

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

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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

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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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for the following Roll Call vote. Had I been

present, I would have voted as follows: on Roll Call vote No. 278 On Agreeing to the Amendment, the Hayes of Connecticut Part D Amendment No. 1, I would have voted NAY; on Roll Call vote No. 279 On Agreeing to the Amendment, the Molinaro of New York Part D Amendment No. 2, Had I been present I would have voted YEA; and on Roll Call vote No. 280 On Agreeing to the Amendment, the Roy

of Texas Part D Amendment No. 3. Had I been present I would have voted YEA.