

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

part of the faculty, leading, guiding and mentoring aspiring faith leaders. Dr. Jackson served as a spiritual advisor and mentor for the congregation and for the community.

In 2018, Dr. Jackson founded the Rehoboth Fellowship Church. He was diligent in fostering this ministry and created a welcoming place of worship for all. He loved his Rehoboth family and was always thinking of ways to expand the ministry.

I was honored to join Dr. Jackson in his tireless work to bring together faith leaders, register and empower voters, combat the scourge of gun violence in our communities, remedy the historic wrongs of our criminal justice system, and inspire the next generation to seize opportunities to get an education and improve the world they will soon enter.

Whenever they needed something good for the community done, they didn't have to seek out Dr. Jackson. He was already there, and he welcomed them with open arms. Dr. Jackson was a tremendous advocate for his community, at the local and state level, and I was proud to call him my friend.

This world has lost a great leader. I dedicate today to mourning and remembrance as well as furthering Dr. Jackson's legacy of service and sacrifice and uplifting those who follow in his path. May we all be even half as successful as Dr. Jackson was at leaving the world a better place than we found it.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING  
THE LIFE OF OFFICER MATTHEW  
HARE

**HON. JEFF DUNCAN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 8, 2023*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Easley, South Carolina Police Officer, Matthew Hare, who was killed in the line of duty on August 2, 2023, while saving the life of an individual suffering from a mental health crisis. Officer Hare was driven by a desire to serve his community which led to his pursuing a career in law enforcement upon graduation from Easley High School. Officer Hare is survived by his mother, Ashley Hare, in addition to his brother, Easton Hare.

At only 22 years of age, Officer Hare had just begun his career in 2022 and showed great promise after completing the SC Criminal Justice Academy.

When not on duty, he loved to be with his family and friends at the dinner table, outside on their next adventure, or playing the latest video game. Despite many hobbies, Officer Hare always found time to cheer on his favorite football team, the Clemson Tigers.

On August 2, Officer Hare displayed the greatest form of love and act of service that can be asked of any police officer. He responded to a call for an individual who was suffering from a mental health crisis and was precariously on the train tracks in Easley. Knowing a train was coming and committed to saving this person he didn't know, Officer Hare sacrificed himself to save a member of the community he swore to serve and protect.

Mr. Speaker, South Carolina's Third District is known for its people and is home to countless heroes. I'm honored to recognize Officer Matthew Hare, a hero who was taken from us far too soon. Ashley and Easton will carry the fond memories of Officer Hare in their hearts forever, and Easley will remember this demonstration of selfless service. Officer Hare's final actions truly exemplify John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Thank Officer Hare for choosing to serve and giving us a great example of how we ought to love others. The Easley community learned this lesson as is evident by the outpouring of support for him and his family since his passing. Today, my thoughts and prayers are with the Hare family and the Easley Police Department as they lay to rest Officer Hare.