

HONORING REVEREND DR.  
GREGORY A. SUTTON

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2023*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding mentor, dedicated servant leader, faithful servant of God and dear friend of longstanding, the Reverend Dr. Gregory A. Sutton. Dr. Sutton was honored for his 53 years of faithful service at Jackson Memorial Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, on Sunday, July 16, 2023, at 10:30 am.

Dr. Sutton was born in Atlanta, Georgia. He was raised among great educators, philosophers, and theologians. Dr. Sutton was always concerned about the welfare of others and used his voice to speak out on pressing issues of the day. He began to preach the Gospel at the young age of 16. This would lay the foundation for his ministry and his destiny—the boy, the preacher, the man and the visionary.

Dr. Sutton began preaching the Gospel while he was still in high school and accepted the calling to pastor a growing church called Jackson Memorial at the age of 18, where he has labored for 53 years. Through his leadership, the church has continued to expand its membership and physical footprint. Dr. Sutton has seen the expansion of the church's membership to over 6,000 members and he has overseen the construction of two new edifices for the church. Dr. Sutton's ministry is indeed a global ministry and reaches people where they are across the world.

The scripture tells us in Proverbs that "Where there is no vision the people perish . . ." Dr. Sutton is indeed a visionary and has used his ministry to reach people beyond the church walls. He has dedicated himself to the awareness, protection, and spiritual development of youth. Dr. Sutton was the originator of the phrase, "Stop the Violence, Save the Youth." Cementing his commitment to young people and their spiritual futures, Pastor Sutton was the first pastor in the Atlanta area to open his church to students for prayer before school. He also reaches out and incorporates the needs of his elderly parishioners in his ministry. Dr. Sutton has a complete ministry that attempts to reach many different groups for Christ to include those that are in prison, the homebound, the homeless, the low income and the disenfranchised. He uses his weekly television broadcast, "Now Is The Time," to reach those who would not otherwise be reachable.

Dr. George Washington Carver once said that "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young; compassionate with the aged; sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong, because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Dr. Sutton is acutely aware that for the Kingdom of God to be manifested in this world, it is imperative that people from all walks of life be brought into the fold and be made to feel that they matter and that Jesus Loves them. Dr. Sutton's ministry is truly a Matthew 25 ministry.

Even amid his various ministerial duties, Dr. Sutton finds time to serve his community at large. It has been said that "Service is the rent

that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Dr. Sutton has paid his rent and he has paid it well. He serves on the board of directors of many social and civic organizations to include the Board of Ministers of Morehouse College.

Reverend Dr. Gregory Sutton has achieved much in life, but none of it would have been possible without the grace of God and the love and support of his wife, First Lady Gail Sutton; his children, Theresa, Tony, Keisha and LaQuay; his three grandchildren and other family members.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the people of Georgia and this nation in honoring and commending the Reverend Dr. Gregory A. Sutton for 53 years of dedicated service to his God, Jackson Memorial Baptist Church and humankind. Moreover, we pray God's continued blessings upon him, his ministry, and his family in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA  
MONDERINE-WILLIAMS—30TH  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women during Women's History Month. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Barbara Monderine-Williams of the Atwater Village neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Barbara was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, raised in La Mirada, California, and has been living in Los Angeles since attending the University of California, Los Angeles, from which she graduated in 1987. After years of working in the music industry, including for Virgin Records and Warner Records, Barbara decided that her hobby as a self-taught home baker could possibly be turned into a full-time profession. With her mother's recipes coupled with her dream of having a bakery, she and her husband, Richard Williams, opened The Village Bakery and Café, where Barbara is the co-owner and head baker.

Over the years, The Village Bakery and Café has grown into a flourishing neighborhood mainstay serving breakfast, lunch, pastries, and freshly baked bread. During the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, The Village Bakery and Café changed gears and provided the community with provisions that were difficult to source, including eggs, flour, sugar, and yeast, and turned into a family meal delivery location overnight, serving up to 300 meals every day during the height of the pandemic.

