

Please join me in tribute to Pastor Eddie Williams in celebration of his 17 years in spiritual service to Lakeridge Ministries Church of God in Christ.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
COLLIN MICHAEL MORRISON

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2023

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Collin Michael Morrison, devoted American patriot and late President/CEO of LionHeart Security Services in Tempe, Arizona.

Born at a British military base in Singapore, Michael was the son of Scottish U.S. Army servicemembers. He spent his childhood in the United Kingdom and Southeast Asia where his father worked in intelligence.

After moving to the United States, Michael's core values in teamwork and equal justice led him to serve in both the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army, in the Monterey County Sheriff's Department, and later in international security.

Notably, his international work landed him at U.S. embassies in Africa, including roles as a Project Manager for security forces in Guinea, West Africa, and as a security consultant for U.S. embassies in Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, and Senegal. Here, he developed security training modules for local security forces assigned to these embassies.

After 7 years in Africa, Michael returned to the United States to foster his continued sense of duty and create LionHeart Security Services in Arizona. As a business owner, he held an "always can do and will do" attitude with intense follow through. Every time the United States of America asked Michael to step up, you can guarantee he did.

Beyond his accomplishments in the security industry, Michael was also a strong Conservative Republican. He was instrumental in drafting Congressional legislation to ensure U.S. Security Force project managers only report to U.S. Diplomatic Security Agents at U.S. embassies and consulates abroad. Similarly, he assisted in the Arizona House to pass a law to allow honorably discharged veterans to obtain a security guard I.D. card without a waiting period, thus enabling veterans to begin working as soon as their discharges were complete.

He did not consider himself a hero, but an ordinary man in service of the nation he so loved. However, Michael's greatest service was not in work, but in friendship. He lived by the following words:

If you cannot stand, I will lift you.
If you cannot walk, I will carry you.
If you are blind, I will see for you.
If you are mute, I will speak for you.
If you are deaf, I will hear for you.
If you are in fear, I will comfort you.
If you are lost, I will guide you.
If you are in danger, I will protect you.
If you need courage, I will be brave for you.
If you are confused, I will reassure you.
If you cannot fight, I will defend you.
And if you just need a friend, I am here for you.

After contracting COVID-19, Michael spent his final days surrounded by friends, family,

and his loving wife Mariam. He will be remembered as a man of courage, honor, and integrity. But most of all, a friend of mine.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DOROTHY
DIANA (ROZA) DECKER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2023

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today we gather to honor the life of Dorothy Diana (Roza) Decker, a passionate advocate for early childhood education and a beacon of dedication within our community. Diana's lifelong commitment to education has left an indelible mark on the lives of countless individuals. She peacefully passed away at her Fresno home on July 23, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of compassion, determination, and lasting influence.

Born on November 11, 1942, in Hanford, California, Diana's journey began on a dairy farm in Easton, California, surrounded by the love of her parents and five brothers. Her heart radiated with a genuine concern for others from an early age, a trait that would define her entire life. Diana attended Washington Union High School, excelling academically, and serving as the editor of the school's newspaper, a role that foreshadowed her lifelong dedication to sharing stories and voices.

Diana's path intertwined with that of her soulmate, Mike Decker, in 1963. Their story unfolded with a sense of fate, and on July 4, 1964, they embarked on a journey of love that spanned 53 remarkable years. Together, they raised a family and built a legacy of love, resilience, and unwavering commitment to one another.

Diana's passion for early childhood education was both a vocation and a calling. For over 30 years, she poured her heart and soul into advocating for the youngest members of our society. Her contributions to the Central California Association of Young Children were immeasurable, embodying her dedication through roles such as Chapter President, Community Outreach advocate, Governing Board member, and was the very first recipient of the Fansler Institute ECE Leader of the Year award for her contributions to the educational community. She continued to shine her light at the state level, serving as a Central California representative on the State board of the California Association for the Education of Young Children, leaving an indelible mark on the landscape of childhood education across the State.

Diana's impact extended to her teaching career, empowering children, and adults with her wisdom. Her role as a special education teacher for Central Unified and later as a Special Education Specialist Lead for the Merced County Office of Education, CPIN, exemplified her dedication to fostering growth and potential in every individual. Her compassion radiated not only in her professional endeavors but also within her family. As a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she left an indelible mark of love, unity, and boundless support.

