

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 SBF. 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 SBF'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.

RECOGNIZING THE HOMER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Homer Fire Department in Cortland County, New York.

The Homer Fire Department was established on April 10, 1873 as part of the Village of Homer. Since then, the all-volunteer department has worked tirelessly to protect the citizens of Homer and has served as a backbone of their community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the Homer Fire Department on their 150th anniversary. It is my sincere privilege to honor all the volunteer firefighters who have kept Homer safe since 1873 and continue to do so today.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Commission of Fine Arts District of Columbia Home Rule Act. This bill would remove the authority of the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) over non-federal real property in the District of Columbia.

Under presidential executive orders (EOs) and federal law, the CFA has review authority for D.C.-owned parks and buildings, as well as for certain private land in D.C. Under the relevant EOs, CFA has review authority for the design of D.C.-owned parks and buildings. Under the Shipstead-Luce Act, CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in D.C. "adjacent to public buildings and grounds of major importance," such as Rock Creek Park and the Potomac riverfront. Under the Old Georgetown Act, the CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in the part of Georgetown referred to as "Old Georgetown" in the act.

The federal government, including the CFA, whose members are appointed by the President, has no business in D.C. land-use policies and decisions unrelated to the federal presence. Not only is the federal government's authority over D.C. buildings and private property a violation of home rule, it also delays and increases the cost of public and private development in D.C.

This bill is an important step to increase home rule for D.C. I urge my colleagues to support it.

WELCOMING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR TAMMY M. EVERETTE TO FORT BLISS

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome Command Sergeant Major Tammy M. Everette to Fort Bliss as the new Commandant of the Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Leadership Center of Excellence and Sergeants Major Academy.

Command Sgt. Major Everette has served over 27 years of active military service and will now be the first woman to assume the duties and responsibilities of the 24th Commandant in the Academy's 51-year history. As Commandant of the NCO Leadership Center of Excellence and Sergeants Major Academy, she will continue to advance the Academy's mission of providing the best professional military education to our future Sergeant Majors to become holistically fit, disciplined, and well-educated professionals who are ready for challenges of large-scale combat operations.

She has served across the country and worldwide in various leadership roles and has received numerous awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit (2OLC), the Bronze Star Medal (1OLC), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC) among many others.

Command Sgt. Major Tammy M. Everette is doing tremendous work to develop and provide holistic, effective, and pedagogically sound education to further advance military excellence. It is my distinct privilege today to celebrate her military service to our country and welcome her in her new role as 24th Commandant of the NCO Leadership Center of Excellence and Sergeants Major Academy.

CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNUAL LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE DAY

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the town of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire for hosting the first ever Lake Winnepesaukee Day celebration. Lake Winnepesaukee is 1 of the treasures of our state, a recreation and tourism hub, and an economic driver for the entire region. Above all, it is a precious natural resource and habitat that we must continue to protect and preserve for generations to come. With proceeds benefiting advocacy groups fighting to preserve the quality of the lake, Lake Winnepesaukee Day is a shining example of Wolfeboro's commitment to keeping Lake Winnepesaukee clean and healthy for years to come.

The Lake Winnepesaukee Day celebration brings together 8 different non-profit climate advocacy organizations to educate visitors and highlight the importance of climate action and preservation in the Lake Winnepesaukee region. The celebration's live laser shows, food,

drinks, games, and music have worked to create an engaging local space that will serve as both an opportunity and prominent platform for climate groups to advocate and educate. New Hampshire's way of life is rooted in our natural surroundings, and it is the responsibility of each and every 1 of us to ensure that future generations can enjoy the benefits and beauty of our natural environment. I sincerely commend Wolfeboro's work to raise awareness and forge an impassioned, strong community of well-informed citizens, and I look forward to many more Lake Winnepesaukee Day celebrations in the future.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate the Town of Wolfeboro for its dedication to the protection of Lake Winnepesaukee, and the work it has done to educate and advocate for climate change action. I am proud to represent residents of Wolfeboro in Congress, and I can't wait to see the success of this celebration in the years to come.

HONORING REV. DR. TOMMIE JACKSON, FROM JANUARY 18, 1954 TO JULY 26, 2023

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of a tremendously impactful leader and my good friend, Stamford's own Reverend Tommie Jackson. Dr. Jackson was born in Baltimore, Maryland, the third of 6 children. Dr. Jackson was raised in Baltimore City and was a product of the Baltimore Public School System. He graduated from Baltimore City College High School and attended the prestigious Morehouse University in Georgia. He later attended the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, where he met his wife, and life partner, Dorye Michelle Emory.

Dr. Jackson and Dorye were married in 1977 and shortly after moved to Houston, Texas where he attended Texas Southern University in pursuit of his Juris Doctor. The Jacksons would later return to Baltimore, Maryland where he completed law school at the University of Maryland Law School.

Dr. Jackson was enormously proud of his daughters, Erin Marie and Evinn Leigh. He answered his first call to Pastorship in 1990, at Calvary Baptist Church in Chester, Pennsylvania. While there, Dr. Jackson, Dorye and his daughters touched the lives of the community. Dr. Jackson's dedication to God's work then brought him and his family to Stamford, Connecticut in 1997, where he answered his second calling to Pastorship at Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church.

For 20 years, Dr. Jackson served as the Pastor of Faith Tabernacle. During his tenure at Faith, he spearheaded the expansion of his church. He served the Stamford community with a weekly food bank and held back-to-school drives to equip children and families with supplies. Dr. Jackson was a proponent of education and took the time to mentor and prepare students in the congregation and in the community for academic excellence. Upon completing his doctorate degree at New York Theological Seminary, he went on to become