Barbara has made a tremendous impact in her community and beyond through her "One Cookie At A Time" bakery drives, raising thousands of dollars throughout the years for the Santé D'Or Foundation, an animal adoption and rescue center in Los Angeles, American Civil Liberties Union, Black Voters Matter, and most recently, CARE's Ukraine Crisis Fund.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 30th Congressional District, Barbara Monderine-Williams.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN JACK WALTER, A LOCAL WAR HERO

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Captain Jack Walter, a remarkable Vietnam Veteran whose dedication to serving our country deserves our recognition.

As a forward observer and artillery specialist, Captain Jack Walter played a crucial role in ensuring the accuracy of military operations. His responsibility to relay enemy coordinates during calls for fire and confirm the impacts of artillery rounds demonstrated his skill, precision, and commitment to the mission at hand. Today, we celebrate Captain Jack Walter's life and express our gratitude for his selflessness and bravery. May his memory serve as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by our veterans and the importance of honoring their service.

Lieutenant Jack Walter served with the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division of the U.S. Army. His actions during an intense battle in the Vietnamese bunker complex in early 1970 highlighted his bravery and dedication to his duties. Despite being under constant enemy fire, he ensured the safety of his fellow soldiers. His courageous actions did not go unnoticed, and he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with a "V" device for valor. Lieutenant Jack Walter humbly expressed surprise at receiving the recognition, stating that he believed he was simply doing his job. Due to his exceptional leadership and skills, Lieutenant Jack Walter was later promoted to the important role of Artillery Liaison, a position typically held by a Captain. In this role, he was responsible for coordinating fire support for an entire infantry battalion comprising nearly one thousand soldiers.

In June of 1970, Lieutenant Jack Walter bravely took part in a daring rescue mission to save a group of soldiers who were stranded, injured, and surrounded by enemy forces. Lieutenant Jack Walter, understanding the importance of reassuring the troops that they had not been abandoned, personally flew multiple resupply missions to aid them. The enemy fire was so intense that he had to switch helicopters three times. This close encounter with death and his unwavering determination to complete the mission led to Lieutenant Jack Walter being awarded the Silver Star Medal, one of the nation's highest honors for bravery.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in remembering and appreciating Captain Jack Walter's courageous service to our country during the Vietnam War. It is through the dedication and sacrifice of individuals like him that we are able to enjoy the freedom and security we have today. May their service continue to inspire and remind us of the values we hold dear as Americans.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SANDRA IRBY FOR HER RETIREMENT FROM JPL NASA DEEP SPACE NETWORK

**HON. JAY OBERNOLTE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sandra Irby as she retires from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory NASA's Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex after 24 years of service supporting the United States space program. She began her career working with the Marine Corps in Barstow, California during Operation Desert Storm and is a valuable member of our community.

Sandi began her career at NASA Goldstone working in logistics as a warehouse worker. Her hard work and commitment led to expanded responsibilities as she was promoted to Property Administrator. In this role she was responsible for asset tracking, property movement, government reporting, and inventory of NASA property. Sandi assisted with the development of advanced hierarchical systems for determining locations and specifying the condition of assets. This information was critical in ensuring the continued operation of telecommunications equipment across the Goldstone complex.

Sandi's 24 years of service have been an important contribution to the success of JPL NASA's Deep Space Network. Goldstone has played a critical role in NASA's robotic and human-crewed spaceflight mission, landing, and planetary encounters. We honor Sandi for her commitment and contributions towards our mission to expand humankind's understanding of the solar system and beyond.

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Born in Ogden, Utah, Barbara is the eldest of three children and the only daughter of the late Joyce and Clyde Howell. Due to her father's work obligations, the family moved quite often, living in Utah, Colorado, Nevada, and Minnesota. After graduating from high school in Minnesota, Barbara attended Brigham Young University in Utah, and earned a bachelor's degree in communications and marketing. While a student at the university, she served as an intern with Utah Easter Seals, which ignited her passion and interest in working for non-profit organizations. She went on to work for the organization in several states for seventeen years and later spent three years with the Greater Los Angeles Leukemia

and Lymphoma Society as the organization's executive director.

