

Tommy's professional career also took him to work as the District Manager for the Georgia Census Bureau in 1980. In 1984, he was the Campaign Manager for Standup Strain's bid for Dougherty County Sheriff. Tommy cemented his bonafides during this time as a deeply respected political figure and social activist, once again following in the footsteps of his father; who had been active in the Albany Civil Rights Movement.

In 1998, when leaders in Albany decided to revitalize the city's downtown area by forming Albany Tomorrow, Inc., Tommy was selected to serve as its Executive Director. Forever a visionary and forward thinker, he was able to bring people and projects together for downtown to include the Hilton Garden Inn, The Flint River Aquarium, The Ray Charles Plaza, Turtle Grove Park, SKATE Park, The Albany Law Enforcement Center and Police Headquarters, Department of Human Resources Administrative Building, The Central Square, The Science Discovery Children's Museum, parking garages for the downtown business district, and The Dougherty County School Board Administrative Building. Tommy's proudest moment as the Executive Director was the groundbreaking of the Albany Civil Rights Institute, which tells the story of Albany's prominent role in the modern-day Civil Rights Movement. As his good friend Glenn Singfield put it, "There wouldn't be an Albany today without Albany Tomorrow, and there wouldn't have been an Albany Tomorrow without Tommy Chatmon."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Faith is sometimes taking the first step without seeing the full staircase." In 2007, Thomas took a step on faith with the lessons he learned in his stint with Albany Tomorrow carrying his creative talents to Orlando, Florida, where the mayor appointed him as Executive Director of the Downtown Development Board/Community Redevelopment Agency. In this role, Tommy oversaw economic development for the Community Redevelopment Agency. He played a crucial role in achieving some of downtown Orlando's premier development in retail and business recruitment, marketing and special events programming, and housing development within the Community Redevelopment Area to include:

The Amway Center, The Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, Sun Rail, Chase, Plaza, Church Street Plaza, Citi Tower, Creative Village, 55 West, and many more.

It has been said that "service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Tommy Chatmon paid his rent, and he paid it well. He gave his time, talent, and treasure to numerous social and civil organizations, serving as Chair of Homeless Service Network of Central Florida Board, and the Starter Studio Board, The International Downtown Association (IDA), Nap Ford Community School, MyRegion.ORG, WMFW Community Advisory Board, and the Central Florida Urban League Board.

Tommy has been honored for his dedicated Community service to include Orlando's "10 Businessmen to Watch" and Orlando Magazine's "50 Most Powerful People", Georgia Trend Magazine's 100 Most Influential Georgians, Martin Luther King Celebration Leadership Award, and the Leadership Albany Outstanding Alumni Award.

Tommy accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without

the grace of God, the love and support of his elementary school sweetheart, his beloved wife Brenetta, and his three children, Yvonne, Brittany, and Cory.

On a personal note, Tommy was my friend, my Morehouse brother, and longtime supporter. Over the years, he gave me wise counsel, for which I will be forever grateful. Likewise, during his life, Tommy did so much for so many for so long. He touched countless lives, and because he did, the world is a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the 765,000 people of the 2nd Congressional District, in extending our deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Thomas Christopher Chatmon, Jr., his family, friends, and all 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.

RECOGNIZING LOGAN
LANGEMEIER FOR HIS SERVICE
TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2023

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated staffer who is moving on to a new venture. After graduating from Georgia Southern University with a degree in accounting, Logan came to my Congressional office as an intern. Although he is originally from South Lake Tahoe, Nevada, he quickly became an honorary Georgian.

Logan was college football starter for 3 years at Georgia Southern. He was named on Sun Belt Conference Academic Commissioner's List and the Sun Belt Conference Academic Honor Role.

Logan has a strong desire to serve, and an even stronger dedication to this country. Despite having a job offer in hand after graduation, Logan chose to come to D.C. to work as an intern, and immediately made an impact on our office.

When the opportunity arose for Logan to join the staff of my House Administration subcommittee, he didn't hesitate. He saw it as another opportunity to serve—and he has been invaluable from day 1.

Logan is moving on to the next phase of his life, where he will begin his career in accounting. Logan has left a lasting impression on our entire team and will be impossible to replace; but I am grateful for his service, and I look forward to seeing him continue to succeed as he enters his new role.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF JOSEPH SCOTT

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2023

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and legacy of Fort

Worth native Joseph Garnett Scott, otherwise affectionately known by many as "Coach Scott" by many in the community.

