

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

26 acres of biodynamic certified estate vines, set amid a remarkable backdrop of a restored creek and riparian areas, home to fish, fowl, and wildlife.

Mr. Speaker, Paul's passion for biodynamic and organic farming was rooted in his deep respect for natural cycles, his reverence for the land, and his belief that agricultural business has responsibility beyond generating profit to preserving and restoring land. We respectfully ask that you join us in extending deep condolences to Paul's family and many friends, and in expressing our strong appreciation for Paul's decades of leadership in responsible winemaking and sustainability.

HONORING KBBF RADIO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor KBBF and the Bilingual Broadcasting Foundation to recognize their 50 years of providing reliable, bilingual public radio for the North Bay.

The Bilingual Broadcasting Foundation was founded in 1971 with KBBF's first broadcast airing in 1973. Spurred on by the Chicano movement, KBBF's founders pioneered a new model to engage our entire community in all public broadcastings benefits of education, culture, and news access. KBBF is the first bilingual, bicultural radio station in the United States of America. Today, the station reaches five million households and specializes in English, Spanish, and several indigenous languages. Of their many listeners, one million are from primarily Spanish-speaking households.

Since 1973, KBBF has been primarily run by volunteers. Their team remains a critical source of information for many Spanish-speaking members of our community. In 2017, when numerous wildfires devastated Sonoma and Napa Counties, KBBF was instrumental in helping to translate lifesaving evacuation guidance for Spanish-speaking residents of our region who were seeking critical public safety news.

In recognition of their decades of work, KBBF was honored with the 2020 Silver Heart Award by the Northern California Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. The station has been a vital resource of information and services for the Latino community. KBBF is vital in increasing access to information at the local, state, and national level.

Mr. Speaker, it is evident that that, for half a century, KBBF has been an outstanding public broadcasting service for our multilingual population in Northern California.

CELEBRATING RAYMOND PATNAUDE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize and celebrate World War II veteran

Raymond Francis Patnaude, who turns 100 years old this week.

Born on August 9, 1923, Raymond embodies what it means to be a member of the "Greatest Generation." When the forces of fascism threatened the peace, security, and freedom of millions upon millions, Raymond answered the call to serve, enlisting in the Army and eventually serving in the 97th Infantry "Trident" Division.

President Ronald Reagan reminded us that freedom is fragile and must constantly be fought for and guarded by each generation. That noble mission is exactly what Raymond helped carry out when he wore the uniform of the United States Military. Because of the service and sacrifice of veterans, generations of Americans have been able to experience the blessings of liberty and live in a land that is free. For that, all of us owe Raymond and his fellow veterans a debt that we can never fully repay.

Following his military service, Raymond and his late wife Beulah settled in South Bend, where Raymond bought and successfully operated McDonald Studio, the oldest photography studio in the South Bend area. In fact, many high school alumni from South Bend from the past half-century came to McDonald Studio for their senior photos. Others came to know Raymond and his professionalism along with his kind, generous nature at weddings, communions, and community engagements.

Together, Raymond and Beulah also had five children together: Ray Jr., David, Philip, Chris and Paulette. All five children worked in the studio at some point, which is a testament to the loving and tight-knit family that Raymond and Beulah built.

As Raymond celebrates with his family a century of life well lived, I join countless Hoosiers in wishing Raymond a very Happy 100th Birthday. I also commend him for his loyal service and the many, many contributions he has made to the South Bend community, Indiana's Second Congressional District, and our country. Godspeed Raymond.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JEFFREY POST

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of an exemplary first responder and citizen, Jeffrey Post of Gales Ferry, Connecticut. Jeffrey served nobly in his role as Assistant Fire Chief for the Submarine Base New London Fire Department. He very sadly passed August 2nd lovingly surrounded by his family and colleagues.

Born to Steven and Cynthia Post in July 1979, it became apparent at an early age that Jeffrey's destiny lay in service to his fellow citizens. By the age of 14, he joined the Old Mystic Fire Department's junior cadet program, beginning a journey in fire and rescue which would define his life. This cadet program additionally ingrained the spirit of volunteerism in Jeffrey, and he would happily dedicate his personal time to fire departments

across the southeast Connecticut region. For example, he volunteered with the Mystic Fire Department Hook and Ladder Company, Gales Ferry Fire Company, and acted as the Chief of Center Groton Fire Department.

Jeffrey's actual professional firefighting journey began in 1999 when he joined the Mohegan Tribal Fire Department. Soon after, he would continue his emergency response services by joining the SUBASE Fire Department in 2001. In this position, Jeffrey would help maintain the United States' national defense by ensuring the safety of those stationed in SUBASE through his knowledge of EMT and HAZMAT rescue practices. It is in SUBASE where Asst. Chief Post would become the fixture of southeast Connecticut's firefighting community that he is known as today. By 2009, Jeffrey was promoted to Captain in the SBFD. In 2015, he found himself the role of Assistant Chief. Throughout his distinguished career, Jeffrey cultivated a reputation for bravery, intelligence, and team-oriented leadership, qualities which distinguished his already impressive firefighting knowledge base.

Jeffrey didn't hoard his incredible knowledge to himself. Instead, he served as a fire instructor for a large portion of his career, ensuring that the fantastic amount of institutional knowledge he amassed throughout his career would inform the next generation of firefighters. Jeffrey served as adjunct faculty for both the Eastern Connecticut Fire School and Connecticut Fire Academy, two institutions which provide critical EMT and fire training. In 2014, Jeffrey took his teaching one step further by opening a training company with some of his colleagues named All Hands Operating.

In one anecdote that typifies the incredible reach of Asst. Chief Post's fire fighting abilities, Jeffrey organized and led the SBFD's response team to aid in suppressing a blazing inferno that ultimately destroyed the USS *Miami*, a Los Angeles class submarine at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. That fire lasted an astonishing 12 hours that local firefighters were unable to contain. The chief and his team drove through the night to provide their unique training to extinguish the blaze. Temperatures from the fire exceeded 1,000 degrees, melting the innards of Miami, yet because of the expertise of the SUBASE Fire Department no lives were lost. More recently, Jeffrey used his knowledge and experience to rescue a man who fell down a 30 foot well in Ledyard, Connecticut. It was due to Jeffrey's technical ability and expertise in confined space rescue that allowed for a swift resolution to what could have amounted to a dire circumstance for the man who fell.

Mr. Speaker, although we mourn the profound loss our region has experienced in the passing of Asst. Chief Post, we can take solace in his inspiring legacy of the lives he saved, and the countless colleagues he has positively impacted throughout his life—whether as a rescuer or mentor. It is during this time that we pay special attention to Jeffrey's family, his wife Chrissy; two children, Olivia and John; brothers Scott and Daniel; parents Steven and Cynthia; and extended family. To this end, I ask that my colleagues in this chamber join me in honoring the example left by Asst. Chief Post.