

Navy Battle E Ribbon, an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with 1 bronze star, 2 Army Achievement Medals, a Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with 3 bronze stars, a Good Conduct Award, a Humanitarian Service Medal, a M-16 Expert Rifle Qualifier, 2 NATO Medals, a Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, a Navy Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, an Expert Pistol Shot Medal, a Seabee Combat Warrior Service Medal, and an Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 1 bronze star.

Chad and his wife, Jenni are parents to two children, Kaylee and Max. It is my honor to recognize Mr. Chad Riegel's accomplishments and wish him a wonderful retirement spent with his family and those close to him.

#### HONORING THE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MIKE AND SANDY FRANCIS

##### HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 60th Wedding Anniversary for Hopatcong Borough Mayor Mike Francis and his wife, Sandy Francis.

Mike and Sandy Francis married on June 20th, 1963. They met at Watchung Hills High School in Warren, New Jersey. Their lockers were next to each other as freshmen, although they didn't start dating until their senior year. They moved to Hopatcong in 1973 and are the proud parents of three children and eight grandchildren.

Mike and Sandy have been an integral part of the Hopatcong community throughout the last fifty years, including many years of public service. Mike has served as a member of the Hopatcong Borough Council since 2008, and as Mayor of Hopatcong since 2016. Mike also serves on the Sussex County Planning Board and the New Jersey Highlands Council.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Mike and Sandy Francis for their 60 years of matrimony and for their many years of service to the Hopatcong community.

#### HONORING CORI CARLSON

##### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cori Carlson, who was named 2023 Member of the Year by the Napa County Farm Bureau for her work with wildfire mitigation efforts and her contribution to agriculture education across our county.

Born in Vallejo, California, Ms. Carlson's upbringing on a farm influenced her decision to make agriculture a central part of her life. Growing up, she experienced 2 different fires that threatened the homes and livelihoods of her family, friends and community. This shaped her focus within agriculture to specialize in wildfire prevention through grazing.

Ms. Carlson received a bachelor of animal science from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and went on to re-

ceive her master of science in nursing leadership from Sonoma State University. Throughout her life she has developed a passion for educating her peers, colleagues and future generations. Ms. Carlson educated elementary school students through farm education field days as well as organized events around agriculture and wildfire prevention for the greater community. She also contributed to a pilot program to bring in community partners and expand the reach of 4-H programs in Napa County.

Beyond her work in agriculture and education, Ms. Carlson started a Paramedic to Nurse Bridge program in Napa in order to develop strong nursing candidates and open a career pathway for Emergency Medical Service professionals. She also served as the Emergency Services and Trauma Manager at Queen of the Valley Hospital and the Paramedic Program Director at Napa Valley College.

Currently, Ms. Carlson owns Napa Pasture Protein, a contract grazing and farming company and holds several leadership positions within the community. She serves as the Chair of the Napa County 4-H Project Learning and Development Committee, the 4-H Oak and Vine Community Club Leader, the Paramedic to Nurse Bridge Coordinator at Pacific Union College and as a volunteer firefighter at the Napa County Fire Capell Station.

Mr. Speaker, Cori Carlson is deeply appreciated for her leadership to support wildfire mitigation efforts. Therefore, it is fitting that we honor her accomplishments today.

#### HONORING OLIMPIA ANDRADE

##### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and accomplishments of Olimpia Andrade, my intern who is transitioning from my office to continue her mission.

A Massachusetts native with Cape Verdean origins, Olimpia came to my office to improve the American policy system. While in my office, Olimpia has pushed my agendas to great lengths—from drafting memos, to organizing information, to researching data.

In our time together, I have recognized that Olimpia is a force in research. Her passion has been powerful over the semester as we have fought for the lives of underserved and disadvantaged communities. Olimpia attends Spelman College where she is studying Political Science. Her commitment to justice has led Olimpia to become involved with organizations on her campus such as the Spelman Chapter of the NAACP and the Ford First Generation Mentorship Program. Olimpia has and will continue to make a difference and leave her mark on public policy as she continues to fight for a better system.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Olimpia Andrade for her exemplary accomplishments, dedication to public service, and trailblazing leadership.

RECOGNIZING HONORABLE  
CHARLES HOBBY STRIPLING, SR.

##### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of a dedicated husband, loving father, humble public servant, and friend of longstanding, the Honorable Charles Hobby Stripling, Sr. Sadly, Hobby transitioned this life on July 3, 2023. A homegoing service celebrating the life of this remarkable man was held at 10:00 a.m. on July 7, 2023, at the Vienna United Methodist Church in Vienna, Georgia.

Charles Hobby Stripling was born on August 30, 1932, in Turner County, Georgia to the union of Maggie Thelma Hobby Stripling and Jodie Lee Stripling. Hobby graduated from Cordele High School in 1948 at the age of 16 and married his sweetheart, Joanne Duncan. They were married for 58 years until her passing in 2006 and were the parents of 2 sons, Charles Hobby Stripling, Jr. and Robby Stripling. Hobby was blessed to find love for a second time and in 2011 he married Ann Gambrell. They shared 12 wonderful years together and created a blended family to include Tonya Gambrell Thompson, Torri Gambrell Zeigler and Greg Gambrell. Together the Stripling and Gambrell children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other kin merged into a loving family unit which Hobby cherished with great pride.

During his life, Hobby held various jobs until he returned to Vienna, Georgia in 1962 to open the Vienna Red & White Super Market with James and Elsi Pass. He later opened Zippy Food Store, the first convenience store in Vienna, Georgia, which he operated for many years. This gave him the opportunity to interact with his neighbors, empathize with their challenges and spark a career of public service to ensure positive change for his neighbors, friends and family.

It has been said that "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth." Hobby paid his rent and paid it well. He served as Mayor of Vienna, Georgia for 24 years; President of the Georgia Municipal Association; and campaign manager for former Atlanta Georgia Mayor, Congressman and UN Ambassador, Andrew Young in his run for Georgia Governor. He was pivotal in my successful 1992 congressional campaign and in 1993, when the time came for me to hire a District Director, Hobby was a perfect fit. His leadership, compassion, patience, fidelity, advice, and friendship were the manifestations of love in action. He served the people of the 2nd Congressional District and me well for 10 years, then went on to serve as the District Director for Congressman Jim Marshall for 7 years and in 2008 was appointed by President Barack Obama to be Georgia State Director of the Farm Service Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Hobby Stripling accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the grace of God, the love and support of his beloved wives, Joanne and Ann, his blended extended family and the many souls that inspired and motivated him to serve. He touched countless lives in a positive way and because he did, the world is a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the 765,000 people of the 2nd Congressional District in honoring the life and service of the Honorable Charles Hobby Stripling, Sr. and in extending our deepest condolences to his family, friends and all those who mourn his loss. May we all be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID  
LARRY CUMMINGS

**HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and deep admiration that I honor the life and legacy of David Larry Cummings, a remarkable individual whose commitment to service and tireless dedication to his community will forever be remembered.

David Cummings embodied the true spirit of public service, exemplifying the values of honor, compassion, and dedication. Throughout his life, he left a mark on the Akron-Newstead area, where he served as Town Supervisor and Councilman for over three decades. His passion and leadership were evident in the numerous accomplishments he achieved for the community. From bringing town water to Newstead residents, to the construction of essential facilities such as the Akron-Newstead Senior Center and the Joint Town of Newstead and Village of Akron Municipal Facility, David's visionary approach to governance improved the lives of countless individuals.

David's efforts in designing and creating the Cultural Center at the Newstead Public Library will continue to foster a love for learning and the arts for future generations. He also secured funding to expand and create new sections of the bicycle path, promoting healthy lifestyles and outdoor recreation.

David's commitment to service extended beyond New York. He served honorably in the United States Air Force and the New York Air National Guard and displayed unwavering dedication to his country.

Today, as we mourn the loss of a true servant leader, let us also celebrate David Larry Cummings' remarkable life. His legacy will continue to inspire us to serve our communities with honor, compassion, and a relentless desire to make a difference. May his family find solace in knowing that his contributions to society will be forever cherished and remembered.

HONORING 90 YEARS OF FAMILY  
BUSINESS WITH THE STOTLAR  
PHARMACY

**HON. MIKE BOST**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Stotlar Pharmacy of Pinckneyville, Illinois, for its over 90 years of service to Perry

County residents. This is a true American success story: a family owned and operated small business in the heart of one of the region's best small cities.