In 2004, Ms. Howell joined the Burbank Temporary Aid Center (BTAC) as its executive director, and over the years has been instrumental in raising money to fund the renovation of BTAC. Immediately after assuming this position, Barbara enrolled in Leadership Burbank, an organization that offers a leadership training program for individuals who work or reside in the City of Burbank, which helped Barbara develop appreciation and a better understanding of the community. While at BTAC, she fulfilled a lifelong dream of continuing her education and pursued a master's degree in organizational leadership at Woodbury University, graduating in 2010. Expanding her knowledge has been especially important to Barbara when leading the organization through challenging years.

Dedicated to giving back to the community, Barbara served as a board member for Leadership Burbank, and held various leadership roles, including past president, in the Burbank Noon Rotary Club. She also served as treasurer for the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council. Ms. Howell has received several honors and awards including the Woman of the Year Award from the Zonta Club of Burbank Area and the Citizen of the Year award from the Burbank Association of REALTORS.

Barbara enjoys traveling and has visited Canada, England, France, Ireland, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Germany, Wales, Mexico, and Italy. She learned to play the piano at a young age, often accompanying her father when he would sing, and developed an appreciation for all types of music. Ms. Howell has sung with the Southern California Mormon Choir and plays the organ for her congregation.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 30th Congressional District, Barbara Howell.

HONORING FRANK SMITH

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2023*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, alongside my esteemed colleagues Senators MIKE CRAPO and JIM RISCH, to pay tribute to the extraordinary life of Frank F. Smith. It is with great sadness that we mourn his passing on July 7th of this year. Frank was a man of unwavering integrity, dedicating his life to serving his country and his fellow veterans.

Frank was raised in a home that instilled in him the values of patriotism, hard work, and compassion. His father was a former Lt. Colonel of the Army Air Corps and U.S. Air Force. Frank went on to follow in his father's footsteps and served in the U.S. Air Force.

During the Vietnam War, from 1964 to 1968, Frank proudly served in the Air Force at Edwards Air Force Base in Kern County, California. His contributions were instrumental in the development of experimental aircraft, many of which would later be utilized in the Vietnam War.

Frank's distinguished military career garnered him numerous accolades, including the National Defense Service Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Lon-

gevity Service Award Ribbon, and Air Force Good Conduct Medal. In recognition of his exceptional service, he was honored with the Spirit of Freedom Award in 2017.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, Frank dedicated 16 years of his life as the Information Technology Director for the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center. Additionally, he established his own business providing IT services in Eastern Idaho.

Frank actively engaged with several meaningful organizations, serving as a lifetime member of the American Legion and the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). Notably, he held prominent leadership roles, including President of the VVA-972, Idaho Falls Bob Taylor Memorial Chapter, and he played a pivotal role in establishing the American Legion Riders in Idaho, where he served as director for the Department of Idaho and the Idaho Falls Chapter. Furthermore, he wholeheartedly contributed to the Idaho Falls and Pocatello Idaho military affairs committees.

Frank saw his role as a founding member and the driving force of the Veterans Mobility Corporation (VMC) as his greatest achievement. Established in 2015, the VMC tirelessly endeavors to provide electric wheelchairs to veterans, their spouses, and children. To date, the VMC has furnished 378 electric wheelchairs, significantly improving the lives of veterans and their families.

Frank's unwavering dedication to assisting others, particularly his fellow veterans, leaves an indelible mark. He exemplified a life of compassion and selflessness. Frank will be remembered by many as a man who made a profound difference in their lives. His memory and legacy will forever inspire us and shall never fade away.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF  
JOHN D. LEMES

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2023*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of an extraordinary constituent, John D. Lemes, who died in Los Altos, California on May 15, 2023.

John was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on December 30, 1936, and he attended Punahou School where he excelled in track and football, and was key to Punahou winning Hawaii's state football championship in 1953.

He attended Colgate University and shortly thereafter moved to California. He met and married Karen Lemes and spent a lifetime devoted to her. Together they had five children; Lucia Nicholson, Renee Seligman, John (Ocean) Lemes, Jennifer Springer, and Frank Lemes, and 14 beloved grandchildren who brought him great joy.

John spent 26 years as Chief Internal Auditor for the County of Santa Clara. He was also active in his community, serving on the Santa Clara Federal Credit Union Board, coaching soccer, and serving his church in various positions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of John Lemes, and in extending our condolences to his wife Karen, and his entire family. He was a great and good man, a patriot and