

The FAA first established flight restrictions over large stadium sporting events immediately following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, in response to concerns about terrorists using aircraft as weapons. Congress subsequently twice codified and strengthened these restrictions, providing specific criteria for aircraft operations permitted within the flight restricted area. Section 813 would effectively eliminate the specific criteria and replace it with an open-ended waiver program.

The long-standing, congressionally mandated flight restriction enhances the safety and security of large stadium events, while minimizing the disruption to the National Airspace System (“NAS”). Specifically, airspace over large stadiums—with a seating capacity of 30,000 people or more and where a NFL, MLB, and NCAA Division I football games or major motor speedway events, such as NASCAR and INDYCAR races, are taking place—is closed to all aircraft from one hour before until one hour after a major sporting event. The flight restrictions extend to three nautical miles from the center of the stadium and from the surface to 3,000 feet above the stadium. The flight restrictions do not apply to authorized aircraft, such as Department of Defense, law enforcement or air ambulance flight operations, or those in contact with air traffic control for take offs and landings at nearby airports, among others.

Having devoted substantial resources to secure our stadiums on the ground, we regard the stadium flight restriction as essential to safeguarding the airspace overhead. Moreover, given the proliferation of UAS in our NAS, as well as the continuing need to remain vigilant to other current and emerging risks, the stadium flight restriction is as vital now as ever to our national security and public safety. We believe section 813 complicates the airspace over stadiums, compromises public safety and security, and courts potential disaster.

We, therefore, urge you to uphold current law and maintain existing flight restrictions that protect the safety and security of millions of fans who attend large stadium sporting events every year.

Sincerely,

CATHY LANIER,
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RECOGNIZING TOM SIGMUND

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tom Sigmund for his service and accomplishments as the executive director of NEW Water and president of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies.

Mr. Sigmund has committed his career to improving water quality throughout Wisconsin,

as well as promoting a national water policy to create a more equitable water future. On July 13, 2023, Mr. Sigmund completed his service as president of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. I stand today to recognize Mr. Sigmund’s impressive leadership at NACWA as well as his service to the clean water industry.

Since 2007, Mr. Sigmund has led NEW Water, the brand of the Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District, as its executive director, facilitating the delivery of the utility’s wholesale conveyance and treatment services to 238,000 people throughout 15 municipalities in Northeast Wisconsin. Under Mr. Sigmund’s leadership, NEW Water has achieved 100 percent permit compliance and ushered in a new era for the utility in recognizing that material sent to the facilities is a valuable resource to be recovered and reused. He orchestrated the Resource Recovery and Electrical Energy, or R2E2, project, which recovers valuable resources from the wastewater stream to produce electricity and recovers heat for processes that run the facility.

Mr. Sigmund aided in creating a circular reclaimed water system that was developed with a national paper mill, boosting economic development for the region, and providing a sustainable solution for the industry. Mr. Sigmund launched an adaptive management approach to achieve water quality improvements more cost effectively by working collaboratively across rural landscapes in the Green Bay watershed. These efforts target a reduction of sediment and excess nutrient run-off into impaired waterways, an improved ecosystem, and a pathway for continued success.

Under his leadership, NEW Water entered a partnership with NASA to advance scientific knowledge of harmful algal blooms and their impact on public health. This initiative is housed under NEW Water’s Aquatic Monitoring Program, which was established in 1986 and is one of the longest running water quality monitoring programs on the Great Lakes. Mr. Sigmund also supports his community by creating an educational STEAM Superheroes Camp with the local Boys & Girls Club to build critical skillsets, inspire water stewardship, and establish a talent pipeline for future employees.

During the early stages of the pandemic, NEW Water joined the Wisconsin Wastewater Surveillance Program to advance public health efforts to understand COVID-19 in the community. Mr. Sigmund received his Bachelor and Master of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Wisconsin. A licensed professional engineer in Wisconsin and Ohio, he has served and continues to serve on board and leadership positions at various organizations. He chaired the Water Resources Utility of the Future Task Force, which developed the Water Resources Utility of the Future Blueprint for Action. He served as a member of the Utility Advisory Group, where he helped develop publications on Effective Utility Management related to water and wastewater utilities, as well as other sustainability efforts. A recipient of the NACWA President’s Award, Mr. Sigmund is also a Water Environment Federation, or WEF, fellow. He has received the WEF William D. Hatfield Award and the WEF Schroepfer Innovative Facility Design Medal.