As we mourn Diana's physical absence, we find solace in the beautiful memories and legacy of love she has gifted us. Her life's tap-

estry is woven with threads of compassion, kindness, and resilience, reminding us that the impact of a single life, lived with purpose, can reach far beyond the confines of time. Diana is survived by her three children: Timothy John Decker of Pagosa Springs, Colorado; Katie Marie Decker and Scott Arthur Decker, both Fresno, California and daughter-in-law Marie Estrada Decker. Her legacy also includes three grandchildren: Michael Anthony Hill, Jady Decker Garrett, and Nicho Decker, as well as a great-granddaughter, Neelia Grace Hill. She is also survived by her brothers Gene Roza and his wife, Marylou Roza; Robert Roza and his wife, Gail Roza; and Franklin Roza. Numerous cousins, including myself, nieces, and nephews also cherish her memory.

May we honor Diana's memory by carrying forward her torch of compassion, nurturing the dreams of our youth, and supporting one another with the unwavering devotion she showed throughout her remarkable journey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring the legacy of Dorothy Diana (Roza) Decker, a dedicated educator whose commitment to early childhood education has profoundly shaped the lives of many. Her contributions will continue to inspire generations, fostering a love for learning and education.

FOUNDER'S DAY FOR THE LADIES
OF FUTURITY, INC ORGANIZATION

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2023

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor founders Tracey & Amaris Graham, and each of the members of the Ladies of Futurity Inc. on the occasion of their 10 year anniversary. Amaris is a member of my team as a Staff Assistant and Legislative Correspondent.

Amaris and her mother, Tracey Graham, founded the Ladies of Futurity, Inc. nonprofit organization on May 26, 2013, to equip and empower young girls of diverse backgrounds to become ladies, obtain a higher education, and to be servant leaders in their community with essential life and leadership skills to create a pathway to educational success and career development through workshops, sisterly gatherings, and exceptional community service in Palm Beach County, Florida.

With over 312 inducted members since its inception, Ladies of Futurity continues to accomplish its mission of helping girls realize their true potential as they establish and ultimately achieve their future goals. Their dedication to ensuring each of its members is "empowered to achieve, educated to succeed, and forever evolving as a lady" is truly admirable. Tracey and Amaris Graham strive to provide the tools necessary for each young lady to "possess a favor, fulfilling, future."

Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending congratulatory wishes to the Ladies of Futurity, Inc. for 10 years of remarkable service. I am honored to recognize them today and wish them continued success in the years to come.

HONORING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2023

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Over the last seven decades, the U.S. Small Business Administration has played a vital role in supporting and empowering small businesses. Providing entrepreneurs important guidance on financial products, the SBA has proven to be an invaluable resource.

Small businesses and their employees drive growth and innovation and play an essential role in the American economy. In the United States, there are over 33 million small businesses that employ approximately 61.7 million Americans. In the past 28 years, these businesses have created 17.3 million net new jobs, which accounts for 62.7 percent of jobs created since 1995.

The Lower Rio Grande Valley District of the U.S. Small Business Administration serves 14 counties in south Texas. In 2020, over 179,000 jobs were supported by approximately 10,000 establishments in the 34th Congressional District alone. Through their various programs and initiatives, the SBA has provided small businesses access to capital, Federal contracting certifications and opportunities, and disaster recovery.

Mr. Speaker, I have witnessed the U.S. Small Business Administration open doors for and provide a lifeline to small business owners across south Texas and it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge this agency's invaluable contributions to our region and country.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ALICE DAVIS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Alice Davis, a tenacious servant/leader, astute fundraiser and compassionate and committed humanitarian who is turning 100 this week.

A fourth generation Washingtonian, Alice Tompkins Davis is a product of the District of Columbia public school system, whose love of mathematics led to a Bachelor of Science degree from Miner Teachers College (now the University of the District of Columbia) in 1943 and graduate studies in mathematics at Catholic University. This career path of critical thinking helped refine her methodical, detail-oriented intellect and provided a background for organized planning and execution abilities—all of which make her an invaluable leader and team player on several local and national organization and association boards and committees. It is these specific talents and skills that served her well for decades and served the Howard University Medical Alumni Association (HUMAA) so well from 1982 to 1996 in her role as Executive Director.

While Alice Tompkins grew up in the segregated town of the District of Columbia, she was never handicapped by race or sex. She was a 20th century leader in women's rights, civil rights, children's rights, mental health and housing, by example. In recognition of her talents, she was chosen for several mayoral appointments including member on the DC Commission for Women, the DC Health Plan, State Health Coordinating Committee (SHCC) and 8 years on the District of Columbia Lottery and Charitable Games Board. Her extensive leadership roles on the national and local levels for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. began in 1945. One of her most significant achievements was the establishment of the Delta Housing Corporation of Washington, D.C. in 1977. This landmark development project, with HUD funding of over \$6.5 million, built affordable housing. It was the first of its kind awarded to a Black women's organization. To date, it has continued as an ongoing legacy.

As a member since 1948 and a past president of the Auxiliary to the National Medical Association, her work in health education and volunteer services set a national standard as did her National Youth Forum leadership in conjunction with the March of Dimes. Her service to the D.C. Mental Health Association began in 1967 with policy development and lobbying and being a media spokesperson and program coordinator. Her service contribution awards, spanning over 60 years, are numerous.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to wish Alice Tompkins Davis a happy 100th birthday, in recognition of her distinguished life of service to others.

TRIBUTE TO THE WHITLEY HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2023

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Whitley Heights Civic Association of Los Angeles, California.

The Whitley Heights Civic Association, founded in 1923 as a garden club, has represented the members of the Whitley Heights neighborhood for 100 years. This notable achievement also earns the association the honor of being one of the longest continually operating civic associations in Los Angeles.

The Whitley Heights community was established when major land developer Hobart Johnstone Whitley commissioned architect Arthur Barnes to begin the design and construction of a new Mediterranean-style neighborhood in the Hollywood Hills. The arched doorways and windows, iconic red-tiled roofs, and balconies were new to Los Angeles, inspired by Barnes' tour of the Mediterranean; in particular, Italy and its historic hillside towns. With many of the homes constructed between 1918 and 1928, Whitley Heights was one of the first Hollywood developments. The style and aesthetic of the homes as well as the secluded hillside setting, attracted many prominent residents, including Charlie Chaplin, Gloria Swanson, Bette Davis, William Faulkner, and F. Scott Fitzgerald. In fact, the neighborhood's design was so highly regarded that many ex-

terior features became popular in other contemporary Los Angeles developments.

Preservation of this iconic neighborhood has been a challenge in the decades since the initial development. Construction and alteration of the Hollywood Freeway divided the original development in the 1940's and 1960's, during which almost 50 homes were demolished. In the 1980's, after the demolition of a historic bungalow to make space for potential tract homes, actor Brian Moore, president of the civic association, began advocating for the historical preservation of Whitley Heights; this resulted in the neighborhood being added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982, and later, into a Los Angeles Historical Preservation Overlay Zone. The civic association works with the residents, city agencies and elected officials to ensure the preservation of this beautiful neighborhood.

It is an honor to recognize the Whitley Heights Civic Association for its commitment to preserving a historic neighborhood of Los Angeles, and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating this organization upon their centennial anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2023

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I was absent on July 17, 2023, due to a family matter. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call No. 329 for S. 111, Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act, and YES for H.R. 1418, the Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2023, and YES on Roll Call No. 330 for H.R. 813, the Global Investment in American Jobs Act.

RECOGNIZING THE EXCELLENCE OF THE MARCHING CENTURIANS

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2023

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Saugus High School's 2022–2023 Marching Centurions for their selection to represent California's 27th Congressional District in the National Memorial Day Parade held in our Nation's capital. Their designation as a distinguished participant in this year's festivities is a testament to not only their performative excellence, but their resilience through several years of challenges from which they have emerged stronger than ever.

It is important to recognize that this distinction is one that very few marching bands and color guards across the United States have the privilege of touting, and it is certainly one that is earned rather than given. For years leading up to their participation in the National Memorial Day Parade, the Marching Centurions of Saugus High School have distinguished themselves as a benchmark of virtuosity and dedication to craft. Time and time again, students throughout the years have