

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

to help others is evident in his impactful work in the district and on Capitol Hill. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today with the American Dream Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, due to a family obligation, I was unable to attend session on June 23, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on rollcall No. 287, NAY on rollcall No. 288, and YEA on rollcall No. 289.

REMEMBERING ROY HERRON

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a devoted public servant and dear friend, former Tennessee State Senator Roy Herron, who died on Saturday after injuries sustained in a jet ski accident at the age of 69.

Roy was a multi-faceted man of the people—a lawyer and Methodist minister, who served in the state House and Senate for 26 years and was the Democratic nominee for the 8th Congressional District in 2010. He also wrote three books about the role of faith in politics and a fourth book about Tennessee political humor, co-authored with his friend Cotton Ivy.

A gifted politician, Roy was first elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1986 to fill the seat vacated when Ned McWherter became governor. He served in the House in the 95th through 99th Tennessee General Assemblies and in the Senate in the 100th through 107th, where he served as floor leader and then chairman of the Senate Democratic Caucus. He was my Senate colleague from 1997 until I left the state Senate and came to Congress in 2007. He also chaired the Select Committee on Children and Youth, the Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee, and the Joint Tencare Oversight Committee. He was a member of the Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Government Operations Committee, the Joint Committee on Charitable Gaming, and the Joint Select Committee on Education.

I was hopeful that we would be colleagues in Washington when he declared his candidacy for Congress in 2009 after John Tanner announced his retirement. Roy campaigned throughout the 8th District in his old red Ford pickup. Despite receiving the endorsement of every major Tennessee newspaper, he lost the general election to Stephen Fincher, a cotton farmer who refused to debate him, as Tennessee took a hard right turn. In 2011, he was seriously injured in a bicycling accident while training for an Iron Man competition. He later served as chairman of the Tennessee Democratic Party from 2013 to 2015.

Roy graduated at the top of his class at the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1975 and

was chosen as a Rotary Scholar and spent a year studying religion at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. Returning to Tennessee, he received both a master's degree in Divinity and a J.D. from Vanderbilt University in 1980.

Besides his accomplishments and dedication to public service, Roy will be remembered as a truly nice guy. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife Nancy and his sons John, Rick and Ben, and his many friends and supporters. His was a life well lived, and he will be missed.

CELEBRATING “DANCE CITY” DANCE TEAM

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the exceptional achievement of the Dance City, a local dance team based in North Minneapolis, for their remarkable victory at Starpower National Talent Competition. The dedication, talent, and hard work demonstrated by the members of Dance City have propelled them to extraordinary success on the national stage, winning first place in Hip Hop and first overall. Faced with competition from 100 teams around the country, the Dance City girls rallied to the challenge and emerged with their well-earned victory.

Director of Dance City and Coach, Cierra Burnaugh, created her studio to serve young black girls in the Minneapolis community. Her dedication to her students and drive to provide a creative outlet for these young dancers is admirable. The community support that helped the team compete, exhibits the mutual understanding of how important it is to invest in younger generations. Young people like these talented dancers are our future, and they are learning invaluable skills that will serve them for a lifetime.

Their triumph is a testament to the power of determination, perseverance, and teamwork. This success is a shining example of what can be accomplished when people are empowered to pursue their dreams and strive for excellence. It is a testament to the dedication, passion, and teamwork of everyone involved, and I do not doubt that it will inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

I want to express my sincere congratulations to every member of Dance City, their families, their exceptional instructors, and everyone who has contributed to their growth and development. Their recent achievement not only fills North Minneapolis and the 5th Congressional District with pride but also highlights the thriving arts and cultural landscape in our community. May their success continue to illuminate the path for future generations of dancers, inspiring them to embrace their talents and strive for greatness. I could not be happier to have Minneapolis represented by these bright young women.

HONORING PRETRIAL, PROBATION AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK 2023

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Nation's community supervision professionals, who are dedicated public servants and perform many vital roles in their work with justice-involved adults and juveniles. They identify opportunities and services to help individuals successfully contribute to society, while holding them accountable for their actions. They remain mindful of their role in protecting public safety.

In honor of Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2023, we salute all those who have chosen this important career. In the District of Columbia, we especially thank the employees of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) and the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia (PSA) for their service. CSOSA and PSA are models of excellence in community supervision. Their work reflects the theme of Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2023, “Stronger Together.”

Community supervision agencies are valuable partners of other government agencies, nonprofits, neighborhood-based groups and all who strive to make our nation safer and stronger. We extend our gratitude to them and encourage all people to recognize their many achievements as we proclaim July 16–22, 2023, Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2023.

RECOGNIZING THE BLUE PACIFIC ACT

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my Boosting Long-Term U.S. Engagement in the Pacific (BLUE Pacific) Act, co-introduced with my Pacific Islands Caucus Colleagues Congresswoman RADEWAGEN, Congressman BERA and Congressman SHERMAN.

This bill directs a comprehensive and sustained approach to U.S. engagement in the Pacific Islands, a critical part of the broader Indo-Pacific where much of the future of the world is being charted.

The lands and waters of the jurisdictions spread across Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia comprise an area larger than the land areas of China and Russia combined and represent a major portion of the vast Pacific Ocean and our Earth's surface. The peoples of these islands have developed their own proud cultures and identity over millennia, and for centuries now have shared historic, cultural, economic and strategic ties with the United States. Tens of thousands of U.S. and allied servicemembers died throughout the Pacific Islands in World War Two defending the common values shared between our country and the Pacific Islands. Our presents and futures are entwined; they are being and will be determined jointly.