

TRIBUTE TO RUSSELL RAYMOND
LOVELL

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Russell "Russ" Raymond Lovell, who died on Friday, June 2nd, 2023. Russ was a dear friend who dedicated more than 3 decades to working in public safety in Riverside County.

After high school, Russ joined and served in the United States Coast Guard for a number of years. He then took a job working at the California Rehabilitation Center in Norco, where he would work for more than 30 years. He initially began as a Correctional Guard, but eventually migrated into a facilities position and retired as a Stationary Engineer. Russ retired from the California Rehabilitation Center in 1995. After his retirement, I had the pleasure of having Russ work for me.

Russ grew up in Corona and while working locally he met Carol Lynn Nolen in 1952 while working at Caf's Cafe. They eventually married in 1957 and began to grow their family which would ultimately include 3 daughters. Russ and Carol shared a love for animals and travel. They also had a mutual interest in collecting first edition books and would often attend author book signings at bookstores.

Russ is survived by his daughters, Lisa Lovell, and Leanne Spinale and her husband Skip; grandchildren, Jacob Holland and Audrey Spinale; as well as other family members and countless friends. He is preceded in death by his wife Carol, his daughter Lori Holland, and his granddaughter Kelsey Holland. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Lovell family, his friends, and everyone fortunate enough to know Russ. Although he may be gone, the many contributions Russ made to his community and family will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT LAMARCHE
FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
THE ESCANABA DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SAFETY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Robert LaMarche for 25 years of service to the city of Escanaba. Throughout his time with the Escanaba Department of Public Safety, Robert has shown extraordinary commitment and dedication to his community, continually putting the safety and well-being of Escanaba residents above his own.

As Director of the Escanaba Department of Public Safety, Robert has played an integral role in the department's continued success and effectiveness, and his selfless service to the people of Escanaba has left an indelible mark on so many. Since beginning his work in public safety in the late 1990s, Robert has become a familiar and trustworthy face, and his service will continue to have a positive impact for years to come. Our Nation needs more humble, upstanding leaders like Robert who

protect and uplift our communities in the First District, and I cannot thank him—along with every law enforcement officer across our Nation—enough for his profound work in keeping our communities safe.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Robert LaMarche for 25 years of service to the Escanaba Department of Public Safety. His leadership and hard work are greatly appreciated and on behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Robert, his family, his colleagues, and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING PAMELA D.C. JUNIOR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, Ms. Pamela D.C. Junior. Ms. Junior has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

Pamela D.C. Junior, director of the Two Mississippi Museums in Jackson, MS retired after 35 years of service. Ms. Junior is a Jackson native; Jackson Public Schools product; and a proud graduate of Three Jackson State University, where she received her BS in education, with a minor in special education. In 1990, she joined the National Park Service in Washington, D.C., serving as a park ranger. Nearly a decade later, she returned to Jackson to work for the city's Parks and Recreation Department. In 1999, Ms. Junior was hired as the manager of the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center, where she became co-coordinator of the National Arts Program and acquired on permanent loan the Smithsonian traveling exhibition *Field to Factory: The Afro-American Migration, 1915–1940s*.

In 2017, Ms. Junior was named the inaugural director of the first state-sponsored civil rights museum in the nation, the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. In 2019, she was promoted to director of the Two Mississippi Museums, where she continued the work of sharing the stories of Mississippi told in the Museum of the Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museums.

Ms. Junior has been honored over the years for both her professional and community work, and received numerous awards, such as the Freedom Rider Award from the Mississippi Freedom 50th Foundation; the For My People Award from the Margaret Walker Center at Jackson State University; the Hometown Hero Award from the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau; and the Museum Leadership Award by the Association of African American Museums. She was inducted into the Mississippi Tourism Hall of Fame. Ms. Junior currently serves the community as a board member for Visit Jackson and an advisory board member for the Mississippi Book Festival. She is also a member of the International Women's Forum.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Pamela D.C. Junior for her passion and dedication in the field of public history.

RECOGNIZING THE ARREST OF MR.
GAJENDRAKUMAR PONNAMBALAM

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with Mr. Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam, a member of the Parliament of Sri Lanka. Mr. Ponnambalam has recently been subjected to harassment and wrongful detention by Sri Lankan law enforcement. Despite video evidence contradicting the official account and lack of an official arrest warrant, Mr. Ponnambalam was arrested for behaving in an unruly manner towards state intelligence officers during a public meeting. Fortunately, he was released on bail shortly after his arrest.