Joe was a pillar of our community and was well-known around Fort Worth as 1 of the most dapper and well-dressed men in the city. Joe was born in 1953 and was a member of New Mt. Carmel Baptist Church for many years. Joe got his education in the Fort Worth Independent School District and graduated from Polytechnic High School, where he was an all-district athlete in football and track. He would go on to earn his bachelor's degree at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas; there, he continued a successful football career as a 3-year starter. He obtained his master's degree at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas.

Joe spent many years serving our community as a teacher. He started his career in the Fort Worth Independent School District as a Physical Education teacher assistant and track coach at William James Middle School, where his team was successful and won many awards on the track. He then became a Physical Education teacher and head football, track, and soccer coach at Wedgwood Middle School, where his teams were both dominant on the field and track. He would later transition to high school as a ninth-grade English teacher and football and track coach at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. He was known by many for having a gift for forming positive relationships with his students and athletes.

Joe's first administrative position as an Assistant Principal at Handley Middle School, where he consistently supported leadership, students, faculty, and staff. Joe then progressed to an Assistant Principal at Dunbar High School. As a high school assistant principal, his days were filled with working with students and faculty, along with attending many games and activities throughout the school year. Joe's first principalship was at Dunbar 6th Grade Center. Joe thought it was most important that the building reflected a safe, welcoming, and attractive learning environment at all times. For the next 10 years, he was fortunate enough to become principal of his alma mater, Polytechnic High School. His years as the instructional leader of the Poly Parrot Community brought years of hard work, determination, and accomplishments. After this, for the next several years, his love for fashion and style led him to work in the retail industry. Soon after, he felt a strong desire to return to the world of education as a substitute teacher and administrator, where he continued to touch many lives throughout the district.

Joe was also a family man who was a loving husband and father. He was always the life of the party, cracking jokes and enjoying whatever food had been prepared. He was also known for being a "Master" Gardener. He spent endless hours planting flowers and consistently maintaining a manicured yard. He put just as much thought into planning his daily coordinated "outfits". He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Patricia Scott, his children, Tracy Carter, Kena Nicole Knox Brown, Evin Scott, and Whitney Scott; grandchildren Maxine, Connor, and London, Aunt, Willie B Jones, Great-Aunt Macie Bonner and a host of relatives and friends. May his memory live on forever.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2023
LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL
OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the 2023 Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame inductees. This year's class of sports superstars includes multiple All-American athletes, high school and collegiate hall-of-fame inductees, an iconic broadcaster, a dedicated official, and more.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

This year's inductees include:

Richard J. Callahan, sports broadcaster
Scott Davis, athlete—baseball and wrestling
Eugene S. Domzalski, athlete and coach—baseball

William J. Downey, sports official
Jamie Kauczka Esagro, athlete—basketball
Marsha Krysiowski Hanson, athlete—swimming, track and field and field hockey
Joseph J. Hasay, athlete—basketball
Jim Hill, coach—baseball
Joanne McComb, athlete and coach—baseball and basketball

Rebecca Mack McGraw, athlete—track and field

Joseph M. O'Hara, DVM, athlete—water polo, swimming, and volleyball

Katlin A. O'Hara, DPM, athlete—swimming, water polo, and track and field

Michael J. Papi, athlete—baseball

James J. Stehle, athlete—baseball

Amy Viti, athlete—track and field and cross country

Ninaleigh Stratton Wozniak, athlete and coach—swimming, softball and volleyball

Each person honored has made local sports history through their outstanding feats of athletic achievement, broadcasting, refereeing, or by leading their teams to victory as coaches. They have left an indelible mark on regional athletics, and I am pleased to celebrate their contributions to our sports communities in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

It is an honor to recognize these 16 talented individuals on their induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May their stories and impressive careers inspire the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

HONORING SISAY SENBET

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Sisay Senbet on receiving the Tom Miller Advocacy Award for his outstanding work and self-advocacy in Didlake's AbilityOne Program, a federal program that creates employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Sisay immigrated to the District of Columbia from Ethiopia in 2010 and started working for

Didlake as a custodian at the Pentagon in 2012. In 2015, he started working the night shift so he could enroll in college. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology in 2019.