These accolades and awards attest to Mr. Sigmund’s dedication to the clean water indus-

try. His strong character and visionary leadership have been instrumental in charting a course for improved water quality, particularly in Lake Michigan’s Green Bay. I thank Mr. Sigmund for his commitment to Northeast Wisconsin, and I congratulate him on completing his service as NACWA president.

HONORING PRESIDENT EMERITUS GARY LAMAR “SPARKY” REEVES

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated husband, loving father, doting grandfather, astute entrepreneur, esteemed educator and friend of longstanding, South Georgia Technical College President Emeritus, Gary Lamar “Sparky” Reeves. Sadly, President Reeves transitioned this life from labor to reward on August 2, 2023. A funeral service celebrating his remarkable life was held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, August 6, 2023, at First Methodist Church in Americus, Georgia.

The genesis of Sparky Reeves’ life began on March 27, 1949, as he was born to the union of Earl and Odessa Devereaux Reeves in Zebulon, Georgia. Born a fighter, as an infant, he defied the odds with the removal of an intestinal tumor at Egleston Hospital. His parents were told by doctors that he would not live to be four years old, but he did. Sparky, as he was named by his little league baseball coach because he reminded him of a spark plug, was a dedicated Boy Scout, ultimately becoming an Eagle Scout in 1964. He graduated from Robert Lee High School on May 30, 1967. Sparky then attended Georgia Southwestern College where he was active in intramural sports, was a member of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and was elected Archon of the Gamma Xi Chapter. Sparky graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business administration and obtained his Master’s degree in 1973. A lifelong learner, Sparky also attended the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, and Dekalb College. The most significant experience of his life was during his college years when he met the love of his life, Patricia Allene Camp. They were married on August 8, 1971, and enjoyed 52 years of marriage. Today is the anniversary of that blessed union.

After graduation, Sparky worked as a salesman for Altair Homes. His professional career ascended when he came to South Georgia Technical College in 1973. He served as an instructor, supervisor, and Vice President of Economic Development prior to being named President in 2004. Sparky served as President from August 2004 through September, 2015. He had many accomplishments during his time as president to include: growing the college’s foundation from \$3.7 million to \$8.2 million in assets; increasing the number of endowed scholarships from 8 to 22; increasing the scholarships from 52 to more than 150 and founding the President’s Club which exceeded \$1 million in annual gifts. The ultimate collaborator and facilitator, President Reeves established “Two Great Choices”, an initiative that created a partnership between South Georgia Technical College, Georgia Southwestern State University, the City of Americus,

Sumter County, and local businesses. He and Allene established an endowed scholarship at the college, making him the first President to do so. He also served on the Technical College System of Georgia State Foundation Board following his retirement until 2022. Sparky was the first President in the Technical College System of Georgia to earn the title, "President Emeritus."

It has been said that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this Earth." Sparky paid his rent, and he paid it well. Because of his lifetime of service to others, he received many awards and honors to include: The Americus Kiwanis Club Award; Americus-Sumter County Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year; Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award; Business Council of Georgia Achievement Award; Governor, South Georgia District Collegiate Civitan Club; GSW Aeolian Award; GSW Kaleidoscope Award; Outstanding Eagle Scout and Order of the Arrow; Outstanding Service Award and Inaugural Sparky Reeves Sumter Trustee Lifetime Achievement Award; President of GSW Civitan Club; Rotary Club Outstanding Citizen Award; Rotary Club "Paul Harris Fellow"; Sam Walton Business Leader; and Technical College Foundation of Georgia Benefactor of the Year.

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." This is how Sparky Reeves lived his life. He treated people the way they deserved to be treated and God blessed him beyond measure. Through many difficulties in his life from an intestinal tumor, quintuple heart bypass surgery, cardiac arrest, and leukemia, he never complained and always lived by the motto: "Every Day is Special."

Sparky 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 wife of 52 years Allene, and his three children, Kevin, Amanda, and Ryan.

On a personal note, Sparky was my friend. Over the years, he gave me wise counsel, for which I will be forever grateful. Likewise, during his life, Sparky 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, and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of the Second Congressional District in extending our deepest condolences to the family of President Emeritus Gary Lamar "Sparky" Reeves, his 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.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF WILLIAM DILDAY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of William Dilday.

William Dilday was born on September 14, 1937 in Boston, Massachusetts. He graduated from the Boston Latin School and received his B.S. degree in Business Administration from Boston University in Boston, Massachusetts.