While I am glad to hear of Mr. Ponnambalam's release, his harassment by Sri Lankan authorities remains highly troubling, and is part of a stream of attacks on minority members of the Sri Lankan parliament. Mr. Ponnambalam is a member of the minority Tamil ethnic group who has advocated for the marginalized and spoken at the United Nations Human Rights Council about the killing of Tamil journalists. Other members of the Sri Lankan parliament have faced harassment because of their activism over the past few months on the destruction of Tamil places of worship, militarization in the Northeast, and other crimes against members of the Tamil ethnic group.

Mr. Speaker, we must stand with the victims of human rights violations in their advocacy for their rights. I hope my colleagues will join me in expressing support for Mr. Ponnambalam and in calling for the Sri Lankan government to commit to democratic values and practices.

BRIGHT FUTURE FOR BULGARIA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the dynamic Republic of Bulgaria is leading the way in energy independence, eliminating intimidation by the war criminal Putin who is sacrificing young Russians to death for his personal gain of money and power.

Prime Minister Nikolai Denkov is a visionary, meeting last week with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Sofia and facilitating Bulgaria selling two Russian-made nuclear reactors and other critical equipment to Ukraine.

It is inspiring that the National Assembly on July 6th voted for Bulgaria to benefit from the sale. This corrects failed efforts from the 1980s of a technically and commercially flawed project, as identified by the Wall Street Journal on July 7th.

"The deal shows how Russia's energy influence in Europe is diminishing fast," said Martin Vladimirov, Director of the Energy Program at the Center for the Study of Democracy in Sofia.

The people of Bulgaria and Ukraine mutually benefit as clearly explained by Assembly Member, Delyan Dobrev "After the start of the

war in Ukraine, building a power plant with that equipment became [politically] impossible. Ukraine needs the equipment that we have. It is a perfect match.”

The association of Bulgaria and Ukraine for energy liberation is another extraordinary example of the war criminal Putin’s miscalculation of the courageous people of Ukraine who have resisted valiantly for freedom. In America, Republicans and Democrats have united to support Ukraine with 100 billion dollars in aid. The European Union of 27 nations is reaching 100 billion dollars in aid. Germany has reversed neutrality to unprecedented support of Ukraine as NATO has achieved the remarkable inclusion of Finland and imminently Sweden with strong support from Japan, Republic of Korea, and Australia.

This year marks 120 years of diplomatic relations between Bulgaria and America. Americans are so appreciative of the friendship with the talented people of Bulgaria as we rally together for mutual economic and security benefit. Bulgaria is well represented in Washington with Ambassador Georgi Panayotov as South Carolina appreciates the honorary Bulgarian Consul Don Tomlin of Columbia. The bi-partisan Bulgaria Caucus in Congress promotes warm relations with Democratic Congressman BRAD SCHNEIDER and me as Republican Co-chairman.

HONORING NICK WALLACE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable person, Nick Wallace. He is a celebrated executive chef, entrepreneur, and philanthropist, who leverages his innate talents to highlight the beauty of food, redefine the Southern experience, and introduce the world to Mississippi-inspired cuisine.

Drawing inspiration from his early training with his grandmothers, Nick’s culinary style combines his family-farm origin with French technique, resulting in a modern, Mississippi-influenced cuisine infused with Nick’s own culinary innovation experience and understanding of flavor profiles.

Nick is the owner of CHURN Creameries 2022, Nick Wallace Culinary, Nick Wallace Catering, and Nissan Cafe by Nick Wallace. In addition to flexing his leadership skills as an executive chef at some of America’s prominent museums and hotels, Nick has been featured in domestic and international television programming, including Food Network’s Comfort Nation (Season 2); Chopped, Chopped: Alton’s Challenge, and Cuthroat Kitchen; Food Network Canada’s Firemasters; and Voyage’s (France) Unexplored America—Mississippi. Most recently, Nick appeared on Bravo’s Top Chef (Season 19) and CNN’s NOMAD with Carlton McCoy.

Through the years, Nick has garnered regional and national recognition, including being selected by the James Beard Foundation to present five Mississippi-themed dinners in New York City; participating in 50 States—50 Chefs (Flavored Nation); being named “Best Chef of Mississippi” (2020); gaining consistent inclusion in the peer reviewed “Best

Chefs America” list; and earning “Best Chef” (Jackson, MS) recognition for 4 consecutive years.