Shortly after obtaining his college degree, Sisay was promoted to Site Safety and Health Officer. In his new role, he conducted work inspections and trained new employees in the proper use of safety equipment. Last September, he was promoted to Lead Worker and is now responsible for coordinating and leading the Pentagon custodial crew's day-to-day operations.

In his spare time, Sisay volunteers at his community library, teaching classes and tutoring other individuals with disabilities. In particular, he helps people with visual impairments use screen reading software to access digital information.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to recognize Sisay Senbet, whose life and career are a source of inspiration for both immigrants and individuals with disabilities.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION +
PUBLIC SAFETY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2023

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of the Congressional Black Caucus, I must shed light on the growing public safety concern regarding gun violence.

In 2022, firearm injury was the 12th leading cause of death in the United States of America.

Every day, 120 Americans are killed with guns.

And each year, hundreds of law enforcement officers lose their lives to gun violence, having been shot to death while protecting their communities.

Our government's continued lack of proactivity towards preventing gun violence has led to countless, unnecessary deaths.

Countless lives have been cut far too short, and countless families have had to experience the excruciating pain of knowing their loved one will never make it back home.

And although gun violence affects us all, I would like to highlight the disproportionate effect of gun violence on Black communities.

Black Americans are 10 times more likely than white Americans to die by gun homicide.

Black Americans are three times more likely than white Americans to be fatally shot by police.

And while Black Americans made up 12.5 percent of the United States population in 2020, they were the victims in 61 percent of all gun homicides.

According to the American Progress, "this is due to a combination of weak gun laws; systemic racial inequities, including unequal access to safe housing and adequate educational and employment opportunities; and a history of disinvestment in public infrastructure and services in the communities of color most affected by gun violence."

Discriminatory and unjust policies and practices such as slavery and Jim Crow are the reason that Black communities are still struggling to overcome the inequities in our society today.

Time and time again our country has forced Black Americans to pay the price for its sins, causing countless lives to be lost in the process.

Instead of acknowledging this public safety concern, our government continues to choose to remain ignorant, crafting a narrative of a war on the Second Amendment.

So, allow me to be clear: I support the Second Amendment.

But I will not sit idly by and hear the abuse of the far right's interpretation of the Second Amendment.

In June 2022, the Supreme Court took a radical step when it ruled in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. Bruen* that the right to carry a weapon or self-defense extends to outside the home.

In this case, plaintiffs challenged the 100-year old New York state handgun licensing law requiring individuals to show proper cause before they can be licensed to carry a concealed weapon in public.

The Court ultimately ruled New York's concealed carry law unconstitutional, extending the right to own a gun for self-defense in the home to exist outside the home as well.

This decision altered the well-established test for evaluating gun safety laws and threatens the lives of millions around the country.

The Court's decision sheds light to a growing misinterpretation of the Second Amendment.

As both a legislature and a legal scholar, I must point out that the Second Amendment is not absolute.

No where in the Second Amendment does it prohibit regulating guns.

How dare we sit by when lives are being lost and act as though there is nothing we can do?

Is there no sense of responsibility to provide restrictions to save lives?

Our role in Congress is to ensure that we utilize every tool available to us to keep our cities safe.

We need to reimagine public safety by holding law enforcement officers who violate the public trust accountable, using public health resources to address mental health crises, and ensuring all communities are not overpoliced, well-resourced with access to job opportunities, affordable childcare, and capable social services to improve the quality of life.

We need to increase the use of civilian responders deployed to incidents involving mental health concerns and disturbances or disputes.

We need to strengthen governmental agencies dedicated to violence intervention and neighborhood safety.

We need to pass legislation such as H.R. 52, the Kimberly Vaughn Firearm Safe Storage Act, a bill I introduced which establishes best practices for safe firearm storage to protect Americans, especially children, from improperly stored or misused firearms.

We need to pass legislation, such as H.R. 48 the Gun Violence Reduction Resources Act of 2023, which will work to hire additional Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agents and investigators to enforce gun laws.

We need to focus on mental health and pass legislation such as H.R. 46 the Mental Health Access and Gun Violence Prevention Act, which will authorize funding to increase