Stotlar Pharmacy was founded in 1932 by Joe Stotlar. At the time of its founding, the Stotlar Pharmacy not only filled prescriptions, but had a soda fountain, sold toiletries, gifts, film, cameras, similar to what many would consider an "old time" drug store.

In the 1960s, the pharmacy saw many changes, which included moving across the street from their original location, and now offering pharmacy services, delivery, and a gift shop.

Joe Stotlar's sons, Jim and Gene, were physicians with offices close by as they assisted in overseeing the store after their father. The family tradition continues today with Joe's grandchildren: Bill, Barbara, Tom, and Rich. His grandchildren are now serving as the proud owners and managers of Stotlar Pharmacy.

Joe's family remembers him as a very good businessman who was willing to help out anyone in their time of need. With all the Stotlar family has given to our community, I am proud to now give them the recognition they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Stotlar Pharmacy for all they do to keep Southern Illinoisans happy and healthy. We are fortunate to have such strong family businesses in Southern Illinois, something that should inspire the next generation of community leaders to come.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF SANDY BARBER

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions to the Fannin County community by Sandy Barber. For over 22 years, Mrs. Barber has served as the Executive Director of the Fannin County Children's Center, and she has over 31 years of experience in the nonprofit and child welfare sectors.

A native of Arlington, Mrs. Barber graduated from Austin College in Sherman, Texas. Her passion for child welfare services originates from her longtime desire to help put an end to the victims of abuse. Under her leadership, Fannin County Children's Center has expanded its community programs and outreach to assist children who have been abused and neglected. Some of these efforts include expanding mental health services, offering emergency resources and providing clothing. Mrs. Barber also oversaw the purchase and renovation of their current facility in Bonham, Texas.

Moreover, Mrs. Barber has served on the board for Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates and the Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas. To recognize her outstanding work, she was named the Texoma Regional Citizen of the Year and Bonham Citizen of the Year. Mrs. Barber also received the Athena Leadership Award and the Angels in Adoption Award in 2019. I'm confident that many young people have been inspired by Mrs. Barber's efforts

and have no doubt that they will follow her footsteps to help prevent horrific acts of child abuse.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Mrs. Barber's important contributions to the children of North Texas. May God Bless her.

HONORING MR. JACK DING, RECIPIENT OF THE AMERICAN DREAM AWARD

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jack Ding, a renowned member of our community who has been chosen to receive the prestigious American Dream Award for California's Fourth Congressional District. This award honors immigrants who have excelled professionally, through entrepreneurship and innovation, in the arts and culture, or through community service. Mr. Ding's exceptional leadership and advocacy makes him a very deserving recipient of this recognition and award.

Mr. Ding was born in China, where he received a diploma for electrical engineering. He immigrated to the United States in 1993 to study at Dominican University, working his way through school to receive a Master's in Business Administration. He became a United States Citizen in 2008 and moved to the City of Sonoma, where he became a vital member of the community through his advocacy and entrepreneurship.

Mr. Ding began his career as a tax practitioner for the Internal Revenue Service in 2007. He then opened his small business, Unicom Tax Services, with a focus on tax representation. In 2010, he helped establish a free tax clinic at La Luz Center in Sonoma. He has served on the Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission and is currently serving on the Sonoma City Council. Mr. Ding has been a champion for the interests of California taxpayers. Mr. Ding is a member of the National Association of Enrolled Agents, and has been an outspoken advocate for taxpayers, traveling to the United States' Capitol on multiple occasions to advocate to amend the Tax Cut and Jobs Act and most recently to increase the IRS funding and tax reform.

Mr. Ding was elected as the Mayor of the City of Sonoma in 2022, becoming the first Asian American to hold this office. Mr. Ding regularly engages with immigrant groups, encouraging people to be active participants in local and national politics. In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Ding's utilized the American Rescue Plan and fiscal policy to increase Sonoma's reserve funds by \$3 million. In addition, he has led fundraising efforts for a pavilion to honor local Chinese laborers' contribution to the local wine industry. In response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Mr. Ding hosted a press conference with the Ukrainian Counsel General to condemn the invasion and helped raise over \$150,000 for Ukraine Sister City.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ding's advocacy, and service as an elected official have greatly enriched the Sonoma community. His readiness