In 1964, Dilday started his career as an operations supervisor at IBM. In 1968, Dilday became the personnel administrator and public relations director at Edgerton, Germehausen, & Grier, Inc. He then began working at WHDH-TV in Boston as director of personnel in 1969. Dilday then entered the field of journalism in 1972 as general manager of WLBT-TV/WLBM-TV in Jackson, Mississippi, as the first African American general manager of a network affiliate station. He worked at WLBT-TV/WLBM-TV until 1984. As chief operation officer, he led the station to achieve number one in Nielson and Arbitron ratings from November 1973 to February 1984.

In 1990, Dilday joined WJTV-TV as general manager and executive vice president, where he implemented operation and programming plans that improved station ratings. After his departure from WJTV, Dilday joined NewsPress and Gazette as corporate vice president. Dilday was then hired as president and chief executive officer of Kerimax Communications, Inc. Dilday has also spent time as a guest columnist for the Jackson Clarion-Ledger in Jackson, Mississippi.

Dilday has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Peabody Award, the National Mental Health Association Media Award, and two Iris Awards from the National Association of Television Program Executives.

In addition to his career in journalism, Dilday has been active in many organizations and companies. He has served as a board member for First American Bank. Dilday has also been a board member of the National Association of Television Broadcasters and the National Broadcasting Company Affiliate Board. He has served as a member of the Congressional Black Caucus Communication Task Force, as well as a founding member of the National Association of Black Journalists and 100 Black Men. From 1978 until 1979, Dilday served as president of the Jackson Urban League.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of William Dilday.

RECOGNIZING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY
OF OPERATION SUNSHINE

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize the 65th Anniversary of Operation Sunshine, a scientific expedition on behalf of the United States Navy that sent our Nation's first nuclear submarine, the USS *Nautilus*, to the North Pole.

Nicknaming themselves "PANOPOs", an acronym from the phrase "Pacific to the Atlantic via the North Pole", one-hundred and sixteen crew members made the historic voyage under the polar ice, showing true American dominance in science, innovation, and naval capability.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I am proud to recognize the

65th Anniversary of Operation Sunshine and thank both Nautilus Alumni Association and the Submarine Force Library and Museum Association for their dedication to keeping American history alive.

HONORING PAUL EAGAN
DOLAN, III

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with Congressman MIKE THOMPSON to honor the memory of highly regarded, fourth-generation wine grower Paul Eagan Dolan, III, who passed away on June 26, 2023.

Born in Oakland, California in 1950, Paul spent his childhood summers at his family's Asti Villa in Sonoma County. His mother's family heritage includes Pietro Carlo Rossi, the Italian immigrant who founded the Italian Swiss Colony Winery. Paul's summers in Asti inspired his passion for winemaking.

Paul graduated from Bishop O'Dowd High School in 1968. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Santa Clara University while also serving in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). After three years of military service, Paul moved to Fresno, CA, where he earned a Masters in Enology at California State University in 1977.

Upon graduation, Paul started his first winemaking job with Fetzer Vineyards, where he worked for 27 years, eventually serving as President. The business flourished under his leadership. In 1991 Fetzer was rebranded as Bonterra Wines, the first national brand made from 100 percent organically grown grapes. Paul's notable achievements included being named Winemaker of the Year by the LA Times in 1991. During this period, he also founded a small distribution of wine under the Dolan Vineyards brand.

Paul passionately believed business could be a force for good, and throughout his life, he demonstrated beneficial practices for sustainable wine production. In 2002, he held the first biodynamic symposium in the United States, which was joined by winegrowers from across the globe. After helping to establish the Wine Institute's Sustainable Winegrowers Alliance, and becoming its first chairman, he helped introduce the Code of Sustainable Wine Growing. In 2003 he memorialized his theory for business as a positive force in his watershed book titled "True to Your Roots: Fermenting a Business Revolution."

Paul continued to share his commitment to organic, biodynamic, and regenerative farming as he became Chairman of the Wine Institute in 2006. Paul would go on to serve as Chairman of the Demeter USA board, where his influence on winegrowing expanded to international audiences through the International Biodynamic Wine Conference. He was the first wine industry representative on the Regenerative Organic Alliance.

Paul's legacy includes powerful demonstrations of the benefits of biodynamic principles, including the transformation of a run-down 156-acre hillside property in rural Mendocino County into the vibrant, lush, and sustainably farmed Dark Horse Ranch; and the more recent creation of Truett-Hurst Winery, home to