Additionally, Nick is the founder of Creativity Kitchen, a nonprofit aimed at providing nutrition education, exposure to farm-to-table practices, and access to flavorful, healthy meals and culinary experiences for young, public-school students and their families (Jackson, MS). Most recently, Creativity Kitchen partnered with Whole Food’s 5 percent Community Giving Program, helping to add a percentage of store profits as donations to an area elementary school.

Committed to his community and using palate-pleasing cuisine to touch lives, Nick is a Co-Chair of Share the Gulf and a board member for Hunger Free America. He also participates in partnerships with organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Dole, Novo Nordisk, and Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing my former staff member, Nick Wallace for his dedication to the food insecurities within the state of Mississippi.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE DICKERSON PARK ZOO

HON. ERIC BURLISON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Dickerson Park Zoo located in Springfield, Missouri.

The zoo was founded in 1923 on 100 acres of land that was acquired from the estate of Jerome Dickerson. It houses more than 500 animals that represent 160 different species. Last year alone, some 200,000 people visited the zoo.

But the zoo is more than a location where visitors can see exotic animals. A staff of about 60 full-time and 25 seasonal employees, as well as 100 volunteers, are dedicated to the mission of connecting people with animals to encourage discovery and inspire conservation. In 1985, the park became involved with the Species Survival Plan, a consortium of groups working to save animals from extinction. The following year, the zoo became accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

More than 60,000 people a year participate in the zoo’s conservation education programs held in the park’s educational center. Additionally, its Zoo to You programs visit schools, libraries and residential care centers around the state.

The zoo also provides outstanding research and medical care for all the animals and rehabilitates injured or orphaned native raptors through its Raptor Rehabilitation Program. Once the birds are deemed healthy enough to survive on their own, they are released back into their natural habitat. The zoo also is one of only five in the country that participates in a giraffe blood bank, and it recently became home for an orphaned cougar cub from the state of Washington.

Just like humans, preventive care is paramount for the animals and the zookeepers play an important role in the wellness staff as

they spend a great deal of time with the animals and become very perceptive to subtle changes in an animal’s health.

The Dickerson Park Zoo is a vital part of animal education, conservation and enjoyment for thousands of people living in and visiting the Springfield area. We celebrate them and wish them the best for another 100 years.

HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on July 12, 2023, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, who traveled here on June 12th answered our Nation’s call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

David Lee Allen, Louis Allen, William Paul Altgilbers, Ronald Michael Andrus, Oray Baker, Jr., Randy Barham, Donald Barker, John C. Baumgart, Dennis L. Behnke, Norman Bowens, Jr., Leroy Allen Buss, Duane A. Buttell, Jr., Freddie Cagle, David B. Carlyon, Thomas Cellini, Louis J. Cicchetti, Louis E. Ciesla, Henry Clark, James Darcy, James R. Davidson, Steven L. Devereaux, Richard Jesus Diaz, Vincent Domino, Ildephonse J. Dorado, Leslie Duncan, Gerald Fedyski, Hal Melland Finkle, Frank Freemont Fisher, William G. Fountas, Herbert E. Fuqua, Joseph P. Gagliano, Robert Halvey, Kenneth George Hauser, Phillip F. Hauze, Bruce Ramond Heldt, John E. Hielema, James Richard Hoder, James R. Hoder, Robert Horwath, Thom Howell, Ronald E. Johnson, Anthony Juszynski, Ted Alan Kachlic, Louis Kahn, George J. Kane, William Keogh, Randall J. Kethcart, Fred E. Kogler, Mitchell Koonce, Lawrence J. Kozak, Thomas W. Krakowski, James R. Kramer, Richard Krol, Leonard J. Kulasa, Madore Lanoue, Richard A. Luemen, Renzo Manfredini, Julius M. Marbury, Costante James Martello, Daniel Martinez, Michael H. Masello, Dwight Mayberry, Patrick E. McDonald, Terrence McHugh, Roy Meldahl, Wayne Raymond Melichar, Jr., Michael W. Micetic, Robert J. Miller, Sr., James J. Morgan, Eugene J. Mudgett, Kenneth J. Murawski, Richard J. Otto, Lawrence Pagliaro, Terry Pappas, George J. Parsons, Jr., John E.