

While serving in the Navy she met her loving husband, Edward L. Clark. The couple was married for 65 wonderful years. Ms. Clark now resides in Candler, North Carolina.

It is my honor to recognize her today.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JOHN L. SCOTT, JR.

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated servant leader, good friend, and native son of South Carolina. South Carolina State Senator John L. Scott, Jr. transitioned from this life on August 13, 2023, in Charleston, South Carolina. His passionate work to improve access to education and health care will have profound implications for generations to come.

Senator John L. Scott, Jr. was born on October 21, 1953, in Richland County, South Carolina, to the late John L. Scott, Sr. and Gracie W. Scott. Senator Scott graduated from C.A. Johnson High School in Columbia, South Carolina, and attended my alma mater, South Carolina State University, where he graduated in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He would go on to found J.L. Scott Realty Company, Inc., in 1981 and serve as owner and President of C&S Consulting Group.

I knew Senator Scott well through his transformational work in the state. From 1988 to 1990, he served as Vice Chair for Richland County Council. He was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1990, where he served until his election to the South Carolina State Senate in 2009. Throughout his nearly 33 years in elected office, Senator Scott sponsored legislation to promote access to education and affordable housing, improve career outcomes for HBCU students, and further rural equity. He was recognized with many awards and accolades throughout his service, from the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest civilian honor; to receiving the South Carolina National Guard Association Senator of the Year award; to receiving honorary Doctorates from various universities.

His dedication to the betterment of the Palmetto State extended to our South Carolina Military Department, as Senator Scott commanded the Joint Services Detachment from February 18, 2017, to January 19, 2019. During that time, he actively recruited to increase enrollment, improved unit efficiency and readiness, and provided critical support for the Youth Challenge Academy Program.

Senator Scott was a man of faith and a longtime member of New Ebenezer Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina. He was an active participant in the church, serving as Church Clerk from 1980 to 1995, on the Trustee Board from 1980 to 2005, and as a Deacon from 2005 until his passing. He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Joan Crouch, son, John L. Scott, III, extended family, political colleagues, and the members of our shared brotherhood, Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in recognizing the life and legacy of Senator John L. Scott, Jr. Senator Scott embodied the Biblical teaching to "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another

above yourselves," and as such devoted his life to improving the welfare of every South Carolinian. He will be sorely missed and well remembered.

HONORING AARON ANDERSON

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aaron Anderson for his efforts to better his community.

In high school, Aaron was a dedicated member of the youth service club at Blaine High School. As a member of "Bengals in Action," he spent countless hours volunteering at the North Anoka County Emergency food shelf. While volunteering, he noticed a problem with the procedure for taking orders. Luckily for Aaron, the solution lay in another area of his interest, technology.

Aaron, with the help of his friend and fellow Eagle Scout, Andrew, created a software application to help track the food shelf's orders. The application immediately helped reduce confusion when taking orders and increased efficiency in sorting and packaging donations for distribution. Their application keeps records of past food shelf orders, family members, and dietary restrictions, which customers can reuse each time they come in.

In fact, their program has allowed food and necessities to be delivered to clients in half the time.

In recognition of their efforts, Aaron and Andrew were recently presented with the Congressional Award. The award represents the highest Congressional honor available for young Americans.

Aaron and Andrew are true inspirations and examples of what it means to be a community servant. They are bright young men committed to making a difference in the world and I look forward to seeing all they accomplish in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE OPENING OF THE ITALIAN CONSULATE IN SPRINGFIELD MASSACHUSETTS

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge a landmark moment for the people of Springfield and the broader western Massachusetts community: the reopening of the Italian Consulate in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The reestablishment of a consulate in our district is more than just a diplomatic gesture; it is a tangible commitment by the Italian government to enhance their services and accessibility throughout the U.S. For years, residents with ties to Italy—ties that span generations—have often had to embark on lengthy journeys to receive consular services. This investment ensures they no longer bear this burden, bringing critical services right to their doorstep.

