes. I would have proudly voted in favor of the Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 272, and YEA on Roll Call No. 273.

RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL SNIPER COMPETITION

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Staff Sergeant Benjamin Cotton and Staff Sergeant Alan Smith of the Arkansas Army National Guard for winning this year's International Sniper Competition.

This competition allows soldiers to display their abilities in a rigorous environment designed to put their extensive training to test against 35 international teams.

The team included New Mexico Army National Guard member Eric Vargas, and they completed three days straight testing of their shooting skills, physical endurance and problem solving as they took on a variety of scenarios with multiple weapons systems.

Staff Sergeant Smith enlisted in 2003 and Staff Sergeant Cotton in 2006.

Both have deployed to Iraq and they've served as sniper team leaders and marksmanship instructors with the Army National Guard.

In addition to serving their country, they serve our communities as firefighters.

Their leadership abilities and mental fortitude earned them this competition, and I'm honored to add these men to my recognition for this outstanding accomplishment across 35 very competitive international teams.