This consulate is a living testament to the rich tapestry of cultural and historical ties that

bind the Greater Springfield Community with the Italian diaspora. The collaboration between the consulate and local schools to offer Italian-language programs exemplifies this deep connection, going back to the beginning of Springfield's relationship with its sister city, Bracigliano, Italy. Furthermore, this consulate reinforces the essence of our shared stories, and serves as a beacon for younger generations to explore, understand, and appreciate the contributions and shared legacies of Italian-Americans in our district.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my appreciation for the reopening of this consulate in Springfield. It stands as a testament to the shared heritage and enduring bonds forever connecting our two nations. The consulate is a welcome addition to the First District, and I anticipate many fruitful years of collaboration and growth ahead.

HONORING CORPORAL DONALD A. SHIELDS

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of service and sacrifice of United States Marine Corps veteran Corporal Donald A. Shields.

Cpl. Shields was born in the town of Harpersfield, New York in 1932. After graduating high school, Cpl. Shields voluntarily enlisted into the United States Marine Corps on September 7, 1951 during the onset of the Korean Conflict. Cpl. Shields left his job as a dairy farmer to serve.

After completing basic training, Cpl. Shields was deployed to Korea where he served selflessly and honorably. Cpl. Shields earned two Purple Hearts for his valor and sacrifice, along with the Korean War Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and, most notably, the South Korean Presidential Unit Citation for his service with the 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division in Korea.

Following his 3 years of service in the Marines, Cpl. Shields was honorably discharged from active duty, although he continued to serve in the Marine Corps Reserve until 1959. Upon his return stateside, he found employment as a truck driver for Mobil Oil Corporation. Cpl. Shields moved his family to Castleton, New York and drove for Mobil for 33 years before retiring.

Donald always remained involved in his local community. He worked for the Town of Schodack as a building inspector and member of the Zoning and Planning Board. Donald was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7337, a communicant of St Paul's Methodist Church, and a Boy Scouts Troop Leader. Donald was a proud family man, and enjoyed traveling with his wife, spending time with his grandchildren, and doing handyman work for his friends.

Corporal Donald A. Shields' record of service to his country and Rensselaer County is admirable, and it is my honor on behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District to recognize the commendable life and inspiring legacy of Corporal Shields.

TRIBUTE TO OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY'S GOSPEL LYRES CHOIR

**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the 50th anniversary of the first concert of Ohio Wesleyan University's Gospel Lyres Choir.

From its founding in October of 1972 by students Cheryl Smith and Martea Pitts, the Gospel Lyres Choir provided a place for African American students at Ohio Wesleyan to gather in fellowship and friendship and to use their musical gifts to praise God. At its debut concert on campus on November 4, 1973, the Choir numbered an impressive 22 members.

Through the years, Choir members served as unofficial ambassadors of Ohio Wesleyan, performing at churches not just in the city of Delaware, Ohio, but across our great state and beyond. Its members formed strong, lifelong bonds as they touched countless lives with the Gospel message they shared through their music.

Mr. Speaker, Choir alumni will gather on campus during Ohio Wesleyan's homecoming weekend this October for a reunion concert and celebration. On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I thank the members of the Gospel Lyres Choir for contributing so richly to the musical landscape of our great state. I wish them all the best as they mark their golden anniversary.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
KATHY BAILEY

**HON. GLENN THOMPSON**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Kathleen Bailey who passed away surrounded by her loved ones earlier this month.

Born and raised in Northwest Pennsylvania, Kathy was known throughout Oil City for her love and dedication to the region. She was a true advocate for Oil City, working hand-in-hand with local businesses for the betterment of the community. Those who knew Kathy could attest that her enthusiasm was infectious.

Aside from her work in the community, Kathy was passionate about the arts. In her free time, she sang in the Barrow-Civic Theater and the Erie Philharmonic Choir. She also played the organ for St. Stephen Church and St. Joseph Church.

Mr. Speaker, scripture in Thessalonians 4: 13–18 instructs us with these words:

"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope."

Kathy lived to bring hope and optimism to so many in her community. Let us also count our blessings that we were fortunate enough to know Kathy Bailey. I send my sincere condolences to her husband, Scott, and their family during this difficult time.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING  
THE LIFE OF COLONEL BOB DILL

**HON. JEFF DUNCAN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reflect on the life and military service of Colonel Bobby Dill, who passed away on August 14, 2023, at the age of 91.

Colonel Dill was a native of Greenville County in South Carolina. He was a 1955 graduate of Clemson University and earned a master's degree from Oklahoma University. In the U.S. Army, he served in Korea, Vietnam, Germany and on Army Staff at the Pentagon.

After retiring from military service, he spent several years investing in the next generation by working as a substitute teacher. Later, he would leave retirement to take on a new career as a newspaperman—working diligently to keep his community informed. With his wife LaVerle at his side, he wrote articles, attended countless meetings, and remained devoted to printing the truth.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Bob Dill's life was devoted to serving his country and his local community. Solomon tells us in the book of Proverbs that "a good name is to be chosen rather than great riches." Colonel Bob Dill was a kind man who loved his country, and his memory will live on in the Third District of South Carolina.

HONORING GREG AND CAROL  
KUPP UPON THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF KUPPY'S DINER

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Greg and Carol Kupp upon the auspicious occasion of the 90th Anniversary of "Kuppy's Diner" on August 6, 2023.

Kuppy's is located in the heart of Middletown, Pennsylvania, and has remained a beloved landmark since Percy Kupp founded the establishment in 1933, during the Great Depression. Kuppy's has been owned and operated by Fourth Generation Kupps (Greg and Carol) since 1991, with the Fifth Generation (Rachel) working alongside them daily, and even mentoring the Sixth Generation (Jackson) to take over someday. The Kupp Family is dedicated to continuing the tradition of their small, hometown, hardworking, friendly, and community-based establishment where all are welcome and treated like family.

Kuppy's Diner has enjoyed and earned extraordinary success, due in no small part to Percy Kuppy's philosophy, "if you serve good food at reasonable prices, people will be satisfied." But perhaps the most significant factor in Kuppy's longevity, popularity, and legacy is the Kupp Family's tireless dedication to and appreciation of their customers and community for nearly a century.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 10th Congressional District, and surrounding communities, I'm honored and humbled to commemorate Greg, Carol, and the entire Kupp Family upon the 90th Anniversary of Kuppy's Diner in Mid-

dletown, Pennsylvania. I wish them continued God's blessings for all they have built, achieved, and contributed, not only to the communities of Central Pennsylvania, but to the United States of America.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF JOAN  
KAPLAN DAVIDSON

**HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Joan Kaplan Davidson, a philanthropist and champion of conservation in New York State who recently passed away at the age of 96.

Joan spent her life advocating for the restoration and conservation of New York's treasures and her legacy is one of vision and action. She served as the leader of the J.M. Kaplan Fund, as the New York State Commissioner of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, and gave her time to countless nonprofit boards and committees. I had the pleasure of working alongside her to designate the Hudson River as New York's first Heritage River and to work to advance numerous local waterfront development plans and historic preservation projects. Joan chose to make a profound impact through the power of small, decisive actions, and her work has inspired me and countless others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the enduring legacy of Joan Kaplan Davidson, a woman who made a profound difference in the Hudson River Valley and New York State.

HONORING ALABAMA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SENIOR  
TROOPER CHRISTOPHER  
CARLTON

**HON. BARRY MOORE**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 18, 2023*

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the heroic action of Senior Trooper Christopher Carlton with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency.

On February 17, 2023, at approximately 4:38 P.M., Senior Trooper Carlton responded to a vehicle crash on Highway 84 in Houston County, Alabama. Senior Trooper Carlton rescued Jessica Joy Thrasher of Lynn Haven, FL and 4-year-old Simon Thrasher, from the scene.

Upon Trooper Carlton's arrival, a member of Wicksburg Rescue advised Carlton that another ambulance would be required for both patients since they needed immediate medical attention. Without hesitation, Carlton transported Simon to Flowers Hospital in his patrol vehicle to ensure rapid treatment and care.

Physicians, nurses, and hospital staff were able to stabilize Simon after the incident, and both Jessica and Simon are expected to make a full recovery.

I am confident Trooper Carlton's quick and selfless actions saved the lives of Jessica